



Idioms 2

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Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

no strings attached	Without any special demands, conditions, or restrictions.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Julia received a full scholarship with no strings attached.</i>

new lease on life	A turn of events that gives a person another chance to be happy, healthy or successful; a fresh start.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: After I returned from the army, I felt as if I had a new lease on life.</i>

snowed under	Being very busy; having too much work to do.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Look, I am really snowed under at the moment. Can you come tomorrow?</i>

in the black	To have money; not in debt.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: The company decided to lay off employees to keep the business in the black.</i>

in the red	In debt; spending more than is being earned.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: The trade balance remained in the red for five straight months.</i>



Exercise 2 – Reading

Read the text aloud with your tutor.

A Changed Man

Mr. Smith is a hardworking man. His co-workers always wondered why he always tries to finish every project as soon as possible, even when there's plenty of time before the deadline. They thought that, perhaps, Mr. Smith was **in the red**; that maybe he needed money really badly. They really wanted to help him, **no strings attached**. However, they soon found out that he was, in fact, **in the black**. He had nothing to worry about. He was never **snowed under**, but he still worked long hours. In the end, it turned out that Mr. Smith really loved his job. To tell the truth, he was just happy that he had survived a car crash a few years back and that he could do something with his life. That accident really gave Mr. Smith a **new lease on life**.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms.

1. Mark quit drinking and it gave him a _____.
2. She was given an internship with _____.
3. After months of saving, I am _____ again.
4. Our company is _____ again; we might go bankrupt this time!
5. Katie is _____ at work, so she can't go see her son's football game.
6. She was offered the job with _____.
7. I can't buy this expensive computer; my credit card is _____ right now.
8. After the earthquake, people got a _____.



Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

Create sentences using the following idioms.

Example: no strings attached → He asked her if she could do anything about that, no strings attached.

Content:

1. no strings attached
2. new lease on life
3. snowed under
4. in the black
5. in the red