

IDIOMS

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

out of pocket	fits like a glove	all dressed up
tighten our belts	wearing her heart on her sleeve	

1. The girls were _____ for the party.
2. The money that I spent on my business trip was all_____.
3. If we want to go on a holiday to Europe this year we will have to _____ and begin to save more money.
4. My new dress _____ so I'm very happy.
5. The girl is _____ and everybody knows that she is having problems with her boyfriend.

EXERCISE C: Make sentences using the learned idioms.

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

EXERCISE D: Answer your teacher's questions.

1. What is fashion?
2. What kind of clothes do you usually wear?
3. What do you look for when you buy clothes?
4. Do you think it is important to wear fashionable clothes?
5. What is Street Fashion? What do you think of it?
6. How often do you go shopping for clothes?
7. What do you think about men who wear earrings?
8. What differences have you noticed in the fashions here and in your country?
9. What would you do or feel if you were refused entry somewhere because of what you are wearing?
10. Have you ever gotten an item of clothing tailored? When? What was it for?

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Look at the pictures. Can you guess what the topic idiom is about?



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

A

1. fish out of water
2. get a grip
3. tongue-tied
4. written all over the face
5. head over heels

B

- a. a person who falls passionately in love with another
- b. feel uncomfortable in unfamiliar surroundings
- c. have a difficulty in expressing oneself because of embarrassment and nervousness
- d. try to control one's feelings so as to be able to deal with a situation
- e. someone's feelings or thoughts are very clear

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

tongue-tied	fish out of water	head over heels
got a grip	written all over the old lady's face	

1. As a non-golfer, I felt like a _____ at the clubhouse.
2. After the initial shock, Mary _____ on herself and called an ambulance.
3. At the start of the interview, I was completely _____!
4. Her affection for her grandson was _____.
5. Tony's interest at the moment is Michelle. He's _____ in love with her!

EXERCISE C: Make sentences using the learned idioms.

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

EXERCISE D: Answer your teacher's questions.

1. Can you name 7 different feelings in English?
2. What makes you feel happy?
3. What makes you feel angry?
4. When were you the happiest in your life?
5. Do you think rich people are happier than poor people?
6. How do you feel when you go on vacation?
7. What makes a street child happy?
8. What would you feel if someone interrupts you when you are speaking?
9. How does music make you feel?
10. Do you get angry when politicians make promises they can't keep?

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

A

1. it's no laughing matter
2. belly laugh
3. laugh his head off
4. a laugh a minute
5. laughing stock

B

- a. someone who does something very stupid which makes other people laugh at them
- b. serious and not something that people should make jokes about
- c. to laugh very much and very loudly
- d. very funny and entertaining
- e. a loud laugh which cannot be controlled

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

belly laugh	laughed his head off	it's no laughing matter
laughing stock	a laugh a minute	

1. Hemorrhoids are all very funny when other people have them, but if you get them yourself,_____.
2. It's not often you hear the kind of jokes that give you a real_____.
3. He _____when he read the letter.
4. John's clever screenplay makes this new comedy_____.
5. I don't want to be the _____of the neighborhood.

EXERCISE C: Make sentences using the learned idioms.

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

EXERCISE D: Answer your teacher's questions.

1. What definition would you give for laughter?
2. Do you laugh a lot?
3. How important is laughter?
4. Is laughter infectious / catching?
5. Do you often burst into laughter?
6. Is laughter 'the best medicine'?
7. What do you think when you hear the sound of laughter?
8. How does laughter happen?
9. People can 'roar' or 'howl' with laughter, and 'burst into' or 'break into' laughter. What are the differences between these?
10. How does our laughter sound as we move from being a baby to our old age?

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

A

1. throw in the towel
2. go overboard
3. hitting below the belt
4. hot shot
5. plenty of fish in the sea

B

- a. there are many other men and women to date
- b. to give up or surrender
- c. a person who thinks they are the best
- d. do or say something that is very unfair or cruel
- e. do or say more than you need to

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

go overboard	hot shot	hitting below the belt
throw in the towel	plenty of other fish in the sea	

1. Don't_____, you need to keep trying. (boxing)
2. You can't believe everything Janice says about Rick. She tends to _____when she's complaining about him. (sailing)
3. Amanda was _____when she called Adrian an unfit father. (martial arts)
4. Even though Luke only placed 20th in the ski race, he thinks he's a____. (hunting)
5. I know you still love Jack, but remember there are_____. (fishing)

EXERCISE C: Make sentences using the learned idioms.

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

EXERCISE D: Answer your teacher's questions.

1. What do you think are some of the most popular hobbies that people have?
2. Why do people have hobbies?
3. Which hobbies are the most popular in your country?
4. Which hobbies are the most popular with women in your country?
5. Which hobbies are the most popular with men in your country?
6. Which hobbies are popular with children?
7. What do you do in your free time?
8. How much time do you usually spend on your hobbies?
9. What do your hobbies say about you?
10. Have your hobbies changed throughout the years? Why?

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

A

1. a big fish in a small pond
2. friends in high places
3. with a heavy hand
4. hold the reins
5. seal of approval

B

- a. important or influential people in business or government that someone knows
- b. dealing with or treating people with discipline and severity, with little or no sensitivity
- c. an important or highly-ranked person in a small group or organization
- d. a project or contact which receives formal support or approval from higher authorities
- e. the person who is in complete control of a company

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

friends in high places	with a heavy hand	big fish in a small pond
hold the reigns	seal of approval	

1. As the manager of a local company, he enjoys being a _____.
2. If you want to get to see the mayor, it helps to have _____.
3. She's the boss but her secretary often seems to _____.
4. We can't conclude the deal without the director's _____.
5. He ran the juvenile delinquent center _____.

EXERCISE C: Make sentences using the learned idioms.

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

EXERCISE D: Answer your teacher's questions.

1. Do you know the meaning of influential?
2. Why do you think some people become influential?
3. Do you know any influential people in your country?
4. Why do you think they become influential?
5. What is the greatest contribution of that person in your country?
6. Can you cite some examples why these people become influential?
7. Do you think it's easy for a person to become influential?
8. Would you like to become an influential person?
9. What is the greatest thing that you would like to do in your country?
10. If you were to choose among influential people that you know, who would you like to follow?