

English Idioms and Expressions

(Tests)

Adding Up

- Q1 I cannot understand why she did that, it really doesn't add up.
(a) doesn't calculate (b) isn't mathematics
(c) doesn't make sense (d) makes the wrong addition
- Q2 All the students got high marks in the test but Mary stood out.
(a) got a lot of marks (b) got higher marks than someone
(c) got very good marks (d) got the most marks of all
- Q3 He has sold his house and has no job and so now he has next to nothing.
(a) he is unemployed (b) he has almost no money
(c) he has a few things (d) he has nothing at all
- Q4 As a newspaper reporter she always wanted to get information at first hand.
(a) quickly (b) slowly (c) easily (d) directly
- Q5 I think we can safely say now that we have got our money back, we are home and dry.
(a) have not got wet (b) have got no water
(c) have been successful (d) have got home dry
- Q6 He is the man who owns all the land and is the big fish around here.
(a) the fat man (b) the huge man (c) the important man (d) the enormous man
- Q7 She never stops talking about herself and is full of herself.
(a) is very fat (b) is too fat (c) is very full (d) is very conceited
- Q8 You will not slip over because the floor is as dry as a bone.
(a) completely hard (b) extremely flat (c) totally dry (d) completely cracked
- Q9 He kept saying he didn't do it but in the end he said he had done it.
(a) at the end (b) finally (c) at last (d) by the end
- Q10 I know you are very sorry that you broke the pot but accidents will happen.
(a) things will take place (b) things do occur
(c) things take place often (d) things often go wrong

Take it in

- Q1 I'm sorry I didn't take in what he said.
(a) listen (b) hear (c) understand (d) note
- Q2 I hope she gets through her exams next week.
(a) passes (b) follows (c) takes (d) stands
- Q3 What time do you get up in the morning?
(a) leave home (b) start for work (c) finish off sleep (d) get out of bed
- Q4 When you stop work, you can take up golf.
(a) finish playing (b) start playing (c) stop playing (d) enjoy playing
- Q5 Don't overdo it because you're very tired.
(a) do a lot (b) do a little (c) do too little (d) do too much
- Q6 When does your plane take off?
(a) leave the ground (b) start to land (c) begin to arrive (d) finish landing
- Q7 As a student she has just enough money to get by on.
(a) live fully (b) live simply (c) live easily (d) live quietly
- Q8 I don't know who wrote this note because I can't make out the signature.
(a) discover (b) find (c) read (d) learn
- Q9 We don't have enough money for a car so we make do with bicycles.
(a) use many times (b) use instead (c) use sometimes (d) use always
- Q10 What time do you get in after work?
(a) have tea (b) eat supper (c) reach home (d) have a rest

Take it easy

- Q1 I just want to stay at home and watch television and take it easy.
(a) sleep (b) sit down (c) eat (d) relax
- Q2 Am I allowed to smoke in here?
(a) May I (b) Must I (c) Can I (d) Will I
- Q3 Are you any good at cooking?
(a) Can you cook sometimes (b) Do you cook very often
(c) Can you cook well (d) Do you like cooking
- Q4 When do you do the washing up?
(a) clean the dishes (b) do the housework (c) wash the floor (d) clean the windows
- Q5 She never shouts at her children.
(a) makes conversation with (b) calls out to
(c) talks in a loud voice to (d) speaks quickly to
- Q6 We're fed up with the bad weather.
(a) very tired of (b) full of (c) interested in (d) unhappy with
- Q7 Don't forget to drop me a line when you're away.
(a) telephone me (b) call me (c) write to me (d) send me a telegram
- Q8 She had never been to Paris before.
(a) heard of (b) read about (c) tried (d) visited
- Q9 I'm afraid he has got it wrong.
(a) said it incorrectly (b) did an error (c) did a mistake (d) made a mistake
- Q10 When you come to the crossroads, you turn left.
(a) look left (b) go to the left (c) find the left (d) keep to the left

For Good

- Q1 You'll never see your money again because I'm afraid he's gone for good.
(a) clearly (b) permanently (c) quickly (d) slowly
- Q2 You've no need to worry I promise you they'll arrive on Thursday for sure.
(a) absolutely (b) positively (c) definitively (d) definitely
- Q3 They're very generous in that museum — not only is the entrance fee reasonable but they give you a brochure for free.
(a) at no cost (b) at little cost (c) at some cost (d) at low cost
- Q4 Well, for starters I honestly think we should work out what all this work is going to cost.
(a) to work for (b) to look at (c) to begin with (d) to work through
- Q5 As you're a friend of mine, I won't charge you much in fact I'll do it for nothing.
(a) at some charge (b) at little charge (c) at low charge (d) at no charge
- Q6 I know it didn't look like that but the truth is they only did it for fun.
(a) as a joke (b) as humour (c) as funny (d) as joking
- Q7 I do recommend you take out an insurance policy on the house for your own peace of mind.
(a) to stop you thinking (b) to stop you worrying
(c) to stop you believing (d) to stop you sleeping
- Q8 No wonder she's jumping for joy, she's just been given promotion.
(a) very jumpy (b) very silly (c) very happy (d) very noisy
- Q9 They decided to move away from the city to the countryside for the sake of the children.
(a) speaking about (b) talking about (c) dreaming about (d) thinking about
- Q10 The battleships were all waiting in the harbour ready for action.
(a) prepared for war (b) prepared for anything
(c) prepared for something (d) prepared for take off

In Control

- Q1 They tried in vain to save enough money to buy a house and so finally they rented one.
(a) without money (b) without trial (c) without success (d) without work
- Q2 If you are in any doubt about the offer, please give me a ring.
(a) at all unsure (b) at all happy (c) at all certain (d) at all sure
- Q3 The children knew full well they were in danger skating because they had read the notice about the thin ice.
(a) unhappy (b) uncertain (c) unclear (d) unsafe
- Q4 Considering they are over 70 years old, you must admit they are in good shape.
(a) fit (b) wealthy (c) clever (d) slow
- Q5 Thanks to her regular workouts and sensible diet she certainly strikes me as in the pink.
(a) in extreme health (b) in good health (c) in absolute health (d) in clear health
- Q6 I'm sorry to say that he's in trouble again with the boss over being late for work so many times.
(a) the boss is going to reprimand him (b) the boss is going to sack him
(c) the boss is going to hit him (d) the boss is going to trouble him
- Q7 What I really have in mind is a garden where there is very little to look after throughout the year.
(a) think (b) believe (c) visualize (d) consider
- Q8 Although Romeo and Juliet were deeply in love, they still managed to kill themselves.
(a) loved each other often (b) loved each other very much
(c) loved each other most of the time (d) loved each other mostly
- Q9 I think you can stop worrying now because it's quite clear she's in command of the situation.
(a) in control (b) in sight (c) in place (d) in view
- Q10 In time when you've got used to the idea, you'll be pleased you did it.
(a) At last (b) At first (c) At least (d) Eventually

Out of Control

- Q1 If you don't tell the children the difference between right and wrong, they will soon be out of control.
(a) well behaved (b) badly behaved (c) suddenly behaved (d) quickly behaved
- Q2 If you think I'm going to parachute out of a plane for fun, you must be out of your mind.
(a) mad (b) unsure (c) unusual (d) uncertain
- Q3 Wait till they're out of sight, and then I'll show you what I'm buying them for Christmas.
(a) unable to show (b) unable to find (c) unable to follow (d) unable to see
- Q4 I'm very sorry but you're out of luck because we sold the last one about twenty minutes ago.
(a) unhappy (b) unlucky (c) unable (d) undecided
- Q5 Wait until they're out of earshot, then I tell you exactly what happened to them when they were on holiday.
(a) unable to tell (b) unable to hear (c) unable to say (d) unable to speak
- Q6 You have a limited number of minutes to answer the test and you've spent 3 minutes so you're out of time.
(a) you've used up your time (b) you've used in your time
(c) you've used for your time (d) you've used out your time
- Q7 I'm afraid I'm not feeling too well at the moment because I've only walked a little way and I'm out of breath already.
(a) I can't breathe slowly (b) I can't breathe quickly
(c) I can't breathe fast (d) I can't breathe easily
- Q8 There's a big notice up there which unfortunately we didn't see because it said 'out of bounds'.
(a) keep through (b) keep out (c) keep on (d) keep in
- Q9 I'm sorry to tell you that I can do nothing more for you because the situation is now out of my hands.
(a) outside my sense (b) outside my feelings (c) outside my control (d) outside my belief
- Q10 I'm awfully sorry but I'll have to ask you to pay because I'm out of cash.
(a) I have no cheque (b) I have no money (c) I have no card (d) I have no bank

All Agog

- Q1 Unfortunately the cooker overheated and then exploded and so it really wasn't long before the whole house was alight.
(a) in light (b) on fire (c) with fire (d) with light
- Q2 After several days underground after the earthquake one child was pulled out alive.
(a) still talking (b) still seeing (c) still trying (d) still living
- Q3 They found that there was no possibility of work in their own country so they decided to try their luck abroad.
(a) in another place (b) in another town (c) in another country (d) in another city
- Q4 I must congratulate her on the way she has overcome all her problems and gone back to her old job to start anew.
(a) beginning (b) once more (c) firstly (d) twice more
- Q5 I've looked everywhere for my passport and can only assume it has gone astray.
(a) got freed (b) got taken (c) got missed (d) got lost
- Q6 When she told her parents that she had decided to get married, they were utterly taken aback.
(a) surprised (b) returned (c) overturned (d) determined
- Q7 There are no two ways about it because the crime that has been committed is really akin to murder.
(a) keen on (b) good to (c) similar to (d) different to
- Q8 So many good ideas abound in his mind, he finds it difficult to know where to start.
(a) exist all over (b) exist in large numbers
(c) exist in different parts (d) exist everywhere
- Q9 I spent ages fixing the nail in the wall to put the picture up and then I stood back and found it was askew.
(a) not straight (b) not clear (c) not definite (d) not pretty
- Q10 We couldn't wait for them to come home after their holidays as we were all agog to hear what had happened.
(a) very concerned (b) very prepared (c) very interested (d) very worried

Preposition Exercises

- Q1 I'm sorry but that smells terrible because I'm afraid the meat is off.
(a) has gone (b) is small (c) is bad (d) is dead
- Q2 She just left him, said she was through with him and disappeared.
(a) didn't want to see him again (b) didn't want to help him
(c) didn't want to hear him again (d) didn't want to please him
- Q3 I'm on for tonight if you want to go to the match.
(a) I'm ready to help (b) I'm ready to cook (c) I'm ready to speak (d) I'm ready to go out
- Q4 He's always interested in elections and is very much into politics.
(a) very concerned about (b) very worried about
(c) very interested in (d) very happy about
- Q5 I believe that after all those arguments they agreed their marriage was over.
(a) ended (b) finishing (c) ending (d) terminated
- Q6 Between you and me, so don't tell anyone, I'm sure he'll lose the election.
(a) In truth (b) In confidence (c) In fact (d) In conclusion
- Q7 You won't have to wait too long because another bus will be along soon.
(a) will drive (b) will travel (c) will arrive (d) will turn
- Q8 By the way did you manage to see that film last night?
(a) Conveniently (b) Actually (c) Clearly (d) Incidentally
- Q9 It's quite clear to everyone that she's a socialist through and through.
(a) from start to finish (b) from here till then
(c) from this to that (d) from time to time
- Q10 I honestly don't think I can make it tonight as I'm feeling a little under the weather.
(a) cold (b) wet (c) unwell (d) upset

Animal Idioms

- Q1 His wife never lets him do what he wants and as a result he leads a dog's life.
(a) eats what he can (b) never sleeps
(c) has an unhappy time (d) goes everywhere on foot
- Q2 A word of warning: don't let him make a monkey of you.
(a) make you jump up and down (b) make faces at you
(c) make you spend your money (d) make a fool of you
- Q3 I would advise you to wait and see which way the cat jumps.
(a) what develops (b) what goes (c) what comes (d) what falls
- Q4 I don't honestly think he is capable of being polite as the leopard never changes his spots.
(a) people always complain (b) people sometimes differ
(c) people never change (d) people often shout
- Q5 He's very greedy when it comes to eating and always takes the lion's share of the food.
(a) last portion (b) smallest portion (c) first portion (d) largest portion
- Q6 I really don't know how to explain it as I am completely foxed.
(a) absolutely sure (b) absolutely convinced
(c) absolutely confused (d) absolutely curious
- Q7 Until he is more serious in his job and stops playing the goat, he won't get any more money.
(a) arriving late all the time (b) eating too much all the time
(c) making too much noise all the time (d) making jokes all the time
- Q8 He never makes any silly mistakes because he's got too much horse sense.
(a) common sense (b) nonsense (c) absolute sense (d) full sense
- Q9 Charlie doesn't like getting too tired so he gets his assistant to do all the donkey work.
(a) academic work (b) artwork (c) homework (d) hard work
- Q10 He doesn't really go around with many people because he's a bit of a lone wolf.
(a) single person (b) lonely person (c) unhappy person (d) simple person

Funny Idioms

- Q1 You want to know why I've got a bee in my bonnet?
- (a) a headache (b) a fly in my head
(c) a problem on my mind (d) a difficulty with my hair
- Q2 Yes, tell me about it. I'm all ears.
- (a) listening carefully (b) listening quietly
(c) listening quickly (d) listening completely
- Q3 You remember I told you about that car that cost me an arm and a leg?
- (a) a fair amount of money (b) a small amount of money
(c) a good amount of money (d) a huge amount of money
- Q4 The one you bought from the man you called the big cheese?
- (a) the man with big ears (b) the man with the important job
(c) the man with the yellow teeth (d) the man with the big smile
- Q5 Well, he's not that at all. He's a bird brain.
- (a) a fool (b) a criminal (c) a conman (d) a devil
- Q6 You mean he's a bad egg?
- (a) a disgusting person (b) a dirty person (c) a stupid person (d) a dishonest person
- Q7 Yes, exactly because the car is rubbish and I went round to his garage like a bull in a china shop in the show room.
- (a) shouting at him (b) knocking everything over
(c) running up to him (d) hitting everybody
- Q8 And when I reached his office I saw he was not really awake because he'd been having a cat nap.
- (a) a deep sleep (b) a long sleep (c) a short sleep (d) a big sleep
- Q9 And really the only reason you were there was because you had a bone to pick with him?
- (a) you wanted to have a discussion with him (b) you wanted to have a chat with him
(c) you wanted to have a talk with him (d) you wanted to have an argument with him
- Q10 Yes, that's right. I got my money back and as a result I opened up a whole new can of worms because other people got their money back, too.
- (a) made a complete mess of his office (b) exposed a lot of serious problems
(c) discovered some creatures on the carpet (d) revealed a lot of new paper work

Expressing Emotions

- Q1 I can't stand it when you talk to me like that! Stop doing that!
(a) want to fall (b) feel like sitting down
(c) want to be disobedient (d) despise
- Q2 I can't wait to hear about your English class.
(a) am eager to (b) am late to (c) am indifferent (d) am happy to
- Q3 I am glad I was able to be there for my friend when her mom died.
(a) to cry with (b) to offer support in time of need for
(c) to visit (d) to travel with
- Q4 You've got me head over heels!
(a) angry at you (b) impatient (c) in love with you (d) disappointed
- Q5 I love you bunches!
(a) a little (b) a lot (c) too much (d) less than before
- Q6 I wish I could trust you again, but all that you ever did to me was to let me down.
(a) to make me cry (b) to make me angry (c) to despise me (d) to disappoint me
- Q7 I love you from the bottom of my heart.
(a) deeply (b) truly (c) madly (d) abundantly
- Q8 The truth is that you don't care about me or my feelings.
(a) are careful of (b) are perceptive (c) are inconsiderate (d) are selfish towards
- Q9 I would like to apologize for what I said to you the other day. I was very insensitive to you. Will you forgive me?
(a) compassionate (b) sympathetic (c) pathetic (d) harsh
- Q10 It's taking a long time for Jenna to get over the death of her mom.
(a) fall back from (b) recover from (c) regret (d) laugh of

Up to his ears

- Q1 He's up to his ears in work and cannot possibly see you now.
(a) fully occupied with (b) very interested in (c) not involved with (d) concerned with
- Q2 If you give me a hand, then I shall be able to finish more quickly.
(a) take my hand (b) help me (c) take my fingers (d) pick me up
- Q3 I prefer to talk to people face to face rather than to talk on the phone.
(a) in person (b) facing them (c) looking at them (d) seeing them
- Q4 The manager dismissed the new proposal out of hand and said that it was not at all practical.
(a) quickly (b) utterly (c) directly (d) simply
- Q5 As she is new to the job I would ask you to keep an eye on her for the time being.
(a) look at (b) consider (c) check (d) observe
- Q6 The opposition in parliament accused the government of playing games and refusing to accept the seriousness of the situation.
(a) being light hearted (b) being heavy hearted (c) being down hearted (d) being faint hearted
- Q7 He accused her of talking through her hat and refused to accept a word of what she said.
(a) talking sense (b) talking straight (c) talking nonsense (d) talking tough
- Q8 The police advised them to go down to the cellar in order to be out of harm's way.
(a) away from the noise (b) inside the area (c) into safety (d) away from danger
- Q9 I'd give my right arm if I could get tickets for that concert.
(a) do absolutely anything (b) do something dangerous
(c) do something stupid (d) do what you want
- Q10 You can always rely on Fred to put his foot in it and come out with a remark like that.
(a) tread on somebody (b) fall over
(c) say something embarrassing (d) put on the wrong shoe

Send the right message

- Q1 This sort of behaviour sends the wrong message to young people.
(a) delivers the incorrect letter (b) fails to communicate
(c) does not talk properly (d) does not set a good example
- Q2 The government are unveiling plans today for a new tax system.
(a) are covering up (b) are revealing (c) are opening (d) are exposing
- Q3 I hear what you are saying but I don't agree with you.
(a) I understand what you mean (b) I believe your words
(c) I am able to catch your words (d) I think you are right
- Q4 You must admire the way she sticks to her guns.
(a) she holds on to her pistol (b) she maintains her opinion
(c) she doesn't let her weapons go (d) she refuses to shoot
- Q5 I'm sorry I can't follow that, run that past me again.
(a) explain that once more (b) hurry up
(c) try and catch me up (d) come across
- Q6 Keep your spirits up, it may not be as bad as you think.
(a) Don't get depressed (b) Carry on drinking
(c) Don't let the levels drop (d) Maintain the heights
- Q7 I'm afraid he shot himself in the foot when he took that action.
(a) he hurt himself (b) he injured himself
(c) he made a bad mistake for himself (d) he damaged his body
- Q8 Some people love scoring points when they are in an argument.
(a) winning the game (b) taking advantage
(c) taking the initiative (d) taking the trouble
- Q9 There is absolutely no mileage in pursuing that sort of discussion.
(a) no future (b) no interest (c) no distance (d) no time
- Q10 He prefers to buy some more time by not deciding yet.
(a) to pay a little longer (b) to get a better price
(c) to pay a little later (d) to delay a little longer

