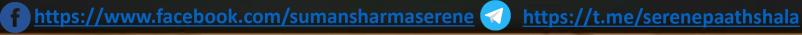


Manvi: The New Year is just around the corner. It's time to shop around for bargains.

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





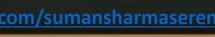




Manvi: Why don't you cut down on smoking then?

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

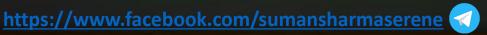
Manvi: Get out of here!

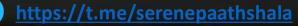




## Vocabulary









> Around the corner: very near.

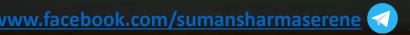
> Shop around: to go to several shops before you decide what to buy.





> 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.





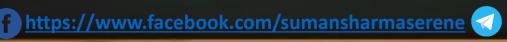
> Give solace: to help and comfort when you are feeling sad or worried.

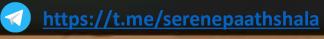
Get out of here!: used to express disbelief.





## > मेरा नया घर पास ही है।

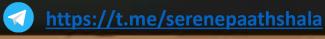






My new place is just around the corner.







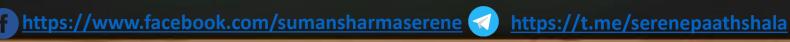


## अच्छे दिन आने वाले है।





> There were good times around the corner.

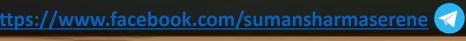








पहली कार देखते ही न खरीदे। थोड़ा मार्किट में घूम के कीमतों का पता लगाए।





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









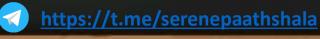
> फ़िलहाल कीमते आस्मां छु रही है।





> Prices are sky-high at the moment.





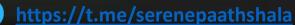




> तेल की कीमत आस्मां छूने लगी जब युद्ध छिड़ा।









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



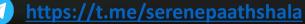




मैं खर्चे नहीं चला सकती अपने थोड़े से तन्खा में।









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







