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## New Year's Resolutions: A Fresh Start!

As the New Year begins, people around the world reflect on the past and set goals for the future. These goals, called New Year's resolutions, are promises we make to ourselves to improve or try something new.

For English learners like you, New Year's resolutions are a great way to focus on improving your language skills. Here are some ideas to inspire you:

**Learn a New Word Every Day:** Challenge yourself to learn one new English word daily. Write it in a notebook, use it in sentences, and practice saying it aloud.

**Watch English TV Shows or Movies:** Pick shows with subtitles to improve your listening and reading skills at the same time.

**Listen to podcasts:** while you are driving, cooking, or even working out

**Read for Fun:** Choose books, magazines, or websites in English about topics you enjoy. Reading helps improve vocabulary and grammar naturally.

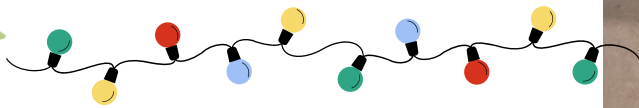
What's your New Year's resolution? Write it down, share it with a friend, and get ready to make this your best year yet!  
Happy New Year! 🎉

Remember, it's okay to start small. Even small changes can lead to big improvements over time. The key is consistency—practice a little each day and celebrate your progress!

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# Thank you for sharing your Christmas Trees



From Monta in Latvia



From Manuela  
in Italy



From Tiziano in Italy



From Ana in Brazil



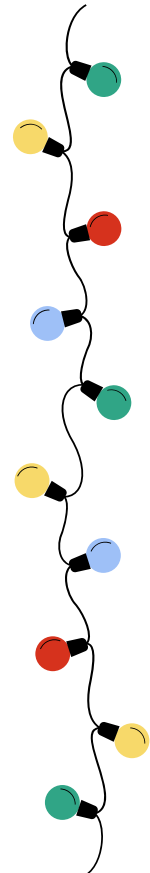
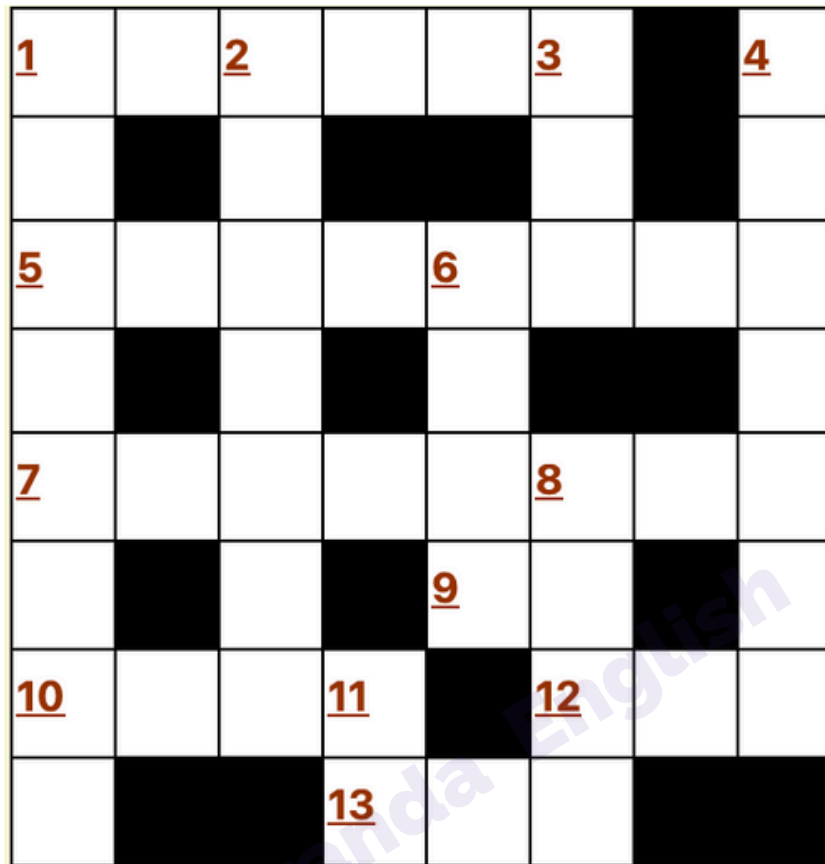
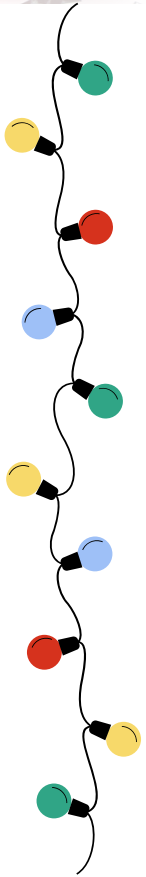
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# Business English

