

Money

1 Match these money idioms (1–6) with their meanings (a–f).

1 be laughing all the way to the bank*£*.....

2 foot the bill

3 earn a crust

4 pay through the nose for something

5 hold the purse strings

6 feel the pinch

a to pay for something

b to pay more for something than is reasonable

c to control the way that money is spent in a particular family, organization, or country

d to be unable to buy some of the things you used to buy because you now have less money

e to be making a lot of money very easily

f to earn enough money to live on, especially by doing work you would prefer not to do

2 Complete the sentences with idioms from exercise 1. Use the correct form of any verbs.

1 Households have less money than they had before, and they are starting to

..... *feel the pinch*

2 She took any job that she was offered, just to

3 Investors in these amazingly successful companies are

.....

4 I'll have to ask James whether we can afford a skiing holiday this winter – he

..... in this family.

5 I don't generally make calls from a hotel room because you

..... for them.

6 So, who is going to for the damage to the car?

3 Complete the idioms using the correct form of any verbs. Then find the words in the wordsearch.

Across

- 1 If the project fails, that's £300,000 *down* the drain.
- 2 She does two jobs just to **ends meet**.
- 3 We've really **our belts** since Serge lost his job.
- 4 He gets paid all this money just for giving a talk two or three times a year. It's **money for old**!

Down

- 1 Five pounds just for a burger? That's **robbery!**
- 2 We ate in a really expensive restaurant and, as usual, it was me who **up the tab**.
- 3 Politicians like him pretend to be helping others but really, they just want to **their own nest**.
- 4 They don't think of clever solutions – they just **money at** the problems.
- 5 This isn't a good plan. They are just **robbing Peter to pay**

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Money – Answer key

Exercise 1

- 1 e
- 2 a
- 3 f
- 4 b
- 5 c
- 6 d

Exercise 2

- 1 feel the pinch
- 2 earn a crust
- 3 laughing all the way to the bank
- 4 holds the purse strings
- 5 pay through the nose
- 6 foot the bill

Exercise 3

Across

- 1 down
- 2 make
- 3 tightened
- 4 rope

Down

- 1 daylight
- 2 picked
- 3 feather
- 4 throw
- 5 Paul

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