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
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?
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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R M H X O S A G H R
T W Q W W O U R A I
B Y N M X E L L H M
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

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