



English Vocabulary Booster

Episode 6

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Money

Flat broke
Throw your money around
Shop around
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Be ripped off

My brother-in-law never had a lot of money. In fact, he was **flat broke** for most of his adult life. Well, that was until two years ago, when he finally started his own company and became incredibly successful. He made a lot of money very quickly. Since this was the first time he could actually afford to do it, he went a little crazy, you could say, and started **throwing his money around**, buying all sorts of useless things. One day he called me, he said he wanted to buy another car and wanted me to go with him. We **shopped around** for a few days and then he finally found the car he was looking for. It was a beautiful Mercedes. The car salesman kept insisting that it was **a steal**, that for \$75,000 it was a great car and it was impossible to beat that price. So, guess what? He bought it. A few days later we were driving by a car dealer and saw the exact same car, only its price was \$50,000. He had definitely been **ripped off**.



Flat broke - He was flat broke for most of his adult life.

- If you are flat broke, how much money do you have?
- How about in the bank?
- Was there a time in your life when you were flat broke? How old were you?

Throw your money around - He started throwing his money around.

- If you throw your money around, do you get money or spend money?
- If you throw your money around, do you spend it carefully or carelessly?
- Do you tend to throw your money around or do you spend it carefully?

Shop around - We shopped around for a few days.

- If you're shopping around, do you go to one place or many?
- Do you buy something in each place or do you just look?
- What is the purpose of shopping around? Finding the best deal or discovering new stores?
- Do you normally shop around before buying something?

A steal - It was a steal.

- Is a steal something stolen or bought?
- Is a steal something you buy for a higher or lower price than it is usually sold for?
- Is it a good thing to find a steal or is it a bad thing?
- Can you remember the last time you bought something thinking it was a steal?

Be ripped off - He had definitely been ripped off.

- If you get ripped off, are you charged more or less than you should be charged?
- When do you normally find out you've been ripped off, while paying or after paying?
- If someone rips you off, do they do it accidentally or on purpose?
- Have you ever been ripped off? When? What did you buy?

