

Business Idioms

LESSON 11

accounting(1)



bean counter

- an accountant

We asked the bean counters to look at the figures in the new budget.

bottom line

- the total, the final figure on a balance sheet, the results (of a business)

After we examined the bottom line of the company we decided not to invest in it.

break even

- to have expenses equal to profits

After only three months the company was able to break even and begin to make a profit.

budget crunch/squeeze

- a situation where there is not enough money in the budget

There is a severe budget squeeze at our company and we must stop wasting money.