



**At the end of the lesson, the student will be able to:**

- \*enumerate the negative effects of gambling.
- \*calculate the slim possibilities of winning the game of chance.



**Read:**

I need an unbiased viewpoint. A friend I've known for 2 years moved near by. Since he was a close pal of long standing, I invited him to stay with me. We became roommates and got along fine.

We agreed that we would play the state lottery with the following understanding. Each of us would purchase at least one lottery ticket every week, and if any of those tickets were a winner we'd split the prize.

Although I was unemployed for a period of time and not eligible for unemployment benefits, I still managed to buy a ticket every week. Often when I asked my friend if he had bought his ticket he would say, "I forgot," or "The lines were too long."

Well, I hit five numbers, won \$5,000, and decided not to cut him in on the money since I felt he had not kept his part of the agreement. Our lease was up and we parted. He has all but shut me out of his life and I'm sure this is the reason.



## Comprehension

1. When they played the state lottery, what was their understanding?
2. Did the writer have a good job? What did he do?
3. Did his friend buy tickets every week as they promised? Explain your answer.
4. What were his excuses for not buying the tickets?
5. How many numbers did the writer hit and how much money did he win?
6. Why didn't he give some of the money to his friend, as he had agreed?



## Let's Talk!

1. Do you think he did the right thing?
2. What do you think about his friend's shutting the writer out of his life?
3. Can they make up? How? Should they?
4. Do you ever buy lottery tickets? Why or why not?
5. If you won a fortune, what would you do with the money?
6. Would you continue your job if you won the lottery?