



Idioms 10

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Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

all ears	Eager to hear what someone has to say.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: So what happened? Please, tell me! I'm all ears.</i>

put one's foot in one's mouth	To say something that might embarrass or offend someone; to misspeak.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: He really put his foot in his mouth! He made Julia cry during the meeting.</i>

get something off one's chest	To discuss problems that one has been worrying about for a long time; to confess.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Are you worried about something? You should get it off your chest.</i>

tip of the iceberg	A small, noticeable part of something much greater (usually a problem).
[phrase]	<i>Ex: This small protest is just the tip of the iceberg. There will be a riot.</i>

join the club	An expression indicating that two or more people are going through the same bad experience.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Join the club, brother! We all forgot to do our homework.</i>



Exercise 2 – Reading

Read the text aloud with your tutor.

Marriage Turbulence

Monica is a great friend, mostly because she is a good listener. A lot of her friends turn to her when they need to **get something off their chest**. Whenever she meets someone, she is **all ears**. However, Monica is not good at giving advice. Sometimes she **puts her foot in her mouth** and says awkward things. That's why, most of the time, she just listens to people. Yesterday, her friend Lisa told her about the problems she had at work. But it turned out that was just the **tip of the iceberg**. When Monica asked her about her marriage, Lisa clammed up. It was apparent that she had had some bad experiences with her spouse. To help her open up about this, Monica pointed out that most women have the same issues and just said: “**Join the club!**” Eventually, this helped Lisa share all of her problems with Monica. She felt much better afterward!



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms.

1. You didn't get the role, either? _____!
2. So, what did Anne tell you? I'm _____.
3. When I want to _____, I talk to my mother.
4. The problem we are facing now is just the _____. There are many more serious issues we'll face.
5. Whenever I talk about my brother, Susan is _____. I wonder if she likes him.
6. Phil _____ when he called his girlfriend the wrong name.
7. You also got caught in the rain, huh? _____!
8. What she told you is just the _____! You need to hear the whole story.



Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

Create sentences using the following idioms.

Example: all ears → Jane was all ears while listening to Mark's story.

Content:

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2. put one's foot in one's mouth
3. get something off one's chest
4. tip of the iceberg
5. join the club