



Idioms 33

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Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

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| dog days | The hottest days of summer. |
| [phrase] | <i>Ex: In the dog days of summer, there's nothing better than a glass of ice-cold beer.</i> |

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| big fish | A very important, powerful or influential person. |
| [phrase] | <i>Ex: I was shocked when he became a big fish in the world of politics.</i> |

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| bigger fish to fry | More important things to do. |
| [phrase] | <i>Ex: I don't have time to deal with this right now; I've got bigger fish to fry.</i> |

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| bad egg | A person who is bad or dishonest. |
| [phrase] | <i>Ex: He has always been the bad egg of the family.</i> |

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| go fry an egg | Used to tell someone to leave you alone. |
| [phrase] | <i>Ex: Get out of my way! Go fry an egg!</i> |



Exercise 2 – Reading

Read the text aloud with your tutor.

Political Rally

It was at the peak of summer, during the **dog days**. A very influential politician was about to make his appearance on stage, and everyone was scrambling around preparing for his arrival. He was a **big fish**, and naturally, the organizers wanted everything to go smoothly and according to plan. But of course, amongst the crowd, there was a **bad egg**, whose sole purpose was to ruin the event. And surely, once the politician had climbed up on stage and started his speech, the heckler took over and yelled “We don’t want to hear you, go home!” It was a shocking scenario, but the politician ignored it at first. The politician continued on, but the heckler didn’t stop! He kept on butting in. In the end, the politician’s patience was worn thin and he yelled back at the heckler “**Go fry an egg!**” He was very annoyed and decided that it was enough for him. The politician went off the stage and mumbled that he had **bigger fish to fry**.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms.

1. Tell him to stop sorting those documents. We've got _____!
2. That man is a _____ in the company. I think he will become the CEO eventually.
3. Stop bothering me, Sarah. _____!
4. The police caught several gang members, but the _____ escaped.
5. Nothing is more refreshing than watermelon during the _____ of summer.
6. _____ and let me do my homework!
7. Don't believe a word he says; he's a _____.
8. I don't want to waste my time on this, I have _____.



Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

Create sentences using the following idioms.

Example: dog days → I barely leave my house in the dog days of summer.

Content:

1. dog days
2. big fish
3. bigger fish to fry
4. bad egg
5. go fry an egg