



EYE on MONEY IDIOMS (exercises)



1) Match the idioms with the definitions.

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| 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 something off | D. cheat sb by charging too much money for something |
| 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.

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

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



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

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| 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 something for | J. the bacon |