Business Idioms

LESSON 12

accounting(2)



carry over figures/numbers/costs

- to transfer a figure/number/cost from one column or time to another Our company has financial problems and we must carry over last year's losses to this year.

close the books

- to stop taking orders, to end a bookkeeping period

The company will close the books at the end of December.

crunch numbers

- to do mathematical calculations

Our accountant loves to crunch numbers and he is one of the top managers in our company.

figure out (something)

- to find an answer by thinking about something

Everyone is trying to figure out what our boss is going to do with the new equipment.