



Idioms 3

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Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

sell like hot cakes	To sell rapidly; to sell very quickly.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Since they opened that store, their goods have been selling like hot cakes.</i>

advise one against	To make a recommendation to one to not pursue a particular plan or action.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: She advised him against taking out another mortgage on the house.</i>

vanish into thin air	To disappear completely.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: My keys are nowhere to be found. It's as if they've vanished into thin air.</i>

have/keep one's feet on the ground	To be sensible and practical about one's situation and see things as they really are.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Despite her fame and wealth, she still keeps her feet on the ground.</i>

have a crack at	To make an attempt; to try something.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: You'll only make it worse! Let me have a crack at it.</i>



Exercise 2 – Reading

Read the text aloud with your tutor.

A Day at the Mall

While his closest friends were having a meal at the mall, James suddenly **vanished into thin air** - he went to buy the new iPhone. However, when James saw the line in front of him at the store, he realized that the phones were **selling like hot cakes** and that he might miss out on the chance to get one by the time his turn comes. That's when his friend Lisa saw him, she **advised him against** this purchase and pointed out that it was not worth it. She told him that he should **keep his feet on the ground** and not fall for materialistic things. James argued at first, but then he understood what she was saying and decided to change his mind. Nevertheless, he was really sad about this failed attempt to buy the phone. In an attempt to cheer him up, Lisa suggested that the two of them **have a crack at** singing a song at the party that night.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms.

1. Her latest album is _____; it sold 1 million copies in the first week.
2. They looked everywhere for her, but it was as if she had _____.
3. She is so down to earth and always _____.
4. The professor _____ (his students) skipping class if they wanted a passing grade.
5. I know how to play the guitar, so I really want to _____ playing the banjo.
6. These sugar coated candies are _____; kids just love them!
7. Even if you get rich, don't forget to _____.
8. The magician snapped his fingers and the rabbit _____.



Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

Create sentences using the following idioms.

Example: sell like hot cakes → During Black Friday, products sell like hot cakes.

Content:

1. sell like hot cakes
2. advise one against
3. vanish into thin air
4. have/keep one's feet on the ground
5. have a crack at