

10 old (EI 23-4)

Which is correct?

- 1 A narrow-minded person with old-fashioned ideas can be called _____.
an old hand the old man an old fogey
- 2 A male person of authority can be called _____.
the old school the old man a chip off the old block
- 3 A person with a lot of experience, skill or practice can be called _____.
an old hand the old school an old flame
- 4 A son/daughter very like his/her father in character is called _____.
old hat a chip off the old block an old fogey
- 5 A person one was attracted to in the past is called _____.
an old hand an old flame the old school

11 short (EI 24-5)

Complete the sentences with the correct idiom in the correct form.

I'm surprised to see that you _____ the report. I thought it would take you much longer.

fall short of go short of make short work of
made short work of

- 1 I'm afraid I've _____ of coffee. Would you like tea instead?
be taken short go short run short
- 2 I was christened Elizabeth, but most people call me Beth _____.
in short at short notice for short
- 3 We didn't enjoy the film very much. It _____ our expectations, after all the talk about it and the good write-up in the press.
fall short of run short of be short with
- 4 Her letter is _____. It just says that she won't be coming after all.
in short supply short and to the point at short notice
- 5 What he's suggesting is _____ fraud. I want nothing to do with it.
little short of short of a short cut

Substitute for the phrase in *italics* an idiom from the list with the same meaning.

go out of one's way
go one's own way
mend one's ways
have it both ways
have one's own way
have a way with something

19 way (EI 33-5)

Don and Sally *did everything possible* to help me when my wife was in hospital.

went out of their way

- 1 Mary's got a very strong personality. She always manages to *get what she wants*.
- 2 You want plenty of free time and a successful career, but you can't *have two opposing things*. Either get a decent job or be a drop-out.
- 3 Steve does nothing but enjoy himself at university. If he doesn't *improve his attitude* and do some work, he'll fail the final exams.
- 4 All dogs and horses seem to love Jane. She obviously *has a talent for dealing with animals*.
- 5 Bill won't listen to anyone's advice on careers. He's determined to *do things independently*, even if he makes mistakes.

20 word (EI 35-6)

Complete the sentences with the correct idiom in the correct form.

- * Lucy said that she'd baby-sit for us on Saturday evening, so as long as she _____, we'll be able to go to the concert after all.
keep one's word have the last word mince one's words

keeps her word

- 1 Barry swears that he isn't responsible for the damage and since I can't prove it, I'll have to _____.
have the last word go back on one's word take someone's word for it
 - 2 It's no use translating idioms _____. They hardly ever make sense.
in a word word perfect word for word by word of mouth
 - 3 Helen's been neglecting her homework lately. I'll _____ with her parents about it.
have words have the last word have a word
 - 4 It's no use trying to argue with Father. He's always convinced that he's right and he always _____.
give someone one's word mince one's words have the last word
 - 5 This is Emma's birthday present, but remember, _____ or you'll spoil the surprise.
that's not the word for it from the word go mum's the word
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25 it as object (EI 43-9)

What's missing? Complete the sentences using an idiom from the list in the correct form.

jump to it!

blast it!

out with it

step on it

take it or leave it

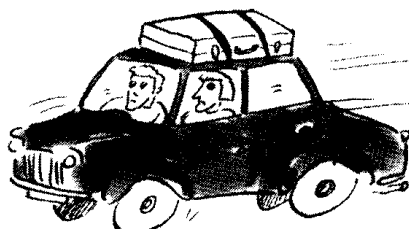
sleep on it

be at it

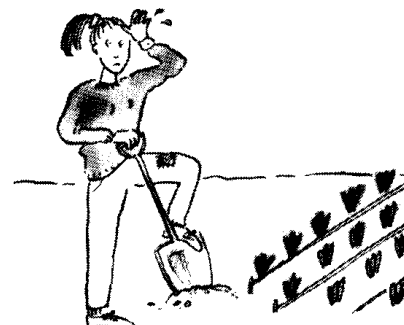
catch it

take it easy

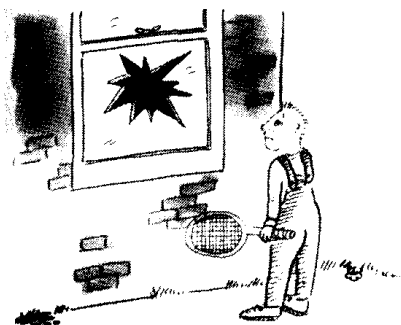
hold it!



- 1 We'll have to _____ if we want to be at the station on time.



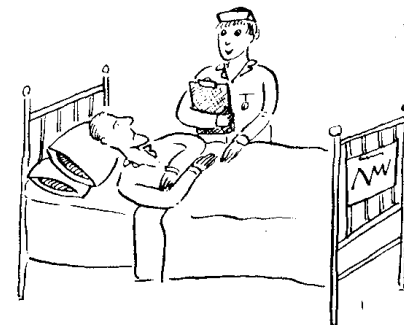
- 2 I've _____ since six o'clock this morning. I need a rest.



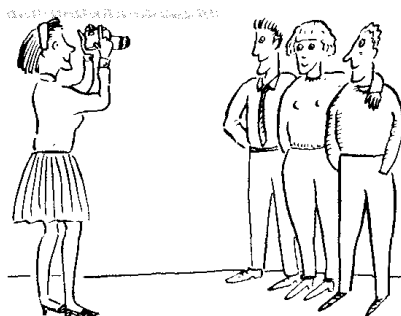
- 3 He'll _____ when his mother sees what he's done.



- 4 I told you to clean up your room an hour ago. Now come on! _____.



- 5 If you _____ for a few weeks, you'll soon be fit again.



- 6 That's fine. Now _____.



- 7 Three hundred pounds and not a penny more. _____.



- 8 _____ . What a mess!