

## Lesson 11 Money and Finance

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## Say It like a Professional

## Meaning

## money talks

He \_\_\_\_\_ the best lawyers and won the case  
— \_\_\_\_\_.

**throw (your) money around**

You \_\_\_\_\_.

Meaning

**easy money**

Young people \_\_\_\_\_ are usually disappointed.

Meaning