A piece of cake

- Q1 You shouldn't worry about the exam because you have prepared well and you'll probably find it a piece of cake.
(a) easy to digest (b) easy to read (c) easy to start (d) very easy
- Q2 The trouble with you is that you are a bit selfish and your sole philosophy is to have your cake and eat it.
(a) expect too much of life (b) lead a life of pleasure
(c) spend your life eating (d) eat too much
- Q3 When he heard that the necklace had been stolen, he dropped it like a hot potato.
(a) he let it fall from his hands (b) he suddenly lost interest in it
(c) he gave it to somebody else (d) he hid it in the fridge
- Q4 He sits and watches TV all day and has turned into a veritable couch potato.
(a) a good sleeper (b) an enthusiast (c) a very lazy person (d) a deep thinker
- Q5 Thanks to you we're really in the soup now and I don't honestly know why I ever listen to you.
(a) in an interesting situation (b) in deep trouble
(c) in an unusual situation (d) in rough water
- Q6 As he had been away from home for some years, they decided on his return to cook the fatted calf.
(a) have a big celebration (b) go out for a meal
(c) employ a top chef (d) eat as much as they liked
- Q7 There's something very fishy about that story he told us because I can't quite get to the bottom of it.
(a) to do with the sea (b) connected with fish (c) suspicious (d) strong smelling
- Q8 Their mother always describes her twin sons as like two peas in a pod.
(a) both round in shape (b) both full of fun
(c) both saying the same thing (d) both looking exactly alike
- Q9 After what he said and after what has happened he certainly seems to have got egg on his face.
(a) have made a fool of himself (b) have lost a lot of money
(c) have said the wrong thing (d) have made the wrong decision
- Q10 He always took advice from his parents about being careful and never put all his eggs in one basket.
(a) carried too much in one hand (b) relied too much on one plan
(c) decided to do anything dangerous (d) planned anything exciting

Picking you up

- Q1 Nobody knows what's going on?
(a) meaning (b) continuing (c) happening (d) taking
- Q2 Don't worry we'll see you're all right.
(a) look at you (b) look on you (c) look for you (d) look after you
- Q3 What you need is something that will pick you up.
(a) make you feel better (b) make you stand better
(c) make you hold on better (d) make you stay on better
- Q4 I simply can't stand sugar in my tea or coffee.
(a) can't eat (b) can't drink (c) can't tolerate (d) can't allow
- Q5 I have a feeling that she's taking you for a ride.
(a) taking you in a car (b) pulling you along (c) trying to trick you (d) trying to push you
- Q6 He's always got his nose in a book.
(a) hiding (b) reading (c) studying (d) looking
- Q7 I think you're asking too much of them as they are just children.
(a) trying too much (b) saying too much (c) calling too much (d) expecting too much
- Q8 If you want my opinion, I think this needs looking into.
(a) examining (b) finding (c) searching (d) discovering
- Q9 One fine day I expect everything will be clear to you.
(a) On a summer's day (b) When the sun shines (c) In the end (d) Very soon
- Q10 I think the time has come when you should put your toe in the water at least.
(a) go for a swim (b) give it a try (c) feel the cold (d) give it a chance

As happy as the day is long

- Q1 I'm sure that he could make a better job of being prime minister any day of the week.
(a) whatever the details (b) whatever the time
(c) whatever the circumstances (d) whatever the week
- Q2 Don't worry we pride ourselves on being helpful to all our customers and getting that booked for you is all an a day's work for us.
(a) perfectly easy (b) perfectly simple (c) perfectly done (d) perfectly normal
- Q3 Yes, we went away on holiday last week but it rained day in day out.
(a) every single day (b) every other day (c) every second day (d) every two days
- Q4 I think the time has now come when we'll simply have to call it a day.
(a) stop trying (b) stop thinking (c) stop working (d) stop going
- Q5 You know what they said about radio that it had had its day but it's still going strong.
(a) stopped being clever (b) stopped being popular
(c) stopped being heard (d) stopped being good
- Q6 That last comment of yours won the day because nobody could possibly argue with you after that.
(a) assured us victory (b) assured us the answer
(c) assured us progress (d) assured us agreement
- Q7 We left the children playing in the park and they were as happy as the day is long.
(a) reasonably happy (b) quite happy (c) very happy (d) always happy
- Q8 They got engaged about two years ago and at long last they have named the day.
(a) said when they are getting married (b) said where they are getting married
(c) said why they are getting married (d) said if they are getting married.
- Q9 I've been doing these exercises for two hours now and I think at long last I'm starting to see daylight.
(a) see the answer to the problem (b) see the reason for the work
(c) see the end of the task (d) see the problems in the answers
- Q10 I knew once the car didn't start, saw it had a flat tyre and also that it had started to rain, that this was going to be one of those days.
(a) a day when nothing goes right (b) a day when something goes wrong
(c) a day when little goes right (d) a day when little goes wrong

Privacy

- Q1 If I were you, I'd tell her to go jump in the river.
(a) learn to swim (b) get wet (c) go away (d) go fishing
- Q2 I can't understand why he doesn't take the hint.
(a) understand the point (b) understand the speech
(c) understand the words (d) understand the talk
- Q3 I should be grateful if you would let me keep myself to myself.
(a) be quiet (b) be private (c) be lonely (d) be special
- Q4 I wish they would stop poking their noses into our affairs.
(a) sniffing around (b) discovering (c) interfering in (d) putting into
- Q5 I get the impression that they think we've outstayed our welcome here.
(a) remained longer (b) tried too long (c) waited too long (d) stayed too long
- Q6 We asked him if he wanted to join us on the outing but he refused — I think he's a bit of a lone wolf.
(a) he prefers to be alone (b) he prefers small crowds
(c) he prefers certain people (d) he prefers walking slowly
- Q7 She looked straight through him as soon as he entered the room.
(a) turned round (b) looked carefully at him
(c) took no notice of him (d) didn't speak to him
- Q8 Since the news broke about the disaster, he's been keeping a very low profile.
(a) trying to look small (b) trying to look casual
(c) trying to be careful (d) trying not to be seen
- Q9 After the political scandal in the government no-one in the cabinet is prepared to put their head above the parapet.
(a) show their head (b) raise their head (c) speak in public (d) speak in the air
- Q10 If you really want to come out of this without too much damage, my advice is to play dumb.
(a) speak stupidly (b) say nothing (c) say silly things (d) play the fool

Hold on

- Q1 The audience held their breath as the magician started to saw a woman half.
(a) watched anxiously (b) stopped breathing (c) couldn't breathe (d) couldn't watch
- Q2 The police officer called out to the driver to hold on until he arrived.
(a) continue (b) listen (c) wait (d) attend
- Q3 In the end she lost her temper and told her daughter to hold her tongue.
(a) stand still (b) speak up (c) start speaking (d) be quiet
- Q4 There's no need to change any of the regulations this year as the old ones will still hold good this year, too.
(a) be finished (b) be all right (c) be necessary (d) be careful
- Q5 I don't know what it is exactly but she seems to have some kind of hold over him.
(a) control over (b) look over (c) trust over (d) belief over
- Q6 He holds it against her that she never let him move house and start a new job.
(a) trusts (b) persuades (c) knows (d) blames
- Q7 I think your best plan is to hold off making a decision until you know if you have passed the examination.
(a) delay (b) consider (c) stay (d) think
- Q8 It was a very difficult race but the jockey held his own right until the end.
(a) overtook the others (b) did as well as the others
(c) did better than the others (d) tried to beat the others
- Q9 Once he starts to talk about his favourite subject, he will hold forth until he is stopped.
(a) speak loudly (b) speak quickly (c) speak endlessly (d) speak slowly
- Q10 The trouble is that whenever he's with strangers he always holds in his feelings.
(a) shows (b) restricts (c) tells (d) allows

Money to burn

- Q1 Money is the root of all evil, so what's the point of earning a lot?
(a) bad for your health (b) the cause of greed
(c) the reason for health (d) the cause of wickedness
- Q2 In my opinion money talks and the little people are totally ignored.
(a) rich people speak a lot (b) rich people have influence
(c) rich people have too much money (d) rich people are not silent
- Q3 She's a really happy woman now because for once she's in the money.
(a) spending a lot of money (b) spending money quickly
(c) got money to spend (d) got a little money
- Q4 For my money I would sooner go on a cruise than sit all day on the beach.
(a) In my circumstances (b) In my opinion (c) In my situation (d) In my time
- Q5 He has very little to do but he gets well paid and agrees it's money for jam.
(a) difficult money (b) hard money (c) good money (d) easy money
- Q6 I think she should stop talking about it and put her money where her mouth is.
(a) give money for talking too much (b) take money out of her mouth and be quiet
(c) give money for something she says she believes in (d) give money for talking a lot about nothing
- Q7 If you want to find some help with your project ask him because he's got money to burn.
(a) he spends money slowly (b) he spends money foolishly
(c) he spends money wisely (d) he hardly spends money
- Q8 As soon as he had won the lottery, he went crazy and started spending money like water.
(a) spending money freely (b) spending money at sea
(c) spending money on swimming (d) spending money consistently
- Q9 When you consider all the advantages you've gained I think you'll admit you had a good run for your money.
(a) a lot of trouble with your money (b) to chase after your money
(c) a lot of time with your money (d) a lot of benefit from your money
- Q10 She's made it clear that we don't need to worry because money is no object.
(a) money is not important (b) money is not definite
(c) money is not clear (d) money is not available

Go ahead

- Q1 I'm sorry that looks awful — those two colours don't go together.
(a) smash (b) crash (c) clash (d) hash
- Q2 After what you've gone through, I'm sure you need a holiday.
(a) felt (b) sensed (c) acted (d) experienced
- Q3 We won't go into that now but I don't think we can avoid the subject much longer.
(a) discuss (b) enter (c) introduce (d) interrupt
- Q4 He's gone right down in my estimation now that I've heard what he has done to his family.
(a) I think often of him (b) I think a lot of him
(c) I don't think at all of him (d) I don't think much of him
- Q5 My advice to you is to make your mind up before it's too late and simply go for it.
(a) take the opportunity soon (b) take the opportunity fairly
(c) take the opportunity now (d) take the opportunity slowly
- Q6 I'm afraid you've left that food too long out of the fridge and now it's gone off.
(a) become flat (b) become rotten (c) become rich (d) become stale
- Q7 There were so many members of the political party who had gone against the leader that he resigned.
(a) insisted (b) invited (c) apposed (d) opposed
- Q8 Don't wait for me because I can't come yet so you go ahead and I'll join you later.
(a) go before me (b) go in front of me (c) go forwards me (d) go by me
- Q9 If petrol prices go up any more, I shall have to use a bicycle.
(a) ascend (b) raise (c) increase (d) develop
- Q10 I'm sorry I interrupted you, please go on from where I so rudely stopped you.
(a) continue (b) stop (c) speak (d) finish

Under my Skin

- Q1 It was late at night, the wind was howling and when she heard the knock on the door, she almost jumped out of her skin.
(a) was pleased (b) was terrified (c) was asleep (d) was delighted
- Q2 As they only had a few minutes to get to the station, they ran all the way and finally caught the train by the skin of their teeth.
(a) just in time (b) just for time (c) just on time (d) just by time
- Q3 There's something about him I just can't stand and he really gets under my skin.
(a) pushes me (b) presses me (c) treats me (d) annoys me
- Q4 I wouldn't do that but you do whatever you like, as it's no skin off my nose.
(a) it's no good to me (b) it's not important to me
(c) it's not clear to me (d) it's not bad for me
- Q5 It doesn't matter what you say to her I promise you, she's got a very thick skin.
(a) she's not affected by criticism (b) she's not interested in criticism
(c) she's not devoted to criticism (d) she's not governed by criticism
- Q6 He looked at her and in the words of Frank Sinatra said: 'I've got you under my skin'.
(a) I'm very pleased with you (b) I'm very proud of you
(c) I'm very attracted to you (d) I'm very surprised by you
- Q7 It was simply a case of running away or being killed and we decided to run to save our skins.
(a) to stay away (b) to stay dry (c) to stay clear (d) to stay alive
- Q8 Be very careful what you say to Georgina about her new hairstyle; remember she has a very thin skin.
(a) she is very sensible (b) she is very sensitive
(c) she is very feeling (d) she is very sensing
- Q9 I think the horse had been neglected for months and not been given enough to eat because it was just skin and bones.
(a) very thin (b) very old (c) very tired (d) very hungry
- Q10 They say there's a very rare book in that pile of old books for sale so keep your eyes skinned.
(a) look slowly (b) look easily (c) look quickly (d) look carefully

Home Sweet Home

- Q1 You must have lost your marbles if you're seriously considering buying that house.
(a) be serious (b) be crazy (c) be adventurous (d) be happy
- Q2 If you don't mind me saying so I think you're a bit over the top, aren't you?
(a) you're exaggerating a bit (b) you're joking a little
(c) you're laughing a bit (d) you're describing a little
- Q3 All right then if you like I'll put my cards on the table.
(a) I'll tell you a story (b) I'll tell you what to do
(c) I'll tell you something (d) I'll tell you my honest opinion
- Q4 I'd appreciate that. Go on, I'm all ears.
(a) I can hear what you're saying (b) I am listening very carefully
(c) I am listening to you (d) I can't hear a word
- Q5 Well in the first place all the windows are broken, which is a real pain in the neck.
(a) a bad ache (b) a serious ache (c) a serious problem (d) a bad shock
- Q6 Yes, I agree but at the same time it's not the end of the world.
(a) worth worrying about (b) worth talking about
(c) worth looking at (d) worth speaking about
- Q7 Then of course there is that huge crack in one of the outer walls, that'll cost you an arm and a leg to repair.
(a) a little money (b) a sum of money (c) some money (d) a lot of money
- Q8 You have a point but then I can deal with that in the fullness of time.
(a) in a little while (b) eventually (c) quite soon (d) sometimes
- Q9 Finally there's one thing you can't just sweep under the carpet and that is the missing roof!
(a) forget (b) remember (c) ignore (d) interpret
- Q10 I can see there are no flies on you but you must admit it is very cheap.
(a) you're not clear (b) you're not easy (c) you're not clever (d) you're not stupid

No good

- Q1 They're not getting away with it! They must pay for what they have done.
(a) They won't come back (b) They won't succeed
(c) They won't do it again (d) They won't go again
- Q2 I'm not putting up with that! She must do as I say.
(a) I disagree (b) I confirm (c) I object (d) I resist
- Q3 I made it absolutely clear that he could on no account expect a pay rise this year.
(a) in this way (b) in some way (c) in that way (d) in no way
- Q4 They asked me whether I would accept a discount instead of a new machine. No chance, I said.
(a) Unlikely (b) Improbable (c) Impossible (d) Untrue
- Q5 We invited her to come to our party in the hope of putting things right but she wouldn't wear it.
(a) rejected (b) refused (c) repeated (d) reclined
- Q6 I honestly don't know how you do it because personally I couldn't cope.
(a) would be unable to manage (b) would be unable to stay
(c) would be unable to hold (d) would be unable to handle
- Q7 This happens every time I start the engine up. I tell you I can't be doing with it.
(a) I find it difficult (b) I find it irritating
(c) I find it stupid (d) I find it hard
- Q8 This is now the third time I've had to phone up and complain and I've reached the stage where I can see no end to it.
(a) I don't know where I'm going (b) I don't know what I'm doing
(c) I don't know why it's happening (d) I don't know when it will finish
- Q9 It's no good shouting at me like that — I'm doing the best I can.
(a) It's a waste of time (b) It's a waste of space
(c) It's a waste of money (d) It's a waste of doing
- Q10 You'll get yourself in no end of trouble if you persist in refusing to pay those taxes.
(a) a certain amount (b) a big amount (c) a huge amount (d) a special amount

On the Water

- Q1 As usual he left it to the last moment and as a consequence he missed the boat.
(a) didn't take advantage of the situation (b) didn't take advantage of the opportunity
(c) didn't take advantage of the fare (d) didn't take advantage of the date
- Q2 I'm sorry to tell you that you've burnt your boats now and so you won't be able to go back.
(a) your current situation cannot be reversed (b) your current situation cannot be repeated
(c) your current situation cannot be retaken (d) your current situation cannot be restyled
- Q3 I told her I understood exactly what she was feeling as we were both after all in the same boat.
(a) in a similar case (b) in a similar find
(c) in a similar take (d) in a similar situation
- Q4 No matter how smoothly things are running, you can always rely on Charlie to rock the boat.
(a) spoil something (b) spoil anything (c) spoil everything (d) spoil nothing
- Q5 We were all a bit worried about the new manager because we heard that she liked to run a tight ship.
(a) be well organized (b) be well disposed (c) be well received (d) be well placed
- Q6 Although they were a couple well into their 80's everything in their house was always shipshape.
(a) very old (b) very neat (c) very fresh (d) very clean
- Q7 Everybody imagined that there was a big romance between the two of them but it turned out they were merely ships that pass in the night.
(a) strangers meeting quietly (b) strangers meeting softly
(c) strangers meeting once (d) strangers meeting nightly
- Q8 Sadly it never happened but she was absolutely sure her ship would come in one day and she could buy that house in the country.
(a) she would be famous (b) she would be free (c) she would be happy (d) she would be rich
- Q9 In view of his change in fortune he decided to push the boat out and hold a big party.
(a) spend a lot of money (b) spend a lot of time
(c) spend a lot of effort (d) spend a lot of energy
- Q10 Once you've read the instruction book, you'll probably find it's plain sailing.
(a) accurate (b) active (c) straightforward (d) intelligent

British Idioms

- Q1 I had quite a shock last night. I ran into an old flame of mine.
(a) a bright light (b) a brilliant person
(c) a former girlfriend (d) sparkling personality
- Q2 I suppose she was the apple of your eye at the time.
(a) your favourite fruit (b) your favourite meal
(c) your favourite person (d) your favourite book
- Q3 Yes, I suppose she was but she'd changed so. She was all skin and bone.
(a) very thin (b) very mean (c) very fat (d) very poor
- Q4 And I suppose you didn't panic and were as cool as a cucumber?
(a) very bored (b) very calm (c) very rude (d) very stupid
- Q5 Well I didn't have an axe to grind as far as she's concerned.
(a) a straight reason for getting involved (b) a clever reason for getting involved
(c) a personal reason for getting involved (d) a simple reason for getting involved
- Q6 You mean there was no bad blood between the two of you?
(a) no hostile feelings (b) no interested feelings
(c) no strange feelings (d) no funny feelings
- Q7 No, not really except she did get angry sometimes but her bark was worse than her bite.
(a) not as stupid as she sounded (b) not as dangerous as she seemed
(c) not as tall as she looked (d) not as clear as she appeared
- Q8 Was she going anywhere or was she at a loose end?
(a) doing nothing particular (b) doing something special
(c) doing lots of lazy things (d) doing many casual things
- Q9 Not really. Funny thing is I asked her out and she didn't bat an eyelid. What I want to know is whether I did the right thing.
(a) didn't answer me (b) didn't look at me
(c) didn't help me (d) didn't show any reaction
- Q10 I can't help you there my friend. The ball is in your court.
(a) You must look out (b) You must decide (c) You must try harder (d) You must accept

