

## LIST OF IDIOMS WITH THE VERB PAY

idiom	meaning	example
if you pay peanuts, you get monkeys	if you pay low wages, the workers will be bad	My boss is always shouting about product standards. If you pay peanuts, you get monkeys.
pay one's dues	earn respect/rights/a position by hard work, experience, sacrifice	He paid his dues on the front line, now he's a General.
pay one's way	contribute, pay for oneself	Luke can come as long as he pays his way. I'm not made of money.
pay over the odds	pay more than something is really worth	I'm willing to pay over the odds for a Thai meal. It's my favourite type of food.
pay someone off	give someone the money you owe them or bribe	The CEO paid off his employees to keep them quiet about his illegal activities.
pay the price	suffer the consequences of your actions	If you don't quit smoking, you'll pay the price later in life.
pay through the nose	pay way too much	We paid through the nose for our house renovation.
pay top dollar	pay a lot of money for something	We pay top dollar for our children's school. We want them to have good jobs when they're older.
pay up-front	payment before you get the goods or services	I paid up-front for a wedding photographer, but he never came.

