



Idioms 16

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Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

kick the bucket	To die (informal).
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Did you hear that Mr. Smith kicked the bucket?</i>

the best of both worlds	The benefits of two separate situations.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Students usually want to enjoy the best of both worlds - the freedom of adult life and the convenience of living with their parents.</i>

kill two birds with one stone	To achieve two things at once with a single action.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: We can buy popcorn at the cinema and kill two birds with one stone.</i>

curry favor with someone	To try to gain favor with someone by saying things that might please them.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: In an attempt to curry favor with them, he promised all of them a raise.</i>

chink in one's armor	A weakness.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Even John has a chink in his armor - he can't swim!</i>



Exercise 2 – Reading

Read the text aloud with your tutor.

Superheroes Are Cool

I have always dreamed of being a superhero. They are strong, courageous, and honest. Plus, they get **the best of both worlds**: they are respected as heroes, but they are also able to lead normal lives. In fictional worlds, they never **kick the bucket**. They always find a way to survive. However, even superheroes can have a **chink in their armor**. If I were a superhero and I could choose my superpower, I'd have the ability to fly. That way, I'd **kill two birds with one stone**: I could save the day and get to work faster! I bet that people would constantly try to **curry favor with me** if this was the case!



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms.

1. Megan is trying to _____ her brother so that he helps her with math.
2. He'll never admit it, but he has a _____.
3. When eating this cinnamon-apple yogurt, you can enjoy _____: the great taste and the health benefits!
4. The cowboy said: "It's 'bout time you _____, pal!"
5. Some people think that celebrities get _____. However, that is not true.
6. Let's _____ and go cycling? That way, we can get some exercise and enjoy the views on the way.
7. Jimmy is so annoying! He is always trying to _____ the teacher.
8. Even the strongest people have a _____.



Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

Create sentences using the following idioms.

Example: kick the bucket → This is a list of places that I want to visit before I kick the bucket.

Content:

1. kick the bucket
2. the best of both worlds
3. kill two birds with one stone
4. curry favor with someone
5. chink in one's armor