

1H

IDIOMS

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. strike it lucky
2. don't push your luck
3. be sitting pretty
4. off chance
5. free ride

B

- a. to think there might be a slight possibility of success
- b. to benefit from a collective activity without participating in it
- c. to try to get more than what you have already obtained and risk spoiling the situation
- d. to run into good luck
- e. someone in a good or fortunate situation, especially compared to others who are not so lucky

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

free ride	sitting pretty	Don't push your luck
off chance	struck it lucky	

1. You've got your father's permission to go to the concert. _____ by trying to borrow his car.
2. We had a sunny week in Scotland – we _____!
3. He sold his shares at a good time so he's now _____ and enjoying life.
4. Only those who share the work can share the benefits - nobody gets a _____!
5. I went into the supermarket on the _____ that I would find a map.

EXERCISE C: Make sentences using the learned idioms.

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

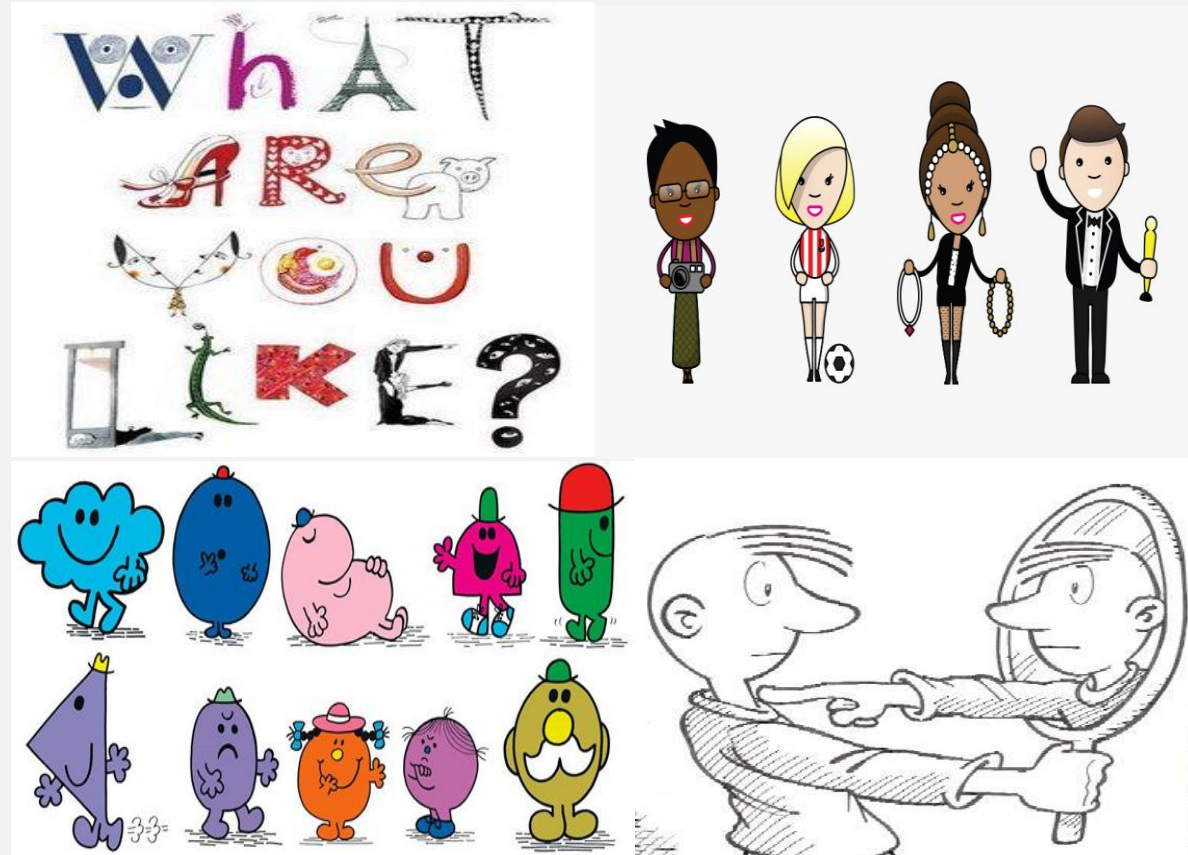
EXERCISE D: Answer your teacher's questions.

1. What are some things that are considered lucky in your country? What are some things that are considered unlucky?
2. Do you have a lucky number?
3. What numbers are considered to be lucky and unlucky in your country?
4. Do you believe in luck? Do you feel lucky?
5. What part does luck play in success?
6. What do you do for good luck? Do you think it works?
7. Why are some people luckier than others? Are happy people luckier?
8. Is it possible for someone to have bad luck?
9. How does beginner's luck work?
10. Can someone improve their luck? How?

