­­Level 7 Weekly Idiom Learning

Idioms Online YouTube channel and website: <http://www.idioms.online/>

**Instructions:**

Each week you will watch five videos posted in Canvas from the Idioms Online YouTube channel. This will be part of your weekly online study. The idioms are listed on this handout. You will write the definition for each idiom and then answer some questions in a discussion board in Canvas to show that you understand the idioms.

**Miscellaneous Idioms:**

| **Idiom**   | **Meaning**   | **One example**   | **Origin (if provided)**   |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| It’s a small world    |  |   |   |
| Run(s) in the family     |  |   |   |
| In hot water    |  |   |   |
| Call it a day   |  |   |   |

1. Describe a time when you felt it was a small world. What happened?
2. What is a physical trait that runs in your family? What is a character trait that runs in your family? Are there any physical conditions, such as health problems, that run in your family?
3. When was the last time you were or someone you know was in hot water? Explain what happened.
4. At what time is your typical time of the evening to call it day? On the weekends, what time do you call it a day?

**Color Idioms:**

| **Idiom**   | **Meaning**   | **One example**   | **Origin (if provided)**   |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Once in a blue moon |  |   |   |
| With flying colors |  |   |   |
| The grass is always greener |  |   |   |
| Green with envy |  |   |   |

1. What is something you do only once in a blue moon?
2. What is something you have or someone you know has accomplished with flying colors?
3. Have you had a situation in the past that you felt that the grass was always greener on the other side? Do you now feel that the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence? Explain.
4. What do some people become green with envy?

**Sports Idioms:**

| **Idiom**   | **Meaning**   | **One example**   | **Origin (if provided)**   |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Throw in the towel     |  |   |   |
| Call the shots –  |  |   |   |
| Right off the bat     |  |   |   |
| On the ball     |  |   |   |

1. When do you feel like throwing in the towel? Do you normally throw in the towel when you meet a challenge or are you more of a persistent person? Does it annoy you when others throw in the towel without giving any effort?
2. Who in your family calls the shots? Explain.
3. What is something you do in the morning when you wake up right off the bat?
4. Are you a person who is on the ball? In what areas of your life or for what tasks or duties are you always on the ball?

**Food Idioms:**

| **Idiom**   | **Meaning**   | **One example**   | **Origin (if provided)**   |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Couch potato |  |   |   |
| Cool as a cucumber |  |   |   |
| (Don’t) put all your eggs in one basket |  |   |   |
| Bite off more than you can chew |  |   |   |

1. Are you ever a couch potato? If so, when. Does it bother you when someone you know is a couch potato? Why or why not?
2. Describe the last time you had a stressful or difficult situation, but you stayed cool as a cucumber. Do you know someone who always stays cool as a cucumber no matter what the situation is?
3. Has there ever been a time when you put all your eggs in one basket? Was the result positive or negative? Do you think that when people move to live in another country, they put all their eggs in one basket? Explain.
4. When was the last time you or someone you know bit off more that you could chew? Explain.

**Animal Idioms:**

| **Idiom**   | **Meaning**   | **One example**   | **Origin (if provided)**   |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| A bookworm     |  |   |   |
| Chicken out |  |   |   |
| A night owl  |  |   |   |
| Cat got your tongue?     |  |   |   |

1. Who is someone you know who is a bookworm? Are you a bookworm? What kind of books do you like to read?
2. What was something difficult you tried or wanted to do in the past, but you chickened out? When was the last time you or someone you know chickened out? Explain.
3. Are you a morning person or a night owl? Explain.
4. Think of a time when the cat got your (or someone else’s) tongue. Describe the situation.

**Body Parts Idioms:**

| **Idiom**   | **Meaning**   | **One example**   | **Origin (if provided)**   |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| A lump in my throat |  |   |   |
| Butterflies in your stomach  |  |   |   |
| Put your foot in your mouth  |  |   |   |
| See eye to eye  |  |   |   |

1. Have you ever gotten a lump in your throat watching a sad movie or TV program? If so, tell about it. When was the last time you got a lump in your throat?
2. In which situations do you get butterflies in your stomach? When was the last time you had butterflies in your stomach? Explain the situation and why you were nervous or excited.
3. Have you ever put your foot in your mouth? If so, explain what happened. If you haven’t, think of a time when you heard someone else put their foot in their mouth.
4. When you were a teenager, did you see eye to eye with your parents? Who is someone you always see eye to eye with? Who is someone you struggle to see eye to eye with?

**Weather Idioms:**

| **Idiom**   | **Meaning**   | **One example**   | **Origin (if provided)**   |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Dog days of summer    |  |   |   |
| Take a rain check    |  |   |   |
| Catch some rays     |  |   |   |
| Fair-weather friend |  |   |   |

1. What are activities you like to do during the dog days of summer?
2. Tell about the last time you took a raincheck.
3. Do you like to catch some rays? If so, where do you go to catch some rays?
4. Do you have a fair-weather friend? If so, who is this person? Give an example of how he or she is a fair-weather friend. Have you ever been a fair-weather friend to someone? What was the reason? Explain.