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2. What are Mr and Mrs Mills' forenames? Tick **one**.

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- Wallace and Betty
- Warren and Betty
- William and Betty

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- once a year
- once a month
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4. How much money did they win first? Tick **one**.

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Pupil's own response. Accept a suitable adjective with an explanation, such as: Mr and Mrs Mills are generous because they donated money to charity when they first won and they are going to donate £600 000 after their second win too. They are also giving lots of their money to their family and friends.

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When asked if they would continue to play the lottery, Mrs Mills replied, 'I suppose we don't really need to but it's become a bit of a habit now. We go down to our local supermarket, choose our numbers and have a cup of tea at the coffee shop around the corner. So, I suppose, yes, we will continue to play. Surely we couldn't win again?!'

Money raised by the lottery is used to fund and support good causes. For every ticket sold, a large portion of the money goes to a huge variety of projects, both big and small – from repairing park play equipment to funding future Olympians and Paralympians.

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- Mr and Mrs Mills' daughter
- Mr and Mrs Mills' niece
- Mr and Mrs Mills' granddaughter
- Mr and Mrs Mills' pet

5. **Find** and **copy** a word that means **gave**.

6. Fill in the missing words:

The two _____ have revealed that they'll be donating £600,000 of their win to _____, national and _____ charities.

7. Why does Mrs Mills think that they will continue to play the lottery? Explain your answer fully.

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Pupil's own response, such as: William and Betty Mills are described as the luckiest couple in the country because they have won two large sums of money on the lottery in the past four years when winning even once is unlikely.

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