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

A

1. bad egg
2. all brawn and no brains
3. fast talker
4. down to earth
5. big cheese

B

- a. a person who has a lot of power and influence in an organization
- b. someone who is physically very strong but not very intelligent
- c. a person who speaks quickly and easily but cannot always be trusted
- d. an untrustworthy person often involved in trouble whose company should be avoided
- e. a person who is not a dreamer but a realistic and practical person who has sensible reactions and expectations

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

fast talker	down to earth	all brawn and no brains
big cheese	bad egg	

1. I don't want my son to be friends with Darren Smith. Darren's a _____.
2. Tom's father is a _____ in the oil industry.
3. He's an impressive player to watch, but he's _____.
4. Don't ask Suzy for help. She's fun, but not very _____.
5. The salesman was a _____ who persuaded the old lady to buy a new washing machine.

EXERCISE C: Make sentences using the learned idioms.

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

EXERCISE D: Answer your teacher's questions.

1. Discuss how a good or bad attitude has affected others around you.
2. Identify a cartoon character that best reflects your personality. Explain why you selected this character.
3. What is your most marked characteristic?
4. If you were to die and come back as a person or thing, what do you think it would be?
5. What one word best describes you?
6. What is the quality you most like in a man? What is the quality you most like in a woman?
7. Where would you like to live?
8. If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?
9. What is your greatest regret?
10. What about you is heroic?

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

A

1. music to my ear
2. grin from ear to ear
3. on cloud nine
4. jump for joy
5. happy camper

B

- a. very happy
- b. the information that you receive makes you feel very happy
- c. express one's happiness through excited movements and gestures
- d. very happy because something wonderful has happened
- e. generally content or satisfied with what is happening in their lives and has no complaints

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

grinning from ear to ear	on cloud nine	music to my ear
jumped for joy	happy camper	

1. When we saw Paul _____, we knew he had passed the exam.
2. The player _____ when he scored the winning goal.
3. When the boss announced my promotion, I was _____.
4. His compliments were _____.
5. With his new job and his new car, Andy is a _____.

EXERCISE C: Make sentences using the learned idioms.

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

EXERCISE D: Answer your teacher's questions.

1. Do you think that happiness is the goal of every person?
2. What three things make you happy?
3. Can happiness be a weapon?
4. Are you happy all the time? Why? Why not?
5. What was the happiest time of your life?
6. Finish this sentence: I am happiest when _____
7. At what age, are people the happiest?
8. Does your job make you happy?
9. Are there any films that make you happy?
10. Would winning a lot of money make you happy? Why or why not?

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1. a change of heart
2. shake up
3. back to square one
4. breathe new life into
5. see from a different angle

B

- a. to change your mind on something
- b. to change things a lot
- c. to give new energy to something
- d. to have to start again because something didn't work
- e. to consider something from a different point of view

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

a change of heart	shake up	see from a different angle
back to square one	breathe new life into	

1. Let's try to _____ this problem _____.
2. The government are having a _____ of their education policies.
3. This sports club needs to increase its members to _____ into our finances.
4. Well, so much for trying! I suppose it's _____.
5. I've had _____. I think I'll stay in my present job, after all.

EXERCISE C: Make sentences using the learned idioms.

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

EXERCISE D: Answer your teacher's questions.

1. What's the biggest change you've made in your life? Was it good / bad?
2. Are you good at dealing with change?
3. Do you think change is important?
4. What has changed in your life compared to ten years ago?
5. What advice would you give to someone who hates change?
6. What is the most positive change you have experienced in your life?
7. What happens to people who find it difficult to change?
8. Can you teach someone to accept and like change?
9. "The only thing constant is change." Do you agree with this statement? Explain.
10. What would you like to change about yourself?

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

A

1. go with the flow
2. know inside out
3. keep everyone at arm's length
4. significant other
5. stormy relationship

B

- a. a lot of arguments and disagreements
- b. to know someone or something very well
- c. a lot of arguments and disagreements
- d. to follow the general tendency and go along with whatever happens
- e. refers to a person, such as a spouse, partner or lover, with whom you have a long-term relationship

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

know each other inside out	go with the flow	significant other
stormy relationship	keep everyone at arm's length	

1. Sue and Anne have been friends since childhood. They _____.
2. When my colleagues organize an office party, I just _____.
3. It's not easy to become friends with Sophie; she tends to _____.
4. After a very _____, they decided to separate.
5. Before you make such an important decision, you should talk it over with your _____.

EXERCISE C: Make sentences using the learned idioms.

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

EXERCISE D: Answer your teacher's questions.

1. How often do you arrange to meet friends?
2. In what ways can people keep in touch with friends/family over the internet?
3. How often do all the members of your family get together?
4. How many friends can the average person truly have?
5. What do you think is the best way to meet new people?
6. Traditionally, on a date, the man would pay for everything. Is this still the case in your country or has it changed? Why did it change?
7. Traditionally, it has always been the man's responsibility to ask ladies out on a date. Is this changing?
8. Does it worry you that many children nowadays spend more time in front of computer games than actually playing with their friends?
9. How would you define a friend? Do you have different kinds of friends?
10. What are the most common ways of meeting partners?