

## Idioms: M

### **Make a killing**

- to make a lot of money (by selling something or by investing, for example)

### **Man's best friend**

- "Man's best friend" refers to dogs.

### **Meet (someone) halfway**

- to compromise



### **Mind your own business**

#### **None of your business**

- You say this to someone when what you are doing/saying does not concern someone else. (*For example: If I keep asking questions about your personal life, you can say, "Mind your own business!" or "None of your business!" because I shouldn't be asking these questions.*)

### **Money doesn't grow on trees**

- This means that money doesn't come easily; you have to *earn* it. (Parents often say this when their children want to borrow money.)

### **Music to my ears**

- If something is "music to your ears," then it is exactly what you want to hear or makes you very happy to hear it.

### **My hands are tied**

- This means that you are unable to act or react to a situation, for some reason.

## Give Advice with Idioms!

*Using the idioms on the previous page, give advice or responses to these people:*

**May:** How much do you weigh? How much money do you have? What is in your hand? What is in your pocket??

**Response:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mickey:** Can I borrow some money, Mom? I want to buy a necklace for my girlfriend's birthday.

**Response:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Melissa:** Jake said he will buy my car for \$10,000, but I was hoping to sell it for \$12,000.

**Advice:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Now, fill in the blanks with suitable idioms:*

Mark opened a pet shop three years ago, and it is very successful. He has \_\_\_\_\_ selling dogs, cats, birds, and other animals. I went to visit him at his store, and I couldn't believe the noise!

"It's so noisy here," I said.

Mark just said, "That's how I make my money. It's \_\_\_\_\_!"

"Those poor dogs!" I said. "You shouldn't keep them in cages! Dogs are \_\_\_\_\_! That's mean!"

Mark just shrugged his shoulders and said, " \_\_\_\_\_ " because that's how he makes his money.