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EXERCISE A: Match the idioms in column A with their meanings in column B.

A

1. jump on the bandwagon
2. by word of mouth
3. bang for the buck
4. plug a product
5. run an ad

B

- a. verbally rather than in writing
- b. to advertise a product
- c. good value for the money spent
- d. to put an advertisement in a publication
- e. to follow something that is popular

EXERCISE B: Complete the following sentences by filling in the appropriate idioms.

plugging a product
bang for the buck

run an ad
jumped on the bandwagon

by word of mouth

1. Famous celebrities instantly make millions just by _____.
2. The company will _____ to inform the public about their new product.
3. Tom got much _____ when he posted about selling his collection of video game consoles on Facebook.
4. Most of the companies _____ after the product sold out.
5. The newly-opened restaurant got a lot of customers by _____ advertising.

EXERCISE C: Make sentences using the learned idioms.

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.
4. _____.
5. _____.

EXERCISE D: Answer your teacher's questions.

1. Where do you see advertisements?
2. What is the most popular media for advertising?
3. What was your favorite commercial or advertisement?
4. What was your least favorite advertisement?
5. What is a brand?
6. What makes you buy a certain brand over another?
7. Do you always buy the same brands of certain products?
8. What do you think of celebrity endorsements?
9. What could be a downside of using a celebrity endorsement?
10. Do you think advertisements lie?

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1. crash and burn
2. die a natural death
3. a happy accident
4. more by accident than by design
5. an accident waiting to happen

B

- a. to fail completely
- b. because of luck and not of skill
- c. to fade away
- d. potentially dangerous situations
- e. an unplanned but pleasant situation

EXERCISE B: Complete the following sentences by filling in the appropriate idioms.

die a natural death
an accident waiting to happen

crashed and burned
more by accident than by design

a happy accident

1. Winning a million bucks in the lottery was _____.
2. That fault in the car brake is just _____.
3. The fame that celebrities have now will _____ over time.
4. His victory in the competition was _____.
5. The experiment _____, which is the reason why they have to start over again.

EXERCISE C: Make sentences using the learned idioms.

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.
4. _____.
5. _____.

EXERCISE D: Answer your teacher's questions.

1. What kind of accidents happen at home? Why do they happen?
2. What are the most common accidents that happen in the office?
3. What is the most dangerous thing in your home for an elderly person? How can it be made less dangerous?
4. Have you ever been involved in an accident? Were you injured?
5. Have you ever seen an accident right before your eyes?
6. What's the most tragic accident that happened in your country?
7. How can a person avoid traffic accidents?
8. If you were involved in a car accident, who would you call first?
9. Are traffic accidents more common in winter than in other seasons?
10. Do you feel safe in your own office/school?

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1. shopping therapy
2. window shopping
3. shop around
4. talk shop
5. shop till you drop

B

- a. to see a place and compare prices
- b. to speak one's profession or that are related to job
- c. the act of buying things to make oneself happier
- d. to go shopping for a long time until you get tired
- e. the activity of looking at the goods on sale

EXERCISE B: Complete the following sentences by filling in the appropriate idioms.

shopping therapy
window shopping

shop till we drop
talks shop

shop around

1. I'm planning to buy my mom a Christmas gift so I'm going to go _____.
2. Every time my family comes home for the holidays, we _____.
3. I'm a little stressed out right now. I'm definitely going to need some _____.
4. Whenever I buy a smartphone, I usually _____ first before finally buying one.
5. In our circle of friends, Mark's the dullest. He always _____.

EXERCISE C: Make sentences using the learned idioms.

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.
4. _____.
5. _____.

EXERCISE D: Answer your teacher's questions.

1. What's your favorite place to shop? Why?
2. Are you a price conscious shopper? What is your opinion of discount stores?
3. Do you enjoy shopping? How often do you go shopping? How much time do you spend each time you go?
4. What was the last thing you bought for yourself? Where did you buy it? Why did you buy it?
5. Do you compare prices at different stores when you shop?
6. Is it important for you to own designer clothes? Why or why not?
7. How important is it for you to be up to date with the latest fashions?
8. How important is good customer service when you are shopping?
9. When you buy something, do you read the label? Why or why not?
10. What kind of clothes do you like best? Do you have a favorite type of fabric? Are a lot of your clothes one color or pattern?

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1. cream of the crop
2. show the ropes
3. trick of the trade
4. all work and no play
5. (to) be paid peanuts

B

- a. to have a minimum salary
- b. the best of the group
- c. skillful technique in doing things like in job with a little bit of dishonesty
- d. to give details on how to do the job
- e. focus on work and no chance to have fun

EXERCISE B: Complete the following sentences by filling in the appropriate idioms.

paid peanuts cream of the crop	all work and no play showing the ropes	tricks of the trade
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1. I'm worried about my dad's health being that he's a workaholic. He's _____.
2. Despite that she's _____, Ali still enjoys her job.
3. Sally is the school's _____. She has always been at the top her class.
4. He has been a financial consultant for 20 years. He knows all the _____.
5. Emma is resigning next month. She's now busy _____ to her replacement.

EXERCISE C: Make sentences using the learned idioms.

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.
4. _____.
5. _____.

EXERCISE D: Answer your teacher's questions.

1. How do you look for a job?
2. What do you consider when applying for a job? (salary, tasks, boss, working environment etc.)
3. What's the most ideal job for you?
4. How many jobs have you ever taken including part-time jobs?
5. How did you feel when you received your first salary? What did you do with it?
6. What are the highest-paying jobs in your country?
7. Would you like to be a doctor, a pilot or a typical businessman? Why?
8. What's the most common question asked during a job interview?
9. What do you think about the job of a mortician?
10. If you were given a chance to change your job, what job would you like to have?

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1. stand a chance
2. make it big
3. come of age
4. go out with a bang
5. in the ascendant

B

- a. to develop completely or successfully
- b. becoming more popular or powerful than other people or things
- c. to have a chance to do something successfully
- d. to become successful or famous
- e. to be very exciting and successful

EXERCISE B: Complete the following sentences by filling in the appropriate idioms.

made it big
stands a chance

go out with a bang
come of age

in the ascendant

1. Jane is pretty but she's too shy and timid. I don't think she _____ in the competition.
2. It took her several auditions and harsh criticisms before she _____ in the entertainment industry.
3. We take part in the events organized by Jack and Rose Events Company, because they are _____.
4. This is the biggest event of the year. Everyone expects that it will _____.
5. After several years of practice and self-improvement, her wonderful talent has _____.

EXERCISE C: Make sentences using the learned idioms.

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.
4. _____.
5. _____.

EXERCISE D: Answer your teacher's questions.

1. What's your idea of success?
2. Describe a successful person.
3. Why is money the most common way of judging success?
4. Do you set goals to be successful?
5. What are some of your goals?
6. Are goals necessary to achieve success?
7. What success have you had lately?
8. Do you believe that people must work hard to become successful? Why or why not?
9. Can you think of some successful people in your country? What do they do? How do you think they did it?
10. What do you consider to be the best way to become successful?