



Idioms 9

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Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

walk of life	One's occupation or position in society.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: At the event, you'll get a chance to meet people from many walks of life.</i>

vote of confidence	A sign of support and approval.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: The vote of confidence from the crowd boosted the players' morale.</i>

sweep the board	To win all the prizes in a competition; to win easily.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: The republicans swept the board in the local elections.</i>

weak at the knees	Overwhelmed by strong emotion(s), typically fear or desire.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: She felt weak at the knees when she learned about the terrible accident.</i>

kith and kin	One's relatives and friends.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: She invited all her kith and kin to the wedding.</i>



Exercise 2 – Reading

Read the text aloud with your tutor.

Election Day

Rick is a student who ran in the election at his school. He **swept the board** and became the president of the college student committee. During the campaign period, he got a **vote of confidence** from many students who believed in him. People from many **walks of life** supported him. Before the announcement of the winner was made, he made sure to invite all of his **kith and kin**. Finally, when the name of the winner was announced, he was asked to give a speech. He was very confident and didn't go **weak at the knees**, even though he had to deliver his speech in front of a big crowd. Needless to say, it all went smoothly and his family was very proud of him!



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms.

1. I went _____ when she approached me.
2. The fact that his boss let him take over the project was a huge _____ for him.
3. People from all _____ participated in the protest.
4. The New York Yankees _____ last season and became champions.
5. It hurts to be betrayed by your own _____.
6. People gave a _____ to the government on election day.
7. People from all _____ are invited to attend this two-day seminar.
8. Do you think she will _____ at this competition?



Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

Create sentences using the following idioms.

Example: walk of life → The music festival attracted people from all walks of life.

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2. vote of confidence
3. sweep the board
4. weak at the knees
5. kith and kin