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# PART 1. IDIOMS IN SITUATIONS

## Lesson 1. BUSINESS AND MONEY

### Exercise 1



Read / Listen to the idiomatic expressions.

#### 1) A BUSINESS RUNS AT A PROFIT / A BUSINESS RUNS AT A LOSS

*interes przynosi zyski / straty*  
*a business makes money / a business loses money*

The beginnings of our family shop were quite difficult and we ran at a loss, but as we are getting more and more customers now, we are beginning to run at a profit.

#### 2) FINANCES ARE IN GOOD SHAPE / FINANCES ARE IN BAD SHAPE

*finanse są w dobrej / złej kondycji*  
*to have a lot of / not to have enough money*

I'm afraid this company will go bankrupt as its finances are in very bad shape.

#### 3) A FALLING MARKET

*podupadający rynek*  
*a market which is moving in a downward direction*

It is a falling market now with no perspectives and I wouldn't invest in it.

#### 4) TO PUT MONEY INTO BUSINESS

*inwestować pieniądze w interes*  
*to invest in a business*

You will have to find another partner because I'm not going to put any more money into this business.

#### 5) TO CLOSE A DEAL / TO CLOSE A BARGAIN

*sfinalizować interes*  
*to complete a deal successfully*

After long negotiations we were finally ready to establish all the details and close the deal.

#### 6) SHARP PRACTICES

*nie całkiem uczciwe (jednak legalne) praktyki*  
*behaviour which is dishonest but not illegal*

When it comes to business he doesn't have any scruples and uses illegal methods. He's known for his sharp practices.

#### 7) A SLEEPING PARTNER

*cichy wspólnik*  
*someone who invests money in a business but does not help to manage it*

Jack invests some money in the family business but he's not actively involved in running it. He's just a sleeping partner.

**8) A TAKEOVER**

*przejęcie (np. firmy)*  
*the change of ownership or control of a company*

Our little firm was too weak to survive on the market and so we couldn't avoid a takeover by a bigger company.

**9) TO GO BANKRUPT / TO BE BANKRUPT**

*zbankrutować*  
*to admit that you have no money and cannot pay your debts*

Two years ago their little company went bankrupt as it wasn't able to pay its debts.

**10) TO MAKE MONEY**

*zarabiać pieniądze*  
*to earn money*

He became a rich man after he made a lot of money in property speculation.

**11) TO BE IN THE MONEY**

*być przy pieniądzach (nagle)*  
*suddenly have a lot of money*

When Peter found that old painting in his attic and it turned out to be very valuable, he knew he was in the money.

**12) TO BE A WAGE EARNER / TO BE A SALARY EARNER**

*mieć pensję tygodniową / miesięczną*  
*to have a job and be paid weekly / monthly*

In our family my husband is the only wage earner. We all wait for the money he brings at the end of the week.

**13) TO MAKE A LIVING**

*zarabiać na życie*  
*to earn money*

Nobody knew how Sue made a living and it was quite a surprise when she said she worked as a writer.

**14) TO BE WELL-OFF**

*być dobrze sytuowanym*  
*to be rich*

You have to be well-off to afford holidays in exotic places. Such luxuries cost a lot.

**15) TO TIGHTEN ONE'S BELT**

*zacisnąć pasa*  
*to spend less money in the time of financial difficulty*

Susan lost her job so she had to tighten her belt and cut down on unnecessary things.

## Exercise 2



Choose the correct word and complete the sentences.

falling	sharp	takeover	partner	bankrupt
belt	deal	loss	well-off	made
shape	in	earner	into	living

- Our shop ran at a ..... at first but now it runs at a profit.
- Our finances are in a very bad .....
- I wouldn't invest in a ..... market.
- I'm going to put some money ..... this business.
- After long negotiations we closed the .....
- Our manager is known for his ..... practices.
- Jack is just a sleeping ..... in this company.
- We couldn't avoid a ..... by a bigger company.
- The company went ..... as it didn't pay off its debts.
- He ..... a lot of money in property speculations.
- Unexpectedly Peter was ..... the money.
- In our family my husband is the only wage .....
- Susan made her ..... as a writer.
- You have to be ..... to afford holidays in exotic places.
- Susan tightened her ..... and cut down on unnecessary things.

Now listen and repeat the sentences.



## Exercise 3

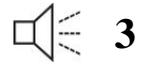


Complete the text with the idiomatic expressions from Exercise 1 in the appropriate form.

When Joe and Susan got married, they were very poor. Joe was the only  
 1) ..... in the family and they had to think how they would  
 2) ..... They decided to start their own business but it wasn't easy to  
 find someone who would like to 3) ..... Thus they planned to  
 4) ..... and save some money to open a greengrocer's. Susan's father  
 warned them that it was 5) ..... in their area as there were already  
 four greengrocers in the neighbourhood but they wanted to take a chance. After some time, when  
 their business started to 6) ....., Sue's father wanted to participate  
 and he became 7) ..... Later, Joe's brother wanted to join them and  
 they were just about to 8) ....., when Sue found out that he was  
 known for his 9) ..... and the plan didn't work out. Sue and Joe were  
 doing fine and they 10) ..... but after two years things got worse.  
 There was a terrible drought in the country and the prices of vegetables and fruit rose drastically.

They knew they were **11)** ..... . Their finances were in **12)** ..... and **13)** ..... by a bigger company was just a matter of time.

**Now listen to the text.**



## Exercise 4



**Paraphrase the sentences using the words given.**

- 1) John was the only one who brought the money at the end of the week.

**earner**

John was .....

- 2) They thought about how to earn money.

**make**

They thought about .....

- 3) They wanted someone to invest in the business.

**put**

They wanted someone to .....

- 4) They decided to spend less money.

**tighten**

They decided to .....

- 5) A greengrocer's was a business with no perspectives.

**market**

A greengrocer's .....

- 6) The business started to bring money.

**run**

The business started to .....

- 7) Sue's father didn't join the business but he invested some money into it.

**partner**

Sue's father became .....

- 8) They nearly completed the deal with Joe's brother.

**closed**

They nearly .....

- 9) Joe's brother was known for dishonest actions.

**sharp**

He was known .....

10) Sue and Joe earned a lot of money.

**made**

Sue and Joe .....

11) They had no money and couldn't pay the debts.

**went**

They .....

12) They didn't have enough money.

**bad**

Their finances were .....

13) They couldn't avoid the change of ownership of the company.

**takeover**

They couldn't .....

**Now practise the examples with the recording.**



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## KEY

### Ex. 2

1. loss
2. shape
3. falling
4. into
5. deal
6. sharp
7. partner
8. takeover
9. bankrupt
10. made
11. in
12. earner
13. living
14. well-off
15. belt

### Ex. 3

1. wage-earner
2. make a living
3. put money into it
4. tighten the belt
5. a falling market
6. run at a profit
7. a sleeping partner
8. close the deal
9. sharp practices
10. made a lot of money
11. going bankrupt
12. a really bad shape
13. a takeover

### Ex. 4

1. the only wage-earner.
2. how to make a living.
3. put money in the business.
4. tighten the belt.
5. was a falling market.
6. run at a profit.
7. a sleeping partner.
8. closed the deal with Joe's brother / him.
9. for his sharp practices.
10. made a lot of money.
11. went bankrupt.
12. in a bad shape.
13. avoid a takeover.