



How to be smarter than your wife (on the subject of Savings Bonds)

Of course, there's no question about who's smarter at your house on most subjects. But to remove any doubt as to who knows more about U. S. Savings Bonds, the Treasury Department presents this little quiz. You take it first so you'll know all the answers and then pop it on your spouse. Great for the morale.

1. A Series E Savings Bond reaches maturity in:
 5 years 7½ years 10 years
2. The money you earn from Savings Bonds is exempt from state and local income taxes.
 true false
3. You have to be an American to buy U. S. Savings Bonds.
 true false
4. Americans owned more Savings Bonds in:
 1943 1953 1963

5. Uncle Sam will give you a new Bond free if:
 You accidentally toss it in the washing machine
 The neighbor's dog swallows it whole
 A thief steals it
6. It's hard to redeem a Savings Bond.
 true false
7. A Bond that costs \$18.75 will:
 Grow to \$25 and stop
 Keep on growing if you don't cash it in
8. If you have a large Bond, you can cash in just part of it.
 true false
9. The 20,000 banks and other issuing agents which sell Savings Bonds don't charge Bond buyers a penny for the service.
 true false
10. You can have somebody else buy your Bonds for you.
 true false

ANSWERS

1. 7½ years is correct.
2. True. What's more, *federal* tax on E Bond interest may be deferred until the Bond is redeemed.
3. Generally speaking, true. You must be either a resident; a citizen living abroad; or an employee of the U.S., military or civilian.
4. In spite of the fact that Bond-buying was nearly universal during the war years, the correct answer is 1963.
5. You're right no matter which answer you checked.
6. False. Any bank will redeem your E Bond anytime after the two-months' holding period.
7. A Series E Bond will keep growing for 10 years past maturity. Extension is automatic.
8. True. If you had a \$100 Bond, for instance, you could get cash for ¼ its current value, and have smaller Bonds issued for the balance.
9. True. Banks and other financial institutions offer this valuable service free.
10. True. A perfect example is the Payroll Savings Plan. You can buy Bonds for other people, too. In fact, they make excellent gifts.

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