

A cartoon illustration of three children with orange, brown, and blonde hair, all smiling and holding a large black sign. The sign has the words 'SPOKEN ENGLISH' written in white, bold, serif capital letters. The sign is underlined. The children are standing behind the sign, and their legs are visible at the bottom. Two pieces of white chalk are lying on the floor in front of the sign.

SPOKEN ENGLISH

Manvi : The New Year is just around the corner. It's time to shop around for bargains.

Mohit : Yeah, you're right. Everything is sky-high nowadays and I'm fed up with cutting corners just to make ends meet.



Manvi : Why don't you cut down on smoking then?

Mohit : You may say I'm making excuses. But it does give me some solace.

Manvi : Get out of here!



Vocabulary



- **Around the corner: very near.**
- **Shop around: to go to several shops before you decide what to buy.**



- **Sky-high: very high.**
- **To be fed up with: annoyed, unhappy, or bored, especially with a situation that has existed for a long time.**



- **Cut corners: do something so as to save time or money.**
- **Make ends meet: to have enough money to buy what you need to live.**



- **Cut down on: to do or use less of something.**
- **Make an excuse: to give a reason for doing something you shouldn't do.**



- **Give solace: to help and comfort when you are feeling sad or worried.**
- **Get out of here!: used to express disbelief.**



➤ मेरा नया घर पास ही है।



➤ **My new place is just around the corner.**



➤ अच्छे दिन आने वाले है ।



➤ **There were good times around the corner.**



➤ पहली कार देखते ही न खरीदे। थोड़ा मार्किट में घूम के कीमतों का पता लगाए।



➤ **Don't buy the first car you see:
shop around a bit.**



➤ फ़िलहाल कीमते आस्मां छु रही है।



➤ **Prices are sky-high at the moment.**



➤ तेल की कीमत आस्मां छूने लगी जब युद्ध छिड़ा ।



➤ **The price of oil went sky-high when war broke out.**



➤ मैं खर्चे नहीं चला सकती अपने थोड़े से तन्खा में।



➤ **I can't make ends meet on my small salary.**





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