

## Tam's fortune

This activity involves creating a storyline around what happened to Tam's fortune. We are told during Jamie's story that Tam use to be a wealthy lottery winner but he lost it all.

- How did Tam spend (waste?) his £90,000 winnings?

The idea behind this writing/discussion exercise is to create awareness of how easy it is to just 'blow' money and how hard it is to have to keep to a very strict budget.

The activity can be followed up by discussing Tam's fortune compared to Carly's fortune:

- What would seem like winning a fortune to Carly?
- If she had the same £90,000 as Tam how do her commitments (e.g. Liam) affect her actual disposable income?
- Will she have more or less money than Tam to 'blow' and what, compared to him, would she spend it on?

You can also get your group involved in a character analysis activity by discussing and writing accounts of why and how Tam got into a downward spiral.

Then ask them to contrast this with Brian's downward spiral.

Use these writings or discussions to help the group decide on the ending to Jamie's story – what should he do?