A Crossword for you to enjoy while you put your feet up and enjoy the holiday season



## Across

1. Money made from business or commerce
5. An ongoing expense of operating a business
7. To sell at a cheaper price than a competitor
9. Abbreviation for "executive order"
10. Connections between people or businesses
12. Polite word used when speaking to a man
13. Abbreviation for "overhead transparency"

## Down

1. Things that a company makes and sells
2. Not paid by the due date
3. Our office is on \_\_\_ tenth floor.
4. Someone who inspects financial records
6. To employ someone
8. Expense
11. We wanted to retire \_\_\_ we sold our business.

# Business English Game: Banking Vocabulary



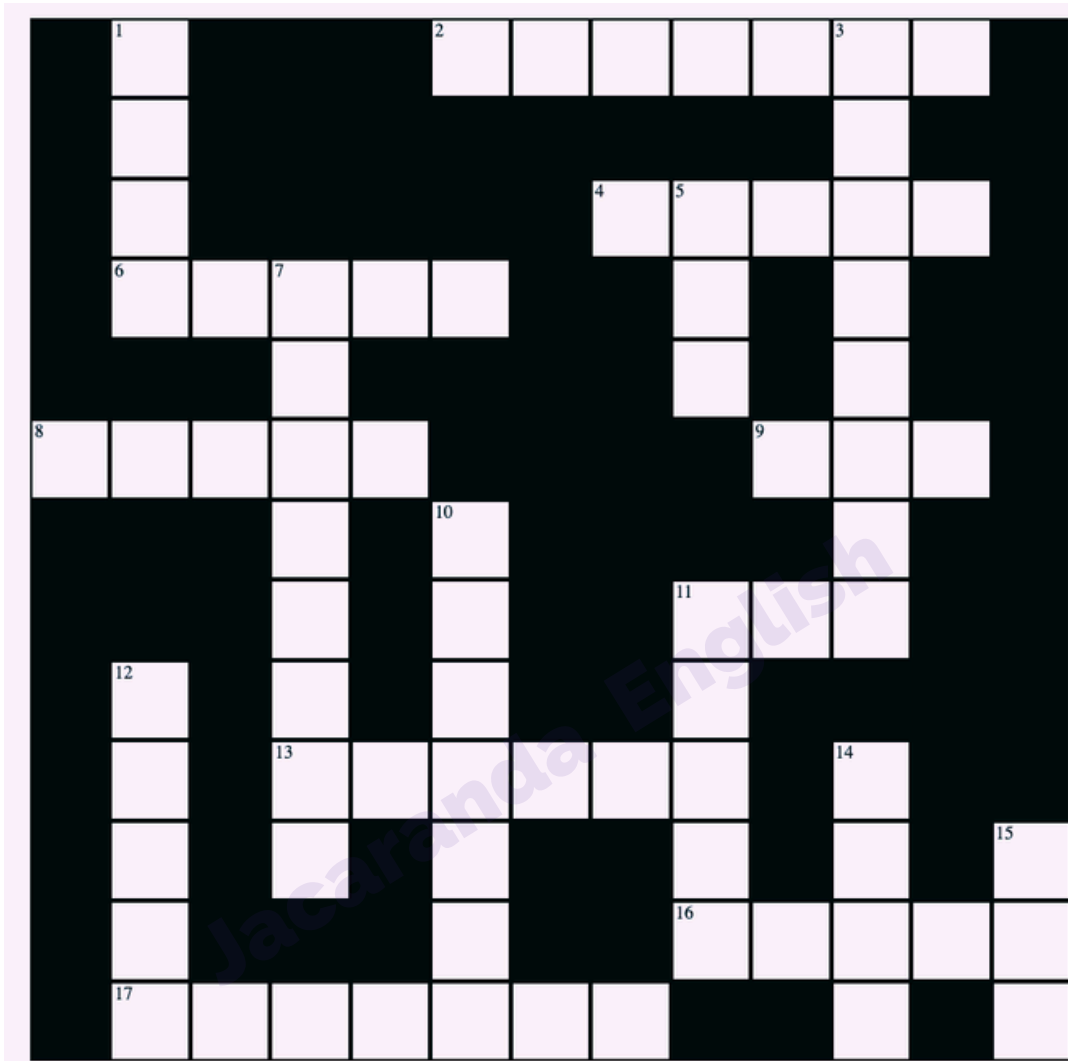
Complete each sentence with a word from the list:

