



Misaeng (An Incomplete Life) is the story about corporate office workers in the fictional trading company One International, a story which deeply resonated with its viewers and became a cultural phenomenon for its vivid portrayal of the corporate world. This series revolves around the protagonist Jang Geu-Rae (Yim Si-Wan), as he and other employees at the company tread their way through the grueling world of corporate life as “Misaeng”.
Let's learn English through Misaeng!

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Upon being handed a project that goes against his principles, Manager Oh comes up with an excuse to avoid taking it on, only to be presented with his boss's company credit card.

Manager Oh: We've got to find a way! A way to shut him up and make him give up for good.

Operating costs! We don't have much left, right?

Department Head Kim: What? You're short on operating costs?

Manager Oh: Yes. Even if I really want to do it, I can't because we don't have the operating expenses.

Department Head Kim: Is that right? Use mine. If you're short, bring me the simplified receipts. I'll take care of them all.

1. Today's Expression

“be short on ~”

(~이 부족하다)

Today's expression is “to be short on ~”. When you say that you're short on something, it means that you don't have enough of something. For example, instead of saying “I don't have enough money,” you can say “I'm short on money.” You can substitute time or food for money as well. You can even use this expression to describe a person. For example, you can say “He is short on self-confidence” to mean that the person lacks self-confidence.

Also, you can use this expression to express exactly how much less of something you have than what is needed.

» be <amount> short

» be short (by) <amount>

For instance, if you need \$5 more, you could say “I'm \$5 short” or “I'm short (by) \$5”.

Interestingly enough, you can use the word “shy” for the same meaning in this case. Just replace “short” with “shy” and say “I am \$5 shy” or “I'm shy (by) \$5”.

2. Special Tip!

“operating costs”

(운영비, 영업 경비)

Operating costs refer to the expenses which are associated with* the maintenance* and administration of day-to-day business. You can also refer to them as operational costs or operating expenses. Operating costs include accounting and legal fees, bank charges, sales and marketing costs, travel expenses, office supply costs, rent, utility expenses*, salary and wage expenses, etc.

Operating costs fall into two general categories: fixed costs and variable costs. Fixed costs are expenses that remain the same regardless of what state the business is in, such as rent. Variable costs, on the other hand, are costs which may increase depending on the business's productivity level.

* be associated with~ ~와 연관되다, 관련되다 maintenance (건물 · 기계 등을 정기적으로 점검 · 보수하는) 유지 utility expenses (=utility costs) 수도 · 전기 · 가스 비용