

Activity Type

Reading, writing, listening and speaking activity

Focus

Money-related phrasal verbs

Aim

To learn and practice ten phrasal verbs related to money.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two-page worksheet for each student.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

40 minutes

Introduction

In this money worksheet, students learn and practice ten phrasal verbs related to money.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

Students begin by reading sentences and underlining the money-related phrasal verbs.

Exercise A - Answer key

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1. running up | 6. saving up |
| 2. ripped off | 7. chips in |
| 3. shopped around | 8. pay (you) back |
| 4. fork out | 9. splashed out (on) |
| 5. cut back (on) | 10. put down |

Next, students match the phrasal verbs from Exercise A with their definitions. Students should write the phrasal verbs in their base form.

Exercise B - Answer key

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1. to run up | 6. to shop around |
| 2. to cut back (on) | 7. to pay back |
| 3. to rip off | 8. to save up |
| 4. to chip in | 9. to fork out |
| 5. to put down | 10. to splash out (on) |

After that, students write which phrasal verbs they could use to talk about different topics.

Exercise C - Possible answers

1. Buying things: run up, chip in, splash out (on), rip off
2. Saving money: shop around, save up, cut back (on)
3. Reluctant payments: fork out
4. Loans: pay back, put down

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Note: This resource can be edited using a PDF editor.

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Following that, students do a gap-fill exercise where they complete sentences with money-related phrasal verbs in their correct form.

Exercise D - Answer key

1. saving up, shopping around
2. paid (me) back
3. forking out
4. splash out
5. chip in
6. ripped (us) off, pay back
7. put down
8. running up

In pairs, students then discuss ten money conversation questions to practice the phrasal verbs further.

When the students have finished, have them report back their answers to the class. Any interesting answers can then be discussed in more detail.

As an extension, have the pairs prepare a short dialogue using the money-related phrasal verbs from the worksheet and the following scenario:

You're a young adult fresh out of university. You work an entry-level position and have student loans, monthly rent and bills to pay. You want to start budgeting in order to pay off the loans and buy a house in the future.

Afterwards, have each pair present their dialogue to the class and provide feedback.

A. Read the sentences and underline the money-related phrasal verbs.

1. Marisa uses several different credit cards. She's running up a lot of debt.
2. The salesman sold me an old laptop. He said it was a great deal, but I think he ripped me off.
3. We shopped around for a month before buying a car to get the best deal.
4. I don't want to fork out on health insurance. I'm young and healthy.
5. I need to cut back on my spending. I spent way too much money last month.
6. Gregory's saving up for an apartment. He really wants to move out of his parents' house.
7. If everyone chips in, we will be able to buy Amiko a really nice present.
8. Could you lend me some money? I promise I'll pay you back next week.
9. Erik says he's good with his money, but he's just splashed out on a new sports car.
10. In order to get a mortgage from the bank, you have to put down at least 5%.



B. Match the phrasal verbs from Exercise A with their definitions. Write the phrasal verbs in their base form.

1. To: to create a lot of debt.
2. To: to spend less money generally.
3. To: to cheat someone by charging them too much.
4. To: to contribute some money with other people.
5. To: to pay a deposit.
6. To: to compare prices and quality in different shops before buying.
7. To: to return borrowed money.
8. To: to put money aside in order to buy something you want.
9. To: to spend a lot of money on something, usually unwillingly.
10. To: to spend a lot of money on something.



C. Which phrasal verbs could you use to talk about the following topics:

1. Buying things:
2. Saving money:
3. Reluctant payments:
4. Loans:

D. Complete the sentences with money-related phrasal verbs in their correct form.

1. My wife and I are money to do renovations our the house. We are for the best quotes. Hopefully, we can find a good deal.
2. I lent some money to my brother last year because he needed to buy a few books for school. He still hasn't me
3. Our energy bill has been high these past few months. We can't keep this much money or we'll go broke!
4. I know I can't afford to on expensive clothes, but I really love them.
5. I don't have enough money for dad's birthday present, so I asked my sister to She is going to pay half.
6. The estate agent really us We found out the house we bought was overpriced, and now we have a huge mortgage to
7. Cars can be expensive, but you don't have to pay the whole amount immediately. You can a certain percentage and then pay each month.
8. Credit cards aren't always a bad thing to have as long as you make your payments on time and avoid a lot of debt.

E. Now, discuss the following money conversation questions with a partner.

1. When was the last time you splashed out on something expensive? What did you buy?
2. How much did you fork out on bills last month?
3. Have you ever felt like someone ripped you off? What happened?
4. Do you find it hard to save up money? Are you saving up for anything at the moment?
5. Have you ever lent someone money and they haven't paid you back?
6. Do you usually pay for a large purchase in full, or put down a deposit and pay it off slowly?
7. When was the last time you chipped in money to buy or pay for something?
8. What things do you normally shop around for?
9. What are some ways to avoid running up debts?
10. Are you trying to cut back on any expenses at the moment?

