



Talking Taxes with Trump



1. Here are some of the financial terms you heard in the video. Can you match each one to the correct meaning?

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| 1. tax | a. take away, subtract |
| 2. accountant | b. money we earn from work or investments |
| 3. tax return | c. money we must pay to the government |
| 4. income | d. costs, money we have to spend in order to make money |
| 5. expenses | e. an official inspection of financial records |
| 6. deduct | f. a form we complete with our earnings and financial information |
| 7. audit* | g. someone whose job it is to keep or check financial records and accounts and calculate taxes |

*Also note that we can say that a company or person is 'under audit' or 'being audited'

2. You also heard some adjectives in the video. Can you match them to their meanings?

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| 1. archaic | a. having lots of money and possessions |
| 2. bureaucratic | b. fake, not real, false. Intended to deceive |
| 3. wealthy | c. involving complicated official rules and procedures |
| 4. sane | d. old fashioned, needing to be replaced |
| 5. phoney/phony* | e. not mentally ill, able to think reasonably |

*This word is spelt differently in British and American English. British: phoney. American: phony

3. And one last question. Is this phrase grammatically correct? 'It's total phony.'

Answers:

1. 1.c 2.g 3.f 4.b 5.d 6.a 7.e

2. 1.d 2.c 3.a 4.e 5.b

3. No. It's wrong, though a lot of people might say it. When we have two adjectives together in English, we make the first one an adverb. 'Totally phony' is the correct way to say it.