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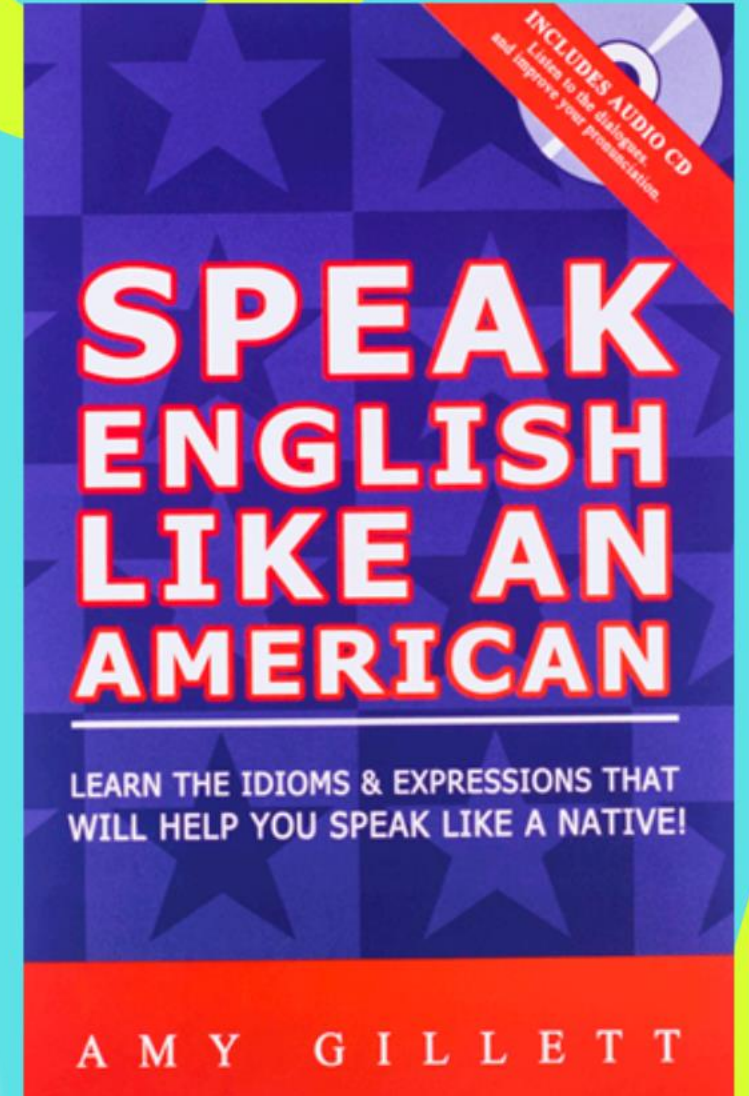
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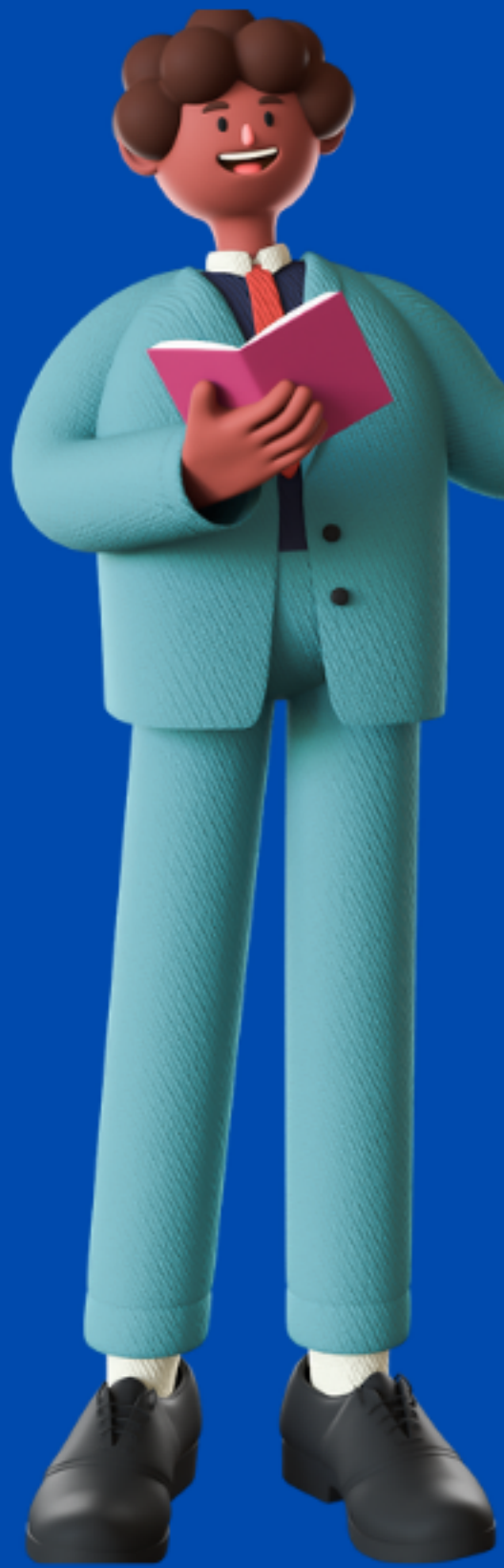


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IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS

COURSE

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## MAIN CHARACTERS

The author would like to thank the Johnson family for graciously agreeing to appear in this book.

### The Johnson Family

**Bob** (*father*)

**Ted** (*son*)

**Nicole** (*daughter*)



**Susan** (*mother*)

**Good-bye to  
you and good-bye  
to this dead-end  
job!**



## BOB'S DAY AT WORK

*Bob works as a manager in a furniture store. Peter, his boss, is not happy about sales. Bob's new advertising campaign hasn't helped. Peter decides to fire him.*

*Peter:* Bob, I hate to **break the news**, but our sales were down again last month.

*Bob:* Down again, Peter?

*Peter:* Yeah. These days, everybody's shopping at our competition, Honest Abe's Furniture Store.

*Bob:* But everything in there **costs an arm and a leg!**

*Peter:* That's true. They do charge **top dollar**.

*Bob:* And their salespeople are very strange. They really **give me the creeps!**

*Peter:* Well, they must be doing something right over there. Meanwhile, we're **about to go belly-up**.

*Bob:* I'm sorry to hear that. I thought my new advertising campaign would **save the day**.

*Peter:* **Let's face it:** your advertising campaign was a **real flop**.

*Bob:* Well then I'll **go back to the drawing board**.

*Peter:* It's too late for that. You're fired!



**Bob:** What? You're **giving me the ax**?

**Peter:** Yes. I've already found a new manager. She's as **sharp as a tack**.

**Bob:** Can't we even **talk this over**? **After all**, I've been working here for 10 years!

**Peter:** There's **no point in** arguing, Bob. I've already **made up my mind**.

**Bob:** Oh well, **at least** I won't have to **put up with** your nonsense anymore! Good-bye to you and good-bye to this **dead-end job**.

**Peter:** Please leave before I **lose my temper**!



## IDIOMS - LESSON 1

**about to** - ready to; on the verge of

EXAMPLE 1: It's a good thing Bob left the furniture store when he did. Peter was so angry, he was **about to** throw a dining room chair at him.

EXAMPLE 2: I'm glad you're finally home. I was just **about to** have dinner without you.

**after all** - despite everything; when everything has been considered; the fact is

EXAMPLE 1: You'd better invite Ed to your party. **After all**, he's a good friend.

EXAMPLE 2: It doesn't matter what your boss thinks of you. **After all**, you're going to quit your job anyway.

**at least** - anyway; the *good* thing is that...

EXAMPLE 1: We've run out of coffee, but **at least** we still have tea.

EXAMPLE 2: Tracy can't afford to buy a car, but **at least** she has a good bicycle.

NOTE: The second definition of this phrase is "no less than": There were **at least** 300 people waiting in line to buy concert tickets.

## درس اول :

**Bob's day at work****to Break the news:**

معنی: خبر مهمی دادن، بد خبر بودن، قضیه ای رو فاش کردن

**Syn:** Let the cat out of the bag, announce, inform, impart

E.G: Samantha and Michael are getting married, but they haven't yet **broken the news** to their parents.

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**To cost an arm and a leg:**

معنی: گران بودن، قیمت خون باباش میده فلان چیزو، بیش از حد گران بودن

**Syn:** to be a bomb, Cost a fortune/the earth/a bomb/a pretty penny, to pay the earth

E.G: A college education in America **costs an arm and a leg**.

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**top dollar:**

معنی: بالاترین قیمت، قیمت گزاف، گران قیمت ترین

**Syn:** Highest price/cost

E.G: Wait until those jeans go on sale. Why pay **top dollar**?

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**give one the creeps:**

معنی: یکی رو ترسوندن، باعث مور مور کسی شدن، حال کسی رو بهم زدن

**Syn:** To scare/terrify/frighten/haunt, Make one's flesh creep, make one's skin crawl, make one's blood run cold, make one's gorge rise, turn one's stomach

E.G: There was a strange man following me around the grocery store. He was **giving me the creeps**!

**To be about to:**

معنی: آماده بودن، در شرف چیزی یا کاری بودن

**Syn:** be ready to, be on the verge of/brink ofE.G: I'm glad you're finally home. I was just **about to** have dinner without you.**(to) go belly-up:**

معنی: ورشکسته شدن، مردن و از بین رفتن

**Syn:** go bankruptE.G : My company lost \$3 million last year. We might **go belly-up**.**save the day/situation:**

معنی: جلوی وقوع فاجعه و مشکلی را گرفتن

E.G: The Christmas tree was on fire, but Ted threw water on it and **saved the day**.**Let's face it:**

معنی: بیا این مشکل رو بپذیریم، بیا با این وضعیت سخت روبه رو بشیم

**Syn:** Let's accept itE.G: **Let's face it**, if you don't have a college degree, it can be difficult to find a high-paying job.**flop:**

معنی: شکست، پروژه ناموفق مثلاً کنسرت فیلم و... (هم اسم هست و هم فعل)

**Syn:** failure, disaster, catastropheE.G: The company was in trouble after its new product **flopped**.**go back to the drawing board:**

معنی: از اول شروع کردن، از نو شروع کردن

**Syn:** go back to the square one, make a fresh start, start from scratchE.G: Frank's new business failed, so he had to **go back to the drawing board****give someone the ax:**

معنی: کسی را اخراج کردن، از کار بیکار کردن

**Syn:** give someone the sack, give the heave-ho, give the walking paperE.G: Poor Paul! He was **given the ax** two days before Christmas.

**sharp as a tack:**

معنی: انسان خیلی باهوش و تیز و بز و زرنگ

**Syn:** sharp as a needle/razor/thorn/pin

**E.G:** Jay scored 100% on his science test. He's as **sharp as a tack**.

**talk over**

معنی: بحث کردن درمورد چیزی، مذاکره کردن، مورد بحث قرار دادن برای حل کردن یک مشکل، مشورت کردن

**Syn:** discuss, hash out, consult, clear the air, talk through

**E.G:** Dave and I spent hours **talking over** the details of the plan

**After all:**

معنی: با وجود این، با در نظر گرفتن همه جوانب، بعد از همه این حرفا، با این همه...

**Syn:** at last, finally, eventually, altogether, after everything else

**E.G:** You'd better invite Ed to your party. **After all**, he's a good friend.

**to be no point in something**

معنی: هیچ دلیلی نداره / هیچ منطقی نداره / هیچ ارزشی نداره (در انجام کاری) ادم عاقل این کار رو نمیکنه

**E.G:** There's **no point in** worrying about things you can't change

**put up with:**

معنی: تحمل کردن، کنار اومدن

**Syn:** tolerate, bear, to be patient with, stomach, take

**E.G:** don't know how Len **puts up with** his mean boss every day

**dead-end job.**

معنی: کار بیهوده و بی ثمر، کار نون آب ندار ☹️

**Syn:** lousy job, bad job

**E.G:** Diane realized that working as a cashier was a **dead-end job**.

**lose one's temper:**

معنی: عصبی شدن، زدن به سیم آخر

**Syn:** become extremely angry, flip out, freak out, lose control, blow one's stack, see red, go mad, lose one's cool

**E.G:** Bob always **loses his temper** when his kids start talking on the telephone during dinner.



## تست های ریزه کاری!!!!

- 1) I can't believe you bought a couch at Honest Abe's. Everything in that store costs an arm and a \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) foot                      b) leg                      c) hand
- 2) After Bob found out that his advertising campaign failed, he wanted to go back to the drawing \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) board                      b) table                      c) room
- 3) When somebody isn't listening to you, there's no \_\_\_\_\_ in trying to argue with them.  
a) edge                      b) tip                      c) point
- 4) Jose is really smart. He's as sharp as a \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) tack                      b) nail                      c) screw
- 5) The salespeople at Honest Abe's always look angry and never speak to anybody. No wonder they \_\_\_\_\_ Bob the creeps.  
a) take                      b) give                      c) allow
- 6) Bob got fired. He isn't looking forward to \_\_\_\_\_ the news to his family.  
a) breaking                      b) cracking                      c) saying
- 7) Bob thought his new advertisements would bring in lots of customers and save the \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) morning                      b) night                      c) day
- 8) Fortunately, Bob no longer has to put \_\_\_\_\_ with his stupid boss at the furniture store.  
a) over                      b) in                      c) up

## BOB RETURNS HOME WITH BAD NEWS

*Bob tells his wife Susan that he lost his job.  
Susan suggests that he start his own business.*

*Susan:* **What's the matter**, dear?

*Bob:* Susan, I **got canned** today at work.

*Susan:* But Bob, you were Peter's **right-hand man**!

*Bob:* Yes, and he **stabbed me in the back**.

*Susan:* **Keep your chin up**. Maybe he'll **change his mind** and take you back.

*Bob:* **When pigs fly!** Once he **makes up his mind**, he never changes it. Besides, I **told him off**.

*Susan:* **Look on the bright side**: you won't have to **set eyes** on Peter ever again.

*Bob:* **Thank goodness** for that!

*Susan:* **Hang in there**. I'm sure you won't be **out of work** for long.

*Bob:* In the meantime, we'll have to **live from hand to mouth**.

*Susan:* Don't get too **stressed out**, Bob. We'll **make ends meet**.

**Bob:** I can always get a job at McDonald's as a **last resort**.

**Susan:** I don't think they're hiring right now.

**Bob:** If **worse comes to worst**, we can sell our home and move into a tent.

**Susan:** Let's **think big!** Maybe you can start your own business.

**Bob:** **Easier said than done!**



## IDIOMS - LESSON 2

**(to) change one's mind** - to change one's opinion or decision

EXAMPLE 1: Brandon wasn't going to take a vacation this year, but then he **changed his mind** and went to Bora Bora for two weeks.

EXAMPLE 2: Why aren't you applying to medical school this year? Did you **change your mind** about becoming a doctor?

**easier said than done** - more difficult than you think

EXAMPLE 1: You want to climb Mount Everest? **Easier said than done!**

EXAMPLE 2: Moving into a new home is **easier said than done**.

**(to) get canned** [slang] - to lose one's job; to get fired

EXAMPLE 1: After Chris **got canned**, it took him a year to find a new job.

EXAMPLE 2: Lisa is a lousy secretary. She deserves to **get canned!**

SYNONYMS: to get sacked; to be given the ax

**(to) hang in there** - to persevere; to not give up

EXAMPLE 1: I know you're four games behind, but you can still win the tennis match. Just **hang in there!**

EXAMPLE 2: **Hang in there**, Don! Your invention will soon be a success.

**if worse comes to worst** - in the worst case; if absolutely necessary

EXAMPLE 1: Ted's car isn't running well. **If worse comes to worst**, he can take the bus to school.

EXAMPLE 2: I know you're running out of money. **If worse comes to worst**, you can always sell some of your jewelry.

## درس دوم:

**BOB RETURNS HOME WITH BAD NEWS****What's the matter?**

معنی: موضوع چیه؟ داستان چیه؟

Syn: what's the problem?/what's wrong(with someone)?

E.G: Oscar looks very pale. **What's the matter** with him?**get canned:**

معنی: اخراج شدن

Syn: get sacked, get fired, lose job, to be given the ax/walking paper/pink slip

E.G: After Chris **got canned**, it took him a year to find a new job.**right-hand man:**

معنی: دست راست رییس و کارفرما، بهترین کارمند

E.G: Juan's **right-hand man** helps him make all of his decisions**stab someone in the back:**

معنی: خیانت کردن، به کسی از پشت خنجر زدن

Syn: sell someone down the river, be unfaithful/disloyal, betray, double-cross, backstab, sell out

E.G: Jill and Heather were friends, until Heather **stabbed Jill in the back** by stealing her boyfriend.**keep one's chin up:**

معنی: مثبت فکر کن، بدبین نباش، نیمه پر لیوان رو نگاه کردن

Syn: stay positive, see/look on the bright side, look on the sunny side, put a good face, think good thoughts, take a positive view, hope for the best : مثبت فکر کن

E.G: **Keep your chin up!** You'll find your lost dog soon



**change one's mind:**

معنی: نظر و تصمیم خود را عوض کردن

Syn: rethink, reconsider, to have a second thought

E.G: Why aren't you applying to medical school this year? Did you **change your mind** about becoming a doctor?**easier said than done:**

معنی: گفتنش آسونه، به حرف آسونه، به عمل کاربراید به سخن دانی نیست .

Syn: more difficult than you think

E.G: You want to climb Mount Everest? **Easier said than done!****hang in there:**

معنی: تسلیم نشو، پا پس نکش، مقاومت کن

Syn: sustain, abide, don't give up, persevere, carry on

E.G: **Hang in there**, Don! Your invention will soon be a success.**if worse comes to worst:**

معنی: دو معنی دارد: یک: در بدترین حالت.../// دو: اگر حتما لازم بود....

Syn: in the worst case, if absolutely necessary

E.G: Ted's car isn't running well. **If worse comes to worst**, he can take the bus to school.**last resort**

معنی: آخرین گزینه ، آخرین انتخاب، آخرین راه برای حل یک مشکل و نجات از بدبختی

Syn: Last option/solution/way

E.G: I don't like taking medicine. I'll only take it as a **last resort****live from hand to mouth**

معنی: زندگی بخور نمیر داشتن ، فقط اونقدری دارم داشتن که بشه خرج زندگی رو از سر باز کرد

Syn: live pay check to pay check, only have money to make ends meet.

E.G: George is really poor. He **lives from hand to mouth**.

**make ends meet**

معنی: پاسخگوی میز ها بودن ، نیاز ها رو رفع کردن، پول رفع نیاز ها رو داشتن

**E.G:** If you can't **make ends meet**, you'll need to start spending less

**make up one's mind:**

معنی : تصمیم گرفتن

**out of work:**

معنی: بیکار، کسی که شغل نداره ، خراب(اشیا)

**Syn:** unemployed, jobless, idle بیکار

**Syn:** out of service, impaired خراب

**E.G:** Gary was **out of work** for a year before finding a new job.

**E.G:** my pc isn't doing well, it is **out of work**.

**set eyes on:**

معنی: نگاه کردن ، برای اولین بار دیدن

**Syn:** look at

**E.G:** Ted was in love from the moment he **set eyes on** Amber

**To be stressed out:**

معنی: مضطرب بودن، تحت فشار عصبی بودن

**Syn:** to be anxious/strained/tensed/nervous/under pressure/irritated

**E.G:** Al is so **stressed out** about his job that he can't sleep at night.

**tell off:**

معنی: غر زدن، شکایت کردن ، گله کردن

**Syn:** scold, criticize, admonish, reprimand, rebuke

**E.G:** Patty is going to **tell off** the plumber because the pipes he said he fixed are still leaking

**thank goodness:**

معنی: خدا رو شکر. آخیش!!!!!!

**think big:**

معنی: بزرگ فکر کن ، کوتاه بین نباش

**Syn:** to set high goals

**E.G:** Ken and Sandra hope to sell their house for \$3 million dollars. They always **think big**.

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**When pigs fly!**

معنی: عمرا ، به همین خیال باش !

