Monday

1. To be easy-peasy

Definition: Very easy or simple to do.

Example: The math homework was easy-peasy—I finished it in five minutes!

2. To get the heebie-jeebies

Definition: To feel very uncomfortable or scared, usually for no clear reason.

Example: That old abandoned house gave me the heebie-jeebies.

3. Holy moly

Definition: An expression of surprise or amazement.

Example: Holy moly! That roller coaster was way faster than I expected!

4. To get in a fender bender

Definition: To be involved in a minor car accident.

Example: I was late because I got in a small fender bender on the way to work.

5. Get down to the nitty gritty

Definition: To start discussing the most important or basic parts of something.

Example: Let's stop with the small talk and get down to the nitty gritty of the project.

6. To have fire in your belly

Definition: To be very determined and passionate about achieving something.

Example: She has a real fire in her belly to win the competition.

7. To be fired up

Definition: To be very excited or enthusiastic about something.

Example: The team was really fired up before the game started.

8. To light a fire under you

Definition: To motivate someone to take action or work harder.

Example: The coach's speech really lit a fire under the players.

9. To play with fire

Definition: To do something risky or dangerous that could lead to trouble.

Example: He's playing with fire by lying to his boss.

10. To add fuel to the fire

Definition: To make a bad situation worse.

Example: Yelling back at her just added fuel to the fire.

11. To put out the fire

Definition: To stop a problem or conflict from getting worse.

Example: The manager tried to put out the fire by apologizing to the customer.

Fill in the Blank Worksheet - Idioms

Directions: Fill in each blank with the correct idiom from the word bank. Use each expression **only once**.

Word Bank:

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Tuesday

Breaking News English: Australia hotel bans emus for bad behaviour

Article & T/F

Wednesday



From Celebrities to Politicians, Labubu Dolls Go Viral May 25, 2025

Exercise 1: Vocabulary

unveil

Verb

'veil

to introduce or present something to the public for the first time Google **unveiled** several Al-powered tools at its annual developer conference.



cute

Adjective

kju:t

attractive or pretty in a way that causes feelings of love The kitten was so **cute** and fluffy that I decided to adopt him.



theme Noun

θiːm

a design that fits a particular topic or subject; the main idea in a book, movie, game, etc.

My son wants his party to have a Star Wars theme.



represent

Verb

repri'zent

to be a symbol or sign of something

The brown areas on the map **represent** mountains.



appeal Noun

əˈpiːl

a quality that makes someone or something attractive or interesting

The film's popularity was largely due to its lead actors and their international appeal.



edition Noun

ı'dıʃən

a particular version of a book, album, etc.

A first edition copy of "A Christmas Carol" is worth a fortune among book collectors.



Exercise 2: Article

From Celebrities to Politicians, Labubu Dolls Go Viral

Singapore's People's Action Party (PAP) wanted to get the attention of young voters before the country's general election in early May. It used social media, worked with influencers and had party members go on podcasts — and unveiled a Labubu doll wearing the party uniform.

Labubu is a monster with big eyes and ears, sharp teeth and a very wide smile. With her furry body, she looks almost like a rabbit with a big human face. The toys are loved for being both ugly and cute at the same time, and have gone viral. The character is part of Chinese company Pop Mart's The Monsters range. Pop Mart releases sets of the toys with different themes. For example, in the recent Big Into Energy series, the dolls come in different colors representing things like love, happiness and luck.

However, each 17-centimeter-tall toy comes in a "blind box." This means buyers don't know exactly which one they're getting. This gamble is something collectors say adds to the toys' appeal. And while there is a 1 in 6 chance of finding each of the six regular Big Into Energy toys, there is only a 1 in 72 chance of finding the "secret edition" doll, which has rainbow eyes and teeth.

They all cost the same though, with one box priced at \$28. Labubu was designed by artist Kasing Lung, who was born in Hong Kong but moved to the Netherlands as a child. Lung designed Labubu in 2015 for a series of picture books.

The toys came out in 2019, but it's only been recently that they've become a huge trend — even finding celebrity fans. In April, K-pop star Lisa from Blackpink told *Teen Vogue*, "Labubu is my baby." And international stars like Rihanna and Dua Lipa have been seen with them too. As for PAP in Singapore, the party won its general election — although it's not known if or how much Labubu helped.



Exercise 3: Discussion

- 1. What are your thoughts on Singapore's People's Action Party using a Labubu doll to attract young voters?
- 2. Had you heard of Labubu dolls before reading this article?

- 3. How do political parties in your country try to appeal to young people?
- 4. Are young people in your country generally interested in politics?

Exercise 4: Further Discussion

- 1. Are blind boxes a popular trend in your country?
- 2. Do you know anyone who collect toys?
- 3. Do you still have any of your childhood toys?
- 4. Have any of your childhood toys become collectable in recent years?
- 5. Do you collect anything? When did you start?

Thursday

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Synonym match, example sentences, & discussion

Friday

Speaking game! No preparation necessary~ Just bring your thinking cap~

I will give each student a secret word or phrase. I will then give the group a random topic to discuss. The discussion time will be limited to 5-10 minutes (depending on the number of students participating.)

Each student should attempt to use their secret word/phrase twice during the discussion. If you are not able to use your word/phrase twice within the allotted time, you are eliminated.

After the discussion, everyone must try to guess others' secret words/phrases. If you are found out, you lose. If no one guesses your word/phrase you are a winner of the round. We will have as many rounds as time allows.

Monday's answer sheet

- 1. After watching that scary movie, I couldn't sleep—I really started to get the heebie-jeebies.
- 2. I was just a little late because I got in a fender bender on the way here.
- 3. We've been talking for a while. Let's get down to the nitty gritty and start planning.
- 4. I know this recipe looks difficult, but it's actually easy-peasy.
- 5. She's been training every day—she really has fire in her belly about winning.
- 6. The students were really fired up before the talent show began.
- 7. Don't lie to your teacher again—you're playing with fire.
- 8. Wow, holy moly! That magician just made a car disappear!
- 9. The threat of failure finally lit a fire under him and made him finish the project.
- 10. Telling her she was wrong in front of everyone only added fuel to the fire.
- 11. The principal quickly stepped in to put out the fire and calm everyone down.