

- **Complete the texts with the correct idioms.**

small fortune - mean business - get off the ground - bear fruit - burning the midnight oil  
-live on a shoestring -rolling in - keep their heads above water - down the drain - tighten  
their belts

Starting a business was never easy, but Emma and her team were determined to succeed. After months of planning, they finally managed to \_\_\_\_\_ and open their small café. It wasn't long before they realized they'd need to \_\_\_\_\_ just to stay afloat. Every penny mattered, and they had to \_\_\_\_\_, cutting down on every possible expense.

Although the initial investment had cost a \_\_\_\_\_, the profits were slow to come, and the team was struggling to \_\_\_\_\_. Some nights, Emma found herself \_\_\_\_\_, working late into the night to manage finances and plan new strategies. They couldn't afford for their hard work to go \_\_\_\_\_.

Still, Emma and her team \_\_\_\_\_. They tried everything to make their café a local favorite, and after months of effort, they started to see their work \_\_\_\_\_. Customers were coming in more frequently, and the café was finally \_\_\_\_\_ orders.