

**Daily Life - I'm in Debt** (C0014)

A: Hello, I'm here to see Mr. Corleone.

B: Right this way, sir.

C: Charlie! What can I do for you?

B: Mr. Corlone, I'm really sorry to trouble you, but I need your help.

C: Anything for you, Charlie! Your father was like a brother to me.

B: Well, sir, you see, this recession has hit me pretty hard; I lost my job and I'm in a lot of debt.

C: I see.....

B: Yeah, you know, I' ve got credit card bills, car payments, I' ve got to pay my mortgage; and on top of all that, I have to pay my son' s college tuition.

C: So you' re asking for a loan.

B: Well, I just thought maybe you could help me out.

C: What? At a time like this? I' m broke too, you know! You' re not the only one who has been hit by the recession! I lost half my money in the stock market crash! Go on! Get outta here!

### Key Vocabulary

trouble

*principle*

disturb or bother

*verb,*

*present*

*simple*

recession	<i>common noun, singular</i>	a period of time when the economy of a country is bad
hit me pretty hard	<i>phrase</i>	had a strong, negative affect on me
debt	<i>common noun, non-variable</i>	the amount of money you owe to a person, bank, company, etc.
on top of all that	<i>phrase</i>	besides that, in addition to
broke	<i>Adjective</i>	not have any money

### Supplementary Vocabulary

borrow	<i>principle verb, present simple</i>	take and use some money, and return the equal amount of money at a later time
pay back	<i>phrase</i>	return the money you borrowed
a loan	<i>common noun, singular</i>	amount of money borrowed

take out a *phrase* borrow money  
loan

unemployed *Adjective* having no job

downturn *common  
noun, sin-  
gular* a time when the econ-  
omy is worse than usual