

## American/English Accounting Idioms in Context

**Directions:** Fill in the blanks with the correct idiom.

balance the books    ballpark figure    cooked the books    crunching the numbers  
went bust    cut a check    cash a check

1. During the recession of 2008 my company lost everything and \_\_\_\_\_. They laid off most of the employees including myself.
2. The US government \_\_\_\_\_ for \$780 billion to the military. (cut a check)
3. I need more than a \_\_\_\_\_ for the cost of the renovation. I need specifics because my budget is limited.
4. I was trying to \_\_\_\_\_ that my uncle gave me for my birthday but it **bounced**.
5. I have been \_\_\_\_\_ and it looks like there will be enough money leftover from the project to invest in a new office.
6. If the business loses any more money, we won't be able to \_\_\_\_\_ this year.
7. After our last accountant \_\_\_\_\_, the IRS started performing more frequent audits as part of their anti corruption initiative.