Expressions with cold

- Q1 The way he murdered his victims in a slow, painful way was really cold-blooded.
(a) without feeling (b) without sense (c) without heat (d) without warmth
- Q2 Whenever they met, she would always manage to cold shoulder him and turn the other way.
(a) freeze (b) dampen (c) ignore (d) defeat
- Q3 Unfortunately he breaks into a cold sweat when he sees her, can't think straight and doesn't know what to do.
(a) shivers (b) turns cold (c) gets lost (d) panics
- Q4 I'm afraid I'm getting cold feet about this scheme as I'm not sure it's such a good idea.
(a) worried about (b) deals about (c) feelings about (d) thoughts about
- Q5 All right he got some money for his troubles but not very much and really it was cold comfort to him.
(a) little fuss (b) little peace (c) little consolation (d) little trust
- Q6 It's difficult to describe him because he doesn't really say or do much he's what you might call a cold fish.
(a) a suspicious person (b) an impassive person (c) a feeling person (d) a lazy person
- Q7 Every day we get cold calls on the phone from total strangers trying to sell you something.
(a) unfriendly calls (b) unusual calls (c) unfair calls (d) unwanted calls
- Q8 You never really know where you are with her as she just blows hot and cold.
(a) keeps talking (b) keeps taking things
(c) keeps changing her mood (d) keeps testing
- Q9 They refused to let her into their circle of friends and left her out in the cold.
(a) all alone (b) without heat (c) all ready (d) all cold
- Q10 You know he won't approve as he always pours cold water on any new ideas.
(a) dislikes (b) detracts (c) deceives (d) disapproves of

Way Idioms

- Q1 By the way are you thinking of going on holiday?
(a) Incidentally (b) However (c) Naturally (d) Nevertheless
- Q2 If I'm in your way, I'll leave the room.
(a) I'm confusing you (b) I'm trying you (c) I'm hindering you (d) I'm finding you
- Q3 Every investor is really pleased because profits are way up this year.
(a) have gone up some (b) have gone up gradually
(c) have gone up moderately (d) have gone up hugely
- Q4 As your house is on our way, we'll give you a lift home if you like.
(a) on our trip (b) on our route (c) on our excursion (d) on our crossing
- Q5 At the moment plans are under way and the work should be finished next year.
(a) in progress (b) in the middle (c) in order (d) in control
- Q6 We don't usually allow refunds but once in a way we agree.
(a) often (b) directly (c) frequently (d) occasionally
- Q7 The army commander was very concerned about his troops and would never allow them to be in harm's way.
(a) in fights (b) in battle (c) in combat (d) in danger
- Q8 You'll just have to make a decision. You can't have it both ways.
(a) benefit by cancelling two vertical views (b) benefit by agreeing to two opposite views
(c) benefit by agreeing to two similar views (d) benefit by agreeing to two average views
- Q9 In view of the considerable opposition the members agreed to give way.
(a) yield (b) sustain (c) suspect (d) volunteer
- Q10 She left school and immediately started to make her own way without help from her family.
(a) find her living (b) try her living (c) earn her living (d) hold her living

Idioms with come

- Q1 Come again? Sorry, I didn't hear what you said.
(a) Return it to me (b) Speak louder, please
(c) Can you repeat that (d) Can you come back
- Q2 Your mom is going to come down hard on you if you don't clean your room now.
(a) reprimand (b) reward (c) exonerate (d) assist
- Q3 New evidence came to light at the end of the trial.
(a) was hidden (b) was sheathed (c) was concealed (d) was revealed
- Q4 Robert Koch was the first person to come up with a medicine to help in the treatment of Tuberculosis.
(a) eradicate (b) discover (c) vindicate (d) reveal
- Q5 My dream of having my own house has finally come true.
(a) happened (b) become a fairy tale (c) surfaced (d) been revealed
- Q6 A lot of people from the office I work at came down with the flu this past week.
(a) spread (b) dominated (c) got sick with (d) got healed from
- Q7 In the end, it all comes down to the fact that you don't really care about me.
(a) intercedes to (b) interferes to (c) conspires to (d) is because of
- Q8 When my boss asked me to come to his office this morning, little did I know I was coming in for some harsh comments.
(a) going to go through (b) going to make (c) going to profess (d) going to interpret
- Q9 I was turning into the left lane when a car came out of nowhere and hit me.
(a) stopped right in front of me (b) suddenly appeared
(c) spun over (d) fell off a truck
- Q10 I need to come to terms with myself.
(a) have a dialogue (b) discuss
(c) stop disappointing (d) objectively and entirely confront and understand

Common English Idioms

- Q1 Tom told Andrea that giant turtles had escaped from the city zoo and were eating only left-handed people. It wasn't until she saw the smirk on his face that Andrea noticed he was just pulling her leg.
- (a) trying to hurt her (b) fooling her
(c) making fun of her (d) trying to make her fall
- Q2 Why should she stick her neck out for them? They never helped her with anything.
- (a) ask for money (b) stand up (c) take a big risk (d) lie
- Q3 I am so mad at my boyfriend. We were supposed to have a date last night at the park but he stood me up.
- (a) didn't come (b) forgot
(c) took me somewhere else (d) pretended he didn't know
- Q4 It seems like something has been eating at John lately. Hes just not the same person any more.
- (a) changing (b) challenging
(c) confusing (d) bothering and upsetting
- Q5 I have a feeling in my gut that one of the employees is giving information about His boss to another company.
- (a) strong fear (b) really strong instinct
(c) slight hint (d) a lot of proof
- Q6 Andrew and Ana have been dating each other for so long that I think its about time they got hitched.
- (a) moved in together (b) went on a honeymoon
(c) got married (d) met each other's parents
- Q7 Bobs mom jumped down his throat when she saw his report card from school.
- (a) was thrilled with him (b) was annoyed with him
(c) was angry with him (d) was happy for him
- Q8 It turns me off when guys dont respect my boundaries.
- (a) makes me completely lose interest (b) makes me angry
(c) makes me sorry (d) regrets me
- Q9 Ever since Melanie won the Miss Universe Competition, her telephone has been ringing off the hook.
- (a) broken (b) cut off
(c) ringing constantly (d) ringing every now and then
- Q10 I think George and Lisa would make a great couple. We should try to hook them up.
- (a) separate them (b) make them hug one another
(c) make them buy one another presents (d) get them together

Idioms with Hand

- Q1 We need to do something about it! This situation is getting out of hand!
(a) too big (b) too organized (c) out of control (d) out of order
- Q2 Now the grandparents have the children on their hands.
(a) in their care (b) in trouble (c) spanked (d) to obey them
- Q3 This last year, my company has made money hand over fist!
(a) with a lot of struggle (b) at a huge rate
(c) poorly (d) distribution
- Q4 As soon as he laid his hands on all that money, he donated part of it to charitable institutions.
(a) stole (b) scattered (c) released (d) took possession of
- Q5 The beginning of a new generation of computer software is at hand.
(a) imminent (b) remote
(c) current (d) in someone's possession
- Q6 Do we have enough people on hand to help us move our stuff into the house?
(a) nearby (b) available (c) indisposed (d) confident
- Q7 The FBI told the local police that their case was off their hands. The investigation was now a Federal matter.
(a) lost by them (b) improvised by them
(c) out of their jurisdiction (d) out of their control
- Q8 Jane Williams is a very good investigative reporter, you've got to hand it to her.
(a) give her credit (b) give a present to her
(c) give a promotion to her (d) forgive her
- Q9 Honey, can you hand me the car key, please? It's right next to you on the table.
(a) take to me (b) make a copy of (c) give me (d) find me
- Q10 Learning a foreign language goes hand in hand with International Business.
(a) tossed from one hand to another (b) in different directions
(c) individually (d) together

English Idioms and Phrases

- Q1 You have to raise your voice a little when talking to him. He's a little hard of hearing.
- (a) stubborn (b) quiet when he speaks
(c) deaf (d) distracted
- Q2 I went to a real nice restaurant yesterday. The food cost was cheap and they served a lot of food. I had to ask for a doggy bag because I couldn't eat the whole thing.
- (a) package to store left over food so the person can take it home (b) dog bowl so you can give the rest of the food to your dog
(c) special order where you get smaller meal sizes (d) kid's meal
- Q3 Fabian was a doormat. No wonder his classmates were always giving him a hard time.
- (a) snob (b) geek (c) coward (d) chubby boy
- Q4 I invited a friend to go to a street market by my house where they served some real good Japanese food. My friend's mom wanted to pay for her daughter's meal, but I insisted on paying for both our meals myself, her mom finally said: Ok, as long as we go Dutch next time.
- (a) I pay for your meal (b) you take me with you
(c) you let me drive you there (d) we divide the costs
- Q5 So, is everything plain as a pikestaff? Oh, yes indeed sir!
- (a) clean (b) clear (c) messy (d) in position
- Q6 We are having a pot-luck dinner at Tim's house tomorrow. Everybody is invited!
- (a) dinner where everybody brings something to eat (b) dinner where everybody chips in
(c) dinner where only soup is served (d) dinner where people eat and play games at the same time
- Q7 I need everybody's help. The wedding is tomorrow and we haven't even started with the decorations yet. We have no time to lose.
- (a) been procrastinating (b) to remember what time it is
(c) extra time (d) to start right now
- Q8 Just keep your wig on. Everything is going to be alright, okay?
- (a) hold your wig so it won't fall off (b) get another hair cut
(c) calm down (d) throw a fit
- Q9 Kyle was saved by the bell when his sister walked in and asked him to take her to ballet practice.
- (a) rescued from an unwanted situation (b) detained from his duty
(c) obligated to comply (d) obliged to cooperate
- Q10 I would stay away from that guy if I were you, he has a screw loose.
- (a) is dangerous (b) is annoying (c) is a flirt (d) is crazy

Expressions with make

- Q1 Everybody thought Jane and Elliot were a happy couple, but it was all just make believe.
(a) modesty (b) pretending (c) reality (d) denial
- Q2 I've been working hard for the last few months trying to make ends meet, but something I'm not even expecting always comes up and I have to pay for it.
(a) make enough money to pay for expenses (b) survive
(c) meet my family's needs (d) make good business
- Q3 Man's first walk on the moon made history.
(a) was forgotten (b) is only talked about in history books
(c) was unheard of (d) was meaningful enough to influence history
- Q4 You can make people's day just by telling them how important they are to you.
(a) displease people (b) resent people
(c) give people great pleasure (d) antipathize people
- Q5 If I had a chance to go to Paris, I would make the most of it.
(a) be satisfied with (b) take great advantage of
(c) go there as soon as possible (d) drawback from
- Q6 Charity made a scene at the club when she saw her boyfriend dancing with another girl.
(a) played a role (b) had a fight (c) hid herself (d) acted like a fool
- Q7 So, George... Have you made up your mind where you want to go for your internship?
(a) decided (b) conjured up (c) told your mom (d) postponed
- Q8 Now it makes sense to me why you moved out of that house.
(a) I am intrigued (b) I understand (c) it frustrates me (d) it concerns
- Q9 Ana finally made it. She is an excellent doctor.
(a) failed (b) receded (c) succeeded (d) blew it
- Q10 Mom, can you tell Todd to stop making fun of me?
(a) mocking (b) lying to (c) flattering (d) flirting with

Double Speak in Job Titles

- Q1 The school custodian was the main suspect of the girl's disappearance.
(a) principal (b) teacher (c) janitor (d) receptionist
- Q2 Linda got a job as an executive assistant in a Law Firm.
(a) a manager (b) a business partner (c) clerk (d) secretary
- Q3 Celebrities are usually surrounded by their personal protection specialists.
(a) fans (b) bodyguards (c) lawyers (d) reporters
- Q4 George is in the food business now. He is an Executive Snack Route Consultant.
(a) a restaurant cheff (b) a potato chip delivery truck driver
(c) a chief (d) a waiter
- Q5 I have always wanted to be an esthetician.
(a) a hairdresser (b) a plastic surgeon (c) an artist (d) top model
- Q6 My mom used to work at a hospital as a patient care assistant.
(a) a psychologist (b) a social worker (c) a nurse (d) a general surgeon
- Q7 Bob used to work as a media courier during school summer breaks when he was a kid, now he has his own newspaper.
(a) a reporter from the school newspaper (b) a newspaper seller boy
(c) a newspaper delivery boy (d) a television news announcer
- Q8 Some places in New York have advertised on the newspaper they needed part-time career associate scanning professionals.
(a) check-out clerks (b) door greeters (c) store supervisors (d) grocery baggers
- Q9 The day before Carol's wedding, her bridesmaids went to see a nail technician.
(a) a professional who designs fake nails (b) a specialist in nail diseases
(c) a person who sells nails (d) a manicurist
- Q10 The meteorologist said on TV that it is supposed to rain all day tomorrow.
(a) astronomer (b) television weatherman
(c) fortune teller (d) TV anchor

English Animal Idioms

- Q1 There are times when you must decide and take the bull by the horns.
(a) make the right decision (b) make the wrong decision
(c) make a bold decision (d) make a final decision
- Q2 He leads a dog's life really because his freedom is always curtailed.
(a) never knows what to do (b) sometimes does something wrong
(c) never goes out (d) never does what he wants
- Q3 No-one ever mentions him because he's regarded as the black sheep of the family.
(a) the one with a sense of humour (b) the one with a bad reputation
(c) the one who is always late (d) the one who never washes
- Q4 I shouldn't go outside without a raincoat because it's raining cats and dogs.
(a) it's just started to rain (b) it's going to rain
(c) it's raining very heavily (d) it's raining a little
- Q5 You shouldn't sign there I think he's about to make a monkey out of you.
(a) to make a fool of you (b) to make you lose money
(c) to make you feel stupid (d) to make you lose interest
- Q6 It's a lovely house and very big but nobody uses it so it's a bit of a white elephant.
(a) something very beautiful and useful (b) something very big and useful
(c) something very cheap and useless (d) something very expensive and useless
- Q7 When the business folded, he took the lion's share of the assets.
(a) the easiest part (b) the smallest part (c) the biggest part (d) the only part
- Q8 Without my glasses I can't see where I'm going in fact I'm as blind as a bat.
(a) very short sighted (b) very long sighted (c) very far sighted (d) very clear sighted
- Q9 I get very irritated sometimes because they're always up with the lark and I like to lie in.
(a) up very easily (b) up very early (c) up very often (d) up very noisily
- Q10 I would advise you to do that as well and in that way you'll kill two birds with one stone.
(a) get things done twice (b) get something done two times
(c) get two things done at the same time (d) get two things done twice

Hands on

- Q1 The opposition party dismissed the government's proposal out of hand.
(a) without further consideration (b) with some hesitation
(c) without thinking (d) with reluctance
- Q2 Since she started work on the stock exchange she has been making money hand over fist.
(a) in moderation (b) in large quantities (c) to a certain extent (d) to some extent
- Q3 They have lost all their money and now lead a sort of hand to mouth existence.
(a) impoverished (b) simplified (c) leisurely (d) indifferent
- Q4 It's no good asking anybody in that shop to help you because they won't lift a finger.
(a) show you the way (b) carry your goods
(c) take your order (d) do anything at all for you
- Q5 In the obituary about the millionaire all his enterprises were listed and it looked as if he had had a finger in every pie.
(a) a control over many activities (b) an involvement in many activities
(c) an interference in many activities (d) a belief in many activities
- Q6 I've just bought a brand new car with all the latest gadgets and quite honestly it has cost me an arm and a leg.
(a) a reasonable amount of money (b) a fair amount of money
(c) a huge amount of money (d) a good deal of money
- Q7 I don't want to have to twist your arm but I hope you realize that your refusal to comply could be harmful.
(a) allow you to agree (b) force you to agree (c) beg you to agree (d) ask you to agree
- Q8 Have a look at the benefits that the society can offer you and then you may feel like dipping your toe in the water.
(a) deciding to try membership straightaway (b) deciding to try membership quite soon
(c) deciding to try membership for a year (d) deciding to try membership for a trial
- Q9 If you do join a political party then you are expected to toe the line on every occasion.
(a) say what you like (b) stick to the rules
(c) follow your conscience (d) speak your mind
- Q10 I wouldn't say I never see eye to eye with my employers but sometimes they can make extraordinary demands.
(a) totally side (b) totally work (c) totally agree (d) totally disagree

Lucky Alex

- Q1 Alex had lost a lot of money and as a consequence was feeling down in the dumps.
(a) lonely (b) miserable (c) uncomfortable (d) uneasy
- Q2 He had given in to a longstanding weakness of his and pinned his hopes on the favourite winning the race.
(a) made a wish about (b) tried his luck with
(c) made a promise (d) put a lot of faith in
- Q3 This horse in all honesty didn't have a snowball's chance in hell of winning.
(a) a chance in a million (b) a chance worth taking
(c) a chance of success (d) a chance of a lifetime
- Q4 Alex said he had had a dream about the horse winning but most people regarded this story with a pinch of salt.
(a) with enthusiasm (b) with caution (c) with care (d) with luck
- Q5 What happened was that the stupid animal took fright halfway through the course and without batting an eyelid decided to go back to the start.
(a) taking a chance (b) turning round (c) looking (d) worrying at all
- Q6 As far as Alex was concerned this was the last straw and he vowed he would never risk money on a horse ever again.
(a) the final decision (b) the final moment (c) the final disaster (d) the final occasion
- Q7 The trouble was that he didn't have a bean not even enough to pay for the fare home.
(a) didn't have a wallet (b) didn't have a penny
(c) didn't have any change (d) didn't have a ticket
- Q8 He decided he would swallow his pride and try and hitchhike.
(a) take his medicine (b) take no interest in other people
(c) not worry what people thought (d) forget about himself
- Q9 Fortunately it wasn't long before he got a lift with an old man who had a heart of gold and gave him some money.
(a) was very generous (b) was very wise (c) was very old (d) was very ill
- Q10 He told him to invest it wisely, which Alex did. He bought a ticket for the lottery and his ship came home because he won the jackpot.
(a) his mind changed (b) his opinion changed (c) his luck changed (d) his views changed

How Mary fell in love

- Q1 Most people like to come home after work and put their feet up.
(a) take their socks off (b) take their shoes off
(c) relax (d) sit down
- Q2 Mary was exactly the same as everybody else but this particular night she wanted to let her hair down.
(a) wash her hair (b) comb her hair
(c) really enjoy herself (d) really comb her hair
- Q3 She put her favourite CD on and turned it up full blast.
(a) to complete volume (b) to exact volume (c) to fine volume (d) to maximum volume
- Q4 As soon as she had done that, all hell was let loose.
(a) there was loud hum (b) there was sound of thunder
(c) there was a huge noise (d) there was an enormous flame
- Q5 Her next door neighbour soon got fed up to the back teeth with the noise.
(a) grew hungry with (b) grew angry with (c) grew mad about (d) grew very tired of
- Q6 He started hammering on the adjoining wall but Mary carried on regardless.
(a) took little interest (b) took some notice
(c) took not the slightest notice (d) took the most interest
- Q7 In the end her neighbour decided to speak his mind.
(a) say exactly what he thought (b) have a chat
(c) say a few words (d) express a point of view
- Q8 Although he had never met her, he was determined to read her the riot act.
(a) tell her off (b) tell her a story (c) tell her straight (d) tell her the truth
- Q9 Mary opened the door and as soon as they saw each other they fell head over heels in love with each other.
(a) quickly (b) utterly (c) easily (d) slowly
- Q10 A few months later they decided to knock down the adjoining wall and now everything in the garden is lovely.
(a) the flowers are growing (b) everything is perfect
(c) everything is growing (d) everything is flowering

