



Idioms 28

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Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

foot the bill	To pay for something; to cover the cost of something.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Let's go to dinner. I'll foot the bill.</i>

put one's foot down	To be assertive; to act firmly.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: He put his foot down and refused my offer in front of everybody.</i>

get off on the right foot	To make a good start; to establish a good relationship with someone from the start.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: I got off on the right foot with my new boss.</i>

set foot	To enter a place; to step in.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: This is the first time I have ever set foot in a baseball stadium.</i>

get one's foot in the door	To start working for a business, typically at a low level.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: I'm confident that I'll move up within the company if I can get my foot in the door.</i>



Exercise 2 – Reading

Read the text aloud with your tutor.

Company's Gem

Ever since he **got his foot in the door**, James had been performing really well in the company. Yesterday, he finally got to meet Mr. Grey, the CEO of our company. They **got off on the right foot** and because of that, Mr. Grey was considering sending him on a business trip to France. James never thought that he would ever **set foot** in France, so he was very excited about it. Mr. Grey assured him that the company would **foot the bill** for transportation, accommodation, and other expenses. However, James needed to get the company's biggest client to sign a new contract. James was sure that if he **put his foot down**, he would get the job done.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms.

1. I will _____ for the damages.
2. Parents need to know when to _____.
3. You must never _____ in that house.
4. If you break something, you will have to _____.
5. If you _____ with the seller, you might get a good price.
6. _____ and tell her you are not going to do it!
7. I wish I could _____ and get a job at this studio.
8. I really like that girl and I think that we _____.



Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

Create sentences using the following idioms.

Example: foot the bill → I am not going to foot the bill for all the repairs.

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