



# Idioms 27

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## Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

<b>free as a bird</b>	Completely free, with no obligations.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: The former convict is <b>free as a bird</b> now. He's never been so happy before.</i>

<b>early bird</b>	Someone who arrives somewhere or wakes up earlier than is expected.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: The <b>early bird</b> catches the worm.</i>

<b>bird's eye view</b>	A view from high above the ground; an aerial view.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: You can get a <b>bird's eye view</b> of the city on this helicopter tour.</i>

<b>for the birds</b>	Worthless, without real value.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: I don't believe in horoscopes. Astrology is <b>for the birds</b>.</i>

<b>walk on eggshells</b>	To be very careful not to say or do something wrong.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: She <b>walked on eggshells</b> when giving her speech so as not to offend anyone.</i>



## Exercise 2 – Reading

*Read the text aloud with your tutor.*

### I Want to Resign

John really wants to quit his job, so he can move to the countryside and be **free as a bird**. Moreover, he thinks the job he has right now is **for the birds**. During his long career, he had been **walking on eggshells** with his boss and this was driving him crazy. He was also never an **early bird**, so he hates getting up early and going to the office. His dream is to start writing stories and become a successful writer one day. John could see himself living in a small house on top of a mountain with a **bird's eye view** of the natural landscape below. It would be a wonderful life to live, indeed!



## Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

*Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms.*

1. Andrew is such an \_\_\_\_\_! The sun was rising just as he got to the beach!
2. This movie is \_\_\_\_\_. The plot is bad and the dialogues are just ridiculous.
3. If we climb to the peak of the mountain, we will get a \_\_\_\_\_ of the surrounding villages.
4. His girlfriend gets upset so easily! He always has to \_\_\_\_\_ around her.
5. The summer break has started! I'm \_\_\_\_\_!
6. Some people think that blogging is \_\_\_\_\_, but I actually enjoy it and I'm making good money out of it.
7. I would love to be \_\_\_\_\_ and travel all over the world.
8. From Tokyo Skytree, you have a \_\_\_\_\_ of the whole city.



## Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

*Create sentences using the following idioms.*

**Example:** free as a bird → He is free as a bird! He can travel wherever he chooses.

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