



Idioms 7

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Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

pull someone's leg	To deceive or play a joke on someone.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: You're pulling my leg! That can't be true.</i>

spill the beans	To reveal a secret.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Spill the beans already! Everyone knows that you're hiding something.</i>

slip one's mind	To be forgotten or overlooked.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: I was planning to write him an e-mail, but it slipped my mind.</i>

the last straw	Something that makes a person lose their patience; the last thing a person can tolerate.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Turning up late today was the last straw. That's why the boss fired him.</i>

give someone the cold shoulder	To be intentionally unfriendly towards someone.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Ryan started giving me the cold shoulder after we broke up.</i>



Exercise 2 – Reading

Read the text aloud with your tutor.

From Friends to Strangers

Bella and Thomas have been friends for years. They always had a great relationship; however, Thomas has been quite annoying lately. First, he started asking her about her ex-boyfriend, although she told him not to. Then, her birthday **slipped his mind**. Bella was furious. “I always give him a phone call on his birthday! And he didn’t even care to write me a message,” she thought. One day Thomas saw Bella and asked her what happened: “**Spill the beans!** What are you mad about?” Bella looked at him and said: “Are you **pulling my leg**? You forgot all about my birthday!” Thomas was shocked. “But that was weeks ago! You’re still mad?” Thomas asked. Bella couldn’t believe what he had just said: “You remembered and didn’t even send me a belated message?! This is **the last straw!** Don’t talk to me unless you want to apologize.” Since then, Bella has been **giving Thomas the cold shoulder!**



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms.

1. I hate it when my friends try to _____; I don't like their pranks at all!
2. Being rude to the principal was _____. They will probably expel him because of that.
3. Usually, things tend to _____, so I keep a journal of things I have to do.
4. She was _____; there was no snake in the garden.
5. My girlfriend has been _____ ever since I forgot about her birthday.
6. Adam asked Sally to _____ and tell him why she doesn't speak with Sophie anymore.
7. I'm sorry! Your birthday _____ completely. Will you forgive me?
8. How does the book end? _____ already, I have to know!



Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

Create sentences using the following idioms.

Example: pull someone's leg → I thought he was being serious, but he was just pulling my leg.

Content:

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2. spill the beans
3. slip one's mind
4. the last straw
5. give someone the cold shoulder