

# Topic

**Conversation for Idioms** 

**Lesson 5 Lifestyle** 

### Lead-in







A live beyond one's means

B live from hand to mouth

keep up with the Joneses

keep up appearances

1. Jane keeps up with the Joneses by buying expensive things even though she doesn't need them.

#### Origin

The phrase originates with the comic strip "Keeping Up with the Joneses". The strip depicts the social climbing McGinis family, who struggle to "keep up" with their neighbors, the Joneses of the title.



2. Despite his disappointment with his test results, he keeps up appearances by smiling.

- Why do you think some people keep up appearances?
- Describe a situation where you had to keep up appearances.



3. Felix lives beyond his means so he is facing bankruptcy now.

What does the idiom mean?

spending more money than one can afford

working hard to earn more money



- 4. When my father lost his job, we lived from hand to mouth.
- Which picture best describes the meaning of the idiom?





## **Quick Review**

live beyond one's means spending more money than one can afford

keep up with
the Joneses
not to be outdone
with one's neighbors

"live"

Lifestyle

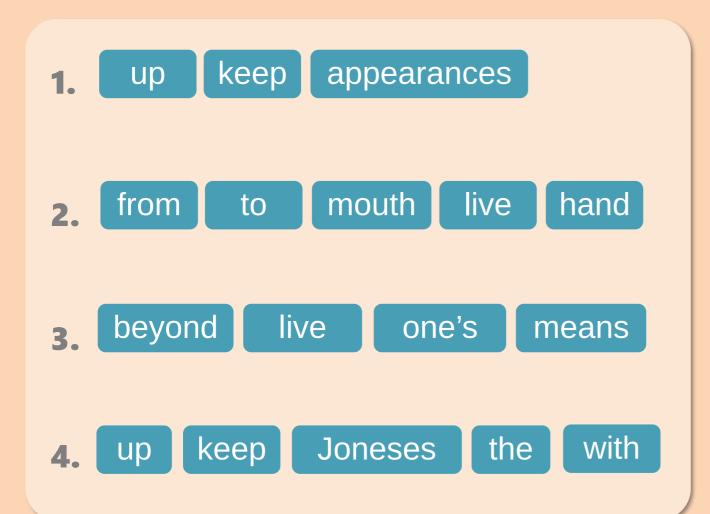
"keep up"

live from hand to mouth

have hardly enough food or money to live on



keep up
appearances
to hide something
bad by pretending
that nothing is wrong



- a. not to be outdone by one's neighbors
- b. spending more money than one can afford
- c. have hardly enough food or money to live on
- d. to hide something bad by pretending that nothing is wrong

live beyond one's means live from hand to mouth

keep up with the Joneses keep up appearances

- 1. I used to resulting in huge debts.
- 2. The reason why I bought this car is to I don't want to lose to them.
- 3. We when our business went bankrupt due to the pandemic.
- 4. Though they are fighting, they of their teacher by acting all nice.



