

# Idioms A to Z 4: Idioms with money 1

In this episode, Kevin and Jack discuss talk about three idioms about money 💰

to **look like a million dollars/bucks**

to be **born with a silver spoon in your mouth**

to **go from rags to riches**

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*look like a million bucks*

*born with a silver spoon in one's mouth*

*go from rags to riches*

## Full Transcript

**Jack:**

You're listening to the A. to Z. English podcast.

**Kevin:**

Welcome to another idioms from A to Z. We're gonna give you three more idioms today that you can use and practice in your daily conversations and remember to check out our website for study guide with vocabulary notes and discussion as well as whats app and Facebook page links so you can use the Indians there with other people.

**Kevin:**

So for today we're gonna start with the money ATMs in you know Jackie you're looking pretty good is that a is that a new suit you know you look like a million Bucks but actually Jack if if I didn't know better I would say that you had been born with a silver spoon in your mouth.

**Jack:**

Oh no Kevin this is a very expensive suits but I went from rags to riches.

**Kevin:**

Well good for you.

**Jack:**

Thank you.

**Kevin:**

All right everybody so that we had three idioms in that I know that was kind of fast but did you catch them all.

**Jack:**

Yeah.

**Kevin:**

The first one let's just quickly tell you and then we'll explain them the first is to look like a million dollars or to look like a million bucks I think this one's kinda easy to understand.

**Jack:**

If you know what a what a buck is but again if you yeah and then.

**Kevin:**

To be born with a silver spoon in your mouth.

**Kevin:**

And finally to go from rags to riches, so let's start with that first one though the million dollars a million Bucks to look like a million bucks, Jack have you ever seen a million dollars?

**Jack:**

Have I ever seen a million dollars I have I only maybe on TV or something else I've seen like a pile of cash yeah I was never.

**Kevin:**

Goes movie yeah.

**Jack:**

Not in my bank account that's for sure.

**Kevin:**

But now I have seen a million maybe.

**Kevin:**

Other monies but a million dollars no so.

**Jack:**

Yeah.

**Kevin:**

I think I mean if you saw a million dollars of cash right in front of you what would you be thinking.

**Jack:**

I would be I would be nervous so I would be.

**Jack:**

Scared you know I've what's happening right now.

**Kevin:**

The confused why is there so much money but why that money how would it look it would look really good you know you want that.

**Kevin:**

Ours is a lot of money.

**Jack:**

Yes.

**Kevin:**

And that's what it means to look like a million dollars or to look like a million bucks and as you mentioned you know a buck is just a slang for a dollar right got five bucks in my wallet.

**Jack:**

Five dollars yeah.

**Kevin:**

Well it so if someone looks like a million bucks they look really good.

**Jack:**

Yeah we did look expensive you know that their clothes look expensive. Their hats look expensive. They're glad new hairstyle yeah they're hair is cut you perfectly it's you know very expensive.

**Jack:**

Hair salon or something so.

**Kevin:**

When you see famous actors and actresses when they are like at the awards ceremony.

**Jack:**

Yeah the red carpet.

**Kevin:**

Yeah exactly they try to look like a million bucks you know. They've got a great suit and makeup and hair style and fast fancy accessories and all of those things to look like a million bucks.

**Jack:**

And maybe have I don't know if our listeners would.

**Jack:**

I agree with this or not but I think.

**Kevin:**

Everybody has.

**Jack:**

A friend who is you know always dressed well and always looks like a million bucks you know right is that gonna very some more handsome or beautiful and also has a good fashion sense and you just say to them every time I see you just look like a million bucks you know they also yeah.

**Kevin:**

Yeah I'd like Jack I mean most of the time when I see you were dressed in just normal clothes.

**Jack:**

I look like I look like a buck maybe ten.

**Kevin:**

Because they.

**Jack:**

Yeah.

**Kevin:**

I know you showed me your wedding pictures a few years ago and there you and your wife looked like a million bucks and you were dressed perfectly. It was your special day. You looked like a million bucks on that one.

**Jack:**

Well thank you.

**Kevin:**

Yeah.

**Kevin:**

So our second one then is to be born with a silver spoon in your mouth and can you imagine a baby being born with anything in their mouth.

**Jack:**

This is you know a lot of these idioms are old you know expressions so then why don't we don't we don't necessarily understand these idioms ourselves because they're.

**Kevin:**

They're so old.

**Jack:**

But yeah I can't imagine a baby being born with any spoon in its mouth yeah.

**Kevin:**

Right.

