



# Idioms 15

Vocabulary > Advanced 7



## Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

<b>hit the road</b>	To leave; to begin a journey.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: I'd better <b>hit the road</b>, or I'll miss my flight!</i>

<b>burn the midnight oil</b>	To stay up late in order to work or study.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: I have an exam tomorrow, so I'll be <b>burning the midnight oil</b> tonight.</i>

<b>cut corners</b>	To do something the easiest or cheapest way in order to save time or money; often with negative results or at the expense of quality.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Our budget has been reduced this month. We'll have to <b>cut corners</b>!</i>

<b>bark up the wrong tree</b>	To pursue a mistaken course of action.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: If you think he's guilty, you're <b>barking up the wrong tree</b>.</i>

<b>hit the sack</b>	To go to bed.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: I'm so tired. I'll <b>hit the sack</b> early today.</i>



## Exercise 2 – Reading

*Read the text aloud with your tutor.*

### A Busy Life

Carl is an excellent employee. His colleagues respect him a lot. He always works hard and never **cuts corners**. He will **burn the midnight oil** whenever there's something important that needs to be done. Carl never scolds people for their mistakes, as he knows how easy it is to **bark up the wrong tree** at times. Unfortunately, due to putting in long hours at work, Carl has a habit of **hitting the sack** as soon as he gets home. As a consequence, he misses hanging out with his friends and doing things he enjoys after work. However, every weekend Carl takes his backpack and **hits the road** with a couple of friends. They go hiking, mountain climbing, and camping.



## Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

*Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms.*

1. I'm going camping this weekend; I can't wait to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. This brand \_\_\_\_\_. As a result, the products aren't very high quality.
3. My dad \_\_\_\_\_ when I was a child. I remember because he would never read bedtime stories to us.
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ already. I think it's a bad idea to wake him up.
5. Officer, you're \_\_\_\_\_! I'm not the guy you're looking for!
6. I'd better go home and \_\_\_\_\_. I'm exhausted.
7. I won't \_\_\_\_\_ anymore! It's bad for my health.
8. It's about time we \_\_\_\_\_! The weather has cleared up.



## Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

*Create sentences using the following idioms.*

**Example:** hit the road → She has to hit the road very early in the morning.

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