

TLP Five-Minute Read Over Coffee – My favourite financial idioms

Some common and cool financial expressions!

💡 English language is rich in idiomatic expressions, and I love this richness. These always need to be used gently with non-native speakers, as they can confuse.

In the last three weeks, I have been delivering a range of financial English workshops, and from this, I have listed my top 10 financial expressions below. Power for the start of the week!

1) In the black! This is positive and means you have got money in your bank account/or are in profit as a company. It is the opposite of 'in the red' which is not good for your bank balance/company!

2) We are broke! We have no money to spend. This reminds me of my student days 😞 eating plain spaghetti every day - when I was living on a shoestring (very small) budget.

3) That cost an arm and a leg. That was very expensive! Even more dramatically and critically - that was a rip off! That was way too expensive.

4) I am burning money (spending too much money in a wasteful way) on Starbucks Cappuccinos.

5) She is loaded! She has a lot of money!

6) Money talks! This is very cynical but implies that the most important consideration is always money!

7) He is very bling bling. He likes to show the world he has money. Look at his super fancy car and the labels on his shirts. A similar expression is that he likes to flash the cash.

8) Save your money for a rainy day! Don't spend all your money now and put some money away for future emergencies.

9) The transaction was made under the table. Cash was exchanged but it was not formally declared to the authorities! We also use the expression the black economy.

10) Don't put all your eggs into one basket. Diversify your portfolio and don't invest all your money into one company or venture.
