

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.

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.