REAL SECRETS OF MONEY®

MONEY PERSONALITY

Match your word to the most relatable money type by picking one or even a "mix" (e.g., "Planner with a side of Avoider") and discover your money personality.

1. The Saver – Feels secure when money is in the bank. Hates waste and loves a good deal.
2. The Spender – Finds joy in treating themselves or others. Often spends to celebrate or cope.
3. The Avoider – Prefers not to think about money at all. Often feels overwhelmed by finances.
4. The Planner – Always budgeting, forecasting, and thinking long term. Finds comfort in structure.
5. The Giver – Generous, often puts others' needs before their own financial goals.
6. The Risk Taker – Sees money as a tool for opportunity. Comfortable with bold moves and investments.
7. The Security Seeker – Prioritizes stability and safety over big returns. Often cautious and risk-averse.
8. The Status Seeker – Sees money as a symbol of success and uses it to elevate lifestyle or image.
9. The Dreamer – Big ideas, but sometimes struggles with follow-through or realistic planning.
10. The Student – Actively learning about money, eager to grow, but still finding their footing.
11. The Compartmentalizer – Keeps money organized but separated by purpose (i.e., only budgets for bills, ignores savings or fun).
12. The Resenter – Has negative emotions tied to money, possibly from past experiences or lack of control.

BUDGET METHODS FOR YOUR MONEY PERSONALITY

Money Personality	Description	Best Budget Fit	Why It Works
The Saver	Feels secure with money in the bank. Hates waste, loves deals.	Zero-Based Budget	Gives every dollar a job—ideal for maximizing control and planning.
The Spender	Enjoys treating themselves or others—spends to celebrate or cope.	60/20/20 Budget	Allows guilt-free fun with boundaries—60% needs, 20% saving, 20% fun.
The Avoider	Feels overwhelmed—avoids thinking about money.	Anti-Budget (Pay Yourself First)	Automates savings first, then spend the rest. Low effort, low stress.
The Planner	Loves structure—always budgeting and forecasting.	Zero-Based or 50/30/20 Budget	Offers clarity and control, with flexibility depending on preference.
The Giver	Generous—often prioritizes others over personal goals.	Values-Based Budget	Aligns giving with personal priorities and long-term financial health.
The Risk Taker	Sees money as a tool—comfortable with bold investments.	Goals-Based Budget	Keeps eyes on long-term wealth-building while covering today's needs.
The Security Seeker	Wants stability and avoids risk—values safety.	Envelope System	Visual or tangible method helps reinforce control and reduce anxiety.

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The Dreamer	Big ideas, struggles with follow-through.	Goals-Based Budget	Connects spending to dreams—motivates follow-through with purpose.
The Student	Curious and learning—still gaining confidence.	50/30/20 Budget	Simple and flexible—helps build habits while learning the ropes.
The Compartmentalizer	Segments money into categories—often misses the big picture.	Envelope or Bucket Budget	Their instinct to organize fits perfectly with these structured methods.
The Resenter	Negative emotions about money from past experiences.	Values-Based or Coaching-Supported Plan	Rebuilds trust in money through support and purpose-driven choices.