**Syn:** when hell freezes over, never in a million years, that's a fat/small/slim/ghost of a chance, snowball's chance in hell, no way 'poor outlook

**E.G:** Will Ted teach Nicole how to play the guitar? **When pigs fly!**

## تست های ریزه کاری!!!!

- 1) What's the \_\_\_\_\_? You look upset.  
a) situation                      b) issue                      c) matter
- 2) I know I can trust you. You would never stab me in the  
a) leg                                  b) back                      c) arm
- 3) If Bob and Susan run out of money, they can always borrow money from Susan's sister as a \_\_\_\_\_ resort.  
a) final                              b) first                      c) last
- 4) You look really stressed \_\_\_\_\_. Why don't you sit down, relax, and have a cup of tea?  
a) about                              b) in                              c) out
- 5) Bob, everything will be fine. You just need to keep your chin \_\_\_\_\_ and remember that tomorrow is another day.  
a) up                                      b) down                      c) above
- 6) I just can't make up my \_\_\_\_\_ whether to order chicken or fish.  
a) head                                  b) brain                      c) mind
- 7) Nicole accidentally stepped on Ted's guitar. Ted got really angry and told her \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) off                                      b) out                              c) away
- 8) Your husband left you for his psychologist? Hang \_\_\_\_\_ there! I'm sure he'll realize she's crazy and then come back to you.  
a) up                                      b) in                              c) out





**Ted's chemistry class is way over his head.**

## TED'S DAY AT SCHOOL

*Ted tells his parents he did poorly on his chemistry test. They tell him he needs to get serious and study more.*

*Susan:* How was your day at school today, Ted?

*Ted:* Bad. I had a chemistry test, and I **blew it!**

*Susan:* Maybe if you didn't **cut class** so often, you'd do better.

*Bob:* That's right, son. Stop **slacking off** and start **hitting the books!**

*Ted:* But I **can't stand** chemistry class. Besides, it's a **lost cause**. That class is way **over my head**.

*Susan:* You need to **buckle down**.

*Ted:* When I'm a famous musician, people won't **give a hoot** about my knowledge of atoms and molecules.

*Bob:* That's **beside the point**.

*Susan:* We know you have your **heart set on** going to New York University.

*Bob:* And you don't **stand a chance** of getting in there with such poor grades!

## درس سوم:

TED'S DAY AT SCHOOL**beside the point:**

معنی: نامربوط ، نا مهم ، بی اهمیت ، بی ربط

**Syn:** not important, not relevant, neither here nor there, out of place, pointless, unneeded**E.G:** The reason you're late is **beside the point**. The fact is, your dinner is now cold.**(to) blow something:**

معنی: گند زدن و خراب کردن (در کاری و چیزی)

**Syn:** to spoil or botch something, screw up**E.G:** Brenda **blew the interview** and didn't get the job offer**buckle down:**

معنی: جدا دست به کار شدن و کوشیدن، به طور جدی کار کردن

**Syn:** set to work with vigor, get down to business/work, apply oneself, roll up one's sleeves**E.G:** Team, if we want to win this tournament, we're going to need to **buckle down**!**can't stand (sth or sb):**

معنی: متنفر بودن ، نمیتونم تحملش کنم ، حالم ازش به هم میخوره

**Syn:** to be allergic to/down on /grossed out by something, hate abhor despise detest**E.G:** Nicole **can't stand** broccoli. She simply refuses to eat it.**cut class:**

معنی: پیچوندن کلاس و شرکت نکردن در کلاس

**Syn:** skip class, bunk off, play hooky**E.G:** If you keep **cutting French class**, you're going to fail it.

**Get real!**

معنی: جدی باش، واقع بین باش، احمق نباش

**Syn:** be serious or realistic, face the truth/reality

**E.G:** You think you're going to win \$1 million in the lottery? **Get real!**

**have one's heart set on:**

معنی: چیزی رو از ته دل خواستن ، مردن برای چیزی

**Syn:** to die for sth, aspire crave yearn

**E.G:** Did you really **have your heart set on** going to Harvard?

**hit the books:**

معنی: خر زدن ، خرخونی کردن ، خیلی درس خواندن

**Syn:** cram, to study hard

**E.G:** **Hit the books!** I know you have a test tomorrow.

**lost cause:**

معنی: امید واهی ، یک چیز بی فایده، (امیدی بهش نیست)

**Syn:** bootless, unprofitable, dead duck, something hopeless

**E.G:** Jack needs to stop drinking so much coffee, but he's so addicted to caffeine that it's a **lost cause**.

**(to) not give a hoot:**

معنی: اهمیت ندادن ، اصلاً برام مهم نیست ، مهم نبودن

**Syn:** to not give a damn; to not give a darn, to not care about

**E.G:** Tom likes to walk around town in his pajamas — he **doesn't give a hoot** what people think.

**over one's head:**

معنی: بالا تر از فهم و درک (کسی بودن)/فراتر از فهم کسی بودن

**Syn:** beyond one's understanding, **to be baffling/confusing**  
/complicated/incomprehensible

**E.G:** The article on cloning was written for scientists. It was **over my head**.



**slack off:**

معنی: وقت تلف کردن و هدر دادن وقت

**Syn:** dillydally, bum around, kill time

**E.G:** I'd better stop **slacking off**. My essay is due in two hours.

**Slacker:**

کسی که وقت تلف می‌کند

**(to) stand a chance:**

معنی: شانس داشتن (در وقوع کاری)

**Syn:** to have the possibility of success

**E.G:** Wilton High School has the best soccer team in the state. I'm afraid we don't **stand a chance** against them!

تست های تشخیص بهترین جواب!!!!

## PRACTICE THE IDIOMS

**Choose the most appropriate reply to the following statements:**

1) *Bob:* "Susan, I can't get my old job back. It's a lost cause."

*Susan's reply:*

- a) "Lost? Maybe I can help you find it."
- b) "Yes, I know it's not a good cause."
- c) "I understand. You'll find something else."

- 2) **Susan:** "How could Peter fire you? Were you slacking off?"  
**Bob's reply:**  
a) "No. I was working very hard!"  
b) "No. I talked on the phone to friends all day."  
c) "Yes. I was working very hard!"
- 3) **Ted:** "It's getting late. I'd better start hitting the books."  
**Bob's reply:**  
a) "Yes, that's a good idea. Spend some time studying."  
b) "Hit the books? Why don't you read them instead?"  
c) "Why don't you study instead?"
- 4) **Peter:** "I don't give a hoot how long you've been working here."  
**Bob's reply:**  
a) "I wouldn't give you a hoot either."  
b) "I guess our years together aren't important to you."  
c) "Yes, it was a long time."
- 5) **Bob:** "Susan, the truth is that I couldn't stand Peter."  
**Susan's reply:**  
a) "I know. Peter really liked you too."  
b) "I liked him too. He was a nice guy."  
c) "I didn't like him either. He was a jerk."
- 6) **Susan:** "Nicole, do you ever cut class?"  
**Nicole's reply:**  
a) "No. I've never missed a single class."  
b) "Yes. I had to leave my math class early yesterday."  
c) "No. Sometimes I go to the mall during class time."
- 7) **Bob:** "This book on computers is way over my head."  
**Susan's reply:**  
a) "Over your head? It should be in front of your face!"  
b) "Why don't you start with an easier book?"  
c) "Here, try this book. It's more difficult."
- 8) **Nicole:** "I've got my heart set on going to the school picnic."  
**Susan's reply:**  
a) "Okay. You should definitely go."  
b) "Really? Why don't you want to go?"  
c) "I understand. Picnics can be boring."

## NICOLE'S DAY AT SCHOOL

*Nicole tells her mother Susan about her successful presentation at school. Her brother Ted overhears and interrupts the conversation.*

*Susan:* How was your day at school today, Nicole?

*Nicole:* It was great, Mom. I gave a presentation on Hillary Clinton in government class. Afterwards, my teacher **paid me a compliment**.

*Susan:* What did she say?

*Nicole:* She said my presentation was **head and shoulders above** the others.

*Susan:* **Way to go!**

*Nicole:* She also said I should **go into** politics, just like Hillary.

*Ted:* You're so **gung ho** about school. It **drives me crazy**.

*Nicole:* Ted, don't **butt in!** You're just jealous.

*Ted:* Right. You **hit the nail on the head**. I'm **green with envy**.

*Nicole:* Would you just **shut up?** You're **on thin ice** with me right now.

*Ted:* Oh no! Look at me. I'm **shaking in my shoes!**

## درس چهارم:

**NICOLE'S DAY AT SCHOOL****butt in:**

معنی: خود را وسط انداختن و دخالت بیجا کردن

**Syn:** horn in, intrude, interrupt, interface, interfere, chime in**E.G:** Nancy is always **butting in** to other people's business.**drive one crazy:**

معنی: کسی را بسیار عصبانی و اذیت کردن

**Syn:** to drive one nuts, to drive one up the wall, drive one mad/wild, blow one's mind up**E.G:** Please stop chewing gum so loudly. It's **driving me crazy!****(to) go into** - to enter a profession به یک حرفه وارد شدنEXAMPLE 1: Lisa enjoys arguing with people, so she decided to **go into** law.EXAMPLE 2: Do you like solving people's problems? If so, you should consider **going into** psychology.1. Enter. **Go into** the house and get a pen. داخل جایی شدن2. Enter another emotional state. Sally **went into** hysterics. عوض شدن حالت احساسی کسی3. Discuss details. I don't have time now to **go into** the whole story وارد جزئیات شدن**To be green with envy:**

معنی: حسود بودن و حسادت کردن

**Syn:** to be invidious, green-eyed, jealous, envious**E.G:** You won the lottery? I'm **green with envy!****gung ho:**

معنی: خیلی مشتاق و هیجان زده، آماده همکاری

**Syn:** very enthusiastic; very excited**E.G:** Heather is really **gung ho** about her new job.**To be head and shoulders above:**

معنی: به سر و گردن بالاتر از کسی بودن، برتر بودن

**Syn:** to be far superior to, transcend, outclass, outshine, better**E.G:** The Boston Symphony Orchestra is **head and shoulders above** any other orchestra in the area.**(to) hit the nail on the head:**

معنی: زدن تو خال، دقیقاً درست گفتن

**Syn:** Get the heart of the matter, to be right**E.G:** Dawn **hit the nail on the head** when she said that Tiffany is jealous of Amber.

**(to be) on thin ice (with someone)** - to be in a dangerous position; to be temporarily on somebody's bad side

معنی: در وضعیت خطرناک بودن در وضعیت قرمز بودن، رابطه ات با کسی شکر آب شدن

EXAMPLE 1: Joey was **on thin ice** with his mom after he spent his lunch money on candy bars.

NOTE: There is also the variation "to skate on thin ice." Joey knew he was **skating on thin ice** when he bought candy with his lunch money.

**(to) pay (someone) a compliment:**

معنی: از کسی تعریف تمجید کردن، تحسین کردن کسی

**Syn:** to give someone a compliment; to offer someone an admiring comment

**E.G:** Professor Russo **paid Jennifer a compliment.** He said she had a beautiful smile

**(to) shake in one's shoes:**

معنی: از ترس به خود لرزیدن

**Syn:** to tremble with fear, to be afraid/scared/frightend of sth

**E.G:** Brianna is scared of her French teacher, Monsieur Le Monstre.

Whenever he speaks to her, Brianna starts **shaking in her shoes.**

**shut up:**

معنی: خفه شو، ساکت شو (نامحترمانه)

**Syn:** zip it up, check it up, pipe down, button one's lip, put a sock in it, wrap it up, cut the cackle

**E.G:** The professor talked for hours. I thought he'd never **shut up.**

**Way to go!**

معنی: ایول عالیهمههه، دستخوش

**Syn:** Good work, bravo, well done, hooray

**E.G:** That was an interesting article you wrote. **Way to go!**

## تست ریزه کاری!!!!

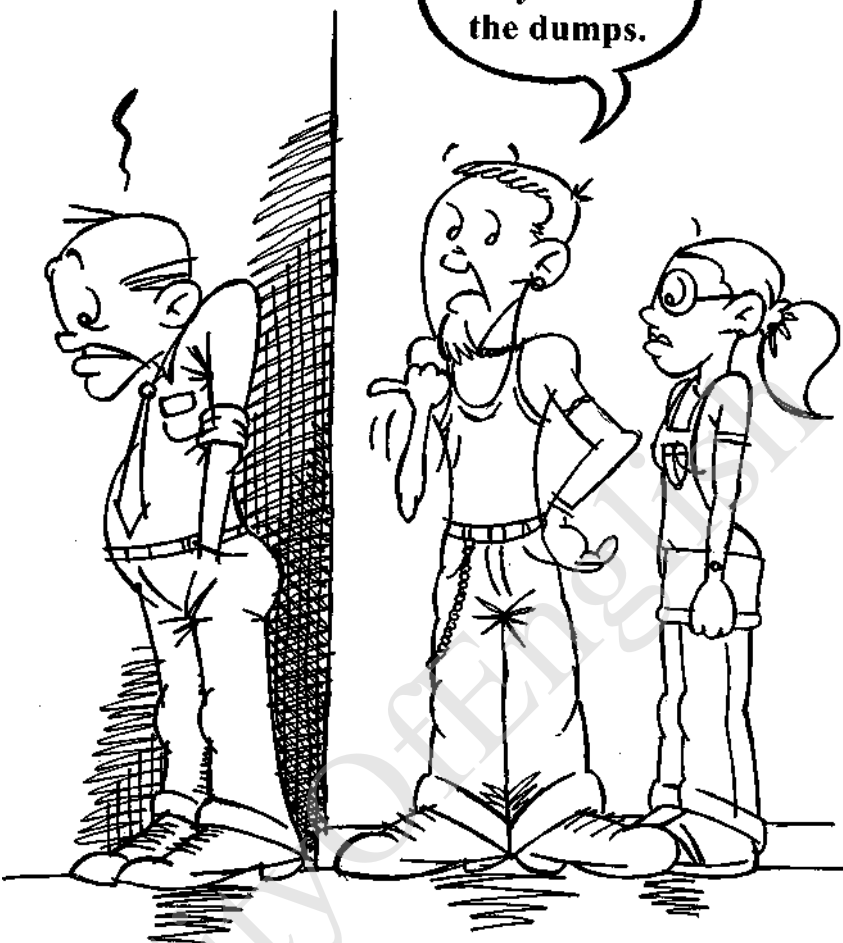
- 1) Nicole is in a good mood because her teacher\_\_\_\_\_her a compliment.  
a) told                      b) paid                      c) provided
- 2) Nicole's teacher told her she was\_\_\_\_\_and shoulders above her classmates.  
a) elbow                      b) neck                      c) head
- 3) When my friend Chad told me he'd just won the lottery, I was\_\_\_\_\_with envy.  
a) blue                      b) green                      c) red
- 4) When you do something well, your boss might tell you, "Way\_\_\_\_\_!"  
a) to come                      b) to go                      c) to act
- 5) When the robbers entered my house, I was in the kitchen shaking in my\_\_\_\_\_.  
a) slippers                      b) pajamas                      c) shoes
- 6) If somebody is bothering you, you can tell them they're driving you\_\_\_\_\_.  
a) crazy                      b) angry                      c) unhappy
- 7) If you like power, you might consider going\_\_\_\_\_politics.  
a) above                      b) towards                      c) into
- 8) "You've been yelling and screaming for the past two hours. Could you just shut\_\_\_\_\_already?"  
a) up                      b) in                      c) off



## تست حدس معنی

- 1) When her friend Anna got into Yale, Nicole was **green with envy**.
  - a) sick
  - b) happy for her
  - c) very jealous
- 2) Bob and Susan are really **gung ho** about the TV show *Survivor*. They watch it every Thursday night.
  - a) enthusiastic
  - b) concerned
  - c) angry
- 3) **Shut up!** I can't take any more of your screaming.
  - a) Talk louder!
  - b) Be quiet!
  - c) Get out!
- 4) You got a scholarship to attend Harvard? **Way to go!**
  - a) Too bad!
  - b) Good work!
  - c) Oh well!
- 5) Please don't **butt in!** We weren't talking to you.
  - a) look at us
  - b) disagree with us
  - c) interrupt our conversation
- 6) These cookies aren't very good. I think you **hit the nail on the head** when you said I should add more sugar next time.
  - a) were wrong
  - b) were right
  - c) were confused

**Dad is  
really down in  
the dumps.**



# TED GOES OUT FOR THE EVENING

*Ted leaves to go visit his girlfriend Amber. Ted's mother Susan says she doesn't really like Amber. She wishes him a good time anyway.*

*Ted:* See you later, Mom!

*Susan:* Where are you going, Ted?

*Ted:* I told Amber I'd **drop by**.

*Susan:* What are you two going to do?

*Ted:* Maybe go to the movies or to a party. Our plans are still **up in the air**.

*Susan:* Why don't you invite her over here?

*Ted:* I don't want to **hang around** here. Dad is really **down in the dumps**.

*Susan:* Is Amber the girl with the nose ring and the purple hair?

*Ted:* Yeah. I'm **crazy about** her!

*Susan:* Don't **take this the wrong way**, but she's not exactly my **cup of tea**.

*Ted:* **Take it** easy, Mom. We're not **about to** get married. We just enjoy **hanging out** together.

*Susan:* I guess **there's no accounting for taste**. Have a good time.

*Ted:* Don't worry. We'll **have a blast**!

*Susan:* (**under her breath**) That's what I'm afraid of!



## IDIOMS - LESSON 5

**about to** - see *Lesson 1*

**(to be) crazy about** - to like very much

EXAMPLE 1: Amy is so **crazy about** golf, she'd like to play every day.

EXAMPLE 2: I'm sure Katie will agree to go out on a date with Sam. She's **crazy about** him!

**cup of tea** - the type of person or thing that one generally likes

EXAMPLE 1: Hockey isn't Alan's **cup of tea**. He prefers soccer.

EXAMPLE 2: I know Joy is nice, but she's simply **not my cup of tea**.

NOTE: This expression is almost always used in the negative. She's **not my cup of tea**.

**(to be) down in the dumps** - to feel sad; to be depressed

EXAMPLE 1: It's not surprising that Lisa is **down in the dumps**. Paws, the cat she had for 20 years, just died.

EXAMPLE 2: It's easy to feel **down in the dumps** when it's raining outside.

**(to) drop by** - to pay a short, often unannounced visit

EXAMPLE 1: If we have time before the movie, let's **drop by** Bill's house.

EXAMPLE 2: "Hi, I was in the neighborhood so I thought I'd **drop by**!"

**(to) hang around** - to spend time idly; to linger

EXAMPLE 1: We had to **hang around** the airport for an extra six hours because our flight was delayed.

EXAMPLE 2: Nina's boyfriend Boris is coming over soon. She hopes her parents aren't planning on **hanging around** the house.

**(to) hang out** - to spend time (often doing nothing)

EXAMPLE 1: Ted spent all of last summer **hanging out** by his friend's pool.

EXAMPLE 2: Kathy and her friends like to **hang out** at the mall.

NOTE: "Hang out with" means to keep company with someone.

## درس پنجم:

**TED GOES OUT FOR THE EVENING**

(to be) crazy about:

معنی: دیوانه چیزی بودن ، علاقه زیادی به چیزی داشتن

Syn: die for sth, to be nuts for sth

E.G: Amy is so **crazy about** golf, she'd like to play every day.

cup of tea:

معنی: باب میل ، چیز مورد علاقه (اکثرا در حالت منفی استفاده میشود)

Syn: beloved

E.G: I know Joy is nice, but she's simply **not my cup of tea**.

(to be) down in the dumps:

معنی: ناراحت و دُمق و پُکر بودن

Syn: feel blue/sad depressed/sad, to be unhappy

gloomy/sorrowful/melancholy /weighed down/downhearted

E.G: It's not surprising that Lisa is **down in the dumps**. Paws, the cat she had for 20 years, just died

(to) drop by:

معنی: به جایی یا کسی سر زدن و دیدن کردن (معمولا بدون اطلاع قبلی و سرزده)

Syn: stop by, to pay a visit

E.G: "Hi, I was in the neighborhood so I thought I'd **drop by**!"

