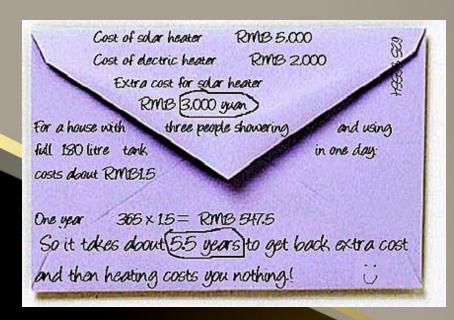


back-of-the-envelope calculation



a quick approximate calculation done informally, as on the back of an envelope.



tighten one's belt

tighten your belt, your money carefully because there is less available.



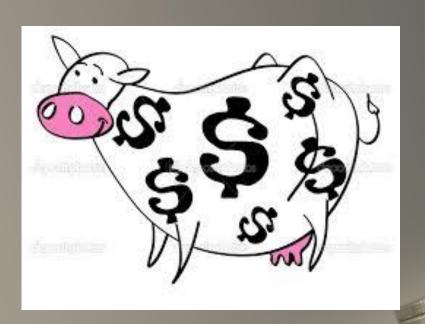
born with a silver spoon in your mouth

A person who s born with a silver spoon in their mouth is born into a very rich family.



cash cow

a regular source of income



money laundering

When people launder money, they manage to conceal the source of illegally-obtained money so that it looks legitimate.



look like a million dollars

Look and feel extremely good.





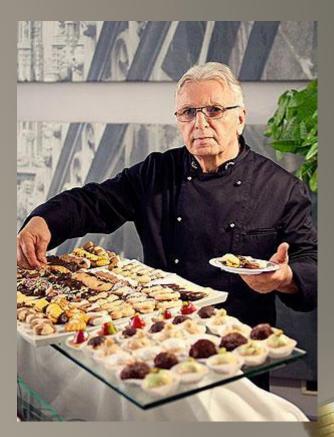
Be hard up

If you are hard up, you have very little money.



on the house

Something which is on the house is offered free of charge, usually in a bar or restaurant.



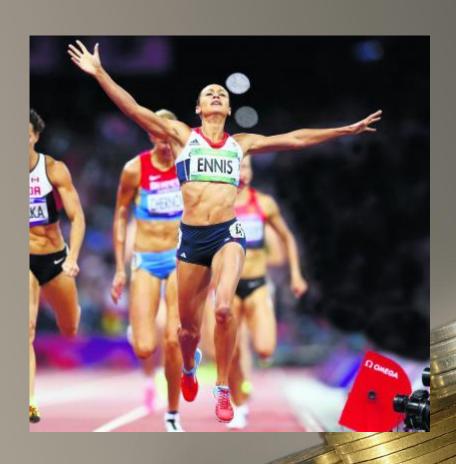
go Dutch

To go Dutch with somebody means to share the cost of something such as a meal or a concert.



at all costs

If you are determined to obtain or achieve something **at all costs**, you want it regardless of the expense, effort or sacrifice involved.



cost the earth

If something costs the earth, it is very expensive.



made of money

A person who is made of money is very rich and can buy whatever they want.



make ends meet

If you find it difficult to pay for your everyday needs because you have very little money, it is hard for you to make ends meet.



