



Idioms 8

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Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

sick as a dog	Very ill; extremely sick.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: I can't go to school today. I am sick as a dog.</i>

in a tight spot	In a difficult situation.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: The company is in a tight spot right now. Its stock price is dropping.</i>

unearthly hour	Inconvenient time, especially very early in the morning or very late at night.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: She has to wake up at an unearthly hour every morning because of the commute.</i>

etched in stone	Something that cannot be changed, such as rules, decisions, etc.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: The boss's decision is etched in stone, so everyone must abide by it.</i>

fair and square	Just and honest; in an honest way, without cheating.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: He won the match fair and square.</i>



Exercise 2 – Reading

Read the text aloud with your tutor.

Parent Duties

James works for a very reputable IT company. He was put **in a tight spot** the night before because he had to take care of his daughter. She was **sick as a dog** and needed his immediate attention. The next day, after taking care of this situation, he had to wake up at an **unearthly hour** to complete a report. He had no other choice but to finish the report in the morning because his boss, Mrs. Jackson, had set the deadline at 9:00 am, and he knew that it was **etched in stone**. His friend, Megan, said that she would have helped, but James told her that he had preferred to do the report by himself, **fair and square**. In the end, he barely managed to complete this task but he did what he had to do!



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms.

1. I really have to go to the doctor! I am _____.
2. Mark was _____ when he bumped into a tree with his new car.
3. It's not really safe to walk the city alone at an _____.
4. The decision made by management is _____.
5. I admire him; he always plays _____ and never breaks the rules.
6. He said he would resign from this job, but the decision isn't _____.
7. We must get up at an _____ tomorrow. We can't miss the flight.
8. I've been _____ since I lost my job.



Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

Create sentences using the following idioms.

Example: sick as a dog → When I came home she was lying on the couch, sick as a dog.

Content:

1. sick as a dog
2. in a tight spot
3. unearthly hour
4. etched in stone
5. fair and square