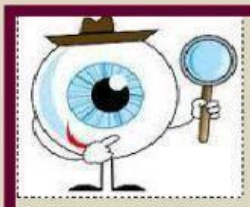

EYE on MONEY IDIOMS
(exercises)

1) Match the idioms with the definitions.

1. cost an arm and a leg	A. using very little money
2. tighten your belt	B. make a big profit
3. save for a rainy day	C. having a lot of money
4. rip sb off	D. cheat sb by charging too much money for sth
5. make ends meet	E. have only enough money to survive
6. make a killing	F. save money for a time when you really need it
7. rolling in money/it	G. extremely cheap
8. dirt cheap	H. be very expensive
9. on a shoestring	I. have just enough money to buy what you need
10. live from hand to mouth	J. spend less money than usual

2) Choose the right answer: a, b or c.

1. If you buy something that's dirt cheap, the quality will probably
   a) be excellent b) be very low c) be quite important
2. Sarah will have to tighten her belt because she's
   a) lost her job b) short of time c) been losing her weight
3. My new car cost me an arm and a leg, it is
   a) very cheap b) very expensive c) very ugly

4. My friend made a killing when he sold his business, so he
   a) had no money b) lost a lot of money c) made a fortune
5. How much did you say you paid for your computer? You've been ripped off and you've
   a) lost a lot of money b) found a lot of money c) inherited a lot of money

3) Fill in the gaps with money idioms from ex.1)

1. Sam doesn't earn a great deal, but they manage to _____.
2. Money started _____ in and the business grew and grew.
3. Our schools are still running on _____.
4. Some people _____ with barely enough money for basics like food and heating.
5. Ted got this bike _____ at a car boot sale.
6. Mr. Smith _____ selling property in that country.

4) Match the two halves of other money idioms and then explain their meaning.

1. come into	A. one's pocket
2. dip into your	B. feed
3. be in	C. butter
4. look like	D. savings
5. chicken	E. to riches
6. from rags	F. some money
7. to bring home	G. a song
8. bread and	H. debt
9. burn a hole in	I. a million dollars
10. buy sth for	J. the bacon

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