**Jack:**

That would just be so bizarre.

**Kevin:**

No mention any baby maybe not being born with but at that a very young age of baby using a silver spoon or a golden spoon.

**Jack:**

To.

**Kevin:**

Eat their food with right. When you were a baby, what or when your daughter was a baby what spoon did she use?

**Jack:**

Well I'm a plastic in maybe a Hello Kitty on the end of it or something like that.

**Kevin:**

Right right so if you're born with a silver spoon in your mouth what does that mean?

**Jack:**

Yes being born with a silver spoon means your family is.

**Kevin:**

Rich basically.

**Jack:**

And so right when you when you feed the baby, you don't use a plastic spoon. You don't use a metal spoon. You use a silver spoon like a very up the most expensive spoon that you could buy and that's the that's the spoon that you were fed with when you were a baby by your parents or by your mother and so.

**Kevin:**

That's where the actually had all the best things when you're a kid so you're in Europe come from a very rich family you know like.

**Kevin:**

Steve was born with a silver spoon in his mouth so he always went to the best schools and had the best food and he had everything is wanted he wanted. His parents bought him a car right when he was old enough. You had everything everything that you needed.

**Jack:**

Yeah it's kind of a.

**Jack:**

It's it's kind of an expression it's not it's not necessarily negative but it's I mean it's it's got a little bit of a of a negative connotation, a little bit to say to someone you were born with a silver spoon in your mouth means you didn't accomplish anything. Everything is just given to you.

**Jack:**

You know you.

**Kevin:**

Got a free yeah parents gave it to them they didn't have to do anything for themselves.

**Jack:**

Yeah.

**Kevin:**

And then there is the exact opposite of our last idiom that me actually Jack what's the last one.

**Jack:**

Our last one is from rags to riches from rags to riches.

**Kevin:**

Really quick let's define what a rag first just so everyone knows a rag.

**Jack:**

A rag is like is not even a cloth. It's a piece of cloth you know yeah and it's dirty. It's ripped. It's torn. It's stained.

**Kevin:**

It's just.

**Jack:**

Like if I was.

**Kevin:**

A towel many years ago your dad used it to clean the car and yeah and clean everything else and it's just an old dirty piece of fabric yeah so if you go from rags to riches I think this one's.

**Kevin:**

What easy to understand actually if someone goes from rags to riches. We can kind of guess what that means you know. You go from rags, you've got nothing, you know your clothes are made with these dirty old rags yeah with a rag or you.

**Jack:**

Look like rags because they're gotten so dirty and torn, it looks like you're wearing rags you know old rags yeah.

**Kevin:**

Exactly but you've gone from rags to riches.

**Kevin:**

So now you're quite well off. Now you've got a lot of money, and so for this one, this is the opposite. You were born with a silver spoon is you just get everything. Rick rags to riches means you work hard and you really earned whatever it is that you have today.

**Jack:**

Yeah and it means you went from poor to rich in your lifetime you know, so it's not it's not a generational thing where you know like slowly over time. It's just you started with nothing and now you are rich and it's not born with a silver spoon. A silver spoon is your grandfather was rich, your father was rich, and your children will be rich. It's not like that. This is the opposite of that. It's like you said, that you work hard and you make a lot of money and you become rich but you started with nothing.

**Kevin:**

Yep and that's kind of like a lot of people's dreams are to go from rags to riches and when you hear those stories in the news, they are always a really good feeling story. He went from rags to riches. Wow good job. I knew we really admired him and look up to those people.

**Jack:**

Absolutely yeah.

**Kevin:**

Nice.

**Kevin:**

Well there's three more just to review for everyone we've got looking like a million dollars, like a million Bucks you look fantastic today or they were born with a silver spoon in their mouths or they went from rags to riches.

**Jack:**

There you go everybody now.

**Kevin:**

After you listen to our podcast see if your friends tell you that you look like a million bucks.

**Jack:**

There you go yeah right.

**Kevin:**

Well thanks everybody for listening. Remember you can go to our Whats app group or other social media from the show notes or our web page and join in the discussion group.

**Kevin:**

These idioms in our in our chats or replying to a web page you know give us an example of where a time that you could use from rags to riches or to be born with a silver spoon in your mouth do you know anyone or any famous actors or actresses or other famous people who fit any of these.

**Jack:**

That's right hand.

**Kevin:**

If you if you can of course leave us a comment on Apple podcasts that would really help. Thanks everybody for listening and we'll see you next time.

**Jack:**

Bye bye.