Do you know the idiom ‘costs an arm and a leg’?
Do you know what ‘costs an arm and a leg’ means?

When we say something ‘costs an arm and a leg’ we mean it is extremely expensive.

Another phrase that means the same thing is: ‘costs a fortune’.
Origins: the story

Although the exact origin is unknown, it is thought that this idiom originated during the first or second world war.

During these wars, many soldiers lost limbs, which was a very high cost for them to pay for their country.
Examples

1. Those shoes cost an arm and a leg!

2. Summer holidays can cost an arm and a leg, it might be better for us to go away in February half term.
Consider

• When have you noticed something costing an arm and a leg?

• How did the cost affect your feelings towards it?

• When might it be worth paying an arm and a leg for something?

• Are there any times that we shouldn’t pay an arm and a leg?