



# Idioms 19

Vocabulary > Advanced 7



## Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

<b>a night owl</b>	A person who tends to stay up late at night.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: He became <b>a night owl</b> in his forties when he got that new job.</i>

<b>drink like a fish</b>	To drink an excessive amount of alcohol.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Mark really <b>drank like a fish</b> at the party last night.</i>

<b>the lion's share</b>	The biggest part of something.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Howard received <b>the lion's share</b> of the research money.</i>

<b>have eyes like a hawk</b>	To have good eyesight; to be good at noticing details.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: He <b>has eyes like a hawk</b>; he noticed what earrings she was wearing from afar.</i>

<b>take the bull by the horns</b>	To deal with a problem or challenge in a direct and fearless way.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: The house was falling apart, so she decided to <b>take the bull by the horns</b> and renovate it herself.</i>



## Exercise 2 – Reading

*Read the text aloud with your tutor.*

### Changing My Lifestyle

This is the story of how I became **a night owl**. I never used to stay up late. However, that changed once I got my new job. In the beginning, I was getting **the lion's share** of the editing tasks. My boss thought that I **had eyes like a hawk**, so he used to give me a lot of work, which I often had to finish at home. Obviously, I would stay up late to finish everything on time. Back then, I wanted to **take the bull by the horns**; I wanted to prove to everyone that I was a good worker. Then, on weekends, I would usually go to a bar and **drink like a fish**. After a while, I realized that I would stay up late even though I didn't have work to do. I just got used to it.



## Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

*Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms.*

1. Sometimes you have to \_\_\_\_\_ and take control of the situation.
2. You \_\_\_\_\_! That's bad for your health.
3. I got \_\_\_\_\_ of the work; that's not fair!
4. Heather \_\_\_\_\_; I sometimes feel like she sees everything!
5. I usually work late; I'm \_\_\_\_\_.
6. He \_\_\_\_\_ in order to keep the company from going under.
7. I hate mornings because I'm \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Scott always gets \_\_\_\_\_ of your time. I want you to spend some time with me, too!



## Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

*Create sentences using the following idioms.*

**Example:** a night owl → I always feel more energetic in the evening; I'm definitely a night owl.

### Content:

1. a night owl
2. drink like a fish
3. the lion's share
4. have eyes like a hawk
5. take the bull by the horns