Call it a day

- Q1 I take my hat off to all those people who worked hard to get the contract.
(a) respect (b) encourage (c) congratulate (d) welcome
- Q2 Some of you worked on until the small hours to make it a successful project.
(a) it was dark outside (b) it was early in the morning
(c) it was late in the evening (d) it was late in the day
- Q3 I'm sure sometimes you all wanted to call it a day and go home.
(a) stop work (b) start work (c) continue working (d) do it later
- Q4 The important thing is that as soon as you saw the advantages, you got your teeth stuck into it.
(a) started to eat (b) wanted to swallow
(c) got very interested in (d) wanted to digest
- Q5 I'm also very proud of the way you stuck to your guns.
(a) wouldn't go away (b) wouldn't give up (c) wouldn't shoot (d) wouldn't fire
- Q6 There are times in life when it's very important to keep your chin up.
(a) be smart (b) be careful (c) be brave (d) be cheerful
- Q7 There are of course those who very easily throw in the towel.
(a) give up (b) give into (c) give over (d) give out
- Q8 We can best describe someone like that as a person who is weak-kneed.
(a) having no resolution (b) having no support
(c) having no ideas (d) having no legs
- Q9 It only remains for me to express my admiration for all those of you who stayed at your posts.
(a) waited for your letters (b) kept your letters
(c) remained loyal (d) stayed waiting
- Q10 I must not forget either all those very important people, without whom none of us could operate, who work behind the scenes.
(a) in the dark (b) at the back (c) in the evenings (d) in the background

Live up to

- Q1 Frank was an old soldier and lived through many wars.
(a) seen (b) tasted (c) enjoyed (d) experienced
- Q2 He had joined the army as a young man because he wanted to live it up a bit.
(a) see the world (b) experience the discipline
(c) have a good time (d) learn new skills
- Q3 He wanted excitement and travel and the army lived up to its reputation.
(a) came up to (b) came near to (c) went near (d) went beyond
- Q4 He certainly travelled and there was plenty of excitement, which made it possible for him to live out his dream.
(a) show (b) find (c) follow (d) name
- Q5 He also managed to live off his pay without any problems.
(a) put up with (b) exist easily on (c) just get by on (d) take care of
- Q6 He lived on the simple food provided by the army.
(a) ate only (b) digested (c) consumed (d) just managed
- Q7 For some years he lived in because he liked to be among his comrades.
(a) stayed in bed (b) stayed in barracks (c) stayed indoors (d) stayed behind
- Q8 He never really enjoyed living out.
(a) staying in other accommodation (b) staying away from home
(c) staying alone (d) waiting outside
- Q9 He never did anything wrong and so he didn't have to live down any bad reputation.
(a) make others remember (b) make others forget
(c) make others recall (d) make others listen
- Q10 He lived out his final days in a small cottage overlooking the barracks.
(a) numbered (b) endured (c) counted (d) ended

English Grammar Prepositions

- Q1 What are you up to?
(a) trying now (b) doing now (c) achieving now (d) starting now
- Q2 What are you into?
(a) capable of (b) proud of (c) familiar with (d) interested in
- Q3 I'm off on Monday.
(a) having a holiday (b) having an extra day (c) having a long day (d) having a short day
- Q4 Are you in on the latest developments?
(a) kept informed about (b) kept attached to (c) kept told about (d) kept written to
- Q5 You're on next.
(a) It's your opportunity (b) It's your moment
(c) It's your time (d) It's your turn
- Q6 Are you in on Tuesdays?
(a) at home (b) in touch (c) in the house (d) in the area
- Q7 I'm certainly up for it.
(a) willing to try (b) ready to take (c) wanting a chance (d) keen to go
- Q8 You should know that I'm all for it.
(a) completely taken with (b) wholly interested in
(c) in complete agreement with (d) in complete satisfaction with
- Q9 I'm through with that company.
(a) completed with (b) finished with (c) tired of (d) sick of
- Q10 I'm after a new car.
(a) searching for (b) looking for (c) aiming for (d) trying for

From Shakespeare originally

- Q1 When he heard that he had lost his job, it was cold comfort to learn that he could keep his car.
(a) a lot of help (b) some help (c) a little help (d) little help
- Q2 The selection of candidates was done in a hit or miss manner so that nobody knew why they were chosen.
(a) friendly (b) happy (c) easy (d) casual
- Q3 She had got herself in a pickle by trying to please everyone at the same time.
(a) into confusion (b) into trouble (c) into difficulties (d) into problems
- Q4 I'm afraid that my poor old car has finally breathed its last.
(a) stopped working (b) stopped trying (c) stopped flying (d) stopped turning
- Q5 You're living in a fool's paradise if you think they're going to pay you for nothing.
(a) under an illusion (b) under a dream (c) under a cloud (d) under a delusion
- Q6 It was a total mystery as apparently there was neither rhyme nor reason why he did it.
(a) no logical reason (b) no real reason
(c) no particular reason (d) no special reason
- Q7 There is clearly a sea change in the way people now look at crime today.
(a) a little change (b) a huge change (c) a fine change (d) a small change
- Q8 They looked everywhere for the lost passport but it seems to have vanished into thin air.
(a) disappeared slowly (b) disappeared gradually
(c) disappeared completely (d) disappeared quickly
- Q9 When it comes to a crisis, Charles is a tower of strength.
(a) very tall (b) very reliable (c) very strong (d) very trusting
- Q10 Whenever he has been treated badly, he always demands his pound of flesh.
(a) total recompense (b) total satisfaction (c) total agreement (d) total acceptance

Water Expressions

- Q1 Charlie's in hot water again, he forgot to lock up last night.
(a) in the bath (b) very wet (c) in the shower (d) in trouble
- Q2 Forget it, that's water under the bridge now.
(a) best forgotten (b) best learnt (c) best understood (d) best remembered
- Q3 That's always the trouble if she doesn't like it, she simply throws cold water on it.
(a) washes it completely (b) discourages it completely
(c) cleans it completely (d) drowns it completely
- Q4 You must realize the gravity of the situation because you are in deep water now.
(a) an embarrassing situation (b) a stupid situation
(c) a serious situation (d) a strange situation
- Q5 He is like a fish out of water whenever he goes to a party.
(a) feels uncomfortable (b) feels dry (c) feels thirsty (d) feels silly
- Q6 Don't ever lend him money, he spends it like water.
(a) very slowly (b) very often (c) very freely (d) very carefully
- Q7 We think in the present circumstances the best policy is to tread water for a while.
(a) take sudden steps (b) take quick decisions
(c) take little action (d) take firm action
- Q8 My original plan has been so watered down that I don't recognize it now.
(a) reduced in importance (b) increased in size
(c) made more fluid (d) made much clearer
- Q9 Your ideas are usually sound but this one won't hold water, I'm afraid.
(a) float (b) be practical (c) stay up (d) sink
- Q10 He'll be all right soon because any criticism is usually like water off a duck's back to him.
(a) of no importance (b) of some importance (c) of great importance (d) of such importance

Cats, Dogs and Ducks

- Q1 You will be in a very difficult situation now that he's let the cat out of the bag.
(a) told a story (b) let the animal go (c) revealed the truth (d) told a lie
- Q2 If I were you, I would not raise the subject again and my best advice is to let sleeping dogs lie.
(a) leave the dogs alone (b) not touch the dogs
(c) not say any more (d) keep away from the dogs
- Q3 Remember if you go into that meeting without being prepared with some answers, you will simply be a sitting duck.
(a) a bird with no wings (b) a ready target
(c) a steady aim (d) a sick animal
- Q4 I'm afraid he didn't take my advice and they made him look a complete fool because he was unprepared and he ended up a dead duck.
(a) a person with no feelings (b) a person with no problems
(c) a person with no future (d) a person with no ideas
- Q5 Mind you as I have said many times before I don't know how he's lasted so long in the job because he's always been the lame duck in the team.
(a) the lazy person (b) the inefficient person
(c) the slow person (d) the wrong person
- Q6 The older generation always maintains that in their day things were better and nowadays the country is going to the dogs.
(a) is having a good time (b) is becoming lazy
(c) is losing its standards (d) is becoming weaker
- Q7 If you're unsure about which way the cat is going to jump, I suggest you hang on for a bit longer.
(a) how much it will cost (b) when your turn comes
(c) how you can succeed (d) what will happen next
- Q8 There is no need to apologize about your remarks as I can assure you it's like water off a duck's back to me.
(a) of some concern (b) of a little concern (c) of little concern (d) of less concern
- Q9 Once more he is in the doghouse but I couldn't possibly tell you why.
(a) out of the way (b) out of favour (c) out of order (d) out of trouble
- Q10 As so many people are coming to a party at their house, they're running around preparing food like scalded cats.
(a) in a nervous state (b) in a delighted state
(c) in a hurried state (d) in a hilarious state

Losing It

- Q1 The one thing a public figure hates is when he loses face in front of all his admirers.
(a) loses good looks (b) loses photos (c) loses respect (d) loses expressions
- Q2 At the crucial moment the climber lost her nerve and had to be brought down the mountain.
(a) became excited (b) became concerned (c) became scared (d) became upset
- Q3 The latest opinion polls show that the government is losing ground to the opposition party.
(a) losing its time (b) losing its opinion
(c) losing its votes (d) losing its advantage
- Q4 There was a time when everybody would believe her totally but after this episode I'm afraid she's losing her touch.
(a) losing her skill (b) losing her mind (c) losing her contact (d) losing her friends
- Q5 Under the new pay agreement many employees feel that they are losing out on allowances.
(a) at a deficit (b) at a disadvantage (c) at a problem (d) at a difficulty
- Q6 I'm afraid that kind of humour is totally lost on him so you'll have to explain it more simply.
(a) without effect (b) without reason (c) without sense (d) without impression
- Q7 After only a few weeks as a teacher of very badly behaved children she realized she was losing her grip.
(a) losing her point (b) losing her purpose (c) losing her control (d) losing her feelings
- Q8 He suddenly started shouting and screaming and people could plainly see that he had lost his cool.
(a) become angry (b) become rude (c) become stupid (d) become loud
- Q9 I've tried very hard indeed to understand your argument step by step but I must confess I've now lost the thread.
(a) I now can't follow the answer (b) I now can't follow the point
(c) I now can't follow the reason (d) I now can't follow the reasoning
- Q10 After the traffic accident she lost her head and drove the car into a brick wall.
(a) behaved strangely (b) behaved foolishly (c) behaved oddly (d) behaved quietly

Splitting Hairs

- Q1 We told him to keep his hair on because he was getting angrier and angrier.
(a) to stand still (b) to remain calm (c) to speak quietly (d) to sit down
- Q2 I can't really explain it but the moment she walks into the room and asks me a question she gets in my hair.
(a) pulls my hair (b) terrifies me (c) criticizes me (d) irritates me
- Q3 Now that he's passed his exams and got his qualifications he's decided to let his hair down.
(a) behave informally (b) behave noisily (c) behave easily (d) behave fully
- Q4 When I opened the door and saw this white figure in front of me, it really made my hair stand on end.
(a) upset me (b) disappointed me (c) terrified me (d) surprised me
- Q5 After the boss had given her the sack, she just walked out of the office without turning a hair.
(a) showing some feeling (b) showing no feeling at all
(c) showing a little feeling (d) showing a lot of feeling
- Q6 Quite frankly you're splitting hairs. Does it matter whether it's the past simple or the perfect tense?
(a) arguing about small points (b) arguing about tenses
(c) arguing about grammar (d) arguing about grammatical points
- Q7 I saw him last November and since then I have seen neither hide nor hair of him.
(a) seen little of him (b) seen him once or twice
(c) not seen him at all (d) not seen much of him
- Q8 Don't worry if she doesn't say much because she says she's having a bad hair day.
(a) she's experiencing a lot of problems (b) she's discovering horrible things
(c) she's doing too much (d) she's been eating too much
- Q9 I was really scared when I saw him because he was tearing his hair out about the new management decision.
(a) extremely excited (b) extremely worried (c) extremely angry (d) extremely depressed
- Q10 They were very lucky they didn't get themselves killed because they came within a hair's breadth of falling down the mountain.
(a) very near to (b) very nearer to (c) very nearly to (d) very next to

Squeaky Clean

- Q1 The auditors made a thorough check on all aspects of the company and decided to give it a clean bill of health.
(a) confirm it was satisfactory (b) decide it was hygienic
(c) believe it was clean (d) agree it was organized
- Q2 Now that all the problems have been sorted out he is able to go back to work with a clean slate.
(a) making no more mess (b) making things clean
(c) making a fresh start (d) making things up
- Q3 After a great deal of questioning he decided to come clean and tell the truth.
(a) agree (b) decide (c) admit (d) confess
- Q4 The enquiry into allegations of fraud against the minister proved in the end that her hands were clean.
(a) she was willing (b) she was busy (c) she was innocent (d) she was careful
- Q5 With the appointment of a new director it was decided to make a clean sweep and create a new board of governors.
(a) remove all obstacles (b) remove all chairs
(c) remove all symbols (d) remove all problems
- Q6 Some of the members of the board are under some suspicion but he is regarded as Mr Clean.
(a) well mannered (b) trustworthy (c) punctual (d) tidy
- Q7 I was taken to the cleaners well and truly last week: I saw the same computer for sale today at half the price I paid.
(a) lost some money (b) lost a lot of money (c) lost too much money (d) lost more money
- Q8 We tried to catch the thief who'd snatched the handbag but he showed us a clean pair of heels.
(a) lost his shoes (b) fell over his shoes (c) ran away quickly (d) picked up his shoes
- Q9 At the end of a lengthy police investigation he emerged as squeaky clean.
(a) totally clean (b) totally free (c) totally tired (d) totally innocent
- Q10 After several hours of cleaning the children had made the kitchen clean as a whistle before their parents came home.
(a) spotless (b) pure (c) tidy (d) neat

Word of Mouth

- Q1 I give you my word it will never happen again.
(a) say (b) speak (c) promise (d) agree
- Q2 She had to eat her words when it turned out that she had chosen the wrong horse in the race.
(a) admit she was hungry (b) admit she was thirsty
(c) admit she was sorry (d) admit she was wrong
- Q3 They had words last night so be prepared for miserable faces this morning.
(a) fought (b) shouted (c) quarrelled (d) screamed
- Q4 You can always rely on that company because they keep their word whatever happens.
(a) do what they like (b) do what they say (c) say what they do (d) do what they want
- Q5 They spend very little on advertising and tend to get new work through word of mouth.
(a) recommendation (b) gossip (c) hearsay (d) sayings
- Q6 You can see that he's deeply in love with her because he hangs on her every word.
(a) listens silently to everything she says (b) listens eagerly to everything she says
(c) listens quickly to everything she says (d) listens quietly to everything she says
- Q7 From the word go we could tell at the interview she was the ideal candidate for the job.
(a) Quickly (b) Suddenly (c) Straightaway (d) Clearly
- Q8 Remember as soon as you feel able to continue with walk, say the word.
(a) let me know (b) let me hear (c) let me go (d) let me tell
- Q9 I can only repeat that I want you to wait until Tuesday before you tell her, remember mum's the word.
(a) don't tell mum (b) don't speak aloud
(c) don't say anything (d) don't answer anything
- Q10 I couldn't agree with you more, to be honest you've taken the words out of my mouth.
(a) said what I wanted to hear (b) said what I wanted to say
(c) said what I wanted to know (d) said what I wanted to learn

Teaching your Family to Drive

- Q1 He worries too much about his appearance and now he says he's going thin on top.
(a) going crazy (b) going mad (c) going bald (d) going deaf
- Q2 She lost her job last year and since then she's been having a thin time of it.
(a) finding it difficult without friends (b) finding it difficult without help
(c) finding it difficult without support (d) finding it difficult without money
- Q3 He really must start eating properly because at the moment he's as thin as a rake.
(a) very thin (b) very tired (c) very sleepy (d) very light
- Q4 If you know of a good plumber, let me know as they're a bit thin on the ground around here.
(a) difficult to see (b) difficult to find (c) difficult to know (d) difficult to pay
- Q5 Although he only asked me to lend him EUR 5, I could see this was the thin end of the wedge.
(a) start of something financial (b) start of something easy
(c) start of something worse (d) start of something difficult
- Q6 Since we put that advertisement in the local newspapers, replies have been coming in thick and fast.
(a) quickly in large numbers (b) slowly in small numbers
(c) quickly in small numbers (d) slowly in large numbers
- Q7 You'll be lucky if you get more than two words out of him because I'm afraid he's as thick as two short planks.
(a) very quiet (b) very slow (c) very wooden (d) very stupid
- Q8 They've settled their argument at long last and now they're as thick as thieves.
(a) very clever (b) very friendly (c) very careful (d) very cautious
- Q9 In view of the way she behaved I thought it was a bit thick when she asked him to apologize to her.
(a) more than I could wish (b) more than I could believe
(c) more than I could stand (d) more than I could follow
- Q10 There are certain members in the party who will stand by their leader through thick and thin.
(a) whatever the times (b) whatever the climate
(c) whatever the day (d) whatever the difficulties

Expressions with Top

- Q1 He's always worried about his appearance and now he's concerned because he's going thin on top.
(a) losing his hair (b) losing his memory
(c) losing his popularity (d) losing his strength
- Q2 When the accident happened all he could think about was attracting attention and started calling out at the top of his voice.
(a) as quickly as possible (b) as freely as possible
(c) as clearly as possible (d) as loudly as possible
- Q3 Off the top of my head I would say it's going to cost more than twice what you have budgeted for.
(a) At a careful calculation (b) At a simple calculation
(c) At a near calculation (d) At a rough calculation
- Q4 It's certainly not difficult to see who's top dog around here these days.
(a) the most arrogant person (b) the most popular person
(c) the most important person (d) the most unusual person
- Q5 Since she won the lottery last week she's been feeling on top of the world.
(a) very proud (b) very happy (c) very excited (d) very wealthy
- Q6 Many politicians like to impress the votes but a few of them go over the top sometimes in their speeches.
(a) exaggerate (b) irritate (c) antagonize (d) magnify
- Q7 For the first time in ages I actually slept like a top last night.
(a) very quickly (b) very slowly (c) very often (d) very soundly
- Q8 Students usually take on paid employment during the vacation to top up their grants.
(a) stay with (b) keep to (c) add to (d) get to
- Q9 Her mother was very snobbish and didn't like the idea of her daughter marrying someone who was not out of the top drawer.
(a) of great wealth (b) of high social standing
(c) of considerable education (d) of great intellectual ability
- Q10 It had been a terrible day for him and when he learned finally that he had lost his job, he simply blew his top.
(a) lost his temper (b) lost his nerve (c) lost his courage (d) lost his respect