**bank fees collateral deposit exchange fixed-term interest loans  
money rate transfer withdraw**

1. Banks provide a secure place in which you can keep your .
2. You can open a savings account and then  your money into the account.
2. If you deposit money in an account, you'll receive regular payments called .
3. The amount of interest you receive depends on your bank's interest .
4. Interest rates are usually higher for a  deposit, with higher rates for longer periods.
5. If you make a 12-month fixed-term deposit, you cannot  the money for 12 months.
6. Banks also provide  to customers who must repay the amount and also pay interest.
7. Banks usually require  for a loan, or assets they can seize if the loan isn't repaid.
8. To move money from your account to someone else's, ask your bank to  the funds.
9. You can change money from one currency into another at a currency  service.
10. Banks make a profit by investing or lending depositors' money and by charging .



# A fun crossword for our Young Learners: insects & animals



## Across

2. Spiders, flies and bees are all \_\_\_\_\_. (7)
4. A dangerous sea creature. Spielberg made a film about one. (5)
6. A large bird of prey. An important American symbol. (5)
8. The blue \_\_\_\_\_ is the largest animal in the world. (5)
9. We get bacon from this animal. (3)
11. This insect makes honey. (3)
13. A frightening eight-legged insect. (6)
16. The French like to eat this slow-moving creature. (5)
17. A large cat with spots. (7)

## Down

1. The plural of 'mouse'. (4)
3. This slow-moving animal lives a very long time. (8)
5. A female chicken. (3)
7. This type of fish is often kept as a pet. (8)
10. A very large ape. (7)
11. Parrots, owls and eagles are all \_\_\_\_\_. (5)
12. A working animal often found in the desert. (5)
14. Think Winnie-the-Pooh, Paddington and Baloo. (4)
15. A very common insect found almost everywhere. (3)



# Spotlight on: The Jacaranda Tree

## Why “Jacaranda”

For me there is an emotional connection and fond memories of springtime associated with Jacaranda trees. Growing up in Southern Africa, Jacarandas were prevalent in my city, their vibrant purple colour created visually stunning landscapes and when the trees shed their flowers they created a purple carpet effect on the ground. You can imagine just how magical the scene was!

### Jacaranda Tree (*Jacaranda mimosifolia*)

- The Jacaranda tree is a popular ornamental tree known for its striking clusters of purple or bluish flowers and fern-like leaves.
- It is native to: South America, particularly Brazil, Argentina, and Bolivia, Southern Africa, Australia.
- It has been widely cultivated in tropical and subtropical regions around the world. Jacaranda trees are celebrated for their beauty, adaptability, and cultural significance.







Firstly, thank you so much for your support throughout the year. It has been a joy working with all of you and getting to know some wonderful new students. I look forward to continuing our partnership in 2025!



I wish you all a wonderful festive season and a Happy New Year 2025!

*Stay connected!*



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