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# **Making Ends Meet**

#### 1. Correct the mistakes in the sentences. There is one mistake in each sentence.

### **Idioms About Money Troubles**

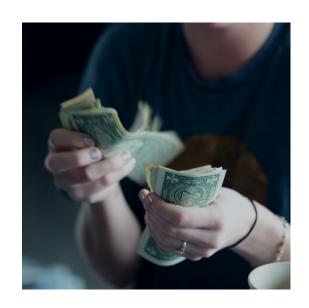
- Do you know anyone who's on its breadline?
- Of course he's broken. He's been spending money like water.
- She lost her job, so she'll have to tighten her bolt.
- I'm sick and tried of living on a shoestring.
- Could I barrow some money? I'm strapped for cash at the moment.
- I want to stop penny-punching.
- I've been scrimpping and saving all year.

#### 2. Choose the correct answer. Only one answer is correct.

#### **Phrasal Verbs and Money**

•	I had to	my	spending after losi	ng my job
a)	cut back on	b) cut back in	c) cut back off	

- He always has a tough time ...... anyone who lends him money.
- a) paying of b) paying back c) paying back to
- I don't think they'll be able to ..... their mortgage.
- a) pay off b) pay along c) pay over
- She had to ..... groceries last week.
- a) skimp back b) skimp off c) skimp on
- My medical bills ...... \$2,000 last month.
- a)set me down b) set me back c) set me off







#### 3. Fill in the gaps with the following verbs in the right form.

owe • spend • bet • squander • waste • manage

### **Verbs Linked to Money**

- She .....all her money.
- He's ..... his entire savings.
- They ..... every last cent they had.
- He ..... me hundreds of pounds.
- Stop ...... your money away.
- We've got to ..... our finances better.

#### 4. Fill in the missing letters.

## **Synonyms for Money**

- I haven't got any *ca*..... at the moment.
- I need to find new ways to earn some *m*......*lah*.
- He's always asking strangers for a little extra  $d \dots h$ .
- She needs to get her hands on some gr...... quickly.
- They need to find new jobs that'll pay them more *br....d*.

#### 5. Choose the correct answer.

#### Synonyms for "Poor"

- This is an *impoverished/inpoverished* part of town.
- His family has been *poverty-strickened/poverty-stricken* for generations.
- I try to help *needing/needy* individuals as much as possible.
- Her home looks awful. She must be totally *destined/destitute*.
- My family might be *penniless/pennyless* soon.
- It's important to help people who come from *privileged/underprivileged* areas.







# 6. Fill in the gaps with the missing words.

# **Money Complaints at Work**

- He's stuck in a dead-..... job.
- I want to do something more than just simple .....-of-the-mill tasks.
- I'm ..... in a rut, and I have to find a way to get a better job.

### 7. Match the halves.

Put your nose to the	fingers to the bone.
I had to slog	my guts out for years.
She put her blood, sweat, and	tears into this project.
I'm my family's breadwinner, so I know I have to	grindstone, and it'll pay off in the end.
I worked my	go the extra mile every day.