Down to Earth

- Q1 Poor Charlie has been down in the dumps since he learned that he's lost his job.
(a) miserable (b) angry (c) furious (d) uneasy
- Q2 I think we've had our fun and now it's time we got down to the idea of earning some money.
(a) began slowly to consider (b) began easily to consider
(c) began seriously to consider (d) began frankly to consider
- Q3 As soon as they heard the news that one of their fellow workers had been given the sack, they all downed tools.
(a) went home (b) stopped working (c) stopped talking (d) worked slowly
- Q4 She always talks down to me as if I'm not worth consideration.
(a) speaks softly (b) speaks quickly
(c) speaks condescendingly (d) speaks continuously
- Q5 In contrast to her husband she's a very down-to-earth sort of person who manages to control his wild ideas.
(a) cynical (b) boring (c) clever (d) practical
- Q6 He's certainly picked himself up since we last saw him when he was clearly down-at-heel.
(a) loudly dressed (b) shabbily dressed (c) strangely dressed (d) oddly dressed
- Q7 I invested all my money in that failed company and now I find my whole investment has gone down the drain.
(a) has been overtaken (b) has been confirmed (c) has been wasted (d) has been confused
- Q8 You can use special symbols in your emails if you want to show you're down in the mouth.
(a) decided (b) definite (c) deflated (d) depressed
- Q9 Let's put it like this — you made the decision and so it's down to you as to what happens next.
(a) your responsibility (b) your concern (c) your turn (d) your thought
- Q10 They've had enough of the bad climate and high taxes here and have gone to live down under.
(a) in America (b) in China (c) in Australia (d) in India

Expressions with low

- Q1 If you like, I can give you a summary and the low-down when we next meet.
(a) the information (b) the history (c) the numbers (d) the account
- Q2 It's the fashion now to write the first letter of your name not in capitals but in lower case.
(a) tidy letters (b) tiny letters (c) small letters (d) few letters
- Q3 She's usually very fit and healthy and that's why we were surprised to learn she was laid low.
(a) tired (b) serious (c) unhappy (d) unwell
- Q4 On account of his unpopularity the politician decided to lie low for a few weeks.
(a) keep out of the shops (b) keep away from the public
(c) keep out of the rain (d) keep out of the show
- Q5 In the 19th century in big houses the people who lived below stairs were the servants.
(a) under the floor (b) at the bottom (c) in the basement (d) under the stairs
- Q6 From the critical comments the journalist was making, it was clear he had a low opinion of the country's leader.
(a) didn't talk much about (b) didn't see much of
(c) didn't hear much from (d) didn't think much of
- Q7 We knew that he was dishonest but we didn't imagine he would sink so low as to steal from his own family.
(a) behave so disgracefully (b) behave so stupidly
(c) behave so clearly (d) behave so fully
- Q8 We wanted to cheer you up as we'd heard you were feeling a bit low.
(a) rather angry (b) rather depressed (c) rather uneasy (d) rather strange
- Q9 I recommend you take out your loan now to take advantage of the low interest rate.
(a) reduced (b) quick (c) special (d) fixed
- Q10 If you invest in the financial markets you must expect the lows as well as the highs in the income.
(a) the benefits (b) the stages (c) the decreases (d) the changes

Hot expressions

- Q1 They just sit around, discuss nothing in particular and just produce a lot of hot air.
(a) dry heat (b) funny remarks (c) empty talk (d) simple facts
- Q2 As soon as they heard the news, they didn't hesitate and drove hotfoot to the hospital.
(a) very quickly (b) on horseback (c) in a sports car (d) by taxi
- Q3 He can never wait for the next issue of his favourite magazine and likes to get a copy that's hot off the press.
(a) nice and clean (b) not cold (c) smells good (d) just printed
- Q4 I'm not quite sure how to handle the problem at the moment as it's not easy to explain a sort of hot potato.
(a) strange situation (b) delicate situation (c) grand situation (d) big situation
- Q5 Whenever there was a hot spot that needed covering, the paper always sent their most experienced reporter.
(a) warm zone (b) sunny zone (c) foreign zone (d) war zone
- Q6 He'd only been in his new job three days when he found himself in hot water for something he'd done wrong.
(a) in danger (b) in security (c) in trouble (d) in force
- Q7 Have you seen that long queue outside the supermarket? Whatever they're selling is going like hot cakes.
(a) selling very slowly (b) selling very often
(c) selling very strangely (d) selling very well
- Q8 In order to provide training for the staff in the department everyone had to do a turn in the hot seat.
(a) experience responsibility (b) experience pleasure
(c) experience hard work (d) experience boredom
- Q9 I thought he was going to burst with anger because he was getting very hot under the collar.
(a) very silly (b) very happy (c) very angry (d) very loud
- Q10 The one thing you mustn't do is be late because the boss is very hot on punctuality.
(a) strict about (b) funny about (c) worried about (d) good about

Comparisons with as as

- Q1 After a good night's sleep she woke feeling as fresh as a daisy.
(a) quiet and still (b) bright and cheerful (c) nice and clean (d) sure and confident
- Q2 It was a serious operation but he made a complete recovery and was soon as fit as a fiddle.
(a) in careful health (b) in easy health (c) in quiet health (d) in good health
- Q3 When she left school, she found she could do what she liked and be as free as air.
(a) totally free (b) quite free (c) almost free (d) somewhat free
- Q4 Suddenly the car leant to one side and when he got out, he saw there was no air in one tyre that was as flat as a pancake.
(a) a little flat (b) completely flat (c) slightly flat (d) practically flat
- Q5 The baby sitter had no problem with the children because they were as good as gold the whole evening.
(a) very quiet (b) well spoken (c) well behaved (d) very clean
- Q6 He wanted to make sure that his car looked good and so he made sure it was as clean as a whistle before he sold it.
(a) spotty (b) spotted (c) spotting (d) spotless
- Q7 The one thing you could be sure of was that he would not behave in a normal way he was in fact as daft as a brush.
(a) completely swept (b) completely mad (c) completely brushed (d) completely strange
- Q8 We really didn't expect to see him at all that night but then suddenly he appeared as large as life.
(a) looking big (b) looking fat (c) in person (d) in fact
- Q9 You could always rely on her because in any situation she stayed as steady as a rock.
(a) totally dependable (b) totally still (c) totally motionless (d) totally stiff
- Q10 As he was as strong as a horse, he was able to lift the carriage up and let the trapped man out.
(a) very agile (b) very strong (c) very short (d) very small

Expressions with make

- Q1 Their big ambition in life was to choose the right moment to sell their shares and then make a killing.
(a) take it easy (b) make plans (c) make a lot of money (d) make schemes
- Q2 They've tried hard to increase their profits in the business but so far are making little headway.
(a) not really progressing (b) not really proceeding
(c) not really processing (d) not really professing
- Q3 The shock was so great it made your hair stand up on end.
(a) consoled you (b) controlled you (c) freed you (d) frightened you
- Q4 I reckon when they sold that lovely big house it must have made them a mint.
(a) provided them with a huge bucket of money (b) provided them with a huge sum of money
(c) provided them with a huge box of money (d) provided them with a huge tin of money
- Q5 Ignore his comments it's not really that bad, he's simply making a mountain out of a molehill.
(a) exercising (b) energizing (c) exaggerating (d) entertaining
- Q6 We've lost a lot of money and have little income and so we're finding it difficult to make ends meet.
(a) examine (b) contribute (c) convene (d) survive
- Q7 I'll make no bones about it and tell you exactly what I think.
(a) come straight to the point (b) come straight to the end
(c) come straight to the road (d) come straight to the angle
- Q8 It seems a sound project with potential and so I advise you to make a pitch for it.
(a) make a suggestion for it (b) make an idea for it
(c) make an offer for it (d) make a throw for it
- Q9 If I were you, I would stop worrying about it and simply make hay while you can.
(a) have humour (b) have fun (c) have comic (d) have sense
- Q10 Don't take too much notice of what he's saying, he's just making waves.
(a) making a fuss (b) making a noise (c) making a sound (d) making a story

Egg expressions

- Q1 I'm pretty certain but perhaps I wouldn't go as far as saying I'm as sure as eggs is eggs.
(a) fairly sure (b) quite sure (c) reasonably sure (d) absolutely sure
- Q2 I know you didn't exactly push him into accepting the offer but you must admit you did egg him on.
(a) did force him (b) did enable him (c) did encourage him (d) did send him
- Q3 You've always stood by him in all his bad habits but underneath I think he's a bad egg.
(a) smelly person (b) worthless person (c) difficult person (d) stupid person
- Q4 First he agreed and then he disagreed. The result was he ended up with egg on his face.
(a) looking foolish (b) looking serious (c) looking dirty (d) looking old
- Q5 You've got to learn to diversify and not put all your eggs in one basket.
(a) to have lots of ideas (b) to overload your basket
(c) to rely on just one scheme (d) to carry too many things
- Q6 She wasn't really successful in her first stage play. In fact you could say she laid an egg.
(a) she made a good impression (b) she forgot her lines
(c) she fell over on stage (d) she gave an embarrassing performance
- Q7 It was a bit like teaching his grandmother to suck eggs when the young director was showing the veteran actress how to act.
(a) teaching someone who was more experienced than he (b) teaching someone who was younger than he
(c) teaching someone who was more stupid than he (d) teaching someone who was more willing than he
- Q8 They told her to put some money aside each month so she would have a little nest egg.
(a) a special account (b) a savings account (c) a full account (d) a money account
- Q9 We all advised him to make sure he got payment and didn't take eggs for money.
(a) accept just a note for money (b) accept just a business card for money
(c) accept just an invoice for money (d) just a handshake for money
- Q10 You'll need all your tact in this situation and you'll have to tread on eggs.
(a) be very quiet (b) be very sensitive (c) be very sleepy (d) be very athletic

Idioms with prepositions

- Q1 It's a far cry from those days long ago when you could leave your front door unlocked.
(a) a long shout away (b) a long time since (c) a long way before (d) a long time before
- Q2 I wish you would stop talking and hear me out.
(a) let me go across (b) let me listen to you
(c) let me carry on listening (d) let me finish speaking
- Q3 There's no saying you couldn't pass your exam if you really tried.
(a) There's a possibility (b) It's not possible
(c) It's not impossible (d) It's impossible
- Q4 We haven't seen him for ages but he turns up once in a blue moon.
(a) very rarely (b) sometimes (c) occasionally (d) frequently
- Q5 It's like hitting your head against a brick wall trying to get him to see sense because he takes no notice.
(a) very painful (b) almost impossible (c) almost damaging (d) very hurtful
- Q6 He's got it into his head that we think he's stupid but we really don't.
(a) He seriously contemplates (b) He seriously ponders
(c) He seriously wonders (d) He seriously believes
- Q7 We thought it would all go off very well but in the end it turned out to be a damp squib.
(a) wet thing (b) failure (c) lot of rain (d) complaint
- Q8 I know you're keen but I don't want you to jump the gun. Just relax.
(a) fire the bullet (b) shoot the target (c) start too soon (d) shoot too soon
- Q9 Count to ten before you say anything and don't blow your top.
(a) eat too quickly (b) speak too quickly (c) lose your way (d) lose your temper
- Q10 It's like talking to a brick wall because you never get an answer from her...
(a) there's nobody there (b) there's something there
(c) there's a lot there (d) there's anything there

Idioms with phrasal verbs

- Q1 You certainly couldn't call him modest because he's always blowing his own trumpet.
(a) saying how fit he is (b) saying how healthy he is
(c) saying how clever he is (d) saying how tall he is
- Q2 You can always rely on him to throw a spanner in the works and suddenly everything stops.
(a) make things go wrong (b) make things go slowly
(c) make things go quickly (d) make things go right
- Q3 He tried and tried and tried but in the end he decided the time had come to throw in the towel.
(a) stop running (b) stop looking (c) stop laughing (d) stop trying
- Q4 My advice is to stop worrying about it and put your best foot forward.
(a) make a step (b) make an effort (c) make a start (d) make a try
- Q5 We've had a lovely time and walked a long way but I think it's time to call it a day.
(a) halt (b) cease (c) stop (d) end
- Q6 I just can't open this tin at all and I always find this type of container a pain in the neck.
(a) really annoying (b) really rough (c) really crude (d) really strong
- Q7 To be honest he leads a dog's life because he works all the time and has no friends.
(a) a lazy life (b) a miserable life (c) an eager life (d) a long life
- Q8 The one thing you can be sure of is that whatever the situation she'll put her foot in it and embarrass everyone.
(a) commit a fast blunder (b) commit an easy blunder
(c) commit a social blunder (d) commit a sociable blunder
- Q9 That sort of joke never makes people laugh and on this occasion it went down like a lead balloon.
(a) very quickly (b) very soundly (c) very noisily (d) very badly
- Q10 Before the meeting officially starts I'd like to flag up one or two points.
(a) finish (b) mention (c) tell (d) say

Mark Idioms

- Q1 He's not really doing anything serious at the moment because he's just marking time until he finds a proper job.
(a) waiting for the right start (b) waiting for the easy life
(c) waiting for the right opportunity (d) waiting for the easy start
- Q2 You mark my words you do as I say and you'll be all right.
(a) attend me carefully (b) listen to me carefully
(c) understand me carefully (d) follow me carefully
- Q3 The dancers were marked down in the competition because the man fell over half way through.
(a) lost marks (b) failed marks (c) took marks (d) caught marks
- Q4 There wasn't much time to waste and in order to secure a place, you had to be quick off the mark.
(a) ready in the queue (b) aware in the queue
(c) be first in the queue (d) be along in the queue
- Q5 When you look back over her lifetime you can see that she will have made her mark.
(a) be seen (b) be remembered (c) be noted (d) be told
- Q6 From an early age he was marked out to become leader of his party.
(a) created (b) fostered (c) treated (d) destined
- Q7 They were very fussy about their products and any item not up to the mark was discarded.
(a) of a fair standard (b) of a reasonable standard
(c) of a high standard (d) of a hard standard
- Q8 Take no notice of what he said because his comments are beside the mark.
(a) irrelevant (b) disregarding (c) distasteful (d) disturbing
- Q9 As they were very slow off the mark, they missed some of the good bargains.
(a) not sure on time (b) not clear on time (c) not fine on time (d) not ready on time
- Q10 Pay attention. The race is about to begin. On your marks, get ready, start.
(a) Try prepared (b) Act prepared (c) Be prepared (d) Go prepared

Retail Sales Expressions

- Q1 I went to BuyLots and bought a computer on hire purchase.
(a) payment in cash (b) discount payment (c) payment plan (d) price increase
- Q2 The best time to go shopping in the USA is the day after Thanksgiving, because all stores mark down their prices.
(a) reduce (b) boost (c) raise (d) hike
- Q3 Nowadays, lots of people purchase products over the Internet.
(a) sell (b) give away (c) buy (d) ship
- Q4 It's really important to keep a receipt of the products you buy in case you need to return or exchange them.
(a) record (b) proof of purchase (c) profit (d) coupon
- Q5 When I first moved to the USA and didn't have a bank account, I used money orders to pay my rent.
(a) order of payment issued by a bank (b) dollar bills
(c) personal check (d) debit card
- Q6 Thanks for buying at Build-a-Monster, your product will be shipped in 1 to 2 business days. Have a nice day!
(a) received (b) withdrawn (c) purchased (d) mailed
- Q7 My son would love to have a Buzz Lightmonth toy for his birthday. Do you have any at your store? — Sorry, ma'am. They are out of stock.
(a) bankrupt (b) broken (c) not available (d) stacked
- Q8 Excuse me, sir. I would like my money back on these shoes, please. They don't fit me. — Sorry, ma'am. We can't do that.
(a) a forfeit (b) a reimburse (c) a fine (d) a retain
- Q9 Melinda bought a Plasma TV with a one year warranty.
(a) guarantee (b) invalidation (c) vintage (d) release
- Q10 Mr. Thompson only buys things that are in a sale.
(a) uneconomical (b) priceless (c) inexpensive (d) overpriced

English Idioms and Expressions

(Answer Keys)

Adding Up

A1 I cannot understand why she did that, it really doesn't make sense.

answer: (c) doesn't make sense

A2 All the students got high marks in the test but Mary got the most marks of all.

answer: (d) got the most marks of all

A3 he has sold his house and has no job and so now he has he has almost no money.

answer: (b) he has almost no money

A4 As a newspaper reporter she always wanted to get information directly.

answer: (d) directly

A5 I think we can safely say now that we have got our money back, we are have been successful.

answer: (c) have been successful

A6 He is the man who owns all the land and is the important man around here.

answer: (c) the important man

A7 She never stops talking about herself and is is very conceited.

answer: (d) is very conceited

A8 You will not slip over because the floor is totally dry.

answer: (c) totally dry

A9 He kept saying he didn't do it but finally he said he had done it.

answer: (b) finally

A10 I know you are very sorry that you broke the pot but things do occur.

answer: (b) things do occur

Take it in

A1 I'm sorry I didn't understand what he said.

answer: (c) understand

A2 I hope she passes her exams next week.

answer: (a) passes

A3 What time do you get out of bed in the morning?

answer: (d) get out of bed

A4 When you stop work, you can start playing golf.

answer: (b) start playing

A5 Don't do too much because you're very tired.

answer: (d) do too much

A6 When does your plane leave the ground?

answer: (a) leave the ground

A7 As a student she has just enough money to live simply.

answer: (b) live simply

A8 I don't know who wrote this note because I can't read the signature.

answer: (c) read

A9 We don't have enough money for a car so we use instead bicycles.

answer: (b) use instead

A10 What time do you reach home after work?

answer: (c) reach home

Take it easy

A1 I just want to stay at home and watch television and relax.

answer: (d) relax

A2 May I smoke in here?

answer: (a) May I

A3 Can you cook well?

answer: (c) Can you cook well

A4 When do you clean the dishes?

answer: (a) clean the dishes

A5 She never talks in a loud voice to her children.

answer: (c) talks in a loud voice to

A6 We're very tired of the bad weather.

answer: (a) very tired of

A7 Don't forget to write to me when you're away.

answer: (c) write to me

A8 She had never visited Paris before.

answer: (d) visited

A9 I'm afraid he has made a mistake.

answer: (d) made a mistake

A10 When you come to the crossroads, you go to the left.

answer: (b) go to the left

For Good

A1 You'll never see your money again because I'm afraid he's gone permanently.

answer: (b) permanently

A2 You've no need to worry I promise you they'll arrive on Thursday definitely.

answer: (d) definitely

A3 They're very generous in that museum — not only is the entrance fee reasonable but they give you a brochure at no cost.

answer: (a) at no cost

A4 Well, to begin with I honestly think we should work out what all this work is going to cost.

