

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

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.