

# Advanced Premium lesson 13

Speaking part 2  
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Idioms



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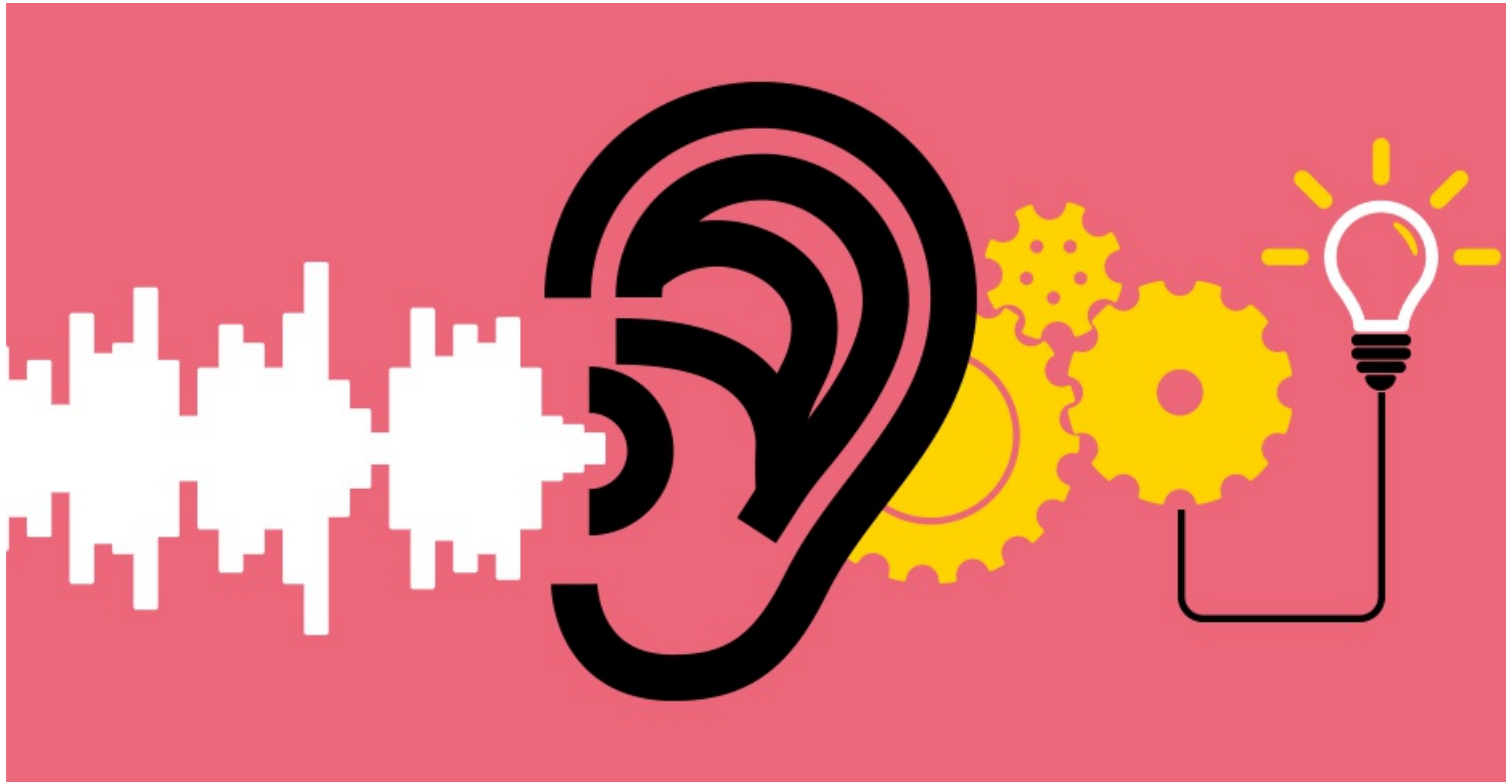
## Answers:

1. shows
2. getting
3. both
4. have
5. on
6. well
7. to
8. making
9. what
10. their
11. on
12. might

**What had to happen before this ceremony could take place?  
How will this ceremony change the lives of the people involved?**



# Listening part 1





## Listening 1

### Extract One

You hear two people, Harry and Jasmine, talking about an incident at a gym.

- 1 What condition is Harry in now?
  - A His leg is still very painful.
  - B He sometimes relives the experience.
  - C He has recovered completely.
- 2 What is Harry planning to do in relation to the incident?
  - A He is trying to forget the whole thing.
  - B He is taking legal action against the gym company.
  - C He hasn't made his mind up yet.

