



Idioms 4

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Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

get one's feet wet	To try something new for the first time; to start doing something new.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: I've decided to go abroad by myself, just to get my feet wet.</i>

end in smoke	To end in failure; to fail to produce positive results; to be destroyed or ruined.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: All her efforts ended in smoke when the project was cancelled.</i>

full of beans	Energetic and enthusiastic; high-spirited.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Adventurous people are always full of beans.</i>

give someone a piece of one's mind	To express one's opinion; to passionately express dissatisfaction or disagreement.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: My mother gave me a piece of her mind when I told her I wanted to date John.</i>

pain in the neck	An annoying person, object, or situation.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: She is a terrible pain in the neck when she's bored.</i>



Exercise 2 – Reading

Read the text aloud with your tutor.

Adrenaline Rush

It was a sunny day when two young friends, Thomas and Sarah, went bungee jumping. Thomas had done it many times before, so he was **full of beans**. But his friend Sarah had never done anything of the sort, so she was about to **get her feet wet**. To prepare for this, Thomas had taught Sarah how to balance her body in the air. However, he was worried that his efforts would **end in smoke**. To top it all off, Sarah was also afraid that her mother would **give her a piece of her mind** if she came to know about it. Her mother can be a real **pain in the neck** sometimes. In the end, everything worked out just fine and they had so much fun!



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms.

1. So, you have never gone camping before? Well, it's about time to _____.
2. My daughter is always _____ when she gets home from school.
3. All her efforts _____ when she arrived late for the exam.
4. Mary is a real _____. She is always causing trouble.
5. All her plans _____ when she found out that they were broke.
6. How can you be so _____ in the morning?
7. My dad _____ when I said I would join the band.
8. He keeps calling me at work for no good reason. What a _____.



Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

Create sentences using the following idioms.

Example: get one's feet wet → If you've never tried paragliding before, this is a chance to get your feet wet!

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