(to) hang around:

معنی: بیهوده و الکی وقت گذراندن، ول گشتن

Syn: linger, idle

E.G: We had to **hang around** the airport for an extra six hours because our flight was delayed

(to) hang out:

معنی: وقت گذراندن (فرقش با اصطلاح قبلی در اینه که برای تفریح انجام میشه معمولا این فعل)

Hang out with:

باکسی وقت گذراندن

Syn: go out with sb, keep company with sb

E.G: Kathy and her friends like to **hang out** at the mall.

(to) have a blast

معنی: ترکوندن ، خیلی خوش گذراندن

Syn: have fun, have a great time, enjoy oneself

E.G: Last summer, Nicole **had a blast** backpacking through Europe with some friends.

**take it easy:**

معنی: بیخیال، سخت نگیر، نگران نباش

**Syn:** lighten up, unwind, slow down, let it all hang out, chill out

**E.G:** You lost your keys? **Take it easy**, I'm sure you'll find them.

**(to) take something the wrong way:**

معنی: اشتباه چیزی رو فهمیدن و متوجه شدن

معمولا در حالت منفی این اصطلاح رو استفاده میکنیم برای این که بگیم که: بهت برنخوره ها، اشتباه نگیری چی میگما.....

**Syn:** take a miss, take offense

**E.G:** Don't **take this the wrong way**, but I liked your hair better before you got it cut.

**there's no accounting for taste:**

معنی: هر کسی یه علاقه و سلیقه ای داره.....

**Syn:** Different strokes for different folks

**E.G:** Tiffany has a tattoo of a squirrel on her leg. **There's no accounting for taste.**

**under one's breath:**

معنی: زیر لب و آهسته

**Syn:** quietly; in a whisper

**E.G:** Mike agreed to take out the garbage, saying **under his breath**, "I always do the dirty work around here."

**(to be) up in the air:**

معنی: نامعلوم، بلاتکلیف، لنگ در هوا و بدون تصمیم بودن

**Syn:** in the balance, undetermined, unknown, uncertain

**E.G:** It might rain later, so our plans for the picnic are **up in the air**.

## تست های ریزه کاری!!!

- 1) Bob was fired. It's not surprising that he's down \_\_\_\_\_ the dumps.  
a) at                      b) in                      c) with
- 2) Ted thinks Amber is wonderful. He's just crazy \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
a) about                      b) around                      c) into
- 3) "Don't \_\_\_\_\_ this the wrong way, but I really don't like your girlfriend," said Susan to Ted.  
a) understand                      b) put                      c) take
- 4) Ted likes to hang \_\_\_\_\_ with Amber. She's fun to be with.  
a) on                      b) out                      c) in
- 5) Ted decided to go over to Amber's house. He'd promised her he'd drop \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) by                      b) around                      c) near
- 6) Bob and Susan don't know where they'll go on vacation. Their travel plans are still up \_\_\_\_\_ the air.  
a) around                      b) in                      c) above
- 7) Judy muttered something nasty \_\_\_\_\_ her breath, but I couldn't quite hear it.  
a) about                      b) under                      c) below
- 8) Why are you hanging \_\_\_\_\_ the house on such a beautiful day? You should be outside enjoying the weather.  
a) inside                      b) from                      c) around



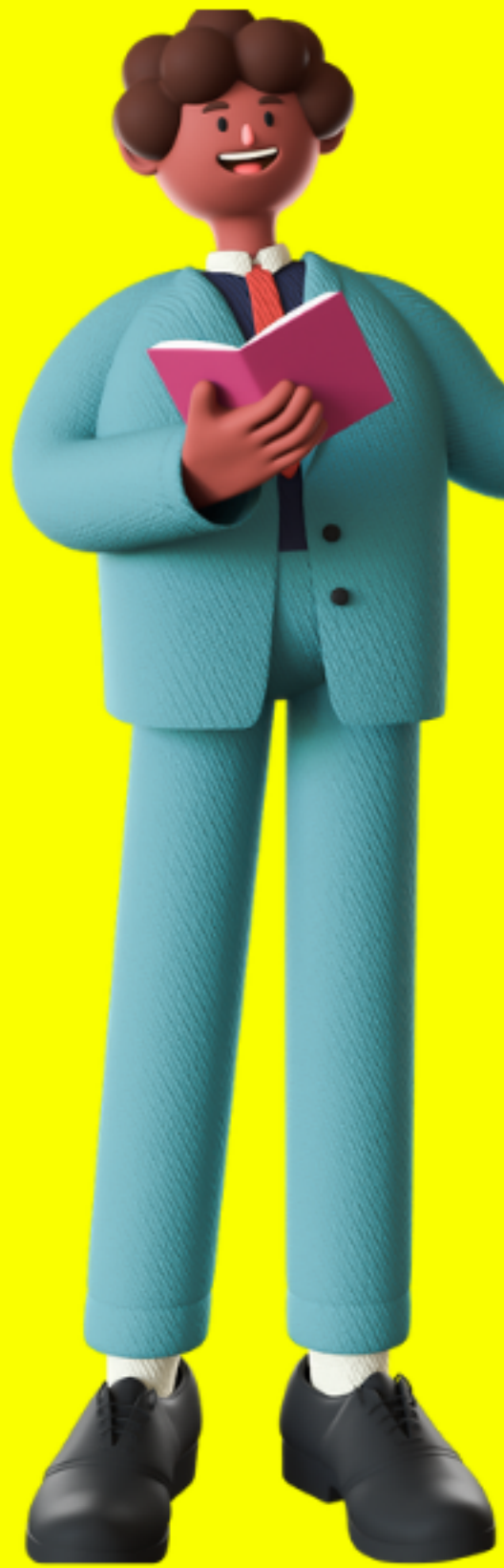
## تست های دوره درس اول تا پنجم:

**Review for Lessons 1-5**

**Fill in the blank with the missing word:**

- 1) After copying from his friend's paper during the test, Ted was on \_\_\_\_\_ ice with his chemistry teacher.  
a) thick                      b) thin                      c) dangerous
- 2) Ted's teacher hit the \_\_\_\_\_ on the head. Ted should spend less time playing guitar and more time studying.  
a) tack                      b) nail                      c) screw
- 3) I'm not really crazy about my friend's husband. He talks too much, and he never listens to what anybody else is saying. He's just not my cup of \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) coffee                      b) cocoa                      c) tea
- 4) If Ted has his \_\_\_\_\_ set on going to New York University, he's going to have to buckle down and start studying more.  
a) life                      b) brain                      c) heart
- 5) It's not surprising that Nicole gets such good grades. She's as \_\_\_\_\_ as a tack.  
a) smart                      b) sharp                      c) clever
- 6) When Peter \_\_\_\_\_ his temper, it's very scary. He throws furniture everywhere.  
a) loses                      b) finds                      c) opens
- 7) After Jane started hitting the \_\_\_\_\_, her grades started improving immediately.  
a) work                      b) books                      c) teachers

- 8) Nicole said something \_\_\_ her breath, but I couldn't hear it. When I asked her to repeat it, she refused.
- a) on                      b) about                      c) under
- 9) Will Ted ever be the best student in his class? Sure, when fly!
- a) sheep                      b) goats                      c) pigs
- 10) A positive attitude leads to success. When things get difficult, it's important to keep your\_\_\_\_\_up.
- a) chin                      b) neck                      c) head
- 11) Bob was all stressed\_\_\_\_\_because the traffic was making him late for a doctor's appointment.
- a) over                      b) out                      c) up
- 12) Frank knew that the judge had already decided he was guilty. There was no point\_\_\_\_\_arguing with him.
- a) in                      b) around                      c) about
- 13) Some people think Nicole and Susan are sisters. That really \_\_\_\_\_Nicole crazy!
- a) does                      b) causes                      c) drives
- 14) Ted has been slacking\_\_\_\_\_since the first day of high school, so it's not surprising that he's doing so poorly.
- a) around                      b) off                      c) about
- 15) During the Depression in the 1930's, many families in America were living from hand to\_\_\_\_\_.
- a) arm                      b) mouth                      c) hand



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جلسه دوم

مدرس دوره: امیرحسین بالاوند



# SUSAN STAYS HOME AND BAKES COOKIES

*Susan decides to cheer up her husband. Bob loves her homemade cookies. Nicole suggests she start a cookie business.*

*Susan:* Bob, I baked cookies for you.

*Bob:* That was so nice of you, dear. You've got a **heart of gold!**

*Susan:* Go ahead and **pig out!**

*Bob:* These are delicious!

*Susan:* I thought they might **cheer you up**. You've been **in a bad mood** lately.

*Bob:* I guess I have been a little **on edge**. But these cookies are **just what the doctor ordered!**

*Nicole:* Do I smell cookies?

*Susan:* Yes, Nicole. **Help yourself.**

*Nicole:* Yum-yum.\* These are **out of this world**. You could **go into business** selling these!

*Bob:* You could call them Susan's Scrumptious Cookies. You'd **make a bundle**.

*Susan:* **Good thinking!**

*Nicole:* Don't forget to **give me credit** for the idea after you're rich and famous!

*Susan:* You know I always **give credit where credit is due!**

\* Yum-yum: this is said when something is delicious. You can also say "mmm, mmm" or "mmm-mmm, good."



## IDIOMS - LESSON 6

**(to) cheer someone up** - to make someone happy

EXAMPLE 1: Susan called her friend in the hospital to **cheer her up**.

EXAMPLE 2: My father has been depressed for weeks now. I don't know what to do to **cheer him up**.

NOTE: You can tell somebody to "Cheer up!" if they are feeling sad.

**(to) give (someone) credit** - to acknowledge someone's contribution; to recognize a positive trait in someone

EXAMPLE 1: The scientist **gave his assistant credit** for the discovery.

EXAMPLE 2: I can't believe you asked your boss for a raise when your company is doing so poorly. I must **give you credit** for your courage!

**(to) give credit where credit is due** - to give thanks or acknowledgement to the person who deserves it

EXAMPLE: I will be sure to thank you when I give my speech. I always **give credit where credit is due**.

**(to) go into business** - to start a business

EXAMPLE 1: Jeff decided to **go into business** selling baseball cards.

EXAMPLE 2: Eva **went into business** selling her homemade muffins.

**good thinking** - good idea; smart planning

EXAMPLE 1: I'm glad you brought an umbrella — that was **good thinking!**

EXAMPLE 2: You reserved our movie tickets over the Internet? **Good thinking!**

**(to) have a heart of gold** - to be very kind and giving

EXAMPLE 1: Alexander **has a heart of gold** and always thinks of others before himself.

EXAMPLE 2: You adopted five children from a Romanian orphanage? You've got a **heart of gold!**

## درس ششم:

**SUSAN STAYS HOME AND BAKES COOKIES**

(to) cheer someone up

معنی: خوشحال کردن کسی، حال کسی رو خوب کردن

**Syn:** enliven, gladden, hearten**E.G:** Susan called her friend in the hospital to **cheer her up**.

(to) give (someone) credit

معنی: دستاورد کسی را تایید کردن، تحسین/تایید کردن کسی

**Syn:** to acknowledge/confirm/second someone('s accomplishment)**E.G:** The scientist **gave his assistant credit** for the discovery.

(to) give credit where credit is due

معنی: کسی که لیاقتش رو داره تایید کنی، اگر ضرورت داشت تشکر و تحسین کنی

**E.G:** I will be sure to thank you when I give my speech. I always **give credit where credit is due**.

(to) go into business

معنی: یک بیزینس و کاری رو شروع کردن

**Syn:** enter into a business**E.G:** Jeff decided to **go into business** selling baseball cards.**good thinking:**

معنی: فکر و ایده خوب و بدرد بخور

**Syn:** good idea/thought; smart planning, sensible advice**E.G:** I'm glad you brought an umbrella — that was **good thinking!**

(to) have a heart of gold:

معنی: خوش قلب بودن

**Syn:** affectionate, good-hearted, heartwarming, warmblooded, soft/warm-hearted, lovingCommon error: have a **golden-heart****E.G:** You adopted five children from a Romanian orphanage? You've got a **heart of gold****Help yourself:**

معنی: بفرمایید از خودتون پذیرایی کنید (برای تعارف استفاده میشه)

**Syn:** serve yourself**E.G:** "**Help yourselves** to cookies and coffee," said Maria before the meeting started.

(to be) in a bad mood:

معنی: تو حس و حال بدی بودن، حال خوش نیسی!

**Syn:** down in the dumps, **To be** unhappy; depressed; irritable



**E.G:** I don't like to see you **in a bad mood**. How can I cheer you up?

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**just what the doctor ordered:**

معنی: دقیقا همون چیزی که نایز بود (داشتیم)

**E.G:** Our trip to Florida was so relaxing. It was **just what the doctor ordered!**

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**(to) make a bundle:**

معنی: پول پارو کردن ، خیلی درآمد داشتن

**Syn:** make a killing/a bomb/fortune/pretty penny/big bucks/packet/a pile, rake it in

**E.G:** Bob's friend Charles **made a bundle** in the stock market and retired at age 45.

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**(to be) on edge:**

معنی: عصبی و ناراحت بودن

**Syn:** anxious, nervous, irritable, to be in bad mood

**E.G:** Ever since his car accident, Neil has felt **on edge**.

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**out of this world:**

معنی: بسیار عالی و شگفت انگیز (در مورد غذا بسیار خوشمزه)

**Syn:** fantastic, fantabulous, amazing (عالی), yummy, delicate,

delicious (خوشمزه)

**E.G:** Mrs. Field's oatmeal raisin cookies are **out of this world!**

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**(to) pig out:**

معنی: با ولع و طمع خوردن ، حریصانه خوردن تا خرخره خوردن

**Syn:** devour, gull, engorge, guzzle

**E.G:** "Nicole, stop **pigging out** on cookies or you'll never be able to eat your dinner!"

On : حرف اضافه اختصاصی این اصطلاح

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## تست های حدس معنی!!!

Choose the best substitute for the phrase or sentence in bold:

- 1) Thanks for baking cookies for me. **You've got a heart of gold.**
  - a) You're a very nice person.
  - b) You're a reliable person.
  - c) You're very generous with your money.
- 2) I baked these cookies for you. **Why don't you pig out?**
  - a) Please take just one cookie.
  - b) Take as many cookies as you like.
  - c) Why don't you ever eat my cookies?
- 3) I know you'll like my cookies since **you've got a sweet tooth.**
  - a) your teeth are hurting
  - b) you don't like sweet things
  - c) you like sweet things
- 4) **You should go into business selling cookies.**
  - a) You should go to the store and buy some cookies.
  - b) You should try to get a job baking cookies.
  - c) You should start a company that sells cookies.
- 5) I baked these cookies. **Help yourself!**
  - a) Let me get you one!
  - b) Take some!
  - c) You need to get some help!
- 6) If you went into business selling these delicious cookies, **you'd make a bundle.**
  - a) you'd make many cookies
  - b) you'd make a lot of money
  - c) you'd make a few dollars
- 7) **Good thinking!**
  - a) That's a good idea!
  - b) It's good that you're thinking!
  - c) Keep thinking good thoughts!
- 8) I was thirsty. This iced tea is **just what the doctor ordered.**
  - a) exactly what I needed
  - b) very healthy for me
  - c) exactly what my doctor recommended

Are you  
prepared to work  
like a dog?

No, I'm going  
to hire you to  
work like a dog!



## SUSAN HIRES BOB TO RUN HER BUSINESS

*Susan stays up all night thinking about her cookie business. In the morning, she discusses it with Bob. Bob agrees to work for her.*

*Bob:* You're up **bright and early** this morning, Susan.

*Susan:* I **didn't sleep a wink**. I was awake all night thinking about the new business.

*Bob:* Running your own business is lots of work. Are you prepared to **work like a dog**?

*Susan:* No. But I am prepared to hire *you* to run the business.

*Bob:* You want *me* to run a cookie business? **Fat chance!**

*Susan:* Why not?

*Bob:* **I don't have a clue** about making cookies. I don't even know how to turn the oven on!

*Susan:* I'll give you a **crash course**.

*Bob:* Do I have to do the baking?

*Susan:* No. You'll just manage the business side.

**Bob:** Needless to say, I have **mixed feelings** about working for you.

**Susan:** I'll be nice. I promise you'll be a **happy camper**.

**Bob:** Okay. **Let's give it a shot**, boss!



## IDIOMS - LESSON 7

### **bright and early** - early in the morning

EXAMPLE 1: Our flight to Berlin leaves at 7:00 a.m. tomorrow, so we'll have to get up **bright and early**.

EXAMPLE 2: We have lots of cookies to bake so we'll have to start **bright and early** tomorrow.

SYNONYM: at the crack of dawn

### **crash course** - short and intensive instruction

EXAMPLE 1: Yesterday, Joan's son sat down with her for a couple of hours and gave her a **crash course** on using the Internet.

EXAMPLE 2: Rachel had a date on Friday night with an auto mechanic. He gave her a **crash course** on changing her oil.

### **Fat chance!** - definitely not

EXAMPLE 1: The boys at school are always laughing at Dana. Will she be invited to the school dance? **Fat chance!**

EXAMPLE 2: You want to borrow my new car and drive it across the country? **Fat chance!**

SYNONYMS: never in a million years; no way!

### **(to) give it a shot** - to try something

EXAMPLE 1: I've never tried to make wine in my bathtub before, but perhaps I'll **give it a shot**.

EXAMPLE 2: You can't open that jar? Let me **give it a shot**.

SYNONYMS: to give it a try; to try one's hand at something

NOTE: "To give it one's best shot" means to try as hard as one can. I know you're nervous about the interview — just **give it your best shot**.

## درس هفتم:

**SUSAN HIRES BOB TO RUN HER BUSINESS****bright and early:**

معنی: صبح زود ، اول صبح،خروس خون

**Syn:** at the crack of dawn, at day break**E.G:** We have lots of cookies to bake so we'll have to start **bright and early** tomorrow**crash course:**

معنی: کلاس و آموزش فشرده و کوتاه

**Syn:** intensive course**E.G:** Rachel had a date on Friday night with an auto mechanic. He gave her a **crash course** on changing her oil.**Fat chance:**

معنی: عمرا ، احتمالش خیلی کمه

**Syn:** when hell freezes over, never in a million years, small/slim/ghost of a chance, snowball's chance in hell, no way, poor outlook**E.G:** You want to borrow my new car and drive it across the country? **Fat chance!****(to) give it a shot:**

معنی: امتحان کردن کاری یا چیزی

**Syn:** give it a try, make an attempt/endeavor, effort**E.G:** You can't open that jar? Let me **give it a shot**.**happy camper:**

معنی: ادم دلخوش و خوشحال ، راضی از اوضاع

**Syn:** glad, pleased, delighted, content**Note:** اکثرا جملات منفی**E.G:** Steve is taking five difficult courses this semester. He's not a **happy camper!****(to have) mixed feelings:**

معنی: درباره بخشی از کاری یا چیزی مثبت فکر کنی و برای بخشی از اون منفی، مطمئن نبودن از کاری

**Syn:** equivocal, undecided, ambivalent, indecisive feeling/thoughts**E.G:** I have **mixed feelings** about the president of our company. He's good with the clients, but he's nasty to his employees.

**needless to say:**

معنی: واضح، نیاز نیست بیشتر توضیح بدیم که.....

**Syn:** obviously, it goes without saying, it's transparent that....

**E.G:** You've got a test tomorrow morning. **Needless to say**, you can't stay out late tonight

**(to) not have a clue:**

معنی: نظری ندارم، نمیدونم، هیچی نمیدونم....

