

Money Idioms

Exercise 1: Look at the idioms in bold in sentences 1 – 22, and decide if the people:

(A) have a lot of money.

(B) have very little or no money.

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| 1. Steve is up to his ears in debt . | 12. Mike is made of money . |
| 2. Kevin is on the dole . | 13. Don is penniless . |
| 3. Jamie has made his pile . | 14. Judy has money to burn . |
| 4. Sue can't make ends meet . | 15. Pete is broke . |
| 5. Jacqueline is stinking rich . | 16. Tim has more money than sense . |
| 6. Mark's boss pays him chickenfeed . | 17. Alison is rolling in it . |
| 7. Tarquin is loaded . | 18. Bob is skint . |
| 8. Laurence is hard up . | 19. Andy is down and out . |
| 9. Christine is well off . | 20. Jeanette is feeling flush . |
| 10. Brenda is in the red . | 21. Charles is raking it in . |
| 11. John is strapped for cash . | 22. Annabel is a bit down-at-heel . |

Exercise 2: Look at the idioms in **bold** in sentences 23 – 38, and decide if the people:

(A) have paid a lot of money for something.

(B) have paid a small amount of money for something.

23. The shop sold us our hi-fi for a **rock-bottom price**.
24. A pizza and a glass of wine cost us £10. It was **daylight robbery**.
25. We paid **next to nothing** for the holiday.
26. It **cost us the earth** to get our car repaired.
27. It **didn't break the bank** to travel business class to New York.
28. I paid £6 for a hot dog and a Coke. What **a rip-off!**
29. My new car cost me a **packet**.
30. It **cost us an arm and a leg** to change our flight times.
31. We paid **a tidy sum** for our new computer.
32. The rent on my house is a bit **steep**.
33. How much was my new camera? Well, it **didn't come cheap**.
34. The restaurant served excellent food, **at a price**.
35. This suit **set me back** a bit.
36. This home cinema system was **going for a song**.
37. We had an excellent meal, and it was **dirt cheap**.
38. I paid **good money** to stay in this hotel.