

How British is your Financial English?

A test of where your Business English comes from

Write the word that **you** most often use in English to say each of the things below in the gaps given, leaving any which you are not sure about blank for now. More help will be given later.

Another name for 'business': _____

The time when all the people who own part of the company can gather together and ask the management questions and vote: _____

An organisation that specialises in lending to house buyers: _____

The number that tells you inflation in the prices of ordinary day-to-day products:

Paper that shows you own part of a company: _____

A person who owns that paper, and therefore part of the company: _____

A collection of workers that looks after their rights: _____

The list of rules that a company decides it will operate by: _____

Where you put your day-to-day money in a bank, not savings: _____

The top manager that is involved in day to day running of the business:

The head of the company: _____

Paper money, e.g. a five dollar...: _____

The electronic 'hole in the wall' that gives you cash: _____

The share price of one company that gives an indication of what will happen to the whole stock market: _____

The amount of interest that the central bank lends to other banks at: _____

Money lent to cover the time between when you have to pay something and when your money comes in: _____

If there were any words you weren't sure about above, choose from the options below, again just choosing the word that you are most likely to use (or think you would be most likely to use, because you like the sound of it, etc).

Another name for 'business'

- a) corporation/ b) company

The time when all the people who own part of the company can gather together and ask the management questions and vote

- a) Annual General Meeting (AGM)/ b) Annual Stockholders Meeting

An organisation that specializing in lending to house buyers

- a) a savings and loan association/ b) a building society

The number that tells you inflation in the prices of ordinary day-to-day products

- a) Retail Price Index (RPI)/ b) Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Paper that shows you own part of a company: a) stock/ b) share

A person who owns that paper, and therefore part of the company

- a) a stockholder/ b) a shareholder

A collection of workers that looks after their rights: a) a labor union/ b) a trade union

The list of rules that a company decides it will operate by

- a) bylaws/ b) articles of association

Where you put your day-to-day money in a bank, not savings

- a) a current account/ b) a checking account

The top manager that is involved in day to day running of the business

- a) a CEO (Chief Executive Officer)/ b) an MD (Managing Director)

The head of the company: the President/ b) the Chairman

Paper money, e.g. a five dollar...: a) a note/ b) a bill

The electronic 'hole in the wall' that gives you cash:

- a) an ATM/ b) a cash dispenser/ c) a cash machine

The share price of one company that gives an indication of what will happen to the whole stock market: a) a bellweather stock/ b) a barometer stock

The amount of interest that the central bank lends to other banks at

- a) the prime rate/ b) the base rate

Money lent to cover the time between when you have to pay something and when your money comes in

- a) a bridge loan/ b) a bridging loan

Say how British or American you think your choices are, then check below.

Answer key

The word in **bold** below is the British English expression. See who in class has the most British and the most American English.

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