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Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

a piece of cake	Something that is easy to do.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Winning the game was a piece of cake for the team.</i>

cost an arm and a leg	Cost a lot of money.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: This video game is amazing, but it costs an arm and a leg.</i>

over the moon	Very happy.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: When I found out I got into my dream school, I was over the moon.</i>

take it easy	To rest or not work too hard.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: There is plenty of time before the exam, so take it easy.</i>

like a fish out of water	Feeling awkward because you are not familiar with a situation; feeling out of place.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Megan felt like a fish out of water on her first day at the new school.</i>



Exercise 2 – Reading

Read the text aloud with your tutor.

A Crazy Experience

I always thought that kayaking was **a piece of cake**. This summer my friend Oscar proved me wrong. He loves this sport, so he invited me to go with him during my holiday. I accepted his invitation. I don't exercise very often, so I was worried about whether I would be fit enough for kayaking. Fortunately, Oscar told me to **take it easy** and assured me that everything would be all right. Kayaking turned out to be extremely strenuous, I felt **like a fish out of water**. However, I got the hang of it eventually. At the end of the day, I was **over the moon**. I had never had so much fun in my life! However, the gear **cost me an arm and a leg**!



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms.

1. I feel _____ when my girlfriend makes me dance with her.
2. I love this brand, but their products _____.
3. My aunt always tells me to _____ when I'm worried.
4. I'm good at math; equations are _____.
5. I can't possibly afford a trip to Madagascar; it _____.
6. When I saw my best friend, whom I hadn't seen for two years, I was _____.
7. _____, Mary. No need to beat yourself up! You'll get it next time.
8. I've never played baseball before; I feel _____ even watching a match!



Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

Create sentences using the following idioms.

Example: a piece of cake → Giving a speech is a piece of cake for her.

Content:

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