EASY ACCESS ENGLISH

Open The Wallet



Activity One - Guess what your teacher has in their wallets! They will tell if you are right and try to guess yours.

Activity Two – Read the money idioms and mach them to their meanings by drawing a line from the left columns to the right.

Money doesn't grow on trees.
I'm not made of money.
I have to make ends meet.
I'm saving up.
It's good value for money.
Cut rate.
The money is burning a hole in my pocket.
Pay through the nose.
Splurge on something.


I know I've got some money so I just want to spend it.
Pay a really high price for something;
The price is good for the quality of the item.
I am collecting money in my bank account to serve a particular purpose.
You have to earn money.
To spend more money than one might normally spend.
The price is lower than usual
I haven't got unlimited supplies of money.

Activity Three – Answer the questions using one of the money idioms in each answer.

1. What makes you just have to buy something?
2. Do you often buy on impulse?
3. What kind of offers attract you?
4. Do you stick to what is on your shopping list or get tempted to buy other items?
5. What does IKEA mean by the expression 'Open the Wallet'?
6. Are the articles in the 'open the wallet' area also on display in different areas of the store?
7. What does the expression 'add-on sales' mean?
8. Give some examples of top selling add-on items.

Activity Four Listen to the song and follow the lyrics. Underline each expression which you think is an idiomatic expression.

Money, get away.
Get a good job with good pay and youre okay.
Money, its a gas.
Grab that cash with both hands and make a stash.
New car, caviar, four star daydream,
Think Ill buy me a football team.

Money, get back.
Im all right jack keep your hands off of my stack.
Money, its a hit.
Dont give me that do goody good bullshit.
Im in the high-fidelity first class traveling set
And I think I need a lear jet.

Money, its a crime.
Share it fairly but dont take a slice of my pie.
Money, so they say
Is the root of all evil today.
But if you ask for a raise its no surprise that theyre
Giving none away.

Huhuh! I was in the right!
Yes, absolutely in the right!
I certainly was in the right!
You was definitely in the right. that geezer was cruising for a
Bruising!
Yeah!
Why does anyone do anything?
I dont know, I was really drunk at the time!
I was just telling him, he couldnt get into number 2. he was asking
Why he wasnt coming up on freely, after I was yelling and
Screaming and telling him why he wasnt coming up on freely.
It came as a heavy blow, but we sorted the matter out

Activity Five Now using some of the idioms from the song discuss these facts:

- IKEA employees will have to take a cut in salary this year because of the economic downturn.
- There are no free bags at IKEA. Customers have to pay for them.
- Ingvar Kamprad made over 4 billion dollars last year.
- IKEA is not in fact a Swedish company, it is owned by a dutch company in order to pay less taxes.

- IKEA’s ‘foundation’ or charity based in Holland gives no money to the world’s poor.