answer: (c) to begin with

A5 As you're a friend of mine, I won't charge you much in fact I'll do it at no charge.

answer: (d) at no charge

A6 I know it didn't look like that but the truth is they only did it as a joke.

answer: (a) as a joke

A7 I do recommend you take out an insurance policy on the house to stop you worrying.

answer: (b) to stop you worrying

A8 No wonder she's very happy, she's just been given promotion.

answer: (c) very happy

A9 They decided to move away from the city to the countryside thinking about the children.

answer: (d) thinking about

A10 The battleships were all waiting in the harbour prepared for war.

answer: (a) prepared for war

In Control

A1 They tried without success to save enough money to buy a house and so finally they rented one.

answer: (c) without success

A2 If you are at all unsure about the offer, please give me a ring.

answer: (a) at all unsure

A3 The children knew full well they were unsafe skating because they had read the notice about the thin ice.

answer: (d) unsafe

A4 Considering they are over 70 years old, you must admit they are fit.

answer: (a) fit

A5 Thanks to her regular workouts and sensible diet she certainly strikes me as in good health.

answer: (b) in good health

A6 I'm sorry to say that the boss is going to reprimand him over being late for work so many times.

answer: (a) the boss is going to reprimand him

A7 What I really visualize is a garden where there is very little to look after throughout the year.

answer: (c) visualize

A8 Although Romeo and Juliet loved each other very much, they still managed to kill themselves.

answer: (b) loved each other very much

A9 I think you can stop worrying now because it's quite clear she's in control of the situation.

answer: (a) in control

A10 Eventually when you've got used to the idea, you'll be pleased you did it.

answer: (d) Eventually

Out of Control

A1 If you don't tell the children the difference between right and wrong, they will soon be badly behaved.

answer: (b) badly behaved

A2 If you think I'm going to parachute out of a plane for fun, you must be mad.

answer: (a) mad

A3 Wait till they're unable to see, and then I'll show you what I'm buying them for Christmas.

answer: (d) unable to see

A4 I'm very sorry but you're unlucky because we sold the last one about twenty minutes ago.

answer: (b) unlucky

A5 Wait until they're unable to hear, then I tell you exactly what happened to them when they were on holiday.

answer: (b) unable to hear

A6 You have a limited number of minutes to answer the test and you've spent 3 minutes so you've used up your time.

answer: (a) you've used up your time

A7 I'm afraid I'm not feeling too well at the moment because I've only walked a little way and I can't breathe easily already.

answer: (d) I can't breathe easily

A8 There's a big notice up there which unfortunately we didn't see because it said keep out.

answer: (b) keep out

A9 I'm sorry to tell you that I can do nothing more for you because the situation is now outside my control.

answer: (c) outside my control

A10 I'm awfully sorry but I'll have to ask you to pay because I have no money.

answer: (b) I have no money

All Agog

A1 Unfortunately the cooker overheated and then exploded and so it really wasn't long before the whole house was on fire.

answer: (b) on fire

A2 After several days underground after the earthquake one child was pulled out still living.

answer: (d) still living

A3 They found that there was no possibility of work in their own country so they decided to try their luck in another country.

answer: (c) in another country

A4 I must congratulate her on the way she has overcome all her problems and gone back to her old job to start once more.

answer: (b) once more

A5 I've looked everywhere for my passport and can only assume it has gone got lost.

answer: (d) got lost

A6 When she told her parents that she had decided to get married, they were utterly surprised.

answer: (a) surprised

A7 There are no two ways about it because the crime that has been committed is really similar to murder.

answer: (c) similar to

A8 So many good ideas exist in large numbers in his mind, he finds it difficult to know where to start.

answer: (b) exist in large numbers

A9 I spent ages fixing the nail in the wall to put the picture up and then I stood back and found it was not straight.

answer: (a) not straight

A10 We couldn't wait for them to come home after their holidays as we were very interested to hear what had happened.

answer: (c) very interested

Preposition Exercises

A1 I'm sorry but that smells terrible because I'm afraid the meat is bad.

answer: (c) is bad

A2 She just left him, said she didn't want to see him again and disappeared.

answer: (a) didn't want to see him again

A3 I'm ready to go out tonight if you want to go to the match.

answer: (d) I'm ready to go out

A4 He's always interested in elections and is very interested in politics.

answer: (c) very interested in

A5 I believe that after all those arguments they agreed their marriage was ended.

answer: (a) ended

A6 In confidence, so don't tell anyone, I'm sure he'll lose the election.

answer: (b) In confidence

A7 You won't have to wait too long because another bus will arrive soon.

answer: (c) will arrive

A8 Incidentally did you manage to see that film last night?

answer: (d) Incidentally

A9 It's quite clear to everyone that she's a socialist from start to finish.

answer: (a) from start to finish

A10 I honestly don't think I can make it tonight as I'm feeling a little unwell.

answer: (c) unwell

Animal Idioms

A1 His wife never lets him do what he wants and as a result he has an unhappy time.

answer: (c) has an unhappy time

A2 A word of warning: don't let him make a fool of you.

answer: (d) make a fool of you

A3 I would advise you to wait and see what develops.

answer: (a) what develops

A4 I don't honestly think he is capable of being polite as people never change.

answer: (c) people never change

A5 He's very greedy when it comes to eating and always takes the largest portion.

answer: (d) largest portion

A6 I really don't know how to explain it as I am absolutely confused.

answer: (c) absolutely confused

A7 Until he is more serious in his job and stops making jokes all the time, he won't get any more money.

answer: (d) making jokes all the time

A8 He never makes any silly mistakes because he's got too much common sense.

answer: (a) common sense

A9 Charlie doesn't like getting too tired so he gets his assistant to do all the hard work.

answer: (d) hard work

A10 He doesn't really go around with many people because he's a bit of a lonely person.

answer: (b) lonely person

Funny Idioms

A1 You want to know why I've got a problem on my mind?

answer: (c) a problem on my mind

A2 Yes, tell me about it. I'm listening carefully.

answer: (a) listening carefully

A3 You remember I told you about that car that cost me a huge amount of money?

answer: (d) a huge amount of money

A4 The one you bought from the man you called the man with the important job?

answer: (b) the man with the important job

A5 Well, he's not that at all. He's a fool.

answer: (a) a fool

A6 You mean he's a dishonest person?

answer: (d) a dishonest person

A7 Yes, exactly because the car is rubbish and I went round to his garage knocking everything over in the show room.

answer: (b) knocking everything over

A8 And when I reached his office I saw he was not really awake because he'd been having a short sleep.

answer: (c) a short sleep

A9 And really the only reason you were there was because you wanted to have an argument with him?

answer: (d) you wanted to have an argument with him

A10 Yes, that's right. I got my money back and as a result I exposed a lot of serious problems because other people got their money back, too.

answer: (b) exposed a lot of serious problems

Expressing Emotions

A1 I despise it when you talk to me like that! Stop doing that!

answer: (d) despise

A2 I am eager to hear about your English class.

answer: (a) am eager to

A3 I am glad I was able to offer support in time of need for my friend when her mom died.

answer: (b) to offer support in time of need for

A4 You've got me in love with you!

answer: (c) in love with you

A5 I love you a lot!

answer: (b) a lot

A6 I wish I could trust you again, but all that you ever did to me was to disappoint me.

answer: (d) to disappoint me

A7 I love you deeply.

answer: (a) deeply

A8 The truth is that you are inconsiderate me or my feelings.

answer: (c) are inconsiderate

A9 I would like to apologize for what I said to you the other day. I was very harsh to you. Will you forgive me?

answer: (d) harsh

A10 It's taking a long time for Jenna recover from the death of her mom.

answer: (b) recover from

Up to his ears

A1 He's fully occupied with work and cannot possibly see you now.

answer: (a) fully occupied with

A2 If you help me, then I shall be able to finish more quickly.

answer: (b) help me

A3 I prefer to talk to people in person rather than to talk on the phone.

answer: (a) in person

A4 The manager dismissed the new proposal utterly and said that it was not at all practical.

answer: (b) utterly

A5 As she is new to the job I would ask you to observe on her for the time being.

answer: (d) observe

A6 The opposition in parliament accused the government of being light hearted and refusing to accept the seriousness of the situation.

answer: (a) being light hearted

A7 He accused her of talking nonsense and refused to accept a word of what she said.

answer: (c) talking nonsense

A8 The police advised them to go down to the cellar in order to be away from danger.

answer: (d) away from danger

A9 I'd do absolutely anything if I could get tickets for that concert.

answer: (a) do absolutely anything

A10 You can always rely on Fred to say something embarrassing and come out with a remark like that.

answer: (c) say something embarrassing

Send the right message

A1 This sort of behaviour does not set a good example to young people.

answer: (d) does not set a good example

A2 The government are revealing plans today for a new tax system.

answer: (b) are revealing

A3 I understand what you mean but I don't agree with you.

answer: (a) I understand what you mean

A4 You must admire the way she maintains her opinion.

answer: (b) she maintains her opinion

A5 I'm sorry I can't follow that, explain that once more.

answer: (a) explain that once more

A6 Don't get depressed, it may not be as bad as you think.

answer: (a) Don't get depressed

A7 I'm afraid he made a bad mistake for himself when he took that action.

answer: (c) he made a bad mistake for himself

A8 Some people love taking advantage when they are in an argument.

answer: (b) taking advantage

A9 There is absolutely no future in pursuing that sort of discussion.

answer: (a) no future

A10 He prefers to delay a little longer by not deciding yet.

answer: (d) to delay a little longer

A piece of cake

A1 You shouldn't worry about the exam because you have prepared well and you'll probably find it very easy.

answer: (d) very easy

A2 The trouble with you is that you are a bit selfish and your sole philosophy is to expect too much of life.

answer: (a) expect too much of life

A3 When he heard that the necklace had been stolen, he suddenly lost interest in it.

answer: (b) he suddenly lost interest in it

A4 He sits and watches TV all day and has turned into a very lazy person.

answer: (c) a very lazy person

A5 Thanks to you we're really in deep trouble now and I don't honestly know why I ever listen to you.

answer: (b) in deep trouble

A6 As he had been away from home for some years, they decided on his return to have a big celebration.

answer: (a) have a big celebration

A7 There's something suspicious about that story he told us because I can't quite get to the bottom of it.

answer: (c) suspicious

A8 Their mother always describes her twin sons as both looking exactly alike.

answer: (d) both looking exactly alike

A9 After what he said and after what has happened he certainly seems to have made a fool of himself.

answer: (a) have made a fool of himself

A10 He always took advice from his parents about being careful and never relied too much on one plan.

answer: (b) relied too much on one plan

Picking you up

A1 Nobody knows what's happening?

answer: (c) happening

A2 Don't worry we'll look after you.

answer: (d) look after you

A3 What you need is something that will make you feel better.

answer: (a) make you feel better

A4 I simply can't tolerate sugar in my tea or coffee.

answer: (c) can't tolerate

A5 I have a feeling that she's trying to trick you.

answer: (c) trying to trick you

A6 He's always reading.

answer: (b) reading

A7 I think you're expecting too much of them as they are just children.

answer: (d) expecting too much

A8 If you want my opinion, I think this needs examining.

answer: (a) examining

A9 In the end I expect everything will be clear to you.

answer: (c) In the end

A10 I think the time has come when you should give it a chance at least.

answer: (d) give it a chance

As happy as the day is long

- A1 I'm sure that he could make a better job of being prime minister whatever the circumstances.
answer: (c) whatever the circumstances
- A2 Don't worry we pride ourselves on being helpful to all our customers and getting that booked for you is perfectly normal for us.
answer: (d) perfectly normal
- A3 Yes, we went away on holiday last week but it rained every single day.
answer: (a) every single day
- A4 I think the time has now come when we'll simply have to stop working.
answer: (c) stop working
- A5 You know what they said about radio that it had stopped being popular but it's still going strong.
answer: (b) stopped being popular
- A6 That last comment of yours assured us victory because nobody could possibly argue with you after that.
answer: (a) assured us victory
- A7 We left the children playing in the park and they were very happy.
answer: (c) very happy
- A8 They got engaged about two years ago and at long last they have said when they are getting married.
answer: (a) said when they are getting married
- A9 I've been doing these exercises for two hours now and I think at long last I'm starting to see the end of the task.
answer: (c) see the end of the task
- A10 I knew once the car didn't start, saw it had a flat tyre and also that it had started to rain, that this was going to be a day when nothing goes right.
answer: (a) a day when nothing goes right

Privacy

A1 If I were you, I'd tell her to go away.

answer: (c) go away

A2 I can't understand why he doesn't understand the point.

answer: (a) understand the point

A3 I should be grateful if you would let me be private.

answer: (b) be private

A4 I wish they would stop interfering in our affairs.

answer: (c) interfering in

A5 I get the impression that they think we've stayed too long here.

answer: (d) stayed too long

A6 We asked him if he wanted to join us on the outing but he refused — I think he prefers to be alone.

answer: (a) he prefers to be alone

A7 She took no notice of him as soon as he entered the room.

answer: (c) took no notice of him

A8 Since the news broke about the disaster, he's been trying not to be seen.

answer: (d) trying not to be seen

A9 After the political scandal in the government no-one in the cabinet is prepared to speak in public.

answer: (c) speak in public

A10 If you really want to come out of this without too much damage, my advice is to say nothing.

answer: (b) say nothing

Hold on

- A1 The audience watched anxiously as the magician started to saw a woman half.
answer: (a) watched anxiously
- A2 The police officer called out to the driver to wait until he arrived.
answer: (c) wait
- A3 In the end she lost her temper and told her daughter to be quiet.
answer: (d) be quiet
- A4 There's no need to change any of the regulations this year as the old ones will still be all right this year, too.
answer: (b) be all right
- A5 I don't know what it is exactly but she seems to have some kind of control over him.
answer: (a) control over
- A6 He blames her that she never let him move house and start a new job.
answer: (d) blames
- A7 I think your best plan is to delay making a decision until you know if you have passed the examination.
answer: (a) delay
- A8 It was a very difficult race but the jockey did as well as the others right until the end.
answer: (b) did as well as the others
- A9 Once he starts to talk about his favourite subject, he will speak endlessly until he is stopped.
answer: (c) speak endlessly
- A10 The trouble is that whenever he's with strangers he always restricts his feelings.
answer: (b) restricts

Money to burn

A1 Money is the cause of wickedness, so what's the point of earning a lot?

answer: (d) the cause of wickedness

A2 In my opinion rich people have influence and the little people are totally ignored.

answer: (b) rich people have influence

A3 She's a really happy woman now because for once she's got money to spend.

answer: (c) got money to spend

A4 In my opinion I would sooner go on a cruise than sit all day on the beach.

answer: (b) In my opinion

A5 He has very little to do but he gets well paid and agrees it's easy money.

answer: (d) easy money

A6 I think she should stop talking about it and give money for something she says she believes in.

answer: (c) give money for something she says she believes in

A7 If you want to find some help with your project ask him because he spends money foolishly.

answer: (b) he spends money foolishly

A8 As soon as he had won the lottery, he went crazy and started spending money freely.

answer: (a) spending money freely

A9 When you consider all the advantages you've gained I think you'll admit you had a lot of benefit from your money.

answer: (d) a lot of benefit from your money

A10 She's made it clear that we don't need to worry because money is not important.

answer: (a) money is not important

Go ahead

A1 I'm sorry that looks awful — those two colours clash.

answer: (c) clash

A2 After what you've experienced, I'm sure you need a holiday.

answer: (d) experienced

A3 We won't discuss that now but I don't think we can avoid the subject much longer.

answer: (a) discuss

A4 I don't think much of him now that I've heard what he has done to his family.

answer: (d) I don't think much of him

A5 My advice to you is to make your mind up before it's too late and simply take the opportunity now.

answer: (c) take the opportunity now

A6 I'm afraid you've left that food too long out of the fridge and now it's become rotten.

answer: (b) become rotten

A7 There were so many members of the political party who had opposed the leader that he resigned.

answer: (d) opposed

A8 Don't wait for me because I can't come yet so you go before me and I'll join you later.

answer: (a) go before me

A9 If petrol prices increase any more, I shall have to use a bicycle.

answer: (c) increase

A10 I'm sorry I interrupted you, please continue from where I so rudely stopped you.

answer: (a) continue

Under my Skin

- A1 It was late at night, the wind was howling and when she heard the knock on the door, she was terrified.
answer: (b) was terrified
- A2 As they only had a few minutes to get to the station, they ran all the way and finally caught the train just in time.
answer: (a) just in time
- A3 There's something about him I just can't stand and he really annoys me.
answer: (d) annoys me
- A4 I wouldn't do that but you do whatever you like, as it's not important to me.
answer: (b) it's not important to me
- A5 It doesn't matter what you say to her I promise you, she's not affected by criticism.
answer: (a) she's not affected by criticism
- A6 He looked at her and in the words of Frank Sinatra said: 'I'm very attracted to you'.
answer: (c) I'm very attracted to you
- A7 It was simply a case of running away or being killed and we decided to run to stay alive.
answer: (d) to stay alive
- A8 Be very careful what you say to Georgina about her new hairstyle; remember she is very sensitive.
answer: (b) she is very sensitive
- A9 I think the horse had been neglected for months and not been given enough to eat because it was very thin.
answer: (a) very thin
- A10 They say there's a very rare book in that pile of old books for sale so look carefully.
answer: (d) look carefully

Home Sweet Home

A1 You must be crazy if you're seriously considering buying that house.

answer: (b) be crazy

A2 If you don't mind me saying so I think you're exaggerating a bit, aren't you?

answer: (a) you're exaggerating a bit

A3 All right then if you like I'll tell you my honest opinion.

answer: (d) I'll tell you my honest opinion

A4 I'd appreciate that. Go on, I am listening very carefully.

answer: (b) I am listening very carefully

A5 Well in the first place all the windows are broken, which is a serious problem.

answer: (c) a serious problem

A6 Yes, I agree but at the same time it's not worth worrying about.

answer: (a) worth worrying about

A7 Then of course there is that huge crack in one of the outer walls, that'll cost you a lot of money to repair.

answer: (d) a lot of money

A8 You have a point but then I can deal with that eventually.

answer: (b) eventually

A9 Finally there's one thing you can't just ignore and that is the missing roof!

answer: (c) ignore

A10 I can see you're not stupid but you must admit it is very cheap.

answer: (d) you're not stupid

No good

A1 They won't succeed! They must pay for what they have done.

answer: (b) They won't succeed

A2 I object! She must do as I say.

answer: (c) I object

A3 I made it absolutely clear that he could in no way expect a pay rise this year.

answer: (d) in no way

A4 They asked me whether I would accept a discount instead of a new machine. Impossible, I said.

answer: (c) Impossible

A5 We invited her to come to our party in the hope of putting things right but she refused.

answer: (b) refused

A6 I honestly don't know how you do it because personally I would be unable to manage.

answer: (a) would be unable to manage

A7 This happens every time I start the engine up. I tell you I find it irritating.