**Syn:** Beats me!, not have the faintest, be at the sea, be mystified/clueless

**E.G:** Do you know how to fix a broken printer?" - "No, I **don't have a clue!**"

**(to) not sleep a wink:**

معنی: پلک روی پلک نگذاشتن، شب بیدار خوندن و خوابیدن

**Syn:** burn the midnight oil, to not get any sleep

**E.G:** Ted was so nervous about his chemistry test that he **didn't sleep a wink** the night before.

**(to) work like a dog:**

معنی: مثل خر کار کردن، جون کندن، کار زیاد کردن

**Syn:** to work one's tail off; to work like a horse; to work one's fingers to the bone

**E.G:** Al **worked like a dog** on his term paper and got an "A+" on it



## تست های ریزه کاری!!!!

**Fill in the blank with the missing word:**

- 1) Bob was surprised to see his wife up \_\_\_\_\_ and early in the morning.  
a) light                      b) bright                      c) ready
- 2) Last week I worked 80 hours. I really worked like a \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) dog                      b) cat                      c) squirrel
- 3) Bob had never baked anything before in his life. He didn't even have a \_\_\_\_\_ about how to turn the oven on.  
a) hint                      b) suggestion                      c) clue
- 4) If you need to learn something quickly, you'd better take a \_\_\_\_\_ course.  
a) crash                      b) fast                      c) beginner's
- 5) Bob wasn't sure he wanted to work for his wife. He had \_\_\_\_\_ feelings.  
a) nervous                      b) mixed                      c) confused
- 6) Jennifer's boss is lousy and her salary is low. She's not a happy \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) scout                      b) tourist                      c) camper
- 7) Bob decided to work for Susan. He figured he'd give it a \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) shot                      b) pop                      c) choice
- 8) Nicole was up all night finishing her Spanish homework. She didn't sleep a \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) drink                      b) blink                      c) wink

## TED FORMS A ROCK BAND

*Ted plans to become a successful musician. First, he needs Susan to loan him money for a new guitar Susan suggests that Ted bake cookies to earn the money.*

*Susan:* You're in **good spirits** today, Ted.

*Ted:* I've got great news, Mom.

*Susan:* What is it?

*Ted:* Amber and I are going to start a rock band!

*Susan:* **Good for you!**

*Ted:* Mom, I'm not going to **beat around the bush**. I need to borrow \$1,000 for a new guitar.

*Susan:* Ted, your father and I can't **shell out** that much. We aren't **made of money**.

*Ted:* You're not? I thought you were millionaires, like Donald and Ivana Trump!\*

*Susan:* Ha ha. This is no time to be a **wise guy!**

*Ted:* I promise I'll pay you back.

*Susan:* How?

- Ted:** We're going to **take the music world by storm** and make lots of money.
- Susan:** That sounds like a **pipe dream**. Aren't high school rock bands a **dime a dozen**?
- Ted:** Yeah, but we're different. With my guitar playing and Amber's beautiful voice, we're sure to **make a splash**!
- Susan:** Well, we're going through **hard times**. You're going to have to work for that \$1,000.
- Ted:** How?
- Susan:** You can bake cookies.
- Ted:** I bet Mrs. Clapton never made Eric\*\* bake cookies, but I guess **those are the breaks**.

\* Donald Trump is a famous American millionaire who made his money in real estate. Ivana is his ex-wife.

\*\* Eric Clapton is a very popular guitarist.



## IDIOMS - LESSON 8

**(to) beat around the bush** - to talk *around* the subject; to avoid getting to the point

EXAMPLE 1: Kara **beat around the bush** for an hour, then finally told us she needed a ride to Kennedy Airport.

EXAMPLE 2: If you want something, tell me. Don't **beat around the bush**!

**dime a dozen** - so plentiful as to be nothing special; common

EXAMPLE 1: Reality TV shows are a **dime a dozen** these days.

EXAMPLE 2: There are so many Starbucks coffee shops in Manhattan, they're a **dime a dozen**.

NOTE: This expression comes from the fact that a "dime" is worth only ten cents (very little value).

## درس هشتم:

**TED FORMS A ROCK BAND****(to) beat around the bush**

معنی: تفره رفتن، نرفتن سمت اصل مطلب

**Syn:** hem and haw, straddle the fence, to avoid getting to the point, to talk *around* the subject**E.G:** If you want something, tell me. Don't **beat around the bush**!**dime a dozen**

معنی: پیش پا افتاده، عادی و معمولی، ارزون، مفت نمیزره، یکی هزار چهار تا مفت: (((

**Syn:** typical, ordinary, cheap, common**E.G:** Reality TV shows are a **dime a dozen** these days.**Good for you!**

معنی: ایول، دستخوش، خوش به حالت

**Syn:** way to go, bravo, well done, good job**E.G:** You passed your math test? **Good for you!****hard times**

معنی: دوران سخت و پر مشقت

**Syn:** difficult period, trying/troubled times,**E.G:** Nancy's family is going through **hard times**. Her father just lost his job.**(to be) in good spirits**

معنی: تو اوضاع روانی خوبی بودن، خوشحال و خرسند بودن

**Syn:** to be in a good mood/pleasant state of mind/high spirits**E.G:** Sam was **in good spirits** after receiving his Christmas bonus.**made of money**

معنی: خر پول، پولدار

**Syn:** loaded; rolling in dough; to have money to burn, be born with a silver spoon in one's mouth**E.G:** Max should be willing to loan you \$10,000 to start your new business. He's **made of money**.**(to) make a splash: (to) take (something) by storm**

معنی: سریع محبوب شدن و تو دل جا وا کردن (هم مربوط به یک شخص و هم یک لباس یا...)

**Syn:** to be a hit, to win popularity quickly**E.G:** Those new jeans really **made a splash**. All the kids are wearing them.**E.G:** That new restaurant really **took Chicago by storm**!

**(to) pay (someone) back**

معنی: پول کسی را پس دادن، انتقام گرفتن!

**Syn:** wreak, avenge, get revenge, wreak (انتقام)

**E.G:** Nicole **paid her friend back** the \$10 she borrowed.

**E.G:** I know who killed my dog! I will **pay him back**.

**pipe dream**

معنی: رویای غیرواقعی و امید واهی، خیال باطل

**Syn:** castle in the air/Spain, pie in the sky, chimera

**E.G:** You want to become a famous actor on Broadway? That sounds like a **pipe dream**.

**(to) shell out**

معنی: پرداختن (بیش از اون مقداری که دوست داری بپردازی)

**Syn:** Foot the bill, cough up, fork out, pick up the tab/check, pony/ante up

**E.G:** Bob **shelled out** \$5,000 for Nicole's piano lessons before she decided she'd rather play the flute

**(that's or those are) the breaks**

معنی: هی چیکارش کنیم دیگه؟ چه میشه کرد؟ پیش میاد دیگه.....

**E.G:** By the time we got to the theater, the new Harry Potter movie was already sold out. Oh well, **that's the breaks!**

**wise guy!**

معنی: هه هه بامزه!

**Syn:** a smart aleck; one who makes a lot of sarcastic comments

**E.G:** When Mrs. Lee asked Joey what he wanted to be when he grew up, he said, "An adult." She told him not to be such a **wise guy**.

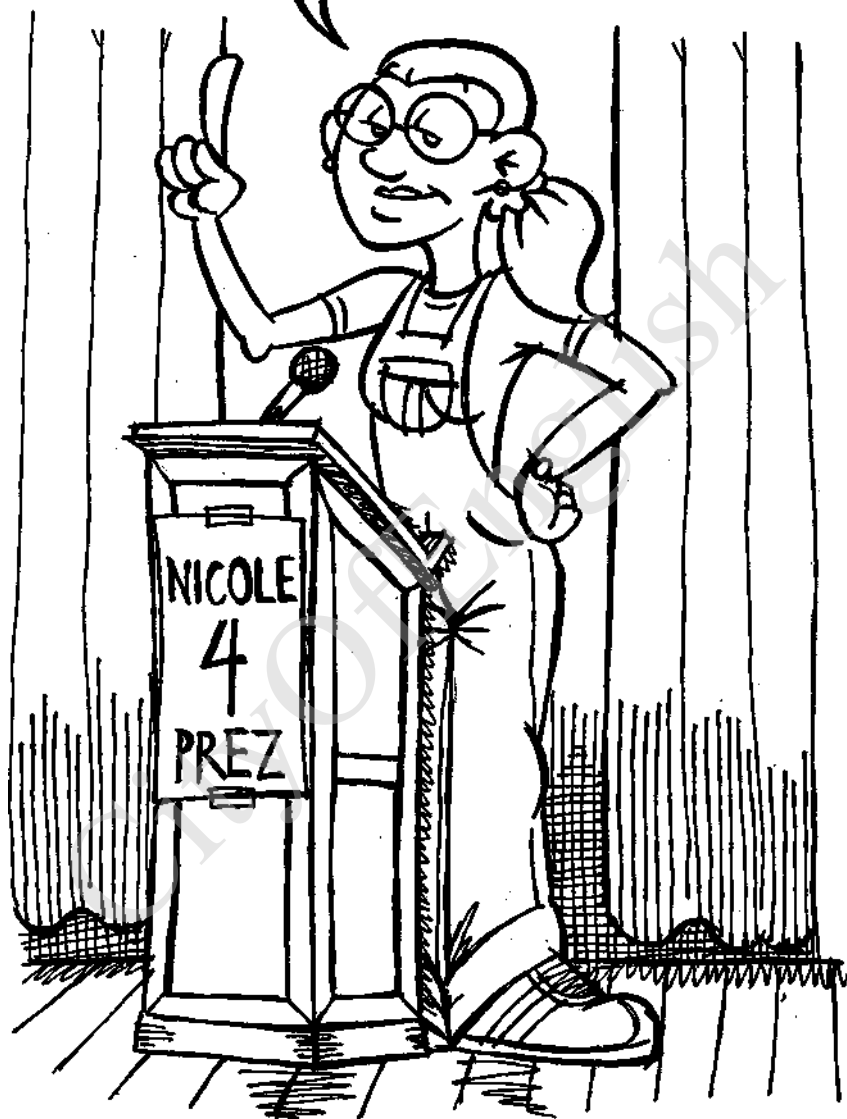
## تست های حدس معنی !!

**Choose the best substitute for the phrase in bold:**

- 1) I'm in good spirits today because I got a promotion at work.
  - a) happy
  - b) drunk
  - c) tired
- 2) Renting an apartment on Park Avenue in Manhattan is difficult, unless you're made of money.
  - a) wealthy
  - b) strange
  - c) famous

- 3) My friend's daughter paints beautiful pictures. In a few years, **she'll take the art world by storm.**  
a) something bad will happen and she'll lose her job  
b) she'll draw an excellent painting of a storm  
c) she'll become a very successful artist
- 4) Susan thinks that Ted's plan to become a famous rock star is **a pipe dream.**  
a) something that is not likely to happen  
b) Ted's biggest hope  
c) something very realistic
- 5) If you're looking for a new suit, you shouldn't have a problem. Clothing shops in this town are **a dime a dozen.**  
a) hard to find  
b) everywhere  
c) lousy
- 6) Ted performed at his high school dance. He knew he'd **made a splash** when all the girls started singing along.  
a) done something wrong  
b) made a very positive impression  
c) created waves
- 7) Being **a wise guy** can be fun, but it might not make you popular with your teachers.  
a) a very intelligent person  
b) an obnoxious person who makes sarcastic comments  
c) a person whom everybody admires
- 8) Nicole wants to attend Yale, but her parents don't want to **shell out** \$100,000 for the tuition.  
a) waste  
b) save  
c) pay

I'm by far the  
best candidate  
for president!





## NICOLE FOR PRESIDENT!

*Nicole discusses her plans to run for student body president. Nicole wants Ted to ask his friends to vote for her. Ted agrees, in exchange for Nicole's help with his homework.*

*Nicole:* I've decided to run for student body president! If I'm going to become a senator one day, I should **get some experience under my belt** now.

*Ted:* Andrea Jenkins is also running. She'll give you a **run for your money!**

*Nicole:* Andrea Jenkins is an idiot. I'm **by far** the better candidate.

*Ted:* Don't be so **full of yourself!** I might vote for Andrea.

*Nicole:* Stop **kidding around. Let's get down to business.** I need your help.

*Ted:* You want *me* to help *you!*

*Nicole:* Yes. I need you to **talk** your friends **into** voting for me.

*Ted:* But you never **give my friends the time of day.** All you give them is the **cold shoulder.**

**Nicole:** That's because they've got blue hair and nose rings!

**Ted:** They're better than your friends — a bunch of **goody-goodies** and **brown-nosers**!

**Nicole:** That's **beside the point**. Let's talk about *your* friends and *their* votes.

**Ted:** Okay. **You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours**. If you do my chemistry homework, I'll help you get the votes.

**Nicole:** I'm not **crazy about** that idea. But, okay, **it's a deal**. I hope I can **count on you**.



## IDIOMS - LESSON 9

**beside the point** - *see Lesson 3*

**brown-noser** [slang] - a person who's constantly trying to win favor with people above them, such as teachers or bosses

EXAMPLE 1: Lauren is such a **brown-noser**. She's always telling her teacher how much she enjoys class.

EXAMPLE 2: Dennis brought the boss lunch today? What a **brown-noser**!

NOTE: You will also see the verb form of this expression: "to brown-nose." Example: Dennis is always **brown-nosing** the boss, but I still don't think he's going to get a promotion.

**by far** - by a wide margin; by a great difference

EXAMPLE 1: Some people think Tom Hanks is **by far** the best actor in America today.

EXAMPLE 2: Mediterranean Grill is **by far** the best restaurant in town. No wonder it's so hard to get a reservation there!

SYNONYMS: by a long shot; far and away; hands down

## درس نهم:

**NICOLE FOR PRESIDENT!****brown-noser**

معنی: پاچه خوار

**Brwon-nose:** پاچه خواری کردن**Syn:** bootlicker, flatterer, yes-man, apple polisher**E.G:** Dennis brought the boss lunch today? What a **brown-noser**!**by far**

معنی: به مراتب.....، با اختلاف و فاصله زیاد.....

**Syn:** by a long shot; far and away; hands down**E.G:** Some people think Tom Hanks is **by far** the best actor in America today.**(to) count on someone**

معنی: رو کسی حساب کردن ، به کسی اعتماد کردن

**Syn:** to depend or rely on someone, lean on, bank on**E.G:** If I can **count on you** to wake me up, I won't set my alarm clock.**To be full of oneself**

معنی: مغرور بودن، خود پسند بودن

**Syn:** to be swellheaded/high-hat/toffee-nosed/hoity-toity/self-conceited/stuck-up, to walk with one's nose in the air**E.G:** Mitch thinks he's really great. He's so **full of himself**.**(to) get down to business**

معنی: دست به کار شدن، کار و بار رو راه انداختن، شروع به کار کردن

**Syn:** get down to brass tack, get stuck in, get weaving, get the ball rolling, set to work, embark on, commence**E.G:** Our dinner guests are arriving in two hours. We'd better **get down to business** and start preparing.**to) get or to have under one's belt**

معنی: تجربه کسب کردن و تجربه داشتن

**E.G:** Kristen had three years of working for a large law firm **under her belt** before leaving to start her own firm.

**(to) give (someone) a run for (one's) money**

معنی: خیلی سرسختانه و جدی رقابت کردن

**Syn:** to vie/rival/contend/compete/match/jostle

**E.G:** We lost the soccer tournament, but we certainly gave **the girls from Stamford High School a run for their money.**

**(to not) give someone the time of day**

معنی: کم محلی کردن، به کسی توجهی نکردن

**Syn:** turn one's back on , blow sb off, give someone the brush-off ,to brush off, turn a blind eye on sb ,cut dead ,to ignore/ snub

**E.G:** Why don't you find a new stockbroker? Yours is always so busy, she barely **gives you the time of day.**

**goody-goody**

معنی: بچه مثبت، بچه سوسول، آدم چاپلوس

**Syn:** goody two-shoes; teacher's pet

**E.G: Goody-goodies** usually sit in the front row and smile at the teacher during class.

**it's a deal**

معنی: حالا شد، این شد حرف حساب ، قبوله، حله

**Syn:** we're in business, you've got it, okey dokey , all right

**E.G:** If you rake up all the leaves in front of the house, I'll do the dishes" - **"It's a deal!"**

**(to) kid around**

معنی: مسخره بازی درآوردن ، شوخی خرکی کردن ، بچه بازی درآوردن، دلقک بازی درآوردن

**Syn:** to joke around; to tease, horse around, fool around, act/play the fool, clown around

**E.G:** Jeremy loves to **kid around**, so don't be offended by anything he says.

**(to) talk into**

معنی: قانع کردن کسی

**Syn:** win over/persuade/convince

**E.G:** Chris didn't want to jump out of the plane, but Erin **talked him into it.**

**you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours**

معنی: بده تا بستونی، تو منو کمک میکنی منم تورو کمک میکنم

**Syn:** one hand washes the other

**E.G:** If I drive you into the city, will you pick up my dry cleaning?

**You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours.**

**(to) give someone the cold shoulder**

**معنی:** کسی رو بی محل کردن، به کسی محل نگذاشتن، بدرفتاری کردن با کسی

**Syn:** turn one's back on , blow sb off, give someone the brush-off ,to brush off, turn a blind eye on sb ,cut dead ,to ignore/ snub

**E.G:** I can't understand why Joe would **give you the cold shoulder**. I thought you two were good friends!

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## تست های ریزه کاری!!!

**Fill in the blank with the missing word:**

- 1) Nicole is very reliable. You can always count \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
a) in                      b) on                      c) with
- 2) I need to ask you for your help, and I'll do something nice for you in return. You scratch my \_\_\_\_\_ and I'll scratch yours.  
a) back                      b) neck                      c) foot
- 3) Stop kidding \_\_\_\_\_! Tell me where you hid my shoes.  
a) about                      b) around                      c) into
- 4) I can't believe that Lisa gave you the \_\_\_\_\_ shoulder. I thought you two were friends.  
a) hot                      b) freezing                      c) cold
- 5) Ted's friends didn't want to vote for Nicole, but Ted talked them \_\_\_\_\_ it.  
a) into                      b) around                      c) for
- 6) Although Jim Greene was \_\_\_\_\_ far the more qualified candidate, he lost the election because of a scandal.  
a) way                      b) in                      c) by
- 7) Denise is really full \_\_\_\_\_ herself. She thinks she's the smartest and most beautiful woman in the world.  
a) with                      b) of                      c) in
- 8) Nicole thinks that Andrea is a snob. She says Andrea won't \_\_\_\_\_ her the time of day.  
a) give                      b) allow                      c) tell



## BOB VISITS THE VILLAGE MARKET

*Bob goes to the Village Market, a supermarket in town. He asks Carol, the owner of the store, if she would like to sell Susan's Scrumptious Cookies. Carol agrees, but isn't able to tell Bob how much she'll pay him.*

*Bob:* Thank you for **making time for** me today, Carol.

*Carol:* **Don't mention it, Bob. What's up?**

*Bob:* My wife baked these cookies **from scratch**. Please take one.

*Carol:* Mmmm, chewy. These are **out of this world!**

*Bob:* My wife's a great cook.

*Carol:* **You can say that again.** I don't want to **make a pig of** myself, but let me take a few more.

*Bob:* *Oink oink!* **Just kidding!**

*Carol:* I'd like to sell these at the Village Market. My customers will **go nuts** over these!

*Bob:* How much would you pay us for each cookie?

*Carol:* I'm not sure. I need to **roll up my sleeves** and **figure out** the finances.



Bob: Can you give me a **ballpark figure** now?

Carol: I don't want to **jump the gun**. **Sit tight** for now, and we'll **talk things over** this evening.



## IDIOMS - LESSON 10

**ballpark figure** - an approximate number

EXAMPLE 1: The auto mechanic didn't know exactly how much the repairs would cost, but he was able to give me a **ballpark figure**.

EXAMPLE 2: The plumber estimated that it would cost \$150 to fix our sink, but that was just a **ballpark figure**.

**Don't mention it!** - you're welcome

EXAMPLE 1: "Thanks for bringing the cookies," I said to Susan. "**Don't mention it!**" she replied.

EXAMPLE 2: "Thanks for picking up my suit at the dry cleaners." - "**Don't mention it**. It was my pleasure."

**(to) figure out** - to solve; to determine

EXAMPLE 1: Ted couldn't **figure out** one of his math problems, so he asked his sister for help.

