1. **Fill in the gaps with the next phrases in the correct form:**

a small fortune

cash cushion

rip off

have money to burn

nest egg

pay the price

pay through the nose

spend money like water

to be strapped for cash

tighten one's belt



1. After losing his job, John found himself .....and had to cut back on expenses.
2. With rising costs, the family had to .....and limit their spending to essentials.
3. Ever since winning the lottery, she seems to.....buying expensive clothes and gadgets.
4. They spent a .....renovating their old house, but the results were worth it.
5. If you skip your daily exercise, you might .....with poor health later on.
6. We had to .....for tickets to the concert because they sold out so quickly.
7. Sarah spends .....always buying the latest fashion without a second thought.
8. They kept a .....for emergencies, which came in handy when the car broke down.
9. Over the years, they saved diligently and built a.....for their retirement.
10. I felt like it was a total .....when I realized the concert tickets cost twice as much as they were worth.

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