## EPISODE 105 LEVEL B2

## **READING COMPREHENSION**





#### TOP TIPS FOR INVESTING IN THE STOCK MARKET

- Don't invest more than you can afford, or you could **lend yourself** (=get yourself in a difficult situation)in trouble
- Don't invest **off your own bat** (= it is your idea and you do it without help from others) –seek proper financial advice first
- **Err on the side of caution** (= be careful and not take many risks) if you don't have a lot of money to play with
- Don't let all the jargon **put you off** (= distract you, disturb you)—you'll pick it up as the time goes by
- Don't forget to add on (= include sth extra)the fees you will have to pay this could come to 4 percent
- Don't expect your investments to **bear fruit** (= have a successful result)immediately
- Remember shares go down as well as up, so go into it with your eyes open (= knowing that there could be problems in a situation)

**EXERCISE 1** 

Match the expression halves.

- 1) land
- 2) off your own
- 3) add on
- 4) time

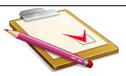
- 5) bear
- 6) with your eyes
- 7) come to
- 8) seek

- e. yourself a. fees
  - f. goes by
    - g. advice
    - h. bat

- b. fruit c. 3%
- d. open



# **ENGLISH IN USE**



ARTICLES - a / an / the / - /?
When we introduce new info or mention sth for the first time:a/ an
When we refer to sth which has already been mentioned:the
<ul> <li>When it is obvious what we are talking about:the</li> <li>e.g.: It's been more than a week and everybody's still talking about disaster.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>When we talk about things in general:</li> <li>(with sing C nouns):a good friend is a treasure.</li> <li>(with U nouns): rice is healthy.</li> <li>(with pl nouns): I prefer cats to dogs.</li> </ul>
When we specify sth: I lovethe carrots from our garden.
With jobs: He works asa doctor /lawyer etc.
With abstract ideas: love is better than hate.
With superlatives:the prettiest girl at school,the fastest car in the world
When describing a group of people:the poor,the unemployed
With names of nationalities (pl):the French,the Polish
With musical instruments: to playthe piano /the guitar
<ul> <li>With names of places with 'of' or 'United':the Bank of England,the UK</li> <li>the USA</li> </ul>

### **EXERCISE 2**

## FILL IN THE ARTICLES:

	1.	friendship is one of the most important things in love.	
	2.	We have to do something to help poor in our town.	
	3.	tomatoes are my favourite veggie.	
	4.	girls that I talked to at the party seemed really nice.	
	5.	'I bought new car last week.' 'Really? Where did you get car?'	
	6.	I love romantic comedies.	
	7.	She broke a leg while skiing and had to go to hospital.	
	8.	She spent the summer in United States.	
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		IDIOM CLOSE-UP	
ON THE BREADLINE = VERY POOR, WITH VERY LITTLE MONEY TO LIVE ON BAIL SB OUT = RESCUE SB FROM A DIFFICULT SITUATION, USUALLY WITH MONEY			
		PHRASAL VERBS CLOSE-UP	

FORK OUT ON STH = SPEND A LOT OF MONEY ON STH
BE WORSE OFF = BE POORER THAN BEFORE



1. My cousins have almost no money at all.

[worse] .....

#### **EXERCISE 3**

Transform the sentences so that they mean the same. Use the words in brackets.

[live]
[out]

NEW	
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#### MONEY LAUNDERING

"SAO PAULO, Brazil -- In the latest **crackdown** on corruption since protests exploded across the country in June, Brazilian police Thursday arrested four police officers and 15 others in a public pension scandal involving at least \$135 million. Federal police **allege** that public money in the pension scandal was diverted into built-to-fail investments and then routed through **fictitious** companies to pay off the participants in the **scam** and the police, which provided protection. In the last 18 months, \$135 million was taken out of money-laundering companies by "oranges," Brazilian Portuguese slang for people used to receive **ill-begotten** cash."

#### GLOSSARY:

- **CRACKDOWN** a situation in which someone starts to deal with bad or illegal behaviour in a more severe way
- **ALLEGE** to say that someone has done something illegal or wrong without giving proof:
- **FICTICIOUS** not real
- **SCAM** dishonest plan to make money
- -ILL-BEGGOTEN illegally obtained

#### **KEY TO EXERCISES**

1. e 2. h 3. a 4. f 5. b 6. d	
7. c 8. g	
Ex. 2	
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3.	tomatoes are my favourite veggie.
4.	the girls that I talked to at the party seemed really nice.
5.	'I boughta new car last week.' 'Really? Where did you getthe car?'
6.	I love romantic comedies.
7.	She broke a leg while skiing and had to go to hospital.
8.	She spent the summer inthe United States.
Ex.3	
1. My	cousins have almost no money at all.
	my cousins live on the breadline
	I had to fork out on skiing equipment
wors	e]I am always worse off