EXAMPLE 2: Susan is sure she'll never **figure out** why kids today behave the way they do.

**from scratch** - from the beginning; using all fresh ingredients rather than using a prepared mix

EXAMPLE 1: The house was in such bad shape, they decided to tear it down and re-build it **from scratch**.

EXAMPLE 2: You baked these muffins **from scratch**? They're delicious!

**(to) go nuts** [slang] - to react with great enthusiasm

EXAMPLE 1: When Tiger Woods got a hole-in-one during the golf tournament, the crowd **went nuts**.

EXAMPLE 2: When Eminem appeared on stage, everybody **went nuts**.

NOTE: This expression also means "to go crazy" or "to become crazy with anger." Example: Jim **went nuts** when his wife told him she was leaving him for another man.

## درس دهم:

**BOB VISITS THE VILLAGE MARKET****ballpark figure**

معنی: حساب سرانگشتی ، تخمین کلی

**Syn:** Rough guess/calculation**E.G:** The plumber estimated that it would cost \$150 to fix our sink, but that was just a **ballpark figure**.**Don't mention it!**

معنی: خواهش میکنم، نفرمایید قابل شما رو نداره ، کاری نکردم که

**Syn:** never mind, it doesn't matter , it makes no difference/odds ,that's alright**E.G:** "Thanks for picking up my suit at the dry cleaners." - "**Don't mention it.** It was my pleasure."**(to) figure out**

معنی: فهمیدن ، متوجه شدن ، سردرآوردن

**Syn:** find out , work out , puzzle out , solve , discover**E.G:** Susan is sure she'll never **figure out** why kids today behave the way they do.**from scratch**

معنی: از اول ، از بیخ و بن ، از صفر ، از مرحله اول ، استفاده از مواد اولیه تازه (دو معنی داره)

**Syn:** From zero / nothing , from the ground up, de novo**E.G:** The house was in such bad shape, they decided to tear it down and re-build it **from scratch**.**E.G:** You baked these muffins **from scratch**? They're delicious!**(to) go nuts**

معنی: از خود بیخود شدن ، هیجان زده شدن، مشتاق شدن ، قاطی کردن و دیوانه شدن و رد دادن

**Syn:** go mad/crazy, become insane , freak out, lose one's temper' lose one's body cool , to fly into a rage, go bananas (عصبانی و دیوانه شدن)**Syn:** get fired up , get going on , get stirred up (مشتاق و از خود بیخود شدن)**E.G:** Jim **went nuts** when his wife told him she was leaving him for another man. (عصبی شدن)**E.G:** When Eminem appeared on stage, everybody **went nuts**. (هیجان زده شدن)**(to) jump the gun**

معنی: پیش دستی کردن و زودتر از موعد شروع کردن ، شتاب زده و بدون فکر عمل کردن

**Syn:** act too soon /prematurely, be ahead of oneself , be previous , be hasty**E.G:** Nicole really **jumped the gun** by writing her acceptance speech before the results of the

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elections were announced.

### just kidding

معنی: داشتم شوخی میکردم ، خخخخ شوخی کردم : ((((((

**Syn:** I was fooling around/clowning around/joking

**E.G:** Are you sure that's your husband? I thought he was your grandfather. **Just kidding!**

### (to) make a pig of oneself

معنی: شکمی از غذا درآوردن ، پرخوری کردن و زیاده روی کردن تو خوردن

**Syn:** pig out on , pork out

**E.G:** I made a pig of myself by eating four slices of pie.

### (to) make time for

معنی: وقت کنار گذاشتن برای کسی ، وقت خالی کردن برای کسی یا کاری

**Syn:** squeeze sb/sth in

**E.G:** I'll be sure to **make time for** you when you visit me.

### (to) roll up one's sleeves

معنی: استینارو بالا زدن ، شروع به کار کردن ، عزم رو جزم کردن

**Syn:** set to work , get down to business/work, buckle down

**E.G:** Let's **roll up our** sleeves and finish making these cookies!

### (to) sit tight

معنی: صبر کردن، یک جا ایستادن و کاری نکردن

**Syn:** stay put, hang back (یک جا ایستادن), play a waiting game , bide one's time (صبر کردن)

**E.G:** **Sit tight**, the doctor will be with you in a few minutes.

### What's up?

معنی: چه خبر ؟ ، چیکارا میکنی ؟ ، موضوع چیه ؟ قضیه از چه قراره؟ مشکل چیه؟

**Syn:** what's going on? what's new? what's doing? what's happening? (چطوری؟)

**Syn:** what's the matter/the problem/wrong? (چیشده قضیه چیه؟)

**E.G:** **What's up?** I haven't spoken to you in a long time.

### you can say that again

معنی: گل گفתי ، دقیقا! باهات موافقم

**Syn:** Damn straight, okey dokey, absolutely, to agree with sb

**E.G:** "The weather is so nasty today." - "**You can say that again!** I don't even want to go outside!"

## تست های حدس بهترین جواب!!!

### PRACTICE THE IDIOMS

*Imagine that you are Bob and that you're meeting with Carol from the Village Market to sell her your cookies. Choose the most appropriate replies to Carol's questions and statements:*

- 1) Carol: "I'm glad I was able to make time to see you today."

*Bob's reply:*

- a) "I guess I'll see you tomorrow then."
- b) "It must be nice to have so much free time."
- c) "Yes, thanks for fitting me into your busy schedule."

- 2) Carol: "What's up?"

*Bob's reply:*

- a) "Fine, thank you."
- b) "I'd like to discuss a business deal with you."
- c) "I don't know. Let me check with my wife."

- 3) Carol: "These cookies are out of this world. What do you think?"

*Bob's reply:*

- a) "I agree. They're delicious!"
- b) "I don't know where they are."
- c) "No thanks. I've already had ten cookies."

- 4) Carol: "Did your wife make these from scratch?"

*Bob's reply:*

- a) "No, she made them from flour, eggs, and sugar."
- b) "Yes, she did. She loves to bake."
- c) "Yes. She bought a roll of Pillsbury frozen dough and heated it in the oven for 15 minutes."

- 5) Carol: "I ate seven cookies. Do you think I've made a pig of myself?"

*Bob's reply:*

- a) "Not at all. These cookies are hard to resist!"
- b) "Yes. You look just like a pig."
- c) "Yes. Pigs love to eat cookies too."

- 6) *Carol*: "I think my customers will go nuts over these cookies."  
*Bob's reply*:  
 a) "I agree. After all, they're very good!"  
 b) "Nuts? Sure, we can put nuts in the cookies."  
 c) "I disagree. They'll probably like them."
- 7) *Carol*: "Bob, I'm not ready to give you a ballpark figure yet."  
*Bob's reply*:  
 a) "Okay, how about one dollar per cookie?"  
 b) "When you're ready, we can sell them in the ballpark."  
 c) "Okay, I can wait until tomorrow."
- 8) *Carol*: "I don't want to jump the gun by discussing details now."  
*Bob's reply*:  
 a) "I understand. Take some time to think about it."  
 b) "I didn't say anything about selling you guns."  
 c) "Thanks, I'd love an answer right now."

تست های درس های ششم تا دهم:

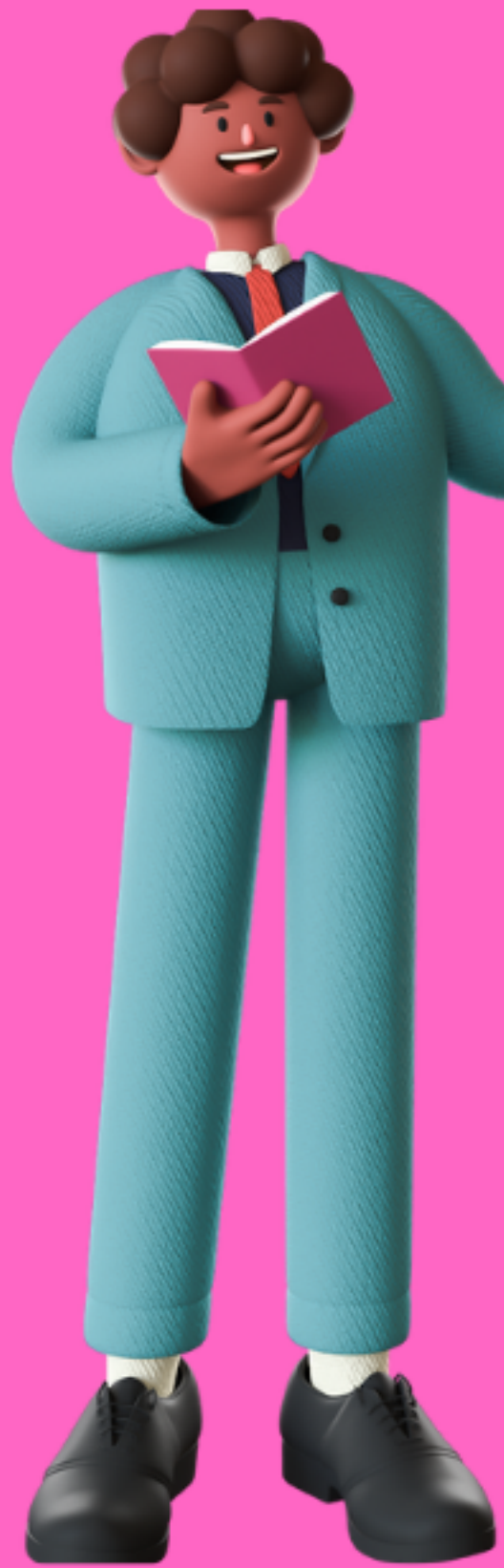


## Review for lessons 6-10

Choose the best substitute for the phrase in bold:

- 1) This apple pie is **out of this world**.  
 a) not bad  
 b) from another planet  
 c) delicious
- 2) Jane was feeling **on edge**, so she went to a day spa to relax.  
 a) anxious  
 b) relaxed  
 c) angry
- 3) You ate 15 cookies? You really **made a pig of yourself**!  
 a) turned into an animal with a snout and tail  
 b) made yourself sick  
 c) ate more than you should have

- 4) Bob wasn't sure he wanted to work for his wife's cookie company, but she **talked him into it**.  
a) forced him  
b) convinced him  
c) asked him
- 5) Nancy **doesn't have a clue** about the Internet. She's never even used e-mail.  
a) understands deeply  
b) knows nothing  
c) is learning a lot
- 6) Stop **beating around the bush!** I don't know what you're trying to tell me.  
a) avoiding the subject  
b) hitting the trees  
c) repeating yourself
- 7) Paul likes to draw silly cartoons of his classmates on the blackboard before class. He's a **wise guy**.  
a) bad student  
b) smart person  
c) sarcastic person
- 8) Tom needed to learn how to ride a horse before his trip to Ireland, so he took a **crash course**.  
a) short, intensive class  
b) class in falling down  
c) semester-long class
- 9) Laura **made a bundle** when she was younger, and now she spends every day on the golf course.  
a) had a good job  
b) made lots of money  
c) stole money
- 10) The doctor will be with you soon. Please **sit tight**.  
a) come back later  
b) wait patiently  
c) follow me



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## BOB DRIVES A HARD BARGAIN

*Carol from the Village Market calls Bob to discuss Susan's Scrumptious Cookies. Carol and Bob discuss how much Bob will receive for each cookie.*

*Carol:* Hi Bob. **How's it going?**

*Bob:* Fine thanks, Carol. How are you?

*Carol:* **Can't complain.** Bob, I've had a chance to **crunch some numbers.** I can pay you 50c per cookie.

*Bob:* That's **out of the question.** At that price, it's not **worth our while.** The ingredients alone cost us 30c per cookie.

*Carol:* Okay, let me **sweeten the deal** — 60c per cookie?

*Bob:* Carol, my wife and I need to **make a living** from this business.

*Carol:* Okay, okay, you've **twisted my arm.** I'll pay you 75c per cookie. **Take it or leave it!**

*Bob:* **Now you're talking!** We'll take it.

*Carol:* You **drive a hard bargain**, Bob.

*Bob:* Yes, but we make a good cookie.

*Carol:* Let's **get the ball rolling**. Bring me 2,000 cookies on Monday morning by 9 a.m.



## IDIOMS - LESSON 11

**can't complain** - things are going well; I'm fine

EXAMPLE 1: "How's business, Mike?" - "**Can't complain**. I sold a lot of computers this month."

EXAMPLE 2: "How are things going at your new job?" - "**Can't complain**."

**(to) crunch numbers** - to perform calculations (especially financial calculations)

EXAMPLE 1: Scott loves to **crunch numbers**, so he decided to become an accountant.

EXAMPLE 2: Wendy spends all her time at work in front of the computer **crunching numbers** and analyzing sales data.

**(to) drive a hard bargain** - to be tough in negotiating an agreement; to negotiate something in one's favor

EXAMPLE 1: I wanted to pay less for the car, but the salesman **drove a hard bargain**.

EXAMPLE 2: Eric **drove a hard bargain** and got the company to raise their salary offer by \$15,000.

**(to) get the ball rolling** - to get started

EXAMPLE 1: Let's **get the ball rolling** on this project. We've only got one week to finish it.

EXAMPLE 2: If we don't **get the ball rolling** on our vacation plans soon, we'll end up going nowhere.

**How's it going?** - How are you?

EXAMPLE 1: "**How's it going?**" I asked Ted. "Everything's fine. How are you?" he replied.

EXAMPLE 2: "**How's it going?**" Vladimir asked me. "Not bad," I replied.

## درس یازدهم:

**BOB DRIVES A HARD BARGAIN**

can't complain

معنی: هعی شکر ، چی بگم میگذره دیگه

Syn: i'm ok , Good!

**E.G:** "How are things going at your new job?" - "**Can't complain.**"

(to) crunch numbers

معنی: حساب کردن ، دو دو تا چارتا کردن

Syn: to cipher/calculate/ compute

**E.G:** Wendy spends all her time at work in front of the computer **crunching numbers** and analyzing sales data.

(to) drive a hard bargain

معنی: سخت معامله بودن ، اهل چانه زنی و مقاومت بودن (تو خرید و فروش و مذاکره)

**E.G:** Eric **drove a hard bargain** and got the company to raise their salary offer by \$15,000.

(to) get the ball rolling

معنی: شروع کردن و دست به کار شدن

Syn: set to work , get down to work / business, get into the way of doing of sth

**E.G:** If we don't **get the ball rolling** on our vacation plans soon, we'll end up going nowhere.

How's it going?

معنی: چطوری؟ ، چه خبرا؟

Syn: what's going on? what's new? what's doing? what's happening?

**E.G:** "**How's it going?**" Vladimir asked me. "Not bad," I replied.

(to) make a living

معنی: کسب زندگی و امرار معاش کردن ، گذران زندگی

Syn: earn a living/money, make ends meet, meet the needs

**E.G:** Danny makes some money playing his guitar on street corners, but not enough to **make a living.**

now you're talking

معنی: حالا شده ، این شد حرف حساب

Syn: it's a deal , we're in business'

**E.G:** You'd like to offer me a \$10,000 raise and a corner office? **Now you're talking!**

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**out of the question**

معنی: غیر ممکن ، محال

**Syn:** impossible, unachievable, unobtainable, hopeless

**E.G:** You want to borrow my new car and drive it across the country? I'm sorry, but that's **out of the question**.

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**(to) sweeten the deal**

معنی: شیرین کردن معامله و پیشنهاد بهتری دادن

**E.G:** IBM offered to **sweeten the deal** by giving John a company car if he agreed to work for them.

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**take it or leave it**

معنی: همینکه که هست میخوای بخوا نمیخوای نخوا، یا قبول کن یا بیخیالش شو

**Syn:** accept it or reject it

**E.G:** I'm offering to do the dishes for one week if you'll help me with my science project. **Take it or leave it.**

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**(to) twist (someone's) arm**

معنی: قانع کردن و وادار کردن کسی، قبولاندن

**Syn:** talk into, persuade, convince

**E.G:** Ted didn't want to get another tattoo on his back, but Amber **twisted his arm**.

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**Be worth one's while**

معنی: مفید و به درد بخور و چیزی که به وقتش بیرزه

**Syn:** be worthwhile, useful/helpful/worthy

**E.G:** It would be **worth your while** to audition for the game show *Jeopardy*. You'd probably win a lot of money

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## تمرین های جای خالی:

*Abe, owner of Honest Abe's Furniture Store, is talking to Jeff about a new advertising campaign for the store. Jeff owns an advertising agency. Complete the dialogue using these idioms:*

get the ball rolling	drive a hard bargain
crunch some numbers	how's it going
out of the question	now you're talking
twisted my arm	make a living

*Abe:* Hi, Jeff. \_\_\_\_\_?

*Jeff:* Fine, thanks. I've only scheduled a half hour for this meeting, so we'd better \_\_\_\_\_.

*Abe:* Jeff, I need you to come up with a new advertising campaign for my furniture shop.

*Jeff:* I've had a chance to \_\_\_\_\_, and you'll need to pay me \$30,000 to come up with some new ideas.

*Abe:* Thirty thousand dollars? That's really \_\_\_\_\_.

*Jeff:* Listen, Abe, I need to \_\_\_\_\_ too. I've got a wife and seven children at home.

*Abe:* I'll pay you \$20,000.

*Jeff:* If you want quality work, you have to pay for it. Let's say \$25,000?

*Abe:* Okay, okay. You've \_\_\_\_\_. I'll pay you \$23,000.

*Jeff:* \_\_\_\_\_. That's a fair price.

*Abe:* You certainly \_\_\_\_\_.

*Jeff:* I know, but you'll be happy with my work.

## BOB'S BIG COOKIE ORDER

*The family is gathered around the dinner table. Bob tells them about his deal with the Village Market. He asks his kids for help baking the cookies.*

*Bob:* I know I've been **down in the dumps** since I got fired, but **things are looking up** now. The Village Market wants to sell our cookies.

*Nicole:* That's great news, Dad!

*Bob:* We're going to have to bake **like crazy** over the weekend. They want 2,000 cookies by Monday.

*Nicole:* Two thousand cookies in three days? Don't you think you've **bitten off more than you can chew**?

*Ted:* Yeah, you're going to be **running around like a chicken with its head cut off**!

*Susan:* Fortunately, there are four of us here. You kids will have to **pitch in** too.

*Nicole:* Sorry, but I can't. I have to finish Ted's chemistry homework and then I've got to **get going** on my election speech.

*Bob:* What's that about doing Ted's chemistry homework?

**Ted:** **Never mind!** Amber will **help out** with the cookies instead of Nicole.

**Susan:** **For heaven's sake,** Nicole! It's **like pulling teeth** getting you to do any work around here.



## IDIOMS - LESSON 12

**(to) bite off more than one can chew** - to take on more than one is capable of; to take on too much

EXAMPLE 1: Jennifer is having a dinner party for 50 people, and she can't even cook. I think she's **bitten off more than she can chew**.

EXAMPLE 2: You agreed to host 50 exchange students from Korea? Aren't you afraid you've **bitten off more than you can chew**?

SYNONYM: to be *or* to get in over one's head. Example: Jennifer is in **over her head** with this dinner party!

**(to be) down in the dumps** - *see Lesson 5*

**for heaven's sake!** - A way of expressing emotions such as surprise, outrage, or impatience

EXAMPLE 1: Hurry up, **for heaven's sake!** You're going to be late for school.

EXAMPLE 2: Oh, **for heaven's sake!** Yesterday, I made three dozen chocolate chip cookies, and today there's only one cookie left!

SYNONYMS: for God's sake, for goodness sake, for Pete's sake

**(to) get going** - to get started on something; to set off for a destination; to leave

EXAMPLE 1: If you don't **get going** on your homework soon, you're going to be up all night.

EXAMPLE 2: We'd better **get going** to the restaurant now. Otherwise, we'll be late for our seven o'clock reservation.

SYNONYMS: to get a move on; to get the show on the road

**(to) help out** - to give assistance; to help

EXAMPLE 1: Amber offered to **help out** in the kitchen by chopping nuts.

EXAMPLE 2: I'd be happy to **help out** by baking cookies for the picnic.

