

English Idioms: Everyday

Introduction

This worksheet introduces idioms that are related to everyday situations.

In the Lesson

Provide each student with a copy of the worksheet.

In exercise 1, students work all together or with a partner to match each phrase to the correct definition.

For exercise 2, students choose five idioms from exercise 1 and write sentences for them.

Exercise 1 answer key

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| 1. h | 14. f |
| 2. a | 15. u |
| 3. j | 16. c |
| 4. i | 17. y |
| 5. t | 18. k |
| 6. z | 19. s |
| 7. b | 20. e |
| 8. n | 21. x |
| 9. q | 22. m |
| 10. w | 23. v |
| 11. d | 24. g |
| 12. l | 25. r |
| 13. p | 26. o |

Exercise 2 - student answers

Focus	Aim	Level	Time
English Idioms	To learn some English idioms	B1/B2	30 minutes

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Do you know the meanings of these phrases?



1 Match the idiom with the correct definition.

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| 1. Break the ice | ___ a. Get something exactly right. |
| 2. Hit the nail on the head | ___ b. Joke with someone. |
| 3. Let the cat out of the bag | ___ c. Unable to decide between two options. |
| 4. Spill the beans | ___ d. What you do is more important than what you say. |
| 5. Under the weather | ___ e. The final problem that makes a situation unbearable. |
| 6. Piece of cake | ___ f. Watch or take care of something. |
| 7. Pull someone's leg | ___ g. Unpredictable, could be good or bad. |
| 8. A blessing in disguise | ___ h. Start a conversation in a social situation. |
| 9. Call it a day | ___ i. Accidentally share a secret. |
| 10. Cost an arm and a leg | ___ j. Reveal a secret. |
| 11. Actions speak louder than words | ___ k. Make a decision too quickly. |
| 12. Cry over spilled milk | ___ l. Complain about something that can't be changed. |
| 13. Hit the sack | ___ m. Asking someone what they are thinking. |
| 14. Keep an eye on | ___ n. Something that seems bad but turns out good. |
| 15. Get cold feet | ___ o. Don't judge something by appearance alone. |
| 16. On the fence | ___ p. Go to bed. |
| 17. Go with the flow | ___ q. Stop working for the day. |
| 18. Jump to conclusions | ___ r. Make a great effort to help. |
| 19. Burn bridges | ___ s. Damage a relationship or opportunity beyond repair. |
| 20. The last straw | ___ t. Feeling sick. |
| 21. Back to square one | ___ u. Feel nervous or afraid before an important event. |
| 22. A penny for your thoughts | ___ v. Unexpectedly. |
| 23. Out of the blue | ___ w. Be very expensive. |
| 24. Hit or miss | ___ x. Start over from the beginning. |
| 25. Bend over backward | ___ y. Accept things as they come, be flexible. |
| 26. Don't judge a book by its cover | ___ z. Something very easy to do. |

2 Write five sentences using five of the above idioms.

e.g. It's time to break the ice with my new colleagues.

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