



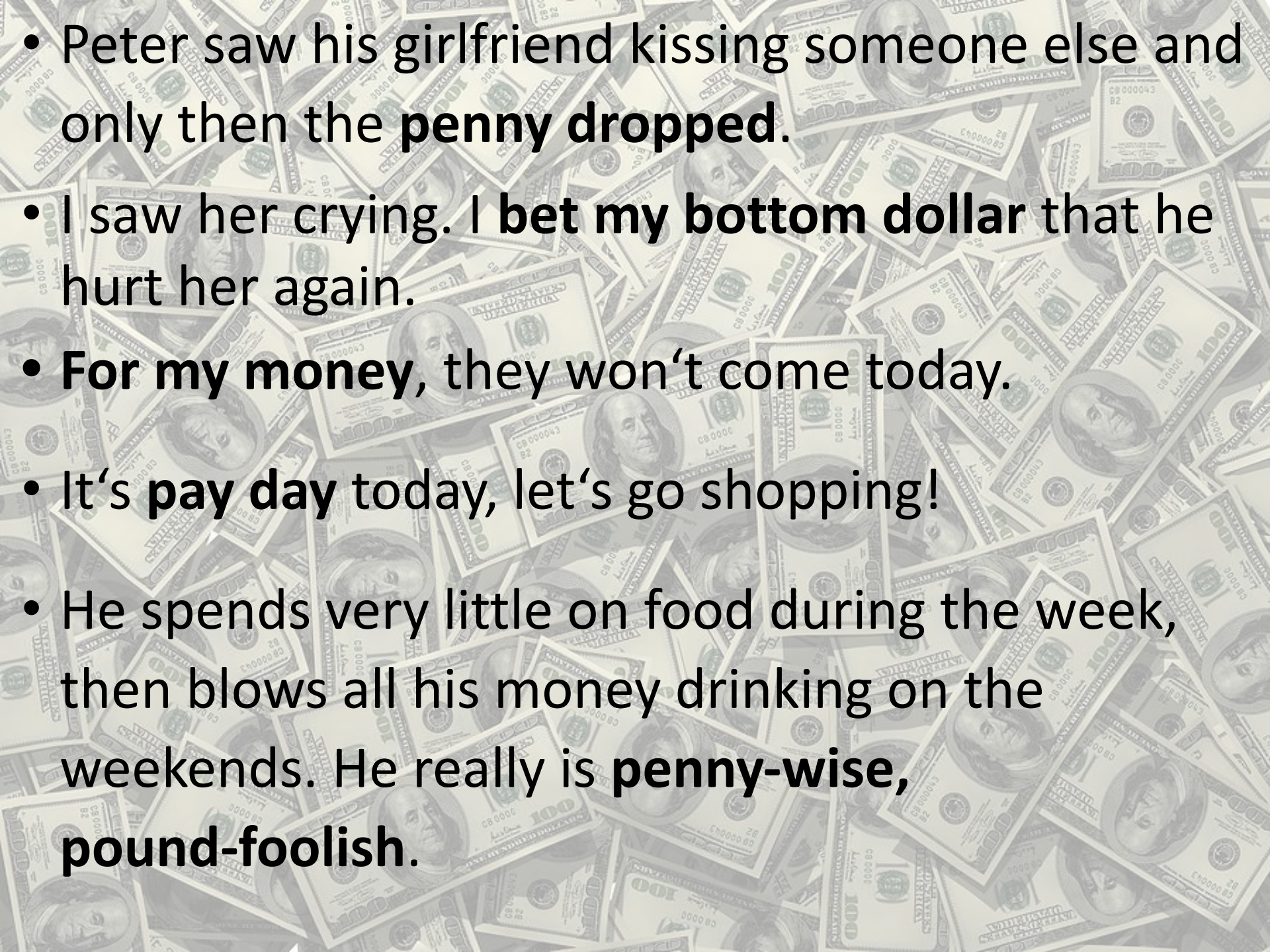
Money

speaking activity



Can you guess the meaning of these idioms?

- I **made a killing** by selling that old car.
- Even though they have **money to burn**, they don't waste it.
- She has a job that gives her **pin money** for extra treats for herself and her kids.
- Excuse me now please, I must go and **spend a penny**.
- I really liked it but it cost a **pretty penny**.



- Peter saw his girlfriend kissing someone else and only then the **penny dropped**.
- I saw her crying. I **bet my bottom dollar** that he hurt her again.
- **For my money**, they won't come today.
- It's **pay day** today, let's go shopping!
- He spends very little on food during the week, then blows all his money drinking on the weekends. He really is **penny-wise, pound-foolish**.



Solution

Q1 Make a killing

If you make a killing, you do something that makes you a lot of money.

Q2 Money to burn

If someone is very rich, they have money to burn.

Q3 Pin money

(UK) If you work for pin money, you work not because you need to but because it gives you money for extra little luxuries and treats.

Q4 Pink pound

(UK) In the UK, the pink pound is an idiom for the economic power of gay people.

Q5 Spend a penny

(UK) This is a euphemistic idiom meaning to go to the toilet.