SYNONYM: to lend a hand

## درس دوازدهم:

**BOB'S BIG COOKIE ORDER****(to) bite off more than one can chew**

معنی: لقمه بزرگتر از دهن برداشتن ، با یک دست چند تا هندوانه بلند کردن

**Syn:** be *or* to get in over one's head, go to extremes, go too far , overdo**E.G:** You agreed to host 50 exchange students from Korea? Aren't you afraid you've **bitten off more than you can chew?****for heaven's sake!**

معنی: تو رو به خدا! محض رضای خدا.....

**Syn:** for God's sake, for goodness sake, for Pete's sake**E.G:** Hurry up, **for heaven's sake!** You're going to be late for school.**(to) get going**

معنی:

**Syn:** to get a move on; to get the show on the road, to get started; to set off for a destination; to leave, get the ball rolling, get down to work/business**E.G:** We'd better **get going** to the restaurant now. Otherwise, we'll be late for our seven o'clock reservation.**(to) help out**

معنی: کمک کردن ، دست کسی را گرفتن

**Syn:** to lend a hand, pitch in, give assistance, to lend a helping hand, aid**E.G:** I'd be happy to **help out** by baking cookies for the picnic.**like a chicken with its head cut off**

معنی: دیوانه وار ، مثل مرغ سرکنده، پر استرس

**Syn:** in a crazed/ frenzied/hysterical, in a frenzy, erratically**E.G:** Patricia ran around the school looking for her lost backpack **like a chicken with its head cut off.****like crazy**

معنی: با سرعت ، با اشتیاق و علاقه

**Syn:** be nuts, like mad, madly, wildly**E.G:** Ann ran **like crazy**, but she still didn't manage to catch the bus.



**like pulling teeth**

معنی: خیلی سخت و دشوار ، پدر دربیار

**Syn:** very difficult, arduous, demanding, crucial**E.G:** Kyle hates to study. It's **like pulling teeth** getting him to do his homework every night.  
**never mind**

معنی: نگران نباش، بیخیال، چیزی نیست سخت نگیر

**Syn:** don't worry about something; forget it; it doesn't matter, it's alright, it's nothing**E.G:** **Never mind** what your friends say. You need to do what you think is right.**(to) pitch in**

معنی: کمک کردن، همکاری کردن، با حرارت آغاز به کار کردن

**Syn:** : to lend a hand, hand out, give assistance, to lend a helping hand, aid**E.G:** If you need my help, just ask. I'd be happy to **pitch in**.**(to) run around**

معنی: بدو بدو کردن ، راه رفتن (با سرعت زیاد) به اینور اونور، سگ دو زدن

**Syn:** - to move about**E.G:** Debbie is exhausted. She **ran around** town all day today.**things are looking up**

معنی: اوضاع داره بهتر میشه ، اوضاع روبه بهبوده

**Syn:** things are improving, things are going great, things are doing/going better, I do better (حالم بهتره)**E.G:** Elizabeth found a wonderful new job and just moved into a beautiful new apartment. **Things are looking up** for her.

## تست های ریزه کاری!!!

**Fill in the blank with the missing word:**

- 1) When the sun doesn't shine all winter, it's easy to start feeling down in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) dumps                      b) crazy                      c) luck
- 2) Things were so busy at work, I spent the entire week running around like a chicken with its \_\_\_\_\_ cut off.  
a) beak                      b) head                      c) neck
- 3) According to today's newspaper, the economy is improving. Things are looking \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) up                      b) down                      c) forward
- 4) I thought you could help me with my new project. But if you're too busy, never \_\_\_\_\_. I'll find somebody else.  
a) bother                      b) mind                      c) worry
- 5) For heaven's \_\_\_\_\_! If you don't stop playing those video games, you'll never get your homework done.  
a) angels                      b) sake                      c) benefit
- 6) When the school asked Susan to bring cookies to the bake sale, she said she'd be happy to help \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) in                      b) about                      c) out
- 7) When my friend John told me how busy he was preparing for his Halloween party, I offered to pitch \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) in                      b) out                      c) him
- 8) It's like pulling \_\_\_\_\_ getting Nicole to help out in the kitchen.  
a) hair                      b) nails                      c) teeth

## تست های حدس معنی:

Choose the best substitute for the phrase in bold:

- 1) Janice is doing all the cooking for her daughter's wedding. I think she's **bitten off more than she can chew**.
  - a) accepted too little responsibility
  - b) taken too much food into her mouth
  - c) taken on more than she can handle
- 2) If Nicole is going to cover her entire school with election posters, she'd better **get going on** them immediately.
  - a) start working on
  - b) stop working on
  - c) start destroying
- 3) If you get tired of mowing the lawn, I'd be happy to **help out**.
  - a) confuse you
  - b) do nothing
  - c) assist you
- 4) Last year, Bill opened a store selling gourmet pet food. This year, he'll open 10 more stores. His business is growing **like crazy**!
  - a) very quickly
  - b) very slowly
  - c) despite being a crazy idea
- 5) Ever since receiving his rejection letter from Princeton University, Jason has been **down in the dumps**.
  - a) happy
  - b) sad
  - c) encouraged
- 6) For a long time, Michelle couldn't find a boyfriend. But now **things are looking up**. She met a nice guy last weekend.
  - a) her love life is getting even worse
  - b) her love life is improving
  - c) her love life couldn't get much worse

Blue hair's  
all the rage  
this season.

I see that  
tattoos are  
popular too.



## AMBER COMES OVER TO BAKE COOKIES

*Ted's girlfriend Amber comes over to help with the cookies. Amber has experience baking cookies from a former job. Susan leaves the kitchen so they can work better.*

*Ted:* Mom, Amber is here to **lend a hand** with the cookies.

*Susan:* Hi Amber. Nice to see you again.

*Amber:* Good to see you too, Mrs. Johnson.

*Susan:* That's an interesting hairstyle.\*

*Amber:* Thanks. I'm glad you think it's cool. Blue hair is **all the rage** this season.

*Susan:* Well, I'm going to **take a break** now and let you kids **take over**.

*Ted:* Don't worry, Mom. Your business is **in good hands** with Amber. She really **knows her stuff**.

*Amber:* That's true. I used to work at Mrs. Field's Cookies\*\* in the mall.

*Susan:* You don't work there anymore?

*Amber:* No, I got fired. I have a real **sweet tooth**, and they told me I was eating too many cookies.

*Susan:* Well, I'm sure you haven't **lost your touch**.

*Amber:* I might be a bit **out of practice**.

*Ted:* Mom, you can watch Amber bake if you want. You might **pick up** a few **tricks of the trade**.

*Amber:* Yes, **feel free**. As a singer, I'm used to performing before an audience!

*Susan:* Thanks, but I'm going to **get out of the way**. You know what they say: **too many cooks spoil the broth!**

*Amber:* Will I see you later tonight?

*Susan:* Yes, I'll be back in a few hours.

*Ted:* Mom, why don't you just **call it a night** and go to bed. You've been **working your tail off** all day.

\* When somebody says something is "interesting" it often means they don't like it, but they want to be polite.

\*\* Mrs. Field's Cookies are gourmet cookies that are sold in malls across the United States.



## IDIOMS - LESSON 13

**all the rage** - the latest fashion; popular right now

EXAMPLE 1: Have you seen those new alligator-skin cowboy boots? They're **all the rage** this season!

EXAMPLE 2: At Nate's high school, salsa dancing is **all the rage** this year.

**(to) call it a night** - to stop an activity for the rest of the night

EXAMPLE 1: We spent a few hours walking around downtown Chicago. It was so cold that we were ready to **call it a night** by nine o'clock.

EXAMPLE 2: Let's **call it a night** and meet back at the office at seven o'clock tomorrow morning to finish preparing our report.

NOTE: There is also the expression "to call it a day" which means to stop activity for the day.

## درس سیزدهم:

**AWBER COMES OVER TO BAKE COOKIES****all the rage**

معنی: مد روز ، رایج در جامعه

**Syn:** in fashion/vogue /style, fashionable, trend**E.G:** At Nate's high school, salsa dancing is **all the rage** this year**(to) call it a night/day**

معنی: متوقف کردن فعالیت های شب/روزه ، بسه دیگه کافیه کار نکنیم ، دست از کار کشیدن

**Syn:** call a halt, pack up, leave off , cease**E.G:** Let's **call it a night** and meet back at the office at seven o'clock tomorrow morning to finish preparing our report**feel free**

معنی: راحت باش ، تعارف نکن ، رودربایستی نکن

**Syn:** go ahead , don't hesitate , you bet , you bet you**E.G:** "**Feel free** to interrupt me and ask questions during my lecture," said the professor to his students.**(to) get out of the way**

معنی: بکشی کنار ، دخالت نکن تو کارا، شر کاری را کردن و مانعی را از سر راه برداشتن

**Syn:** stop obstructing / impeding , interfering / intruding (مزاحم نشو دخالت نکن) , move out of the way (شر کسی یا کاری رو خوابوندن) , get rid of sth / sb (بکشی کنار)**E.G:** **Get out of the way!** That truck is backing up and it might run you over.**(to be) in good hands**

معنی: سپرده شدن کار به اهلش ، جای چیزی یا کسی امن بودن ، تحت مراقبت و مسئولیت فرد یا سازمان با صلاحیت بودن

Good hands: افراد ماهر و با صلاحیت

**Syn:** in good/ competent care, be in the safe / right hands**E.G:** You're **in good hands** with Tony. He's an excellent driver.

**(to) know one's stuff**

معنی: کار خود را بلد بودن

**Syn:** be good /great at sth, be light footed/expert / skillful /skilled, have an expertise in a field**E.G:** When it comes to cooking, Kristen **knows her stuff**. She spent two years studying at the Culinary Institute of America.**(to) lend a hand**

معنی: کمک کردن

**E.G:** When Amber saw Susan washing the cookie sheets, she offered to **lend a hand**.**(to) lose one's touch**

معنی: مثل قبل خوب نبودن ، پسرفت کردن ، هنر قبل رو نداشتن

**Syn:** lose one's edge, (to be) out of practice**E.G:** Dr. Stewart used to be a very good doctor, but recently several of his patients have died. He seems to have **lost his touch**!**(to be) out of practice**

معنی: مثل قبل تو چیزی خوب نبودن ، مثل قبل زبر دست نبودن (به دلیل ترک و انجام ندادن اون کار)

**Syn:** be rusty (تقریباً معادل اصطلاح قبل)**E.G:** I used to play tennis every day, but I haven't played in years. I'm **out of practice**.**(to) pick up**

معنی: به دست آوردن ، یادگرفتن ، برداشتن چیزی از زمین ، خریدن ، تمیز کردن ، رفتن و آوردن کسی ، بازآوردن و بازیافت کردن ، جبران کردن

**EXAMPLEs:**Bob **picks up** languages quickly. After two weeks in Spain, he was already speaking Spanish. (یاد گرفتن)Diana **picked up** some great new ideas at the workshop. (به دست آوردن و داشتن)**Pick up** the pen you dropped. (برداشتن از زمین)I'll **pick up** some burritos on my way home. (خریدن)Let's **pick up** the bedroom before the guests arrive. (تمیز کردن)I'll **pick you up** at seven for our date. (آوردن کسی)**To have a sweet tooth**

معنی: شیرینی خور ، عاشق چیزای شیرین ، علاقه مند به شیرینی جات

**Syn:** to be chocoholic



**E.G:** No wonder Liz is so overweight. She's got such a **sweet tooth!**

**(to) take a break**

معنی: به استراحت ریز کردن، استراحت کوتاه

**Syn:** take a time-out, take a short rest , take a breather , have a break

**E.G:** Let's **take a break** from our work and go get some ice cream.

**(to) take over**

معنی: به دست گرفتن قدرت و کنترل و تسلط بر چیزی ، مدیریت کردن ، غالب شدن ، جای چیزی را گرفتن، به عهده گرفتن

**Syn:** take charge/control /command of ,assume / gain control of

**E.G:** After 11 hours of driving, I was getting tired. Fortunately, my friend offered to **take over**.

**E.G:** My new boss will be **taking over** some of my projects.

**too many cooks spoil the broth**

معنی: آش که دوتا شد آش یا شور میشه یا بی نمک

**E.G:** You don't need to help us. We have enough people helping already, and **too many cooks spoil the broth**.

**tricks of the trade**

معنی: فوت کوزه گری ، فوت و فن

**Syn:** tools of the trade ,bag / box of tricks , know-how

**E.G:** My new job will be easier once I learn some **tricks of the trade**.

**(to) work one's tail off**

معنی: خیلی کار کردن ، مثل خر کار کردن

**Syn:** work like a dog / horse / mule , bear down , burn the candle at both hands , sweat blood , work your fingers to the bone , works one's butt off , keep your nose to the grindstone, exert oneself

**E.G:** Bob **worked his tail off** at the furniture store, but his boss fired him anyway.

## تست های ریزه کاری !!!

Fill in the blank with the missing word:

- 1) When Susan was having trouble lifting her heavy mixer, Bob offered to lend a \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) finger                      b) foot                      c) hand
- 2) Nicole used to play the piano, but she hasn't practiced in five years. She's really \_\_\_\_\_ practice.  
a) about to                      b) into                      c) out of
- 3) You've been working in the kitchen for hours. Why don't you go and \_\_\_\_\_ a break?  
a) take                      b) give                      c) do
- 4) Amber picked up many \_\_\_\_\_ of the trade while working at Mrs. Field's Cookies in the Stamford Mall.  
a) bits                      b) tricks                      c) pieces
- 5) Your shoulder massages are still the best. You haven't \_\_\_\_\_ your touch.  
a) found                      b) lost                      c) spoiled
- 6) After two weeks in Italy, Tom started to pick \_\_\_\_\_ a few words of Italian, including *cappuccino* and *pizza*.  
a) up                      b) out                      c) in
- 7) When Jill got tired of chopping the onions, Jack took \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) over                      b) off                      c) away
- 8) Whenever we need financial advice, we call Suze Orman. She really knows her \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) things                      b) stuff                      c) matter

## درس چهاردهم:

**AMBER AND TED HEAT UP THE KITCHEN****(to) break up with (someone)**

معنی: با کسی بهم زدن ، کات کردن با کسی

**Syn:** split up with, bust up with, become estranged**E.G:** After dating her boyfriend Dan for four years, Erica finally decided to **break up with him**.**(to) crank out**

معنی: تولید انبوه (و با سرعت) کردن

**E.G:** We just bought a new printer at work. It can **crank out** 20 pages per minute.**crunch time**

معنی: زمان سخت و فشرده و حساس (معمولا قبل یک پروژه یا امتحان یا...)

**Syn:** do or die time , moment of truth, pivotal point**E.G:** May is **crunch time** for many students. It's when they have their final exams.**Give me a break!**

معنی: بیخیال بابا، ولمون کن مسخره کردیا ، تورو خدا بیخیال ول کن ! مسخره لست شوخی میکنی

**Syn:** don't screw around with my head ,no kidding, come on now , you've got to be joking , that's ridiculous; that's outrageous**E.G:** You want me to pay \$3 for one cookie? **Give me a break!****go ahead**

معنی: بفرما ! ، بزن بریم و اجازه دادن برای انجام کاری ، آغاز و شروع کردن ، دست به کار شدن

**Syn:** go on ,dash ahead ,edge forward, move forge ahead**E.G:** We have more than enough food for dinner. **Go ahead** and invite your friend to join us.**To be head over heels in love**

معنی: یه دل نه صد دل عاشق کسی شدن، شیدا و شیفته کسی شدن

**Syn:** to be madly in love, to be silly about/crazy about/wild about, have a thing about, to be swept off one's feet**E.G:** Sara is **head over heels in love** with Mark. Unfortunately, he doesn't even know her name!

**love at first sight**

معنی: عشق در نگاه اول

**Syn:** instant crush, love at first glance**E.G:** It took Allison several months to fall in love with Karl. It wasn't **love at first sight**.**(to) make out**

معنی: مدیریت کردن، موفق شدن، سر درآوردن، تمایز کردن و تشخیص دادن، پیش بردن کاری، نوشتن (پشت نویسی کردن و نوشتن یک چک)

- 1) To manage. How did you **make out** at the doctor's today? (پیش بردن کاری و مدیریت کردن)
- 2) To understand or see with difficulty. It was so foggy, I could barely **make out** the street signs. (سر درآوردن و تشخیص دادن)
- 3) To prepare a check or other payment. Please **make out** a check for this month's rent. (پشت نویسی کردن و پر کردن چک)

**(to be) nuts about**

معنی: علاقه مند بودن و دیوونه کسی یا چیزی بودن

**Syn:** be crazy about/be fond of, be wild about, be silly about, has a thing about**E.G:** We're just **nuts about** our new neighbors. We have them over for dinner once a month.**(to have a) one-track mind**

معنی: ذهن یک طرفه داشتن، ذهن یک بعدی داشتن، فقط به یه چیز فکر کردن

**Syn:** to have a fixed idea**E.G:** Ryan thinks about football all the time. He's got a **one-track mind**.**(to) plug away (at something)**

معنی: بدون وقفه و سخت تلاش کردن، کار روزمره و خسته کننده انجام دادن

**Syn:** to keep trying, carry on, buckle down, set to work with vigor**E.G:** Only 842 more cookies to bake. Let's keep **plugging away**!

(بدون وقفه کار و تلاش کردن/کار روزمره و تکراری رو انجام دادن)

Don't give up on chemistry class. If you keep **plugging away**, you will eventually learn the material. (بی وقفه تلاش کردن)**(to) treat (someone) like dirt**

معنی: با کسی بی ادبانه و نامحترمانه رفتار کردن (مثل خاک خوار حساب کنی طرفو):

**Syn:** treat someone like chattel, thumb your nose at sb**E.G:** I feel sorry for Jeffrey. The kids at school are very nasty to him. They really **treat him like dirt**.

## تمرین های جای خالی (کلوز مانند LOL)

*Susan is telling the story of how she met her husband. Fill in the blanks, using the following idioms:*

love at first sight  
plugging away  
crunch time  
making out  
broke up with

go ahead  
treated him like dirt  
crank out  
crazy about  
head over heels in love

I met Bob in college. He was in my English Literature class. I liked him right away. For me, it was \_\_\_\_\_. I wrote him several love poems, though I never gave them to him. Then I found out that he had a girlfriend. I saw him \_\_\_\_\_ with a girl named Joyce. It looked like she was \_\_\_\_\_ Bob too. But later that week, I heard that she was a nasty person and that she \_\_\_\_\_. So I decided to \_\_\_\_\_ and ask him to the movies. He said he was too busy. It was \_\_\_\_\_, and he had to \_\_\_\_\_ a paper for literature class and study for several exams. But I didn't give up. I kept \_\_\_\_\_. Then one day he \_\_\_\_\_ Joyce and asked me out to dinner. That was 25 years ago, and we're still together. Fortunately, we're still \_\_\_\_\_ with each other!

LESSON 15

## NICOLE PRACTICES HER ELECTION SPEECH

*Nicole is running for student body president. She must give a speech next week. She discusses the speech with her mother.*

*Susan:* **What's up**, Nicole?

*Nicole:* I **pulled an all-nighter** working on my election speech.

*Susan:* **No wonder** you **look like a basket case!** Did you finish your speech?

*Nicole:* Yes, at 6 a.m.

*Susan:* That must be a **load off your mind!**

*Nicole:* It's not. I've got to give the speech tomorrow in front of 1,500 people. I'm a **nervous wreck!**

*Susan:* Just remember the old **rule of thumb:** Imagine your audience naked.

*Nicole:* That's gross. Why would I want to do that?

*Susan:* According to **conventional wisdom**, it'll make you less nervous.

*Nicole:* Only practice will **do the trick.**

*Susan:* Okay, let's hear the speech.

*Nicole:* Good afternoon, everyone. There are four candidates running for president. You think you have several choices. **In reality**, you have just one choice: me!

*Susan:* You can't say that. You'll **turn off** your audience immediately.

*Nicole:* It sounds like I have a **big head**?

