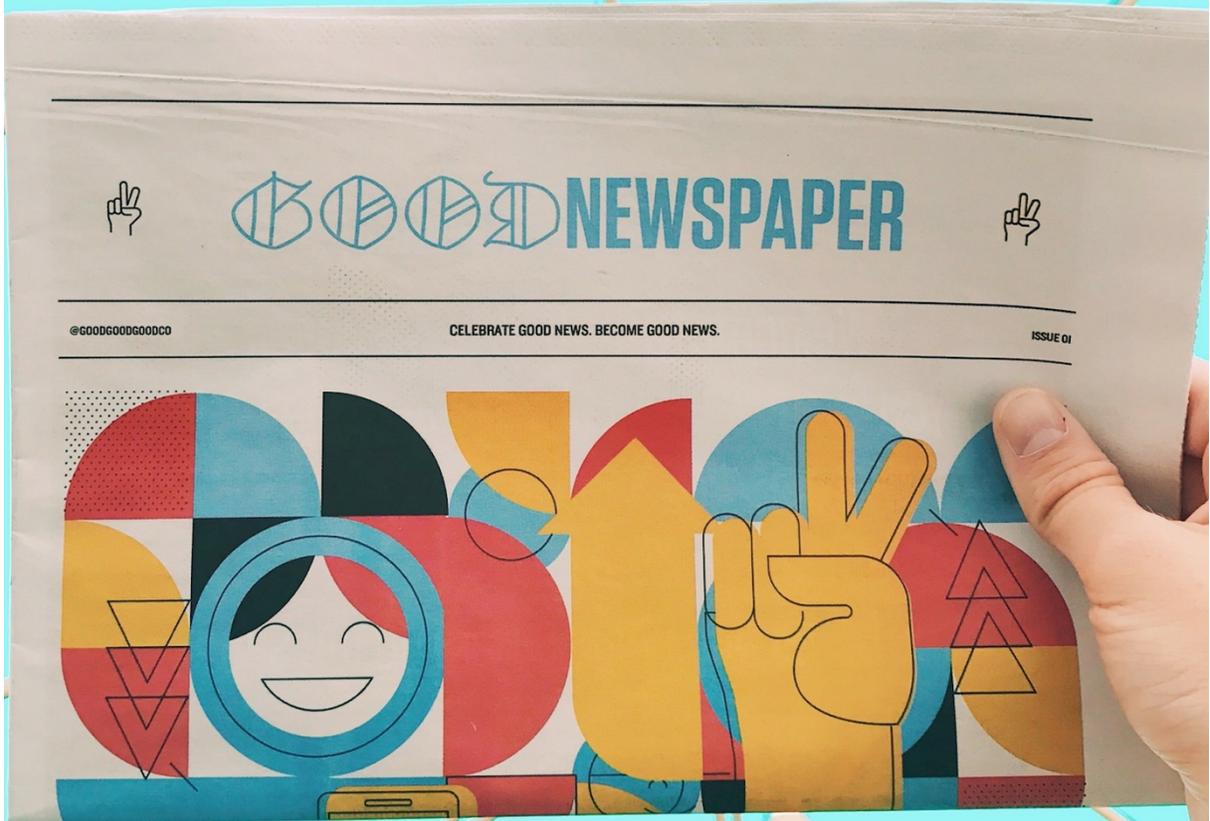


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Now, she has two prize _____. She could choose a one million dollar pay out or one thousand dollars a week until she dies, for the rest of her life. Now, if she chooses the one-million-dollar prize, she gets _____ at a fairly high rate. And if she chooses the thousand-dollar payout she doesn't get taxed. So as you can assume, probably, she decided to choose the thousand dollar a week payout.

Now, I was thinking to myself, wow how amazing is this? This woman now is _____, essentially. I mean this is not a huge income, she won't be able to have a luxurious lifestyle with mansions and _____ and private jets. But she will be able to live very comfortably for the rest of her life.

So, I was happy to read this story, happy for this 18-year-old. And it also got me thinking about what I would do and I think I would also choose the _____ one-thousand-dollar payout. To have the _____ to be able to do what you want? I mean you'd still be able to work, but you wouldn't have to work too hard. Maybe a part time job and this would give you time to _____ your hobbies and travel and all of these great things. I mean this would be fantastic. So I don't play the lottery but if I did, and I won like this girl, I'd be super happy. That's it for now, talk to you next time.

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Key Expressions

1. **Set for life:** “This woman now is set for life, essentially”

Similar examples:

- a. Tomatoes were on sale at the supermarket, so I bought a lot. In fact, I think I’m set for life!
- b. James inherited a large sum after his father passed away. He’s set for life, now.
- c. I watched a documentary about a poker player who won big in Vegas. He earned so much money that he’s set for life.

2. **It got me thinking about:** “And it also got me thinking about what I would do and I think I would also choose the weekly one-thousand-dollar payout.”

Similar examples:

- a. I watched a news report about homelessness and it got me thinking about what I would do if I ever become homeless.
- b. Our conversation the other day got me thinking about what moving to a new city would be like.
- c. Hearing that song on the radio got me thinking about the good old days.