



Idioms 21

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Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

have mixed feelings	To see both good and bad points of something.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: He has mixed feelings about his upcoming trip to Scotland.</i>

get a kick out of	To enjoy something a lot.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: This new TV show is so interesting! You'll definitely get a kick out of it.</i>

a matter of opinion	Not a fact; something that depends on each person's opinion or preference.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Whether she has talent or not is a matter of opinion.</i>

have one's heart set on	To want something badly; to desire something.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: He has his heart set on buying that new video game.</i>

have second thoughts	To begin to have doubts; to be uncertain about something.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: You're not having second thoughts about coming to Italy with me, are you?</i>



Exercise 2 – Reading

Read the text aloud with your tutor.

A Big Fan

Ryan has always been a fan of fictional stories. He **gets a kick out of** reading or watching The Lord of the Rings and Game of Thrones. However, Ryan's friends do not share his preferences. Ryan understands that it's **a matter of opinion**, but he still feels a bit lonely. So, he joined an online community of like-minded people. At first, he **had mixed feelings** and felt a bit awkward, but soon he managed to make quite a few friends. After a year, Ryan's online friends invited him to a convention. He was excited about going there and meeting everyone in person. He **had his heart set on** dressing up as his favorite character from The Lord of the Rings. When Ryan arrived at the convention, he started **having second thoughts**. He was worried that people would think he looked silly. However, everything turned out fine! Ryan met his friends, had a great time, and received a lot of compliments for his costume.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms.

1. I _____ a BMW; I don't want any other car.
2. Chris _____ watching horror movies.
3. I don't like pink, but my sister does; it's _____.
4. I _____ about this painting.
5. I thought I wanted to study Chinese, but now I _____.
6. Should I accept the offer? It did seem like a good idea, but now I _____.
7. When you _____ about a piece of clothing – don't buy it.
8. Whether this is the best ice cream in the world is _____.



Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

Create sentences using the following idioms.

Example: have mixed feelings → I have mixed feelings about this book; I don't love it, but I don't dislike it either.

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