*Susan:* **I'll say!**



## IDIOMS - LESSON 15

**basket case** [slang] - someone or something in a useless or hopeless condition

EXAMPLE 1: After working a 12-hour day and then coming home and cooking dinner for her family, Tanya felt like a **basket case**.

EXAMPLE 2: After running the marathon, Brian felt like a **basket case**.

NOTE: You may also see the expression "economic basket case" to describe an economy that is doing very poorly. Example: After years of dictatorship, North Korea is an **economic basket case**.

**(to have a) big head** - arrogant; too proud of oneself

EXAMPLE 1: Stop bragging so much about the award you got at work! People will think you've got a **big head**.

EXAMPLE 2: Jenny has such a **big head**. No wonder nobody wants to be friends with her!

SYNONYM: to be full of oneself. Example: Joan is really **full of herself**. She's always talking about how smart she is.

**conventional wisdom** - a widely held belief

EXAMPLE 1: According to **conventional wisdom**, a diet high in salt can cause high blood pressure.

EXAMPLE 2: Challenging **conventional wisdom**, the psychologist said that sometimes it's healthy to be in a bad mood.

## درس پانزدهم:

**NICOLE PRACTICES HER ELECTION SPEECH**

basket case

معنی: آدم داغون و بی اعصاب و مستاصل و مضطرب

economic basket case: اقتصاد ضعیف و بدردنخور

Syn: a bundle of nerves , a nervous wreck , ninnyhammer

E.G: After running the marathon, Brian felt like a **basket case**(to have a) **big head**

معنی: مغرور بودن ، از خود راضی بودن

Syn: be full of oneself / stuck-up , hoity-toity , swell-headed , high-hat, toffee-nosed

E.G: Jenny has such a **big head**. No wonder nobody wants to be friends with her!

conventional wisdom

معنی: باور همگانی ، عقیده ای که همه قبولش دارن

Syn: climate of opinion, widespread view /belief,

E.G: Challenging **conventional wisdom**, the psychologist said that sometimes it's healthy to be in a bad mood.(to) **do the trick**

معنی: موثر بودن ، به نتیجه مطلوب رساندن ، کارساز بودن

Syn:

E.G: My house is difficult to find, so I'll put 10 large balloons on my mailbox on the day of the party. That should **do the trick**.

I'll say!

معنی: آره دقیقا ، قطعاً ، آره چه جورم....

Syn: you betcha, right on , damn right ,beyond a doubt , definitely

E.G: "Did you enjoy the Madonna concert?" - "I'll say!"

in reality

معنی: در واقع ، عملاً ، در حقیقت

Syn: in fact , actually , in truth, as a matter of fact , truly

E.G: Ted thinks it'll be easy to become a rock star. **In reality**, it will take years of hard work.



**(To take) a load off one's mind**

معنی: انگاریه بار از رو دوشم برداشتن، خیالت راحت، یه آرامش

**Syn:** a relief

**E.G:** Finishing her English essay was a **load off Nicole's mind**.

**look like**

معنی: شبیه بودن

**Syn:** take after, resemble

**E.G:** Before agreeing to go out on a date with her, Keith wanted to know what my cousin Maria **looked like**.

**nervous wreck**

معنی: آدم خیلی عصبی و استرسی

**Syn:** a bundle of nerves, basket case, ninnyhammer

**E.G:** Whenever Nicole rides on the back of her friend's motorcycle, Susan is a **nervous wreck**.

**no wonder**

معنی: تعجبی نداره که ..... عجیب نیست که... چیز عجیبی نیست...

**Syn:** no/little surprise, little / small wonder, unsurprisingly, predictably

**E.G:** **No wonder** you're cold — it's January and you're walking around outside without a coat!

**(to) pull an all-nighter**

معنی: شب را بیدار ماندن

**Syn:** burn the midnight oil, to stay up / stay awake all the night

**E.G:** Ted **pulled an all-nighter** to study for his chemistry test and ended up falling asleep in class the next day.

**rule of thumb**

معنی: یه قانون کلی، یه اصل کلی (که همه قبولش دارن)

**Syn:** useful principle, unwritten rule

**E.G:** "Ted, as a **rule of thumb**, you should always plan to study for your chemistry tests for at least two hours."

**(to) turn off**

معنی: دلزده و دلسرد کردن، باعث تنفر کسی شدن، حال کسی رو بهم زدن

**turn-off:** اسم این فعل هست و معنی چیزی که باعث تنفر و انزجا میشه رو میده

**Syn:** dissillusion , disgust , revolt , nauseate , gross out

**E.G:** When Jake started talking about all his stories, it was a real **turn-off** for Sara. (مثال برای اسم)

**E.G:** At first, Sara really liked Jacob. But when he started talking about all his ex-girlfriends, she was really **turned off**. (مثال برای فعل)

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## تست های حدس معنی:

Choose the best substitute for the phrase in bold:

- 1) Ted didn't start studying for his chemistry test until the night before. Then he had to **pull an all-nighter**.  
 a) get plenty of rest before an exam  
 b) stay up all night studying  
 c) sleep late
- 2) After working on it for months, I finally gave my presentation this morning. That was certainly **a load off my mind!**  
 a) a relief  
 b) difficult  
 c) easy
- 3) Nicole was **turned off** when Todd, her date, started picking his teeth with a toothpick during dinner.  
 a) left the room  
 b) became interested  
 c) lost all interest
- 4) According to **conventional wisdom**, you shouldn't ask about salary on your first interview.  
 a) accepted beliefs  
 b) outdated beliefs  
 c) smart people
- 5) Ted had to perform his music before one of the most important talent agents in the country. It's not surprising that he was **a nervous wreck**.  
 a) confident  
 b) very worried  
 c) exhausted
- 6) Girls cheered and blew kisses whenever Ted performed his music. Amber worried that he'd **get a big head**.  
 a) get a headache  
 b) become arrogant  
 c) find a new girlfriend
- 7) People keep telling Fred that he looks **like a basket case**. Maybe it's because he hasn't slept in weeks.  
 a) really great  
 b) angry  
 c) terrible
- 8) Do you have a headache? Here, take two aspirin. That should **do the trick**.  
 a) make you feel better  
 b) perform magic  
 c) make you feel worse

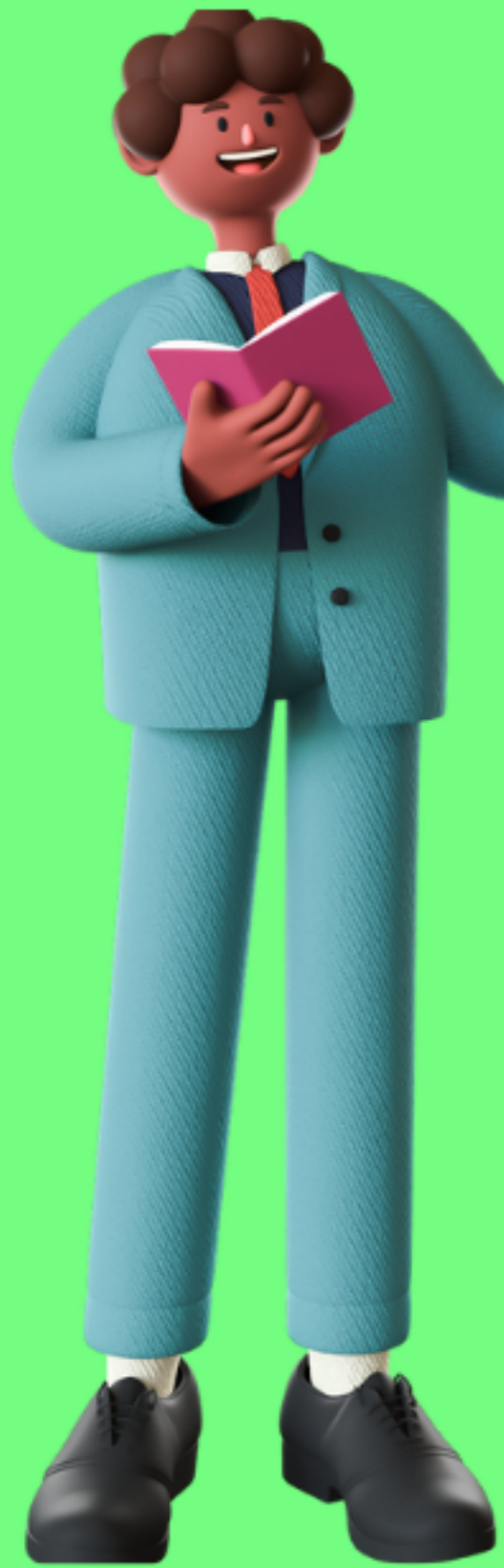
## تست های دوره درس های یازدهم تا پانزدهم:

**Review for lessons 11-15**

**Choose the best substitute for the phrase or sentence in bold:**

- 1) Nicole didn't want to go to the party, but her **friend twisted her arm**.
  - a) persuaded her
  - b) hurt her arm
  - c) agreed with her
- 2) Amber needs to go on a diet and lose 10 pounds, but it's difficult for her because **she has such a sweet tooth**.
  - a) she has a loose tooth
  - b) she has emotional problems
  - c) she likes to eat sweets
- 3) Amber likes to design handbags as a hobby, but she's not sure she could **make a living at it**.
  - a) do it for the rest of her life
  - b) earn enough money to support herself
  - c) do it all day long
- 4) Ted wanted to travel to Miami for a rock concert. His mother told him it was **out of the question**.
  - a) a good idea
  - b) still a possibility
  - c) not a possibility
- 5) Nicole **worked her tail off**, making hundreds of posters for her campaign.
  - a) worked very hard
  - b) worked until her tail fell off
  - c) made her friends work hard

- 6) **It's crunch time.** Ted has to write six papers in two days.  
 a) It's a very busy time.  
 b) It's a time to relax.  
 c) It's a period of time filled with fun and laughter.
- 7) My 95-year old neighbor was cutting her grass on a hot summer day. I offered to **lend a hand**.  
 a) give her my hand  
 b) help her  
 c) drive her to the hospital
- 8) Jennifer **treats her husband like dirt**. I don't know why he doesn't just leave her.  
 a) is very nice to her husband  
 b) asks her husband to do the gardening  
 c) is nasty to her husband
- 9) Tattoos are **all the rage**. Many kids are getting them.  
 a) something that makes you angry  
 b) very popular  
 c) easy to get
- 10) **Things are looking up for Bob**. He's already found a new job working for his wife.  
 a) Bob's situation is getting worse.  
 b) Bob's situation is improving.  
 c) Bob always focuses on positive things.
- 11) Susan volunteered to host 45 exchange students from China. Now she fears she's **bitten off more than she can chew**.  
 a) accepted an easy assignment  
 b) taken on a bigger task than she can handle  
 c) ordered too much Chinese food
- 12) If Ted doesn't **get going on** his chemistry homework soon, he's going to be up all night.  
 a) start doing  
 b) stop doing  
 c) leave the house with



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مدرس دورہ: امیرحسین بالاوند

## BOB BRINGS THE COOKIES TO THE VILLAGE MARKET

*Bob brings Carol the cookies. He tells Carol that baking the cookies was easy because he had lots of help.*

*Carol:* Bob, how did the baking go?

*Bob:* Slow **at first**, but we're **getting the hang of it**.

*Carol:* Once you **learn the ropes**, it becomes **second nature**.

*Bob:* **To tell you the truth**, I thought that baking 2,000 cookies would be a **pain in the neck**. But we managed to **round up** some helpers, and it was a **piece of cake**.

*Carol:* Well, thanks for coming **in person** with the cookies.

*Bob:* No problem. When will you need more?

*Carol:* It depends on how many we sell today.

*Bob:* How many do you think you'll sell?

*Carol:* Maybe 500, maybe 2,000. **Your guess is as good as mine. In any case, I'll keep you posted.**

*Bob:* Okay. Just **give me a ring** as soon as you know.

## درس شانزدهم:

**BOB BRINGS THE COOKIES TO THE VILLAGE MARKET****at first**

معنی: در ابتدا، در آغاز، اون اولاش ....

**Syn:** at the outset/ start, in/at the beginning, initially, before all else / anything else, from day one, in the first place**E.G:** Don't get discouraged if you don't succeed **at first**. The important thing is that you keep on trying!**(to) get the hang of (something)**

معنی: قلق کاری را یاد گرفتن، لم کار را اموختن

**Syn:** get the knack of , learn the art of , pick up**E.G:** When I went snowboarding for the first time, I kept falling down. But after a while, I **got the hang of it**.**(to) give (someone) a ring**

معنی: به کسی زنگ زدن

**Syn:** give someone a buzz , give a call / tinkle / jingle , drop a line at , get sb on the phone**E.G: Give me a ring** tomorrow so we can discuss plans for this weekend**in any case**

معنی:

**Syn:****E.G:** You'll probably be too tired on Sunday to come over. **In any case**, give me a call in the morning to discuss.**in person**

معنی: شخصا، حضوری، فیس تو فیس، به صورت حضوری وجود داشتن (و کاری کردن)

**Syn:** in the flesh, face to face , in real life , personally , physically**E.G:** Tim hoped that he and Svetlana would get along as well **in person** as they did over the Internet.



**(to) keep someone posted**

معنی: در جریان گذاشتن و اطلاع دادن

**Syn:** keep informed / up-to-date / up-to-speed / in the picture / briefed, clue in , fill in**E.G:** Good luck selling your house and **keep me posted!** I'd love to know how much you get for it.**(to) learn the ropes**

معنی: یاد گرفتن فوت و فن و راه چاه کاری

**Syn:** get the knack of , get the hang of , learn ins and outs , master**E.G:** David worked at a big law firm for 10 years where he **learned the ropes**. Now he runs his own law firm.**pain in the neck**

معنی: موی دماغ ، مزاحم ، مایه اذیت و آزار ، سرخر

**Syn:** pain in the rear / backside , nudnik**E.G:** Alice wants me to drive her to the airport early tomorrow morning. That's going to be a **pain in the neck!****piece of cake**

معنی: کار خیلی آسون ، مثل آب خوردن

**Syn:** easy as pie , slice of cake, bit of cake , child's play , duck soup**E.G:** The driving test is a **piece of cake**. Don't worry about it.**(to) round up**

معنی: جمع کردن (انسان) ، جمع کردن حیوانات ، فراخوان زدن برای جمع کردن ، جمع کردن اشخاص پراکنده

**Syn:** bring together , collect , assemble , group**E.G:** The town **rounded up** 200 volunteers to search for the hiker, who was lost in the woods of Yosemite National Park.**second nature**

معنی: چیزی که ملکه ذهن شده ، عادت قدیمی و ملکه شده ، چیزی که انقدر تکرار شده آدم فکر میکنه از اول هم وجود داشته ، عملی که خیلی وقته تمرین و انجام شده

**E.G:** Karen has been arguing with her husband every day for the past 20 years, so by now it's just **second nature**.**2:** With practice, riding a unicycle becomes **second nature**.

**to tell you the truth**

**معنی:** راستش رو بخوای ، حقیقتش اینه که ، راستش.....

**Syn:** to be frank / honest / straightforward / open / truthful / up-front, to put / lay one's cards on the table

**E.G:** To tell you the truth, Ted isn't a very good student.

**your guess is as good as mine**

**معنی:** نمیدونم والا ، اگه تو میدونی منم میدونم ، منم مثل تو نمیدونم

**Syn:** beats me , I haven't a clue , I have no idea , don't ask me , search me

**E.G:** Will Ted graduate on time? Your guess is as good as mine.

## تست های ریزه کاری!!!

Fill in the blank with the appropriate word:

- 1) When Nicole drove her car for the first time, she was really nervous. Now, after an entire year, it's \_\_\_\_\_ nature.  
a) first                      b) second                      c) third
- 2) I can't believe I won. To \_\_\_\_\_ you the truth, I never thought I'd be able to beat you at tennis.  
a) say                      b) tell                      c) explain
- 3) Nicole was going to mail her college application to Yale. But then she decided to go to New Haven and deliver it \_\_\_\_\_ person.  
a) on                      b) at                      c) in
- 4) After a snowstorm, it can be a real pain in the \_\_\_\_\_ driving to work in the morning.  
a) head                      b) arm                      c) neck
- 5) The meeting in Dallas was canceled, but, in \_\_\_\_\_ case, we still need to go there.  
a) all                      b) any                      c) about
- 6) Starting a new job is difficult in the beginning. It gets easier once you learn the \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) ropes                      b) chains                      c) ties
- 7) Bob and Susan thought getting rich would be very difficult. But thanks to their cookie business, it was a piece of \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) cookie                      b) cake                      c) pie
- 8) Let's go to the movies tonight. I'll look in the newspaper and \_\_\_\_\_ you a ring after I see what's playing.  
a) offer                      b) take                      c) give

LESSON 17

## CAROL TELLS BOB THE GOOD NEWS

*Carol phones Bob to tell him the cookies are selling very well and that she needs another 1,000 by the morning. Bob isn't sure he can make the cookies so quickly, but Carol insists.*

*Carol:* Bob, your wife's cookies are **selling like hotcakes!**

*Bob:* How many did you sell, Carol?

*Carol:* We've **sold out**. I need more **right away!** Bring me another 1,000 by tomorrow at 9 a.m.

*Bob:* That's a **tall order**, Carol.

*Carol:* Don't **blow it**, Bob! Susan's Scrumptious Cookies could really **take off**.

*Bob:* I know, but I'm not sure we have enough time to bake all those cookies.

*Carol:* Bake all night if you have to. **Burn the midnight oil!** If you work hard now, you'll be **sitting pretty** in a few years.

*Bob:* **Rest assured** that I'll **do my best** to **deliver the goods**.

*Carol:* Okay, now let's stop the **chitchat**. You've got work to do!

## درس هفدهم:

**CAROL TELLS BOB THE GOOD NEWS**

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(to) blow it

معنی: گند زدن و خراب کردن

**Syn:** mess up , screw up , make a pig's ear (out) of sth , botch , spoil an opportunity**E.G:** I'll give you one more chance, but don't **blow it** this time!

(to) burn the midnight oil

معنی: شب بیدار ماندن (و درس خواندن یا کار کردن) تا بوق سگ کار کردن

**Syn:** put an all-nighter**E.G:** The project is due tomorrow and we're far from finished. We're going to have to **burn the midnight oil** tonight.

chitchat

معنی: گپ دوستانه ، وراجی ، غیبت کردن ، حرف از این و اونور زدن ، اختلاط کردن

**Syn:** to shoot the breeze, small talk , gab , chatter , babble**E.G:** Peter told Heather to stop the **chitchat** and get back to work.

(to) deliver the goods

معنی: اونچه از کسی یا چیزی انتظار بره رو عملی کنه ، به قول خود عمل کردن و الوعه وفا

**Syn:** to cut the mustard, cut it, do well**E.G:** I'm depending on you to finish the job on time. I know that you can **deliver the goods!**

(to) do one's best

معنی: نهایت تلاش خود را کردن ، خود را به آب و آتش زدن و بهترین تلاش خود را کردن

**Syn:** give one's best/all , spare no pain/effort , make every effort , do one's utmost**E.G:** Although Ted **did his best**, he still failed his chemistry test.

rest assured

معنی: مطمئن باش ، خیالت تخت ، حله خیالت تخت خاطرت جمع

**Syn:** have no doubt , be sure / certain, go on being sure**E.G:** **Rest assured** that the police will find the thieves.

**right away**

معنی: فوراً ، بلا فاصله ، بی معطلی ، الساعه ، در دم

**Syn:** at once, forthwith, straight-away, therewith, hastefully, immediately

**E.G:** When Meg realized her house was on fire, she called the fire department **right away**.

**(to) sell like hotcakes**

معنی: بازا داغ داشتن ، خیلی خوب و سریع فروش کردن

**Syn:** be snapped out, be popular, be purchased

**E.G:** Stephen King's new novel is **selling like hotcakes**.

**(to be) sitting pretty**

معنی: در وضعیت خیلی خوبی قرار داشتن (اکثراً از لحاظ مالی)

**E.G:** Gina was one of the first people to work at Amazon.com, and she made millions on her stock options. Now she's **sitting pretty**.

