
How to Get Rich: Episode 2

Synopsis + Key Terms

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Twelve credit cards between two people, a potential \$1.3 million lost to interest and fees — these money missteps give Ramit lots to work with.

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Teacher Tip: This episode includes some mild profanity. Please preview the episode and use your discretion.

Key Terms:

- **Business plan** - Document that describes a new business & a strategy to launch that business
- **Financial advisor** - A professional who provides financial advice or guidance for clients' decisions around money matters, personal finances, and investments
- **Mortgage** - A loan taken by individuals and businesses to make real estate purchases without paying the entire value of the purchase up front

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While You Watch**Name:****Period:****While You Watch:**

1. How much did Ramit estimate Nathalie was going to pay her financial advisor in fees over the course of 20 years?

2. What did Sophina misunderstand about HOA fees?

3. TRUE OR FALSE for each of these:
 - a. It's possible that closing credit cards could reduce your credit score

 - b. It's possible that your mortgage payments could result in more money going toward *interest* than *principal*

4. What does Ramit say are the benefits of renting instead of buying?

5. How many months of NextFab space could Monique purchase by returning her expensive bag?

Discussion Questions:

- 6. Do you think it's smart or problematic that Monique and Donnell choose NOT to have a joint account? Why?**

- 7. What would you do if you were in Sophina's situation without hot water?**

- 8. Two of the vignettes feature people who are entrepreneurs – trying to start or expand their own businesses. Would you, personally, take the risk of running your own business? Why or why not?**

- 9. Donnell spends on video games, sneakers, and clothes. Sophina overspent on apartment furnishings. Do you have a weakness when it comes to overspending? What is it? How do you keep it in check?**

- 10. It seems like Nathalie could still use a lot of help. What are two pieces of advice you'd give to her that you think would make the biggest difference in her financial life?**