- **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.

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