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Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

draw a line	To distinguish between two things.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: You have to draw a line between your work and your personal life.</i>

a bitter pill	Something unpleasant that is difficult to accept.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Losing that game was a bitter pill for him to swallow.</i>

straight from the horse's mouth	Receiving information directly from the source.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: I heard it straight from the horse's mouth; Elizabeth is pregnant.</i>

off one's rocker	Crazy or insane.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Have you gone completely off your rocker? You can't say that in public!</i>

cold fish	A person who does not show their emotions.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: The speech did not move her at all. She is a cold fish if you ask me!</i>



Exercise 2 – Reading

Read the text aloud with your tutor.

Prom Night

A few years ago, I went to my high-school prom. A lot of people told me I was **off my rocker** when I told them that I had bought a dress from a second-hand store. People I told about it went on to tell everyone else. No one believed them, even though they said that they had heard it **straight from the horse's mouth**. I tried to be calm and act like a **cold fish**, however, it was **a bitter pill** to hear my friends telling me things like: “You must be joking” or “You should have had a dress sewn.” To be honest, I bought the dress because it was very cheap, and my mom helped me tailor it. In the end, I looked great. In fact, I looked much better than some of the girls who bought expensive designer dresses. Sometimes you just have to **draw a line** between your opinion and everyone else’s.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms.

1. I'm telling the truth! I heard it _____.
2. Sometimes people need to _____ between what is real and what is fiction.
3. Losing all my friends was _____ for me to swallow.
4. The research helped scientists _____ between these two swan species.
5. She must be _____, wearing flip-flops in winter!
6. She hardly speaks to anyone. She is such a _____.
7. Our break-up was _____ for me. I'm still trying to get over it.
8. I'm probably _____. I thought I just saw a huge dog, but it was just a pile of garbage.



Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

Create sentences using the following idioms.

Example: draw a line → She needs to draw a line between what is truly important and what is not.

Content:

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2. a bitter pill
3. straight from the horse's mouth
4. off one's rocker
5. cold fish