answer: (b) I find it irritating

A8 This is now the third time I've had to phone up and complain and I've reached the stage where I don't know when it will finish.

answer: (d) I don't know when it will finish

A9 It's a waste of time shouting at me like that — I'm doing the best I can.

answer: (a) It's a waste of time

A10 You'll get yourself in a huge amount of trouble if you persist in refusing to pay those taxes.

answer: (c) a huge amount

On the Water

- A1 As usual he left it to the last moment and as a consequence he didn't take advantage of the opportunity.
answer: (b) didn't take advantage of the opportunity
- A2 I'm sorry to tell you that your current situation cannot be reversed now and so you won't be able to go back.
answer: (a) your current situation cannot be reversed
- A3 I told her I understood exactly what she was feeling as we were both after all in a similar situation.
answer: (d) in a similar situation
- A4 No matter how smoothly things are running, you can always rely on Charlie to spoil everything.
answer: (c) spoil everything
- A5 We were all a bit worried about the new manager because we heard that she liked to be well organized.
answer: (a) be well organized
- A6 Although they were a couple well into their 80's everything in their house was always very neat.
answer: (b) very neat
- A7 Everybody imagined that there was a big romance between the two of them but it turned out they were merely strangers meeting once.
answer: (c) strangers meeting once
- A8 Sadly it never happened but she was absolutely sure she would be rich one day and she could buy that house in the country.
answer: (d) she would be rich
- A9 In view of his change in fortune he decided to spend a lot of money and hold a big party.
answer: (a) spend a lot of money
- A10 Once you've read the instruction book, you'll probably find it's straightforward.
answer: (c) straightforward

British Idioms

A1 I had quite a shock last night. I ran into a former girlfriend of mine.

answer: (c) a former girlfriend

A2 I suppose she was your favourite person at the time.

answer: (c) your favourite person

A3 Yes, I suppose she was but she'd changed so. She was very thin.

answer: (a) very thin

A4 And I suppose you didn't panic and were very calm?

answer: (b) very calm

A5 Well I didn't have a personal reason for getting involved as far as she's concerned.

answer: (c) a personal reason for getting involved

A6 You mean there was no hostile feelings between the two of you?

answer: (a) no hostile feelings

A7 No, not really except she did get angry sometimes but not as dangerous as she seemed.

answer: (b) not as dangerous as she seemed

A8 Was she going anywhere or was she doing nothing particular?

answer: (a) doing nothing particular

A9 Not really. Funny thing is I asked her out and she didn't show any reaction. What I want to know is whether I did the right thing.

answer: (d) didn't show any reaction

A10 I can't help you there my friend. You must decide.

answer: (b) You must decide

Expressions with cold

A1 The way he murdered his victims in a slow, painful way was really without feeling.

answer: (a) without feeling

A2 Whenever they met, she would always manage to ignore him and turn the other way.

answer: (c) ignore

A3 Unfortunately he panics when he sees her, can't think straight and doesn't know what to do.

answer: (d) panics

A4 I'm afraid I'm getting worried about this scheme as I'm not sure it's such a good idea.

answer: (a) worried about

A5 All right he got some money for his troubles but not very much and really it was little consolation to him.

answer: (c) little consolation

A6 It's difficult to describe him because he doesn't really say or do much he's what you might call an impassive person.

answer: (b) an impassive person

A7 Every day we get unwanted calls on the phone from total strangers trying to sell you something.

answer: (d) unwanted calls

A8 You never really know where you are with her as she keeps changing her mood.

answer: (c) keeps changing her mood

A9 They refused to let her into their circle of friends and left her all alone.

answer: (a) all alone

A10 You know he won't approve as he always disapproves of any new ideas.

answer: (d) disapproves of

Way Idioms

A1 Incidentally are you thinking of going on holiday?

answer: (a) Incidentally

A2 If I'm hindering you, I'll leave the room.

answer: (c) I'm hindering you

A3 Every investor is really pleased because profits have gone up hugely this year.

answer: (d) have gone up hugely

A4 As your house is on our route, we'll give you a lift home if you like.

answer: (b) on our route

A5 At the moment plans are in progress and the work should be finished next year.

answer: (a) in progress

A6 We don't usually allow refunds but occasionally we agree.

answer: (d) occasionally

A7 The army commander was very concerned about his troops and would never allow them to be in in danger.

answer: (d) in danger

A8 You'll just have to make a decision. You can't benefit by agreeing to two opposite views.

answer: (b) benefit by agreeing to two opposite views

A9 In view of the considerable opposition the members agreed to yield.

answer: (a) yield

A10 She left school and immediately started to earn her living without help from her family.

answer: (c) earn her living

Idioms with come

A1 Can you repeat that? Sorry, I didn't hear what you said.

answer: (c) Can you repeat that

A2 Your mom is going to reprimand you if you don't clean your room now.

answer: (a) reprimand

A3 New evidence was revealed at the end of the trial.

answer: (d) was revealed

A4 Robert Koch was the first person to discover a medicine to help in the treatment of Tuberculosis.

answer: (b) discover

A5 My dream of having my own house has finally happened.

answer: (a) happened

A6 A lot of people from the office I work at got sick with the flu this past week.

answer: (c) got sick with

A7 In the end, it all is because of the fact that you don't really care about me.

answer: (d) is because of

A8 When my boss asked me to come to his office this morning, little did I know I was going to go through some harsh comments.

answer: (a) going to go through

A9 I was turning into the left lane when a car suddenly appeared and hit me.

answer: (b) suddenly appeared

A10 I need to objectively and entirely confront and understand myself.

answer: (d) objectively and entirely confront and understand

Common English Idioms

A1 Tom told Andrea that giant turtles had escaped from the city zoo and were eating only left-handed people. It wasn't until she saw the smirk on his face that Andrea noticed he was just fooling her.

answer: (b) fooling her

A2 Why should she take a big risk for them? They never helped her with anything.

answer: (c) take a big risk

A3 I am so mad at my boyfriend. We were supposed to have a date last night at the park but he didn't come.

answer: (a) didn't come

A4 It seems like something has been bothering and upsetting John lately. Hes just not the same person any more.

answer: (d) bothering and upsetting

A5 I have a really strong instinct that one of the employees is giving information about His boss to another company.

answer: (b) really strong instinct

A6 Andrew and Ana have been dating each other for so long that I think its about time they got married.

answer: (c) got married

A7 Bobs mom was angry with him when she saw his report card from school.

answer: (c) was angry with him

A8 It makes me completely lose interest when guys dont respect my boundaries.

answer: (a) makes me completely lose interest

A9 Ever since Melanie won the Miss Universe Competition, her telephone has been ringing constantly.

answer: (c) ringing constantly

A10 I think George and Lisa would make a great couple. We should try to get them together.

answer: (d) get them together

Idioms with Hand

A1 We need to do something about it! This situation is getting out of control!

answer: (c) out of control

A2 Now the grandparents have the children in their care.

answer: (a) in their care

A3 This last year, my company has made money at a huge rate!

answer: (b) at a huge rate

A4 As soon as he took possession of all that money, he donated part of it to charitable institutions.

answer: (d) took possession of

A5 The beginning of a new generation of computer software is imminent.

answer: (a) imminent

A6 Do we have enough people available to help us move our stuff into the house?

answer: (b) available

A7 The FBI told the local police that their case was out of their jurisdiction. The investigation was now a Federal matter.

answer: (c) out of their jurisdiction

A8 Jane Williams is a very good investigative reporter, you've got to give her credit.

answer: (a) give her credit

A9 Honey, can you give me the car key, please? It's right next to you on the table.

answer: (c) give me

A10 Learning a foreign language goes together with International Business.

answer: (d) together

English Idioms and Phrases

A1 You have to raise your voice a little when talking to him. He's a little deaf.

answer: (c) deaf

A2 I went to a real nice restaurant yesterday. The food cost was cheap and they served a lot of food. I had to ask for a package to store left over food so the person can take it home because I couldn't eat the whole thing.

answer: (a) package to store left over food so the person can take it home

A3 Fabian was a coward. No wonder his classmates were always giving him a hard time.

answer: (c) coward

A4 I invited a friend to go to a street market by my house where they served some real good Japanese food. My friend's mom wanted to pay for her daughter's meal, but I insisted on paying for both our meals myself, her mom finally said: Ok, as long as we we divide the costs next time.

answer: (d) we divide the costs

A5 So, is everything clear? Oh, yes indeed sir!

answer: (b) clear

A6 We are having a dinner where everybody brings something to eat at Tim's house tomorrow. Everybody is invited!

answer: (a) dinner where everybody brings something to eat

A7 I need everybody's help. The wedding is tomorrow and we haven't even started with the decorations yet. We have to start right now.

answer: (d) to start right now

A8 Just calm down. Everything is going to be alright, okay?

answer: (c) calm down

A9 Kyle was rescued from an unwanted situation when his sister walked in and asked him to take her to ballet practice.

answer: (a) rescued from an unwanted situation

A10 I would stay away from that guy if I were you, he is crazy.

answer: (d) is crazy

Expressions with make

A1 Everybody thought Jane and Elliot were a happy couple, but it was all just pretending.

answer: (b) pretending

A2 I've been working hard for the last few months trying to make enough money to pay for expenses, but something I'm not even expecting always comes up and I have to pay for it.

answer: (a) make enough money to pay for expenses

A3 Man's first walk on the moon was meaningful enough to influence history.

answer: (d) was meaningful enough to influence history

A4 You can give people great pleasure just by telling them how important they are to you.

answer: (c) give people great pleasure

A5 If I had a chance to go to Paris, I would take great advantage of it.

answer: (b) take great advantage of

A6 Charity acted like a fool at the club when she saw her boyfriend dancing with another girl.

answer: (d) acted like a fool

A7 So, George... Have you decided where you want to go for your internship?

answer: (a) decided

A8 Now I understand why you moved out of that house.

answer: (b) I understand

A9 Ana finally succeeded. She is an excellent doctor.

answer: (c) succeeded

A10 Mom, can you tell Todd to stop mocking me?

answer: (a) mocking

Double Speak in Job Titles

A1 The school janitor was the main suspect of the girl's disappearance.

answer: (c) janitor

A2 Linda got a job as secretary in a Law Firm.

answer: (d) secretary

A3 Celebrities are usually surrounded by their bodyguards.

answer: (b) bodyguards

A4 George is in the food business now. He is a potato chip delivery truck driver.

answer: (b) a potato chip delivery truck driver

A5 I have always wanted to be a hairdresser.

answer: (a) a hairdresser

A6 My mom used to work at a hospital as a nurse.

answer: (c) a nurse

A7 Bob used to work as a newspaper delivery boy during school summer breaks when he was a kid, now he has his own newspaper.

answer: (c) a newspaper delivery boy

A8 Some places in New York have advertised on the newspaper they needed part-time check-out clerks.

answer: (a) check-out clerks

A9 The day before Carol's wedding, her bridesmaids went to see a a manicurist.

answer: (d) a manicurist

A10 The television weatherman said on TV that it is supposed to rain all day tomorrow.

answer: (b) television weatherman

English Animal Idioms

A1 There are times when you must decide and make a bold decision.

answer: (c) make a bold decision

A2 He never does what he wants really because his freedom is always curtailed.

answer: (d) never does what he wants

A3 No-one ever mentions him because he's regarded as the one with a bad reputation.

answer: (b) the one with a bad reputation

A4 I shouldn't go outside without a raincoat because it's raining very heavily.

answer: (c) it's raining very heavily

A5 You shouldn't sign there I think he's about to make a fool of you.

answer: (a) to make a fool of you

A6 It's a lovely house and very big but nobody uses it so it's something very expensive and useless.

answer: (d) something very expensive and useless

A7 When the business folded, he took the biggest part of the assets.

answer: (c) the biggest part

A8 Without my glasses I can't see where I'm going in fact I'm very short sighted.

answer: (a) very short sighted

A9 I get very irritated sometimes because they're always up very early and I like to lie in.

answer: (b) up very early

A10 I would advise you to do that as well and in that way you'll get two things done at the same time.

answer: (c) get two things done at the same time

Hands on

- A1 The opposition party dismissed the government's proposal without further consideration.
answer: (a) without further consideration
- A2 Since she started work on the stock exchange she has been making money in large quantities.
answer: (b) in large quantities
- A3 They have lost all their money and now lead a sort of impoverished existence.
answer: (a) impoverished
- A4 It's no good asking anybody in that shop to help you because they won't do anything at all for you.
answer: (d) do anything at all for you
- A5 In the obituary about the millionaire all his enterprises were listed and it looked as if he had had an involvement in many activities.
answer: (b) an involvement in many activities
- A6 I've just bought a brand new car with all the latest gadgets and quite honestly it has cost me a huge amount of money.
answer: (c) a huge amount of money
- A7 I don't want to have to force you to agree but I hope you realize that your refusal to comply could be harmful.
answer: (b) force you to agree
- A8 Have a look at the benefits that the society can offer you and then you may feel like deciding to try membership for a trial.
answer: (d) deciding to try membership for a trial
- A9 If you do join a political party then you are expected to stick to the rules on every occasion.
answer: (b) stick to the rules
- A10 I wouldn't say I never totally agree with my employers but sometimes they can make extraordinary demands.
answer: (c) totally agree

Lucky Alex

A1 Alex had lost a lot of money and as a consequence was feeling miserable.

answer: (b) miserable

A2 He had given in to a longstanding weakness of his and put a lot of faith in on the favourite winning the race.

answer: (d) put a lot of faith in

A3 This horse in all honesty didn't have a a chance in a million of winning.

answer: (a) a chance in a million

A4 Alex said he had had a dream about the horse winning but most people regarded this story with caution.

answer: (b) with caution

A5 What happened was that the stupid animal took fright halfway through the course and without worrying at all decided to go back to the start.

answer: (d) worrying at all

A6 As far as Alex was concerned this was the final disaster and he vowed he would never risk money on a horse ever again.

answer: (c) the final disaster

A7 The trouble was that he didn't have a penny not even enough to pay for the fare home.

answer: (b) didn't have a penny

A8 He decided he would not worry what people thought and try and hitchhike.

answer: (c) not worry what people thought

A9 Fortunately it wasn't long before he got a lift with an old man who was very generous and gave him some money.

answer: (a) was very generous

A10 He told him to invest it wisely, which Alex did. He bought a ticket for the lottery and his luck changed because he won the jackpot.

answer: (c) his luck changed

How Mary fell in love

A1 Most people like to come home after work and relax.

answer: (c) relax

A2 Mary was exactly the same as everybody else but this particular night she wanted to really enjoy herself.

answer: (c) really enjoy herself

A3 She put her favourite CD on and turned it up to maximum volume.

answer: (d) to maximum volume

A4 As soon as she had done that, there was a huge noise.

answer: (c) there was a huge noise

A5 Her next door neighbour soon grew very tired of the noise.

answer: (d) grew very tired of

A6 He started hammering on the adjoining wall but Mary took not the slightest notice.

answer: (c) took not the slightest notice

A7 In the end her neighbour decided to say exactly what he thought.

answer: (a) say exactly what he thought

A8 Although he had never met her, he was determined to tell her off.

answer: (a) tell her off

A9 Mary opened the door and as soon as they saw each other they fell utterly in love with each other.

answer: (b) utterly

A10 A few months later they decided to knock down the adjoining wall and now everything is perfect.

answer: (b) everything is perfect

Call it a day

A1 I congratulate all those people who worked hard to get the contract.

answer: (c) congratulate

A2 Some of you worked on until it was early in the morning to make it a successful project.

answer: (b) it was early in the morning

A3 I'm sure sometimes you all wanted to stop work and go home.

answer: (a) stop work

A4 The important thing is that as soon as you saw the advantages, you got very interested in it.

answer: (c) got very interested in

A5 I'm also very proud of the way you wouldn't give up.

answer: (b) wouldn't give up

A6 There are times in life when it's very important to be cheerful.

answer: (d) be cheerful

A7 There are of course those who very easily give up.

answer: (a) give up

A8 We can best describe someone like that as a person who is having no resolution.

answer: (a) having no resolution

A9 It only remains for me to express my admiration for all those of you who remained loyal.

answer: (c) remained loyal

A10 I must not forget either all those very important people, without whom none of us could operate, who work in the background.

answer: (d) in the background

Live up to

A1 Frank was an old soldier and experienced many wars.

answer: (d) experienced

A2 He had joined the army as a young man because he wanted to have a good time a bit.

answer: (c) have a good time

A3 He wanted excitement and travel and the army came up to its reputation.

answer: (a) came up to

A4 He certainly travelled and there was plenty of excitement, which made it possible for him to follow his dream.

answer: (c) follow

A5 He also managed to exist easily on his pay without any problems.

answer: (b) exist easily on

A6 He ate only the simple food provided by the army.

answer: (a) ate only

A7 For some years stayed in barracks in because he liked to be among his comrades.

answer: (b) stayed in barracks

A8 He never really enjoyed staying in other accommodation.

answer: (a) staying in other accommodation

A9 He never did anything wrong and so he didn't have to make others forget any bad reputation.

answer: (b) make others forget

A10 He ended his final days in a small cottage overlooking the barracks.

answer: (d) ended

English Grammar Prepositions

A1 What are you doing now?

answer: (b) doing now

A2 What are you interested in?

answer: (d) interested in

A3 I'm having a holiday on Monday.

answer: (a) having a holiday

A4 Are you kept informed about the latest developments?

answer: (a) kept informed about

A5 It's your turn.

answer: (d) It's your turn

A6 Are you at home on Tuesdays?

answer: (a) at home

A7 I'm certainly willing to try it.

answer: (a) willing to try

A8 You should know that I'm in complete agreement with it.

answer: (c) in complete agreement with

A9 I'm finished with that company.

answer: (b) finished with

A10 I'm looking for a new car.

answer: (b) looking for

From Shakespeare originally

A1 When he heard that he had lost his job, it was little help to learn that he could keep his car.

answer: (d) little help

A2 The selection of candidates was done in a casual manner so that nobody knew why they were chosen.

answer: (d) casual

A3 She had got herself into difficulties by trying to please everyone at the same time.

answer: (c) into difficulties

A4 I'm afraid that my poor old car has finally stopped working.

answer: (a) stopped working

A5 You're living in a under a delusion if you think they're going to pay you for nothing.

answer: (d) under a delusion

A6 It was a total mystery as apparently there was no logical reason why he did it.

answer: (a) no logical reason

A7 There is clearly a huge change in the way people now look at crime today.

answer: (b) a huge change

A8 They looked everywhere for the lost passport but it seems to have disappeared completely.

answer: (c) disappeared completely

A9 When it comes to a crisis, Charles is very reliable.

answer: (b) very reliable

A10 Whenever he has been treated badly, he always demands his total recompense.

answer: (a) total recompense

Water Expressions

A1 Charlie's in trouble again, he forgot to lock up last night.

answer: (d) in trouble

A2 Forget it, that's best forgotten now.

answer: (a) best forgotten

A3 That's always the trouble if she doesn't like it, she discourages it completely.

answer: (b) discourages it completely

A4 You must realize the gravity of the situation because you are in a serious situation now.

