

## Graham Hill, "Less Stuff, More Happiness" (TED.com)

### Numbers

Match the number to how is said phonetically and then watch the video to match the number to what it refers to.

3	twenty two billion	an excessive number of burners for a stove
22,000,000,000	six	amount in square foot the personal space industry takes up
2,200,000,000	three	the size in square foot of his apartment
420	a couple	amount in dollars the personal space industry is worth
10	two point two billion	number of bags he's brought to the event
200,000	a couple	the number of people he can invited to dinner in his home
6	two hundred grand	the money he saves by having a smaller apartment
2	four hundred and twenty	people have this times more space now than 50 years ago

### Second Watch

Watch the video again and fill in the missing words.

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"There's a new industry in town...that of personal storage. So we've got triple the space, but we've become such \_\_\_\_\_ that we need even more space. So where does this lead?

Lots of \_\_\_\_\_ debt, huge \_\_\_\_\_ footprints, and perhaps not coincidentally, our \_\_\_\_\_ levels flat-lined over the same 50 years."

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"I bet most of us have experienced at some point the joys of \_\_\_\_\_ : college -- in your dorm, traveling -- in a \_\_\_\_\_, camping -- rig up basically nothing, maybe a \_\_\_\_\_.

Whatever it was for you, I bet that, among other things, this gave you a little more \_\_\_\_\_, a

little more \_\_\_\_\_. So I'm going to suggest that less stuff and less space are going to equal a smaller footprint. It's actually a great way to save you some \_\_\_\_\_. And it's going to give you a little more \_\_\_\_\_ in your life."

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"...we want multifunctional spaces and housewares -- a sink combined with a \_\_\_\_\_, a dining table becomes a \_\_\_\_\_ -- same space, a little side \_\_\_\_\_ stretches out to seat 10. In the winning Life Edited scheme in a render here, we combine a moving \_\_\_\_\_ with transformer furniture to get a lot out of the space... My \_\_\_\_\_ folds away, easily hidden. My bed just pops out of the wall with \_\_\_\_\_. Guests? Move the moving wall, have some fold-down guest \_\_\_\_\_. And of course, my own \_\_\_\_\_."

### Conversation

Have you ever used a personal storage service? How much do they cost in your country? Are they a good idea?

Are you a compulsive shopper; a *shopaholic*? Do you buy too much of one particular thing? Do you sometimes buy things that you don't need because of the price? Does internet shopping make you buy more things?

Do you have enough space in your house? Would you like an extra room in your house? What would you do with the extra room? Do you have a loft, attic or basement to store things you don't need? How do you get rid of things you no longer want?

Does shopping make you happier? Do you sometimes feel guilty after going shopping? How do you feel about credit card debt, is it a problem in your country? Do you ever think about the environmental impact of consumerism?

Do you agree with the speaker when he talks about a sense of freedom when we have less stuff?