



# Idioms 26

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## Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

<b>rags to riches</b>	A situation in which one becomes rich after being poor.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: This author went from <b>rags to riches</b> after writing that bestseller.</i>

<b>made of money</b>	Very rich; wealthy.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Josh is <b>made of money</b>; he gets a new car every year!</i>

<b>bread and butter</b>	The source of income that one lives on.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Music is my <b>bread and butter</b> and I can't imagine my day without it.</i>

<b>feel the pinch</b>	To experience financial hardships; to have less money than usual.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: I really <b>felt the pinch</b> after I lost my job.</i>

<b>easy money</b>	Money that is easy to earn; money earned in a dishonest or dubious way.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: She thought that selling drugs would be <b>easy money</b>, but she ended up in jail.</i>



## Exercise 2 – Reading

*Read the text aloud with your tutor.*

### Becoming Wealthy

Many people dream of going from **rags to riches**. People hope for **easy money** gained from miracle lottery wins. Many successful people were not always **made of money** though. Most had to work very hard early in their careers. These people often had to try and save money before starting their own businesses. Sometimes their **bread and butter** was a job they hated. After saving enough to get a business started, they would usually **feel the pinch**, as the majority of their money would be invested in the business. So if you plan on starting a business, get ready to work really hard!



## Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

*Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms.*

1. When I moved out of my parents' house, I certainly \_\_\_\_\_.
2. This job is my \_\_\_\_\_, so I can't afford to lose it.
3. I have a friend who is \_\_\_\_\_; he even has his own plane!
4. It's hard to believe that someone's \_\_\_\_\_ is tasting wine.
5. He told us the story of how he went from \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Gambling is a way of making \_\_\_\_\_.
7. I can't buy this toy for you, Timmy; I'm not \_\_\_\_\_.
8. After the financial crisis, everyone \_\_\_\_\_.



## Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

*Create sentences using the following idioms.*

**Example:** rags to riches → She went from rags to riches when she inherited her late uncle's estate.

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