answer: (c) a serious situation

A5 He feels uncomfortable whenever he goes to a party.

answer: (a) feels uncomfortable

A6 Don't ever lend him money, he spends it very freely.

answer: (c) very freely

A7 We think in the present circumstances the best policy is to take little action for a while.

answer: (c) take little action

A8 My original plan has been so reduced in importance that I don't recognize it now.

answer: (a) reduced in importance

A9 Your ideas are usually sound but this one won't be practical, I'm afraid.

answer: (b) be practical

A10 He'll be all right soon because any criticism is usually of no importance to him.

answer: (a) of no importance

Cats, Dogs and Ducks

- A1 You will be in a very difficult situation now that he's revealed the truth.
answer: (c) revealed the truth
- A2 If I were you, I would not raise the subject again and my best advice is to not say any more.
answer: (c) not say any more
- A3 Remember if you go into that meeting without being prepared with some answers, you will simply be a ready target.
answer: (b) a ready target
- A4 I'm afraid he didn't take my advice and they made him look a complete fool because he was unprepared and he ended up a person with no future.
answer: (c) a person with no future
- A5 Mind you as I have said many times before I don't know how he's lasted so long in the job because he's always been the inefficient person in the team.
answer: (b) the inefficient person
- A6 The older generation always maintains that in their day things were better and nowadays the country is losing its standards.
answer: (c) is losing its standards
- A7 If you're unsure about what will happen next, I suggest you hang on for a bit longer.
answer: (d) what will happen next
- A8 There is no need to apologize about your remarks as I can assure you it's of little concern to me.
answer: (c) of little concern
- A9 Once more he is out of favour but I couldn't possibly tell you why.
answer: (b) out of favour
- A10 As so many people are coming to a party at their house, they're running around preparing food in a nervous state.
answer: (a) in a nervous state

Losing It

- A1 The one thing a public figure hates is when he loses respect in front of all his admirers.
answer: (c) loses respect
- A2 At the crucial moment the climber became scared and had to be brought down the mountain.
answer: (c) became scared
- A3 The latest opinion polls show that the government is losing its advantage to the opposition party.
answer: (d) losing its advantage
- A4 There was a time when everybody would believe her totally but after this episode I'm afraid she's losing her skill.
answer: (a) losing her skill
- A5 Under the new pay agreement many employees feel that they are at a disadvantage on allowances.
answer: (b) at a disadvantage
- A6 I'm afraid that kind of humour is totally without effect him so you'll have to explain it more simply.
answer: (a) without effect
- A7 After only a few weeks as a teacher of very badly behaved children she realized she was losing her control.
answer: (c) losing her control
- A8 He suddenly started shouting and screaming and people could plainly see that he had become angry.
answer: (a) become angry
- A9 I've tried very hard indeed to understand your argument step by step but I must confess I now can't follow the reasoning.
answer: (d) I now can't follow the reasoning
- A10 After the traffic accident she behaved foolishly and drove the car into a brick wall.
answer: (b) behaved foolishly

Splitting Hairs

A1 We told him to remain calm because he was getting angrier and angrier.

answer: (b) to remain calm

A2 I can't really explain it but the moment she walks into the room and asks me a question she irritates me.

answer: (d) irritates me

A3 Now that he's passed his exams and got his qualifications he's decided to behave informally.

answer: (a) behave informally

A4 When I opened the door and saw this white figure in front of me, it really terrified me.

answer: (c) terrified me

A5 After the boss had given her the sack, she just walked out of the office showing no feeling at all.

answer: (b) showing no feeling at all

A6 Quite frankly you're arguing about small points. Does it matter whether it's the past simple or the perfect tense?

answer: (a) arguing about small points

A7 I saw him last November and since then I have not seen him at all.

answer: (c) not seen him at all

A8 Don't worry if she doesn't say much because she says she's experiencing a lot of problems.

answer: (a) she's experiencing a lot of problems

A9 I was really scared when I saw him because he was extremely angry about the new management decision.

answer: (c) extremely angry

A10 They were very lucky they didn't get themselves killed because they came very near to falling down the mountain.

answer: (a) very near to

Squeaky Clean

- A1 The auditors made a thorough check on all aspects of the company and decided to confirm it was satisfactory.
answer: (a) confirm it was satisfactory
- A2 Now that all the problems have been sorted out he is able to go back to work making a fresh start.
answer: (c) making a fresh start
- A3 After a great deal of questioning he decided to confess and tell the truth.
answer: (d) confess
- A4 The enquiry into allegations of fraud against the minister proved in the end that she was innocent.
answer: (c) she was innocent
- A5 With the appointment of a new director it was decided to remove all obstacles and create a new board of governors.
answer: (a) remove all obstacles
- A6 Some of the members of the board are under some suspicion but he is regarded as trustworthy.
answer: (b) trustworthy
- A7 I lost a lot of money well and truly last week: I saw the same computer for sale today at half the price I paid.
answer: (b) lost a lot of money
- A8 We tried to catch the thief who'd snatched the handbag but he ran away quickly.
answer: (c) ran away quickly
- A9 At the end of a lengthy police investigation he emerged as totally innocent.
answer: (d) totally innocent
- A10 After several hours of cleaning the children had made the kitchen spotless before their parents came home.
answer: (a) spotless

Word of Mouth

A1 I promise it will never happen again.

answer: (c) promise

A2 She had to admit she was wrong when it turned out that she had chosen the wrong horse in the race.

answer: (d) admit she was wrong

A3 They quarrelled last night so be prepared for miserable faces this morning.

answer: (c) quarrelled

A4 You can always rely on that company because they do what they say whatever happens.

answer: (b) do what they say

A5 They spend very little on advertising and tend to get new work through recommendation.

answer: (a) recommendation

A6 You can see that he's deeply in love with her because he listens eagerly to everything she says.

answer: (b) listens eagerly to everything she says

A7 Straightaway we could tell at the interview she was the ideal candidate for the job.

answer: (c) Straightaway

A8 Remember as soon as you feel able to continue with walk, let me know.

answer: (a) let me know

A9 I can only repeat that I want you to wait until Tuesday before you tell her, remember don't say anything.

answer: (c) don't say anything

A10 I couldn't agree with you more, to be honest you've said what I wanted to say.

answer: (b) said what I wanted to say

Teaching your Family to Drive

- A1 He worries too much about his appearance and now he says he's going bald.
answer: (c) going bald
- A2 She lost her job last year and since then she's been finding it difficult without money.
answer: (d) finding it difficult without money
- A3 He really must start eating properly because at the moment he's very thin.
answer: (a) very thin
- A4 If you know of a good plumber, let me know as they're a bit difficult to find around here.
answer: (b) difficult to find
- A5 Although he only asked me to lend him EUR 5, I could see this was the start of something worse.
answer: (c) start of something worse
- A6 Since we put that advertisement in the local newspapers, replies have been coming in quickly in large numbers.
answer: (a) quickly in large numbers
- A7 You'll be lucky if you get more than two words out of him because I'm afraid he's very stupid.
answer: (d) very stupid
- A8 They've settled their argument at long last and now they're very friendly.
answer: (b) very friendly
- A9 In view of the way she behaved I thought it was more than I could stand when she asked him to apologize to her.
answer: (c) more than I could stand
- A10 There are certain members in the party who will stand by their leader whatever the difficulties.
answer: (d) whatever the difficulties

Expressions with Top

- A1 He's always worried about his appearance and now he's concerned because he's losing his hair.
answer: (a) losing his hair
- A2 When the accident happened all he could think about was attracting attention and started calling out as loudly as possible.
answer: (d) as loudly as possible
- A3 At a rough calculation I would say it's going to cost more than twice what you have budgeted for.
answer: (d) At a rough calculation
- A4 It's certainly not difficult to see who's the most important person around here these days.
answer: (c) the most important person
- A5 Since she won the lottery last week she's been feeling very happy.
answer: (b) very happy
- A6 Many politicians like to impress the votes but a few of them exaggerate sometimes in their speeches.
answer: (a) exaggerate
- A7 For the first time in ages I actually slept very soundly last night.
answer: (d) very soundly
- A8 Students usually take on paid employment during the vacation to add to their grants.
answer: (c) add to
- A9 Her mother was very snobbish and didn't like the idea of her daughter marrying someone who was not of high social standing.
answer: (b) of high social standing
- A10 It had been a terrible day for him and when he learned finally that he had lost his job, he simply lost his temper.
answer: (a) lost his temper

Down to Earth

- A1 Poor Charlie has been miserable since he learned that he's lost his job.
answer: (a) miserable
- A2 I think we've had our fun and now it's time we began seriously to consider the idea of earning some money.
answer: (c) began seriously to consider
- A3 As soon as they heard the news that one of their fellow workers had been given the sack, they all stopped working.
answer: (b) stopped working
- A4 She always speaks condescendingly to me as if I'm not worth consideration.
answer: (c) speaks condescendingly
- A5 In contrast to her husband she's a very practical sort of person who manages to control his wild ideas.
answer: (d) practical
- A6 He's certainly picked himself up since we last saw him when he was clearly shabbily dressed.
answer: (b) shabbily dressed
- A7 I invested all my money in that failed company and now I find my whole investment has been wasted.
answer: (c) has been wasted
- A8 You can use special symbols in your emails if you want to show you're depressed.
answer: (d) depressed
- A9 Let's put it like this — you made the decision and so it's your responsibility as to what happens next.
answer: (a) your responsibility
- A10 They've had enough of the bad climate and high taxes here and have gone to live in Australia.
answer: (c) in Australia

Expressions with low

- A1 If you like, I can give you a summary and the the information when we next meet.
answer: (a) the information
- A2 It's the fashion now to write the first letter of your name not in capitals but in small letters.
answer: (c) small letters
- A3 She's usually very fit and healthy and that's why we were surprised to learn she was unwell.
answer: (d) unwell
- A4 On account of his unpopularity the politician decided to keep away from the public for a few weeks.
answer: (b) keep away from the public
- A5 In the 19th century in big houses the people who lived in the basement were the servants.
answer: (c) in the basement
- A6 From the critical comments the journalist was making, it was clear he didn't think much of the country's leader.
answer: (d) didn't think much of
- A7 We knew that he was dishonest but we didn't imagine he behave so disgracefully as to steal from his own family.
answer: (a) behave so disgracefully
- A8 We wanted to cheer you up as we'd heard you were feeling rather depressed.
answer: (b) rather depressed
- A9 I recommend you take out your loan now to take advantage of the reduced interest rate.
answer: (a) reduced
- A10 If you invest in the financial markets you must expect the decreases as well as the highs in the income.
answer: (c) the decreases

Hot expressions

- A1 They just sit around, discuss nothing in particular and just produce empty talk.
answer: (c) empty talk
- A2 As soon as they heard the news, they didn't hesitate and drove very quickly to the hospital.
answer: (a) very quickly
- A3 He can never wait for the next issue of his favourite magazine and likes to get a copy that's just printed.
answer: (d) just printed
- A4 I'm not quite sure how to handle the problem at the moment as it's not easy to explain a sort of delicate situation.
answer: (b) delicate situation
- A5 Whenever there was a war zone that needed covering, the paper always sent their most experienced reporter.
answer: (d) war zone
- A6 He'd only been in his new job three days when he found himself in in trouble for something he'd done wrong.
answer: (c) in trouble
- A7 Have you seen that long queue outside the supermarket? Whatever they're selling is selling very well.
answer: (d) selling very well
- A8 In order to provide training for the staff in the department everyone had to experience responsibility.
answer: (a) experience responsibility
- A9 I thought he was going to burst with anger because he was getting very angry.
answer: (c) very angry
- A10 The one thing you mustn't do is be late because the boss is very strict about punctuality.
answer: (a) strict about

Comparisons with as as

A1 After a good night's sleep she woke feeling bright and cheerful.

answer: (b) bright and cheerful

A2 It was a serious operation but he made a complete recovery and was soon in good health.

answer: (d) in good health

A3 When she left school, she found she could do what she liked and be totally free.

answer: (a) totally free

A4 Suddenly the car leant to one side and when he got out, he saw there was no air in one tyre that was completely flat.

answer: (b) completely flat

A5 The baby sitter had no problem with the children because they were well behaved the whole evening.

answer: (c) well behaved

A6 He wanted to make sure that his car looked good and so he made sure it was spotless before he sold it.

answer: (d) spotless

A7 The one thing you could be sure of was that he would not behave in a normal way he was in fact completely mad.

answer: (b) completely mad

A8 We really didn't expect to see him at all that night but then suddenly he appeared in person.

answer: (c) in person

A9 You could always rely on her because in any situation she stayed totally dependable.

answer: (a) totally dependable

A10 As he was very strong, he was able to lift the carriage up and let the trapped man out.

answer: (b) very strong

Expressions with make

A1 Their big ambition in life was to choose the right moment to sell their shares and then make a lot of money.

answer: (c) make a lot of money

A2 They've tried hard to increase their profits in the business but so far are not really progressing.

answer: (a) not really progressing

A3 The shock was so great it frightened you.

answer: (d) frightened you

A4 I reckon when they sold that lovely big house it must have provided them with a huge sum of money.

answer: (b) provided them with a huge sum of money

A5 Ignore his comments it's not really that bad, he's simply exaggerating.

answer: (c) exaggerating

A6 We've lost a lot of money and have little income and so we're finding it difficult to survive.

answer: (d) survive

A7 I'll come straight to the point and tell you exactly what I think.

answer: (a) come straight to the point

A8 It seems a sound project with potential and so I advise you to make an offer for it.

answer: (c) make an offer for it

A9 If I were you, I would stop worrying about it and simply have fun while you can.

answer: (b) have fun

A10 Don't take too much notice of what he's saying, he's just making a fuss.

answer: (a) making a fuss

Egg expressions

A1 I'm pretty certain but perhaps I wouldn't go as far as saying I'm absolutely sure.

answer: (d) absolutely sure

A2 I know you didn't exactly push him into accepting the offer but you must admit you did encourage him.

answer: (c) did encourage him

A3 You've always stood by him in all his bad habits but underneath I think he's a worthless person.

answer: (b) worthless person

A4 First he agreed and then he disagreed. The result was he ended up looking foolish.

answer: (a) looking foolish

A5 You've got to learn to diversify and not to rely on just one scheme.

answer: (c) to rely on just one scheme

A6 She wasn't really successful in her first stage play. In fact you could say she she gave an embarrassing performance.

answer: (d) she gave an embarrassing performance

A7 It was a bit like teaching someone who was more experienced than he when the young director was showing the veteran actress how to act.

answer: (a) teaching someone who was more experienced than he

A8 They told her to put some money aside each month so she would have a savings account.

answer: (b) a savings account

A9 We all advised him to make sure he got payment and didn't accept just an invoice for money.

answer: (c) accept just an invoice for money

A10 You'll need all your tact in this situation and you'll have to be very sensitive.

answer: (b) be very sensitive

Idioms with prepositions

A1 It's a long time since those days long ago when you could leave your front door unlocked.

answer: (b) a long time since

A2 I wish you would stop talking and let me finish speaking.

answer: (d) let me finish speaking

A3 It's not impossible you couldn't pass your exam if you really tried.

answer: (c) It's not impossible

A4 We haven't seen him for ages but he turns up very rarely.

answer: (a) very rarely

A5 It's almost impossible trying to get him to see sense because he takes no notice.

answer: (b) almost impossible

A6 He seriously believes that we think he's stupid but we really don't.

answer: (d) He seriously believes

A7 We thought it would all go off very well but in the end it turned out to be a failure.

answer: (b) failure

A8 I know you're keen but I don't want you to start too soon. Just relax.

answer: (c) start too soon

A9 Count to ten before you say anything and don't lose your temper.

answer: (d) lose your temper

A10 It's like there's nobody there because you never get an answer from her...

answer: (a) there's nobody there

Idioms with phrasal verbs

- A1 You certainly couldn't call him modest because he's always saying how clever he is.
answer: (c) saying how clever he is
- A2 You can always rely on him to make things go wrong and suddenly everything stops.
answer: (a) make things go wrong
- A3 He tried and tried and tried but in the end he decided the time had come to stop trying.
answer: (d) stop trying
- A4 My advice is to stop worrying about it and make an effort.
answer: (b) make an effort
- A5 We've had a lovely time and walked a long way but I think it's time to stop.
answer: (c) stop
- A6 I just can't open this tin at all and I always find this type of container really annoying.
answer: (a) really annoying
- A7 To be honest he leads a miserable life because he works all the time and has no friends.
answer: (b) a miserable life
- A8 The one thing you can be sure of is that whatever the situation she'll commit a social blunder and embarrass everyone.
answer: (c) commit a social blunder
- A9 That sort of joke never makes people laugh and on this occasion it went down very badly.
answer: (d) very badly
- A10 Before the meeting officially starts I'd like to mention one or two points.
answer: (b) mention

Mark Idioms

A1 He's not really doing anything serious at the moment because he's just waiting for the right opportunity until he finds a proper job.

answer: (c) waiting for the right opportunity

A2 You listen to me carefully you do as I say and you'll be all right.

answer: (b) listen to me carefully

A3 The dancers were lost marks in the competition because the man fell over half way through.

answer: (a) lost marks

A4 There wasn't much time to waste and in order to secure a place, you had to be be first in the queue.

answer: (c) be first in the queue

A5 When you look back over her lifetime you can see that she will be remembered.

answer: (b) be remembered

A6 From an early age he was destined to become leader of his party.

answer: (d) destined

A7 They were very fussy about their products and any item not of a high standard was discarded.

answer: (c) of a high standard

A8 Take no notice of what he said because his comments are irrelevant.

answer: (a) irrelevant

A9 As they were not ready on time, they missed some of the good bargains.

answer: (d) not ready on time

A10 Pay attention. The race is about to begin. Be prepared, get ready, start.

answer: (c) Be prepared

Retail Sales Expressions

A1 I went to BuyLots and bought a computer on payment plan.

answer: (c) payment plan

A2 The best time to go shopping in the USA is the day after Thanksgiving, because all stores reduce their prices.

answer: (a) reduce

A3 Nowadays, lots of people buy products over the Internet.

answer: (c) buy

A4 It's really important to keep a proof of purchase of the products you buy in case you need to return or exchange them.

answer: (b) proof of purchase

A5 When I first moved to the USA and didn't have a bank account, I used order of payment issued by a bank to pay my rent.

answer: (a) order of payment issued by a bank

A6 Thanks for buying at Build-a-Monster, your product will be mailed in 1 to 2 business days. Have a nice day!

answer: (d) mailed

A7 My son would love to have a Buzz Lightmonth toy for his birthday. Do you have any at your store? — Sorry, ma'am. They are not available.

answer: (c) not available

A8 Excuse me, sir. I would like a reimburse on these shoes, please. They don't fit me. — Sorry, ma'am. We can't do that.

answer: (b) a reimburse

A9 Melinda bought a Plasma TV with a one year guarantee.

answer: (a) guarantee

A10 Mr. Thompson only buys things that are inexpensive.

answer: (c) inexpensive