

PHRASAL VERBS ABOUT USING MONEY

Here we explain 15 common phrasal verbs concerning the use of money. You may already understand and know how to use some of them. But to be certain you know how to use them accurately, read through the definitions and example sentences below.

SPENDING MONEY



lay out

to spend money, especially a large amount.

e.g. It's not every day you **lay out** \$6000 on a holiday. / He's just **laid out** \$3000 on a new HD television.

splash out

to spend a lot of money on something you don't need, but is very pleasant.

e.g. When the city traders get their annual bonus, they **splash out** on everything from sports cars to luxury houses.

run up

to do things which cause you to owe a large amount of money.

e.g. She stayed two weeks at the hotel and **ran up** a bill which she couldn't pay.

fork out

to pay for something, usually something you would rather not have to pay for.

e.g. I **forked out** ten quid for/on the ticket. / I couldn't persuade him to fork out for a new one.

cough up

to provide money for something you do not want to.

e.g. I've just had to **cough up** \$50 for a parking fine.

HAVING JUST ENOUGH MONEY



get by

to have just enough money for your needs.

e.g. How can he **get by** on so little money? / He earns just enough to get by.

scrape by

to manage to live on very little money.

e.g. He lost his job, so the family had to **scrape by** on \$150 a week.

HELPING SOMEONE WITH MONEY



bail out

to help a person or organization out of a difficult financial situation.

e.g. He **bailed** the company **out** in return for a 50% shareholding.

tide over

to help someone with money for a period of time until they have enough.

e.g. Can you lend me some money to **tide me over** till the weekend?

PAYING DEBTS



pay back

to return money owed to someone.

e.g. Can you lend me \$50? I'll **pay you back** tomorrow.

pay off

to finish paying all money that is owed.

e.g. We should be able to **pay off** the mortgage within ten years.

SAVING MONEY



save up

to keep money for a large expense in the future.

e.g. It took me ages to **save up** enough money to go travelling.

put aside

to save money for a specific purpose.

e.g. I **put aside** a little every month for a deposit on a house.

USING SAVED MONEY



dip into

to spend part of your saved money.

e.g. I've had to **dip into** my savings to pay for the repairs to the apartment.

break into

to start to use money that you have saved.

e.g. I **broke into** my savings to buy a beautiful diamond engagement ring for my girlfriend.