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IDIOMS FOR LANGUAGE LEARNERS

SET 7



IDIOM EXERCISES
FOR LANGUAGE LEARNERS





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Bigger fish to fry
Blessing in disguise
Chip off the old block
Happy camper
Head over heels
Rule of thumb
Up in the air

A decorative header featuring the word "IDIOMS" in large, colorful, 3D block letters (I: pink, D: purple, I: red, O: purple, M: yellow, S: blue) on a white background. Below the letters, the word "contents" is written in a large, dark green, sans-serif font.

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Bigger fish to fry

Meaning:

when you have more important things to do or worry about

Example:

*I can't play video games right now; I have **bigger fish to fry**—I need to finish my homework.*



Blessing in disguise

Meaning:

something that seems bad at first but turns out to be good

Example:

*Losing my wallet was a **blessing in disguise** because I found it later with other things that I had lost.*



Chip off the old block

Meaning:

a person who is similar in character or behavior to a parent

Example:

*Sarah is a **chip off the old block**; she loves playing the piano just like her mom.*



Happy camper

Meaning:

someone who is happy with their situation

Example:

*After getting a puppy, Tim became a **happy camper** because he had a new play friend.*



Head over heels

Meaning:

being completely in love or very excited about something

Example:

*When Sarah saw the surprise gift, she **fell head over heels in love** with it.*



Rule of thumb

Meaning:

a general guideline that is usually true or helpful

Example:

*A good **rule of thumb** is to brush your teeth twice a day, in the morning and before bed.*



Up in the air

Meaning:

something that is uncertain or undecided

Example:

*Our weekend plans are still **up in the air**. We haven't even decided whether to go out or stay home yet.*





Example Conversations

Tom: Do you want to play basketball with us?

Emily: Sorry, I can't. I have bigger fish to fry. I need to study for my math test.

Liam: I'm sorry but I can't get to your house today, my bike broke.

Sophie: Maybe it's a blessing in disguise. Now you can get a new and better bike!

David: My dad loves playing soccer, and so do I!

John: You're a chip off the old block, just like your dad!



Example Conversations

Anna: How was your trip to the amusement park?

Oliver: It was so good! I was a happy camper all day.

Emma: Look at Lily! She's head over heels for that new book she got.

Sophia: Yes, she can't put it down. She loves it!



Example Conversations

Jack: How much water should I drink every day?

Sarah: A good rule of thumb is to drink at least eight glasses of water.

Alex: Are we going to the zoo tomorrow?

Emily: I'm not sure yet. Our plans are still up in the air. We'll decide tomorrow morning.



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IDIOMS

idiom exercise 1

Identify the Correct Idiom

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Delete the incorrect idiom

1. My son is a (chip off the old block/ rule of thumb) - he loves playing the guitar, just like his father.
2. I can't go to the park today because I have (bigger fish to fry/ up in the air) - I need to finish my homework for tomorrow.
3. Our vacation plans are still (for a happy camper/ up in the air) because we haven't decided on the destination yet.
4. Jenny fell (head over heels/ with a blessing in disguise) in love with the new dress she saw at the store.



Delete the incorrect idiom

5. Losing my job turned out to be a (bigger fish to fry/ blessing in disguise) because it led me to discover a new career opportunity.
6. As a general (chip off the old block/ rule of thumb), it's best to study a little every day to prepare for exams.
7. After receiving a surprise gift, Emily became (head over heels/ a happy camper) and couldn't stop smiling.



idiom exercise 2

Complete the
Sentence with the
Correct Idiom

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Fill in the Blanks

1. After trying the new chocolate cake, Sara was a _____ and couldn't stop smiling.
2. As a _____, it's best to check the weather forecast before planning an outdoor event.
3. Moving to a new city turned out to be a _____ for John as he made new friends and found exciting opportunities.



Fill in the Blanks

4. My younger brother is a _____ - he loves playing soccer, just like our older brother.
5. When Sarah saw the cute puppy at the shelter, she fell _____ in love with it.
6. The decision to move is _____ because mum has fallen very ill.
7. I'm not bothered by your silly questions, I have _____.

head over heels





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advanced idiom exercise

Use the Idiom

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IDIOMS

Give an example of how you use the following idioms in a sentence

rule of thumb

bigger fish to fry

blessing in disguise

happy camper

head over heels

Example:

I take an umbrella to work as a **rule of thumb**, just in case



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IDIOM EXERCISES - ANSWERS



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examples of idioms in a sentence

I take an umbrella to work as a **rule of thumb**, just in case

No playing now, you have **bigger fish to fry** with that job interview tomorrow

Getting lost turned out to be a **blessing in disguise** finding that great new venue

You are **happy camper** now. Congratulations!

Yes, winning the trophy was a dream come true, I'm **head over heels** happy.



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