**sold out**

معنی: فروخت شد ، تمام شد (استفاده در کنسرت ها نمایش ها بلیط ها ، اجناس و....) حالت گذشته فعل ، یه نکته جالب هم داره.....

**Syn:** be out of stock of, be bought up, be completely sold

**E.G:** Susan's cookies were very popular at the bake sale. In fact, they **sold out** in just 20 minutes!

**(to) take off**

معنی: اوج گرفتن و محبوب شدن ، از جا برداشتن و درآوردن لباس ، ترک کردن جایی ، کم و کسر کردن ، پرواز کردن هواپیما

Julia Roberts' career **took off** with the film "Pretty Woman." (محبوب شدن و اوج گرفتن)

"Take off" has several other meanings:

. Remove. Please **take off** your shoes before coming inside our apartment.

We just vacuumed this morning. (درآوردن لباس)

To leave. We're **taking off** now. See you later! (ترک کردن جایی)

To deduct. The waiter forgot to bring us drinks, so he **took \$10 off** the bill. (کم کردن)

To leave the ground. The airplane **took off** on time. (پرواز کردن هواپیما)

**tall order**

معنی: کار دشوار ، درخواست غیرمنطقی

**Syn:** pain-staking, burdensome, backbreaking, troublesome

**E.G:** You want me to figure out how to clone your pet rabbit? That's a **tall order**!

## تست حدس بهترین جواب:

Choose the most appropriate reply to the following statements:

- 1) "Bob, your cookies are delicious. They're selling like hotcakes."

*Bob's reply:*

- a) "I'm not surprised. My family has always loved them."
- b) "What? I thought people would buy more."
- c) "Yes, they are best when served hot."

- 2) "Bob, I know you can get me 1,000 cookies by morning. Don't blow it!"

*Bob's reply:*

- a) "I never blow on the cookies. I let them cool down by themselves."
- b) "Don't worry. I'll be sure to get you the cookies by 9 a.m."
- c) "Thanks. I'll take my time then."

- 3) "Bob, I've got some great news for you. All of your chocolate chip cookies have sold out!"

*Bob's reply:*

- a) "Great. I'd better make more."
- b) "I guess people don't like them."
- c) "How many are left?"

- 4) "Ted, if you and Amber don't stop the chitchat, you'll never finish your homework."

*Ted's reply:*

- a) "Okay, we'll stay up all night talking."
- b) "Okay, we'll stop talking and start hitting the books."
- c) "Yes, Amber is helping a lot with my homework."

- 5) "Ted, ask Amber to come over right away to help bake cookies."

*Ted's reply:*

- a) "Okay. I'll tell her to come over next Saturday."
- b) "Okay. I'll tell her to come over immediately."
- c) "Okay. I'll ask her to go away."

- 6) "Bob, if you work hard now, you'll be sitting pretty in a couple of years."

*Bob's reply:*

- a) "Thank you. I am looking forward to feeling pretty."
- b) "I don't enjoy sitting for long periods of time."
- c) "Great. I'd love to be able to stop working and start relaxing more."

- 7) "Nicole, getting elected to the United States Senate is a very tall order."

*Nicole's reply:*

- a) "I know, but I love a good challenge."
- b) "I agree. It should be very easy."
- c) "I know. I've already put in my order."

- 8) "Bob, I suggest you burn the midnight oil and make 1,000 cookies tonight."

*Bob's reply:*

- a) "Okay. I'll go to sleep at midnight and wake up at 10 a.m."
- b) "Yes, we'll need quite a bit of oil for the cookies."
- c) "Okay. I'll work all night and finish up by morning."



**My cookies  
are selling like  
hotcakes!**



# EVERYONE BAKES COOKIES

*Bob tells his family the cookies are selling well. He asks his kids to help bake more cookies for tomorrow. Nicole says she's too busy to lend a hand.*

*Bob:* The cookies are **selling like hotcakes!**

*Ted:* **Way to go, Dad!**

*Bob:* I need you kids to **help out** tonight with the cookies. We need another thousand by morning.

*Nicole:* One thousand by tomorrow morning? That's impossible!

*Ted:* Amber and I will **lend a hand**. She's a real **night owl**, so she won't mind **staying up** late.

*Bob:* Nicole, we'll need your help too.

*Nicole:* Bake cookies the night before the elections? **Nothing doing!**

*Ted:* **Lighten up, big shot!** You're running for high school president, not President of the United States.

*Nicole:* Ted, you really **get on my nerves** sometimes.

*Bob:* Okay, kids, let's stop **fooling around**. We need to **get the show on the road!**

## درس هجدهم:

**EVERYONE BAKES COOKIES****big shot**

معنی: شخص مهم و ادم کله گنده

**Syn:** big gun / fish / noise / wig / wheel / cheese / leaguer / cat / boy , fat cat , honcho ,**E.G:** Adam is a **big shot** in Silicon Valley. He started a very successful software company.**(to) fool around**

معنی: وقت تلف کردن ، پرسه زدن و وقت رو بی هدف استفاده کردن

**Syn:** monkey / goof / mess / play / horse around**E.G:** If we keep **fooling around** here, we'll be late to the restaurant!**(to) get on one's nerves**

معنی: روی اعصاب کسی رفتن و کسی رو اذیت کردن

**Syn:** to get under someone's skin , give sb the hump , get in someone's hair , get in someone's hair , be a thorning someone's flesh , rattle someone's chain**E.G:** My neighbor's dog barks all night. It really **gets on my nerves**.**(to) get the show on the road**

معنی: شروع کردن ، دست به کار شدن ، اقدام کردن

**Syn:** get down to work / business , set to work , get/start/set the ball rolling , embark on**E.G:** Kids, let's **get the show on the road**. We don't want to be late for the movie!**(to) lighten up**

معنی: آرام شدن ، سخت نگرفتن ، (حالت امری هم داره به معنی آرام باش)

**Syn:** take it easy , ease up , relax , calm down! cheer up! keep calm! Chill out! Simmer down! Let oneself go ! امری هم میتونه باشه و به عنوان فعل هم استفاده میشن!**E.G:** Don always takes his job so seriously. He needs to **lighten up**.**E.G: Lighten up!** I'm sure Ted was only joking when he said your guitar playing gave him a headache.

**night owl**

معنی: آدم شب زنده دار ، کسی که دیر میخوابه و دوست داره شبها بیدار بمونه

**Syn:** nighthawk , night person , night jar , bull bat

**E.G:** I never go to bed before midnight. I'm a **night owl**.

**Nothing doing!**

معنی: عمراً ، امکان نداره ، اصرار نکن راه نداره ، ابداً.....

**Syn:** No way! , Not on your life! , by no means ,not in a million years , not on your nelly , no dice

**E.G:** You want me to buy the Golden Gate Bridge from you for a million bucks? **Nothing doing!**

**(to) stay up**

معنی: بیدار ماندن

**Syn:** stay awake , wait up , keep vigil

**E.G:** Whenever I **stay up** late, I regret it the next morning.

## تست های ریزه کاری!!!!

**Fill in the blank with the appropriate word:**

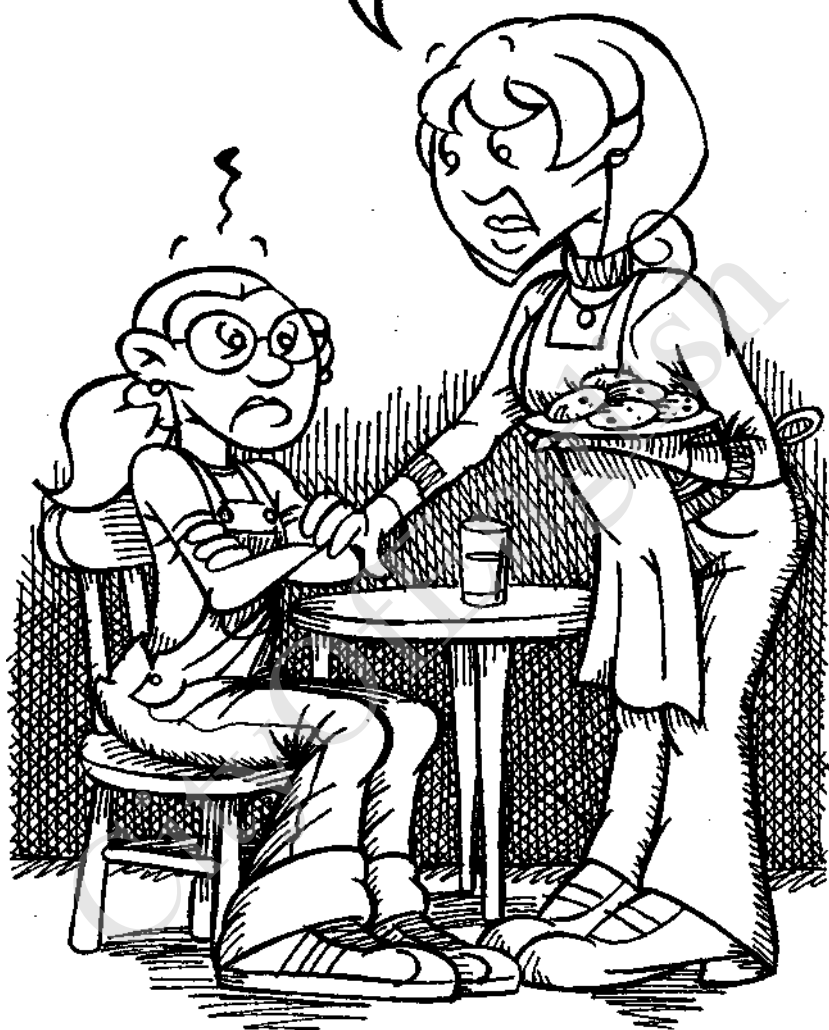
- 1) I was really proud of my friend for winning an Olympic medal. "Way to \_\_\_\_\_!" I told her.  
a) do                      b) succeed                      c) go
- 2) Amber loves to cook, so she never minds lending\_\_\_\_\_in the kitchen.  
a) herself                      b) a hand                      c) her hands
- 3) Vanessa is definitely not a night\_\_\_\_\_. She likes to be in bed by nine o'clock every night.  
a) bird                      b) hawk                      c) owl
- 4) After Mr. Digby was elected president of the company, he thought he was a real\_\_\_\_\_shot.  
a) big                      b) huge                      c) large
- 5) You're taking everything too seriously. You need to lighten  
a) above                      b) up                      c) down
- 6) Let's go! We're already late. Let's get the show on the\_\_\_\_\_.  
a) street                      b) way                      c) road
- 7) When people near me whisper during a movie, it really\_\_\_\_\_on my nerves.  
a) gets                      b) acts                      c) scratches
- 8) Nicole's teacher asked her to help a new exchange student from Argentina with her English homework. Nicole was happy to help\_\_\_\_\_.  
a) around                      b) out                      c) in

## تست های حدس معنی :

**Choose the best substitute for the phrase or sentence in bold:**

- 1) You want me to drive you all the way to Toronto during this snowstorm? **Nothing doing!**
  - a) Great idea!
  - b) No problem!
  - c) Not a chance!
- 2) Len and Ben, college roommates, **stayed up** until 3 a.m. talking and drinking beer. No wonder they didn't wake up until noon the next day!
  - a) didn't go to bed
  - b) went to bed
  - c) didn't eat dinner
- 3) Michael used to work the late shift at McDonald's — from midnight to 8 a.m. He didn't mind since he's **a night owl**.
  - a) a wise person
  - b) a person who goes to sleep early
  - c) a person who likes to stay up late
- 4) The man behind me on the bus wouldn't stop whistling. It really **got on** my nerves!
  - a) entertained me
  - b) annoyed me
  - c) relaxed me
- 5) Our plane leaves in just two hours. If we don't **get the show on the road**, we're going to miss it.
  - a) go into the street
  - b) get ready to go
  - c) call the airline
- 6) You want to attend Yale University? Call my friend Penny. She's **a real big shot** on the admissions committee.
  - a) a powerful person
  - b) a big mouth
  - c) a useless person
- 7) Ted was **fooling around** with his friends when he should've been studying for his chemistry test.
  - a) acting like a fool
  - b) putting time to good use
  - c) wasting time
- 8) You got a big promotion at work? **Way to go!**
  - a) Too bad!
  - b) Good job!
  - c) Sorry to hear that!

Feeling sad?  
A cookie will  
cheer you up!



## NICOLE'S CLOSE ELECTION

*Nicole loses the election at school. She doesn't want to accept it, so she looks for excuses. Ted encourages her to accept defeat and move on.*

*Nicole:* I lost the election **by a hair** — just 10 votes! But I'm not **giving up**.

*Ted:* **Give me a break**, Nicole. You lost. **Live with it!**

*Nicole:* But I was a **sure thing!** If I hadn't stayed up so late baking cookies, I wouldn't have **messed up** my speech.

*Ted:* **Get real**, Nicole.

*Nicole:* It's your fault, Ted. I lost because your friends didn't vote for me!

*Ted:* Don't try to **put the blame on me!** I gave it my best shot.

*Nicole:* They must've made a mistake while counting the votes. I'll demand a re-count on Monday and **set the record straight**.

*Ted:* Don't **make a fool of yourself**, Nicole. **Face it**, Andrea won the election **fair and square!**



Nicole: Well, I just don't know where I **went wrong**.

Susan: Here, take a chocolate chip cookie. That'll **cheer you up for sure!**



## IDIOMS - LESSON 19

**by a hair** - just barely; very narrowly; by a small amount

EXAMPLE 1: Larry won the bicycle race **by a hair**. The second-place winner came in just a second behind him.

EXAMPLE 2: Was the tennis ball in or out? I think it was out **by a hair**. You know the old saying: "When in doubt, call it out!"

**(to) cheer up** - see Lesson 6

**Face it** - see Lesson 1

**fair and square** - honestly

EXAMPLE 1: Did George Bush win the 2000 presidential election **fair and square**? That depends on whether you ask a Democrat or a Republican!

EXAMPLE 2: Tony won the ping pong tournament **fair and square**.

**for sure** - definitely

EXAMPLE 1: This year, Tom Cruise will win an Academy Award **for sure**.

EXAMPLE 2: Mike is the most popular guy in school. If he runs for student body president, he'll win **for sure**.

**Get real** - see Lesson 3

**(to) give it one's best shot** - to try as hard as one can

EXAMPLE 1: Courtney lost the race, but at least she **gave it her best shot**.

EXAMPLE 2: I know you're nervous about the interview. Just **give it your best shot** and see what happens.

**give me a break** - see Lesson 14

**(to) give up** - to admit defeat; to surrender

EXAMPLE 1: Bill **gave up** golf after realizing he'd never be good at it.

EXAMPLE 2: I know you're 100 points ahead of me, but I still might win the Scrabble game. I'm not **giving up** yet!

## درس نوزدهم:

**NICOLE'S CLOSE ELECTION****by a hair**

معنی: با اختلاف خیلی کم ، با اختلاف مویی

**Syn:** by a whisker, by a hair's breadth , narrowly**E.G:** Was the tennis ball in or out? I think it was out **by a hair**. You know the old saying: "When in doubt, call it out!"**fair and square**

معنی: در کمال مردانگی و راستی ، درستکارانه، بی تقلب و درست

**Syn:** within the law , honest and aboveboard**E.G:** Did George Bush win the 2000 presidential election **fair and square**? That depends on whether you ask a Democrat or a Republican!**for sure**

معنی: مطمئناً ، یقیناً ، قطعاً ، صد در صد

**Syn:** without a doubt , dead sure , for certain /a fact ,sure thing , definitely**E.G:** This year, Tom Cruise will win an Academy Award **for sure**.**(to) give it one's best shot**

معنی: نهایت تلاش خود را کردن

**Syn:** do one's best**E.G:** Courtney lost the race, but at least she **gave it her best shot**.**(to) give up**

معنی: تسلیم شدن ، وا دادن

**Syn:** wave / show / raise the white flag , throw in the towel ,give way , give in , cave in ,abandon , lay down your arms , put up with flag**E.G:** Bill **gave up** golf after realizing he'd never be good at it.

**(to) go wrong**

**معنی:** اشتباه کردن ، اشتباه کار کردن (دستگاه و کامپیوتر مثلا...) ، گمراه شدن و راه رو اشتباه رفتن

**Syn:** make a mistake / a bloomer / a boo-boo / a blunder, malfunction (اشتباه کردن) , go oof the rail (منحرف شدن)

**E.G:** Something **went wrong** with my neighbor's car alarm system, and the alarm wouldn't stop ringing all night.

**(to) live with it**

**معنی:** یک حقیقت سخت رو قبول کردن ، بسوز و بساز باهاش

**Syn:** live with , put up with , tolerate , stomach (تحمل کردن)

**E.G:** Your hair will never be straight. Just **live with it!**

"to learn to live with it": یاد بگیر که باهاش کنار بیای

**(to) make a fool of oneself**

**معنی:** مسخره نشان دادن و احمق جلوه دادن ، اسباب خنده شدن

**Make a fool of :** مسخره کردن کسی

**Syn:** make a monkey of / spectacle of / exhibition of oneself

**E.G:** Dan drank too much and then **made a fool of himself.**

**(to) mess up**

**معنی:** گند زدن و خراب کردن ، خرابکاری کردن

**Syn:** botch , spoil , goof up , screw up , louse up , slip up , drop the ball

**E.G:** Ted really **messed up** on his chemistry test. He got a "D."

**(to) put the blame on (someone)**

**معنی:**

**Syn:**

**E.G:** Don't **put the blame on me** that your plants died while you were on vacation. You forgot to tell me to water them!

**(to) set the record straight**

**معنی:** رفع سو تفاهم کردن ، سابقه کاری که اشتباه بیان شده رو درست کردن ، شرح صحیح چیزی رو دادن، یک امار یا گزارشی که اشتباه بوده رو درست و تصحیح کردن

**Syn:** (to) put the record straight, put right , make right

**E.G:** Ken knew his father was innocent, and he hoped he could set **the record straight** one day.

### sure thing

معنی: یه چیز حتمی و قطعی، (در جواب سوال) اره قطعا پس چی، (در جواب تشکر) خواهش میکنم کار نکردم

**E.G:do** you come with us ? sure thing (اره قطعا)

**E.G:hey** thanks for dinner ! \_ sure thing (کاری نکردم خواهش میکنم)

**E.G:** Nicole has a good chance of getting accepted to Yale, but it's still not a **sure thing**. (یه چیز حتمی و قطعی)

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## تمرین جاگذاری بهترین جواب:

*Ted is angry at Nicole because she didn't do a good job on his chemistry homework. Fill in the blanks using the following idioms:*

give me a break

sure thing

put the blame on me

give it my best shot

cheer you up

for sure

live with it

messed up

*Ted:* Nicole, my teacher gave me back my chemistry homework. I got a terrible grade! I thought \_\_\_\_\_ you'd help me get an "A+."

*Nicole:* I'm sorry. I really did \_\_\_\_\_, but I guess it wasn't good enough.

*Ted:* Not good enough? That's right. You really \_\_\_\_\_

*Nicole:* You never should've asked me to do your homework. Don't try to \_\_\_\_\_ for your bad grades.

*Ted:* Yes, my mistake. I thought you were a \_\_\_\_\_

*Nicole:* So you'll get a bad grade in chemistry. Just learn to \_\_\_\_\_. Here, take one of Mom's cookies. It'll help \_\_\_\_\_.

*Ted:* You think a stupid cookie will cheer me up? \_\_\_\_\_ !

## BOB GETS AN ANGRY CALL FROM CAROL

*Carol calls Bob to tell him that a customer found a hair in her cookie. Bob wants Carol to forget about this, but Carol thinks it's very serious. She refuses to buy any more cookies from Bob.*

*Carol:* Bob, a lady came into the Village Market today **ranting and raving**.

*Bob:* Oh yeah? What happened?

*Carol:* She found a blue hair in her chocolate chip cookie!

*Bob:* Aha. I can see how she'd be **taken aback**.

*Carol:* Does anybody in your family have blue hair?

*Bob:* **As a matter of fact**, my son's girlfriend Amