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Money queries are always tricky

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A frequent question I receive is about discussing money in the workplace. Questions such as how much you paid for that dress, those shoes or that jacket. Men will ask each other how much those hockey tickets cost, the price of vacationing or buying a gift for the spouse.

These sorts of questions can be embarrassing or, more often than not, simply rude. In today's economy, where disposable income has all but disappeared, it is best to avoid the topic of how much things cost.

However, many of us are becoming smarter shoppers, experiencing new buying trends and finding new spots for bargains -- sharing this kind of information is helpful and does not smack of being nosy. Remember, it is the intent of the question that is important. - Jay Remer is the Etiquette Guy. He is trained and certified by the Protocol School of Washington as a consultant for corporate etiquette and international protocol. He lives in St. Andrews, N. B. E-mail your etiquette questions to jay@etiquetteguy.com and visit his Web site at www.etiquetteguy.com.

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