

NOW PUT IT ALL TOGETHER.

I. Show Me the Money.

There are many slang ways of referring to money.

Money in general is *dough*, as in “She makes a lot of dough.” It’s also *bread* and *moolah*.

A large roll of bills is a *wad*, as in “He pulled a wad out of his pocket.”

Two bits is a quarter, as in “A phone call costs two bits.”

A dollar is a *buck*, as in “I spent six bucks on the movie.” And a *sawbuck* is five dollars. A *fin* is also five dollars.

When it comes to dollars in larger amounts, you can speak of *smackers*, *smackeroos*, *semolians*, and *clams*, as in “He dropped 50 clams at the racetrack.” \$100 is a *C-note*.

And when it comes to thousands, there are a number of options. \$5,000 is, for example, *5K*, *5 big ones*, *5 large*, *5 grand*, and *5 G’s*.

Other expressions are used for emphasis. “Jack paid a *pretty penny* for his new car (i.e., a lot of money).” “The long-distance call costs only *one thin dime*.” “I’m not paying him *one red cent*.” “Eric’s opinion isn’t worth a *plug nickel*.” The first two expressions tend to be used in a positive sense, and the last two are used in negative expressions.

II. Make up sentences using these expressions. Also, try using these expressions with your friends. You may begin to notice these slang expressions in movies and TV shows.