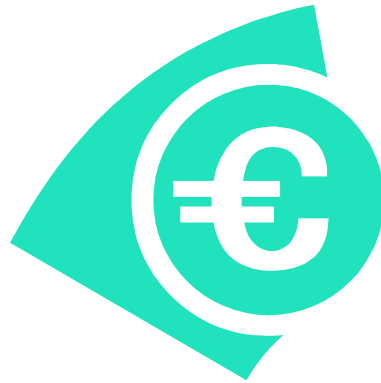


Business Idioms

LESSON 14

Accounting(4)



a number cruncher

- an accountant, someone who works with numbers

Our president is a good number cruncher and he understands the finances of our company.

red ink

- debt (the red ink on a financial statement)

The automobile company has much red ink because of the bad economic conditions.

saddled with debt

- to be burdened with debt

Our company is saddled with debt and must do something about it quickly.

write off (a loan/debt)

- to remove a loan/debt from a business record, to cancel a debt

It was impossible for the bank to collect the money so they were forced to write off the loan.