## **Extract Two**

You hear part of an interview between a police officer and a motorist who has been involved in a driving incident.

- 3** How well can the driver remember the incident?
- A** He can remember every detail.
  - B** He can remember certain parts of the incident clearly.
  - C** His memory of the whole incident is vague.
- 4** What was the driver's state of mind after he was hit by the stone?
- A** He was convinced he was going to die.
  - B** He was confused but still able to steer the car.
  - C** He was optimistic that the trees would slow the car down.



### **Extract Three**

You hear a radio reporter interviewing someone who has had to leave her home.

- 5** How do the interviewee and her neighbours feel about being out of their homes?
- A** They resent having to sleep in the school hall.
  - B** They're trying to stay positive.
  - C** They're expecting to move back quite soon.
- 6** How does she feel about the whole incident?
- A** She realises that it could have been much worse.
  - B** She can't stop thinking about the problems she faces.
  - C** She is afraid she'll never be able to move back.

## Answers:

1. B
2. C
3. C
4. A
5. B
6. A

**Discuss these questions about words and phrases from the conversations. You may want to check your ideas in a dictionary.**

- 1 Are *flashbacks* pleasant or unpleasant? What kinds of event cause *flashbacks*?
- 2 How do people use a treadmill at the gym? How does a treadmill work? What is the more negative meaning of the word here: *There were days when child-rearing seemed like an endless treadmill of feeding and washing*?
- 3 What would normally happen if you *put your foot on the accelerator*? What other controls are there in a car?
- 4 What might cause a memory to be *a blur*?
- 5 What does the speaker mean by *I was sure we'd had it*?

# Vocabulary

Idiomatic language

**Discuss the meaning of these idioms, which all include parts of the body.**

- 1 The speaker on the out-of-control treadmill said, 'In the end all I could do was jump off and *keep my fingers crossed*.' Why do people *keep their fingers crossed*?
- 2 I'm really scared of heights but if you *twist my arm*, I suppose I'll go climbing with you.
- 3 It really *makes my blood boil* when I see people driving too fast.
- 4 James may seem friendly, but he's likely to *stab you in the back* when he has something to gain.
- 5 Lots of people use their work computers for personal reasons, but managers usually *turn a blind eye to it*.
- 6 He told me I'd won the lottery but I knew he was just *pulling my leg*.



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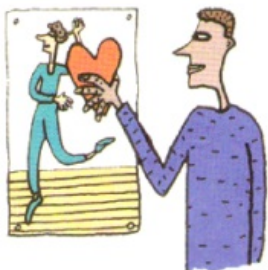
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D



E



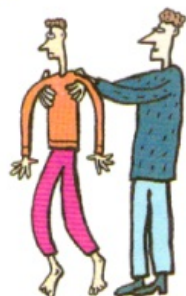
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- 5 Tell me what happened last night. I'm all .....
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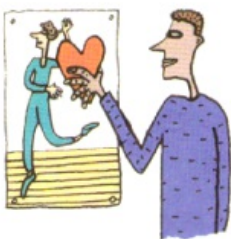
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1 D (finger) 2 H (toes) 3 C (heart) 4 B (hand)  
5 G (ears) 6 A (head) 7 F (feet) 8 E (eye)



Here are more idioms connected with parts of the body. Match each idiom (a–h) to its definition (1–8).

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**a 5   b 7   c 4   d 1   e 8   f 2   g 3   h 6**



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⚡ DualShockers

## World of Warcraft: 9.0.5 Patch Notes Explained – March 9 Update

For those in North America, **keep your eyes peeled** as the update could go live at any point! Update Highlights. The official description of the 9.0.5 ...



**Look at the expressions in these newspaper headings**  
**Use the expression to talk about something in your life**

**e.g I am keeping my eyes peeled for season 4 of Goliath on Amazon Prime ! I'm totally hooked!**

◆ Telegraph.co.uk

## Macron **has made a pig's ear of** France's vaccine rollout. But don't expect an apology

"As you know, I favour the European approach," he intoned. "It's the only way to organise an effective vaccination campaign in Europe. And it is ...



◆ Telegraph.co.uk

## Europe risks **cutting off its nose to spite its face** on financial services

He says: "Say you're Russell Lynch Capital Management in Paris, and a 10pc shareholder of a UK company that wants to do a capital raise.



🕒 Roker Report

## Other clubs may **look down their noses** at Sunderland, but I truly believe we can get promoted

Sunderland's performance on Saturday at Crewe probably taught Lee Johnson a lot more about his players than in any other game since he ...



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