

Elementary - I'm in Debt (B0014)

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 outa here!

Key Vocabulary

trouble	<i>Verb, Present Simple</i>	disturb or bother
recession	<i>Noun (sin- gular)</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>Noun (non-count)</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>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>Noun (singular)</i>	amount of money borrowed
take out a loan	<i>Phrase</i>	borrow money
unemployed	<i>Adjective</i>	having no job
downturn	<i>Noun (singular)</i>	a time when the economy is worse than usual