

Idioms

10th

Lesson:1

1. A penny for your thoughts = tell me what you are thinking about
2. A chance in a million = either no chance at all or a very slim chance.
3. Two sides of the same coin = two contrasting characters in the same category.
4. A million dollar question = a question with a much awaited and valuable answer
5. As good as gold = very well behaved
6. To cash in on = to take advantage
7. Thirty pieces of silver = the money paid to Judas Iscariot for an act of betrayal.

Lesson2:

1. To face the music = to answer for the consequences of one's actions.
2. To harp on the same string = to make the same point over and over again.
3. To strike a chord = to remind one of something; a feeling of instant rapport with others
4. To sing someone's praises = to speak very highly of someone
5. To make a song and dance about = to make an unnecessary fuss about
6. To beat the drum = to spread the news, support enthusiastically
7. To play second fiddle = to be treated low/ hold a position of less importance.

Lesson3:

1. Drag up a child = bring up a child without proper training
2. Done to a turn = extremely well done
3. Drop out = cease to complete
4. Drop-outs = those who withdraw
5. Exact from = demand and get from
6. Feather in one's cap = something one may feel proud of
7. Follow something up = pursue
8. Heart and soul = completely, with utter dedication

Lesson 4:

1. In deep water = in difficulties
2. Blood is thicker than water = one tends to show more affection towards one's relations.
3. Fish out of water = a person who does not fit in, out of place.
4. Keep one's head above water = to make just enough money to survive, to manage a difficult situation with courage.
5. In hot water = in serious trouble
6. Make one's mouth water = to crave or desire something that one loves to eat.

7. Still water run deep = never judge anything by its appearance.

Lesson 5:

1. Child's play = a simple task for anyone who has the gift or experience to accomplish it.
2. A brain child = one's original ideas
3. Child-like = having the innocent and frank qualities of a child
4. Second childhood = old age
5. A dropout = a student who leaves school/ college / university / without finishing his/her course.

Lesson 6:

1. A cuckoo in the nest = an unwelcome intruder
2. To chatter like a magpie = to talk incessantly, without interruption
3. To crow over = to rejoice at the defeat of an opponent
4. A cock and bull story = a wildly improbable story, often invented to excuse some wrongful action.
5. To be chicken hearted = to be cowardly
6. An early bird = someone who rises early
7. A bird's eye –view = a view of something from a higher position
8. To take someone under one's wing = to give a person one 's help and protection
9. To be up with the lark = to wake up early in the morning
10. A jay- walker = a pedestrian who crosses the road without looking for traffic on either side.

Lesson 7:

1. Time out of mind = time immemorial
2. To make history = to do something important, for which one will be remembered
3. Off the beaten track = isolated
4. To build castles in the air = to have impossible desires
5. To tread on unknown waters = to explore
6. Apple of one's eye = a favourite or special person
7. Have an axe to grind = have a private reason for doing or being involved in something
8. To bark at the moon = to make appeals in vain
9. Full of beans = lively, in high spirit
10. Out of the blue = as a total surprise
11. Caught red handed = caught when doing something wrong
12. At the crack of dawn = very early in the morning
13. Pay back in the same coin = to seek revenge on someone as they treated one
14. Take a trip down memory lane = indulge in pleasant memories

15. To be on tenterhooks =be in a state of nervous suspense
 16. Burn the midnight oil = work through the night

11th

1. To blow ones own trumpet = to blow one’s own horn
 2. Like a cat on hot bricks = like a cat on a hot tin roof
 3. To lock the stable door after the horse has bolted = to lock the barn door after the horse is stolen
 4. A storm in a teacup = a tempest in a teacup/teapot
 5. at one’s disposal = for one’s use
 6. pick someone’s brains = use someone’s ideas
 7. in barren statements = state without value, interest or result.
 8. to bear one’s burden in silence = to regret or suffer quietly
 9. to get on at/in something = to make progress

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1. told him flat = expressed opinion directly
 2. holds good = valid at the time of discussion
 3. tricks of the trade = the expertise of doing business
 4. a break even = make no profit or loss
 5. feel the pinch = feeling unpleasant change in one’s standard of living
 6. going from bad to worse = deteriorate further
 7. a big way = on a large scale
 8. taken a very hard line = not giving in
 9. thick and fast = in large numbers
 10. make ends meet = manage with the money
 11. matter of concern = something to worry about
 12. call her face to mind = recall something from memory; recognize
 13. armchair expert = one who gives advice in an area in which he was not actively involved
 14. clean slate = a past record without discredit
 15. at close quarters = very near
 16. at the helm = in charge
 17. a break even = make no profit or loss
 18. fair and square = in a fair way
 19. loud and clear = very clearly
 20. By and by = as time goes by
 21. in short supply = only available in small amounts
 22. the burning question = an important , and perhaps scandalous question that requires an answer.
 23. one thing leads to another = one action has triggered others, especially those that are

24. the whys and wherefores = unplanned or unforeseen
25. once and for all = reason
26. in deep waters = finally
27. a drop in the ocean = in trouble or difficulty
28. draw a blank = in a dangerous or vulnerable situation
29. a stone's throw = faint
30. a wild goose chase = a short distance
= a foolish and hopeless search for or pursuit of something unattainable

12th

1. I am in two minds about = I am doubtful
2. to give (someone) a = to tell someone frankly what one thinks especially piece of one's mind when one disapproves of the other's behavior
3. to be at logger heads = to disagree strongly
4. to be at the end of one's = to have no power, patience or tether endurance left
5. to be on cloud nine = to be extremely happy
6. a bolt from the blue = unexpected event; complete surprise (usually unwelcome)
7. a yellow streak = cowardice in one's character
8. in the pink (of health) = extremely healthy, in perfect condition
9. a shadow of one's self = not having the strength, former influence, etc., that one once had
10. honour bound (to do something) = required to do as a something as a moral duty but not by law
11. put on airs = behave in an unnatural way to impress others