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Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

go to the dogs	To significantly deteriorate; to get a lot worse.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: This company has gone to the dogs since the new CEO took over.</i>

put all one's eggs in one basket	When success depends on a single person or plan.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Never invest all of your money in just one stock. It's never good to put all your eggs in one basket.</i>

sit on a gold mine	To possess or have access to something very valuable.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: When I got my inheritance, I realized I was sitting on a gold mine.</i>

strike gold	To become rich; to be lucky or have success with something.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: I struck gold when I met my wife.</i>

as good as gold	Very good; excellent; very well-behaved.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: My son has behaved as good as gold this entire morning.</i>



Exercise 2 – Reading

Read the text aloud with your tutor.

Investment Failure

Once upon a time, there lived a man called Paul. His job was to take care of an old granny, whom he loved dearly. He would bathe her, keep her healthy, feed her, and generally take care of her. Sadly, the old lady died one day. However, she knew that Paul was **as good as gold** and that's why she decided to leave all her property to him. Paul was shocked, he had **struck gold**! With all the property he was left, he was now **sitting on a gold mine**. The story, however, took the turn for the worse. He decided to **put all his eggs in one basket** and invest in stocks. From that day on, his financial state kept getting worse and worse, by the day. By the time he had realized this, his bank account was already empty and everything **went to the dogs**!



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms.

1. If you _____, you risk losing everything.
2. He definitely _____ when he got that job.
3. She always listens to her parents. She is _____.
4. Each one of those paintings would sell for hundreds of thousands of dollars. You are _____!
5. This project has _____. I have no idea how we can fix it now.
6. It seems like a good opportunity, but it is best not to _____. You should invest in multiple things!
7. When he got hired by Google, he felt like he had _____.
8. They are so lucky to have such a well-behaved daughter! She is _____.



Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

Create sentences using the following idioms.

Example: go to the dogs → My grandpa always says that this country is going to the dogs.

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