

Idioms

Exercise 1:

Idioms and Their Meanings

Choose the correct meaning of the idiom in the given sentence.

- A.** It's raining cats and dogs outside!
- a)** There are actual cats and dogs falling from the sky.
 - b)** It's raining very heavily.
 - c)** The weather is nice and sunny.
- B.** She's been feeling under the weather all week.
- a)** She's been feeling sick or unwell.
 - b)** She's been feeling happy and energetic.
 - c)** She's been feeling overwhelmed with work.
- C.** The new boss is a real hard nut to crack.
- a)** The new boss is very friendly and approachable.
 - b)** The new boss is difficult to understand.
 - c)** The new boss is difficult to impress or influence.

Exercise 2:

Choosing the Correct Idiom

Choose the correct idiom to complete the sentence.

- A.** She's always been the _____ of the family, taking care of everyone's needs.
- a)** black sheep **b)** apple of my eye **c)** pillar of strength
- B.** I'm feeling really down today; I think I need to _____.
- a)** call it a day **b)** take a rain check **c)** cheer up
- C.** We need to _____ and come up with a new plan.

Exercise 3:

Using Idioms in Context

Choose the correct idiom to complete the given sentence.

- A.** I was so nervous before the big presentation, but I _____ and it went really well.
a) bit the bullet b) broke the ice c) let the cat out of the bag
- B.** He's always so secretive; I wish he would _____ and tell us what's going on.
a) break a leg b) spill the beans c) play it by ear
- C.** We were supposed to go on a hike today, but it started raining _____, so we had to cancel.
a) cats and dogs b) out of the blue c) in the nick of time