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# Powerball \$1.765 billion jackpot winner Theodorus Struyck revealed in California

## Description

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A California resident, Theodorus Struyck, has become a billionaire overnight by winning Powerball's second largest jackpot, a hefty amount of \$1.765 billion. This monumental victory was announced five months after the lottery draw.

Living in a serene, mountain town of Frazier Park in California, Struyck is a respected 65-year-old resident who purchased the astronomical-lottery ticket from a local market. Known to be an affable man often seen relishing time with his grandchildren, he is now the member of an affluent group that claimed this colossal fortune. The group now stands at a pivotal crossroads, as they deliberate between taking the full sum of \$1.765 billion in 30 payments over 29 years or opting for a one-time cash sum payment of \$774.1 million.

They won the huge prize by selecting the lucky numbers 22, 24, 40, 52, 64, and the red Powerball 10. Despite the staggering odds of 1 in 292,201,338, luck favored this group, enabling them to bag this windfall.

What excites the community even more is the fact that their local store, Midway Market, has also earned a reward of \$1 million for selling the winning ticket. This victory brought prosperity to the whole town and has made Frazier Park a part of lottery history.

Struyck's triumphant win showcases how an ordinary man's life can be turned upside down by a stroke of luck and the power of the lottery.

Notes for ESL Learners:

1. **Hefty**: Slang term meaning large or heavy. Generally used to describe a large amount or size.
2. **Monumental**: Something that is very significant or important.
3. **Affable**: Describes a person who is easy to talk to and friendly.
4. **Colossal**: Describing something as extremely large.
5. **Pivotal**: Critical importance in the potential success or failure of something.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Windfall** // (noun): An unexpected financial gain often a large amount of money.
2. **Accolade** // (noun): An award or expression of praise.

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3. **Respected** // (adjective): Regarded with admiration and esteem.
4. **Deliberate** // (verb): To carefully consider or discuss.
5. **Affluent** // (adjective): Having a great deal of money wealthy.
6. **Prosperity** // (noun): The state of being successful especially in terms of financial well-being.

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What is an appropriate word to describe the sudden and shocking increase in costs?

Option: Smart decisions  
Option: Meticulous  
Option: Staggering  
Option: Tactic

2. Which term best represents causing chaos or interruption in a system?

Option: Efficiency  
Option: Disrupt  
Option: Rerouted  
Option: Compelled

3. What do we call a negative balance or shortage of something?

Option: Affluent  
Option: Deficit  
Option: Deliberate  
Option: Accolade

4. What word describes being productive without wasting time or resources?

Option: Incarceration  
Option: Dire  
Option: Defiant  
Option: Efficient

5. What term means thinking again about a decision or plan?

Option: Reconsidering  
Option: Prosperity  
Option: Foresee  
Option: Windfall

6. Which term refers to a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for security?

Option: Smart decisions

Option: Megalomania

Option: Cryptocurrency

Option: Conceivable

7. What is the term for an obsession with power and a delusional belief in one's own greatness?

Option: Conviction

Option: Megalomania

Option: Defiant

Option: Tactic

8. What word means changing the course or direction of something?

Option: Staggering

Option: Rerouted

Option: Execute

Option: Accolade

9. Which term means to carry out or accomplish a plan or action?

Option: Tactic

Option: Execute

Option: Disembark

Option: Contend

10. What term describes having a great deal of wealth or success?

Option: Windfall

Option: Respected

Option: Affluent

Option: Profits

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. High sales resulted in increased \_\_\_\_\_ for the company.

12. She spoke with such \_\_\_\_\_ that everyone believed in her cause.

13. Passengers will \_\_\_\_\_ the plane only after it comes to a stop.

14. The team will have to \_\_\_\_\_ with injuries if they want to win the championship.

15. Improving the \_\_\_\_\_ of the manufacturing process saved the company time and money.



16. Winning the lottery was a unexpected \_\_\_\_\_ that completely changed her life.

17. Using the right \_\_\_\_\_ can give a team an advantage over their opponents.

18. The community faced a \_\_\_\_\_ situation after the natural disaster.

19. The CEO detailed the plan and expected the team to \_\_\_\_\_ it flawlessly.

20. After receiving feedback the management is \_\_\_\_\_ their approach to the project.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. Taking time to evaluate all options and outcomes often leads to success.

22. His years of hard work and dedication earned him the admiration of his peers.

23. She was known for her attention to detail and precise work.

24. The financial gains from the successful venture were substantial.

25. The period of economic growth led to increased wealth and well-being for many.

26. His strong belief in justice motivated him to fight for what was right.

27. In the face of adversity she stood her ground and refused to back down.

28. Streamlining processes and minimizing waste improved overall productivity.

29. The urgency of the situation left him with no choice but to act.

30. Despite the challenges finding a solution was within the realm of possibility.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Staggering 2. Disrupt 3. Deficit 4. Efficient 5. Reconsidering 6. Cryptocurrency  
7. Megalomania 8. Rerouted 9. Execute 10. Affluent

**Gap-Fill:** 11. profits 12. conviction 13. disembark 14. contend 15. efficiency 16. windfall 17. tactic 18. dire  
19. execute 20. reconsidering

**Matching sentence:** 1. Smart decisions 2. Respected 3. Meticulous 4. Profits 5. Prosperity 6. Conviction 7. Defiant 8. Efficiency 9. Compelled 10. Conceivable



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