Q6 Penny wise, pound foolish

Someone who is penny wise, pound foolish can be very careful or mean with small amounts of money, yet wasteful and extravagant with large sums.

Q7 The penny dropped

When the penny drops, someone belatedly understands something that everyone else has long since understood.

Q8 Bet your bottom dollar

(USA) If you can bet your bottom dollar on something, you can be absolutely sure about it.

Q9 Pay on the nail

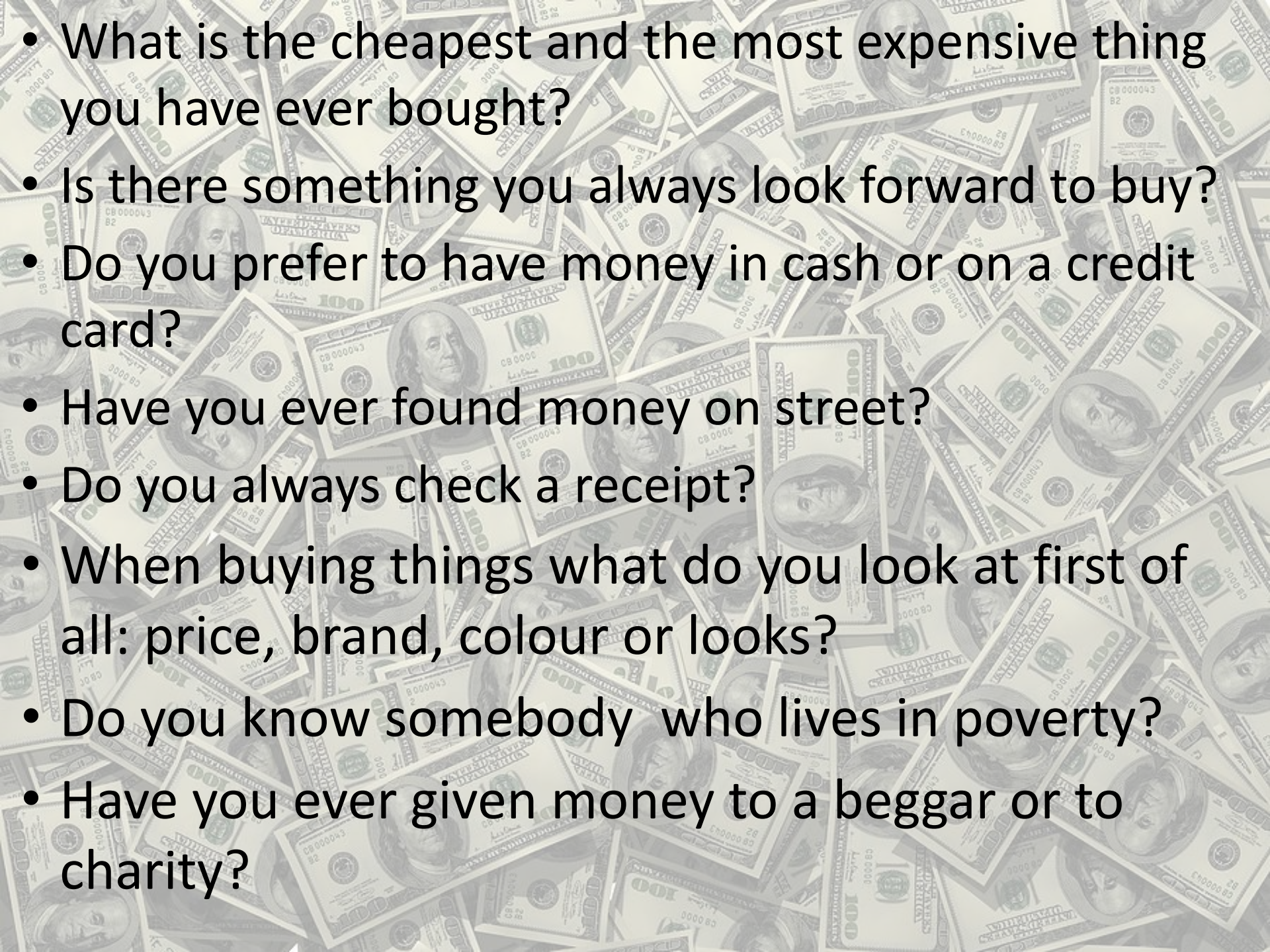
If you pay on the nail, you pay promptly in cash.

Q10 Pay your dues

If you have paid your dues, you have had your own struggles and earned your place or position.

Let's talk!

- Is it possible to do without money?
- Did you get pocket money? How often? How much?
- Did you spend it the same day or save it for later?
- What did you usually spend your pocket money on?
- Do you prefer coins or notes?
- Are you good at saving money?



- What is the cheapest and the most expensive thing you have ever bought?
- Is there something you always look forward to buy?
- Do you prefer to have money in cash or on a credit card?
- Have you ever found money on street?
- Do you always check a receipt?
- When buying things what do you look at first of all: price, brand, colour or looks?
- Do you know somebody who lives in poverty?
- Have you ever given money to a beggar or to charity?



That's it! You can go and spend a penny if you need.