

Nature Idioms – Worksheet

Human nature - Bird's eye view - Take a rain check - Tip of the iceberg
Feel under the weather - Under a cloud - Last straw

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Exercise 1 Choose the correct idiom to complete each sentence.

1. I'm sorry I can't join you today—I'll have to **take a rain check**
2. He missed class because he was _____.
3. From the top of the building, we had a _____ of the campus.
4. Her late arrival was the _____ that made the team angry.
5. The report only showed the _____ of the company's problems.
6. Making mistakes sometimes is part of _____.
7. After the accusation, he was _____ at work.

Exercise 2 Complete each sentence with the correct idiom. Change the form if needed.

1. She understood that his reaction was simply **human nature**.
2. The manager wanted a _____ before making a final decision.
3. He said he would _____ and meet us another time.
4. Feeling _____, she decided to stay home and rest.
5. What we see now may only be the _____ of a larger issue.
6. After many small problems, this mistake became the _____.
7. Since the investigation began, he has been _____.

Exercise 3 Read each situation and write the **best idiom** from the list.

1. You feel slightly sick and decide not to go to class.
2. A small problem appears, but you believe it is part of a much bigger one.
3. You refuse an invitation politely but want to accept later.
4. Someone finally loses patience after many small annoyances.
5. A person is suspected of doing wrong but nothing is proven.
6. You look at a project in a general way instead of focusing on details.
7. You accept that people often act emotionally or imperfectly.

Bonus Advanced Exercise Rewrite each sentence using the idiom in brackets. Do not change the meaning.

1. People often act emotionally rather than logically. (Human nature)
2. The manager wanted a general overview of the project (Bird's eye view)
3. I can't meet today, but I would like to meet another time. (Take a rain check)
4. This small mistake is only a sign of a much bigger problem. (Tip of the iceberg)
5. She felt slightly ill and decided not to attend class. (Feel under the weather)
6. Since the investigation started, he has been suspected of doing wrong. (Under a cloud)
7. After many small problems, this final issue made her quit. (Last straw)

Answer Key

Exercise 1

1. take a rain check
2. feeling under the weather
3. bird's eye view
4. last straw
5. tip of the iceberg
6. human nature
7. under a cloud

Exercise 2

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Exercise 3

(Other answers may be acceptable if meaning is correct, but these are the best matches.

1. feel under the weather
2. tip of the iceberg
3. take a rain check
4. last straw
5. under a cloud
6. bird's eye view
7. human nature

Bonus Exercise – Example sentences

(Other answers are acceptable as these are just examples.

1. This kind of behaviour is part of **human nature**.
2. The manager wanted a **bird's eye view** of the project.
3. I'll have to **take a rain check**.
4. This small mistake is just the **tip of the iceberg**.
5. She was **feeling under the weather**, so she didn't attend class.
6. Since the investigation started, he has been **under a cloud**.
7. After many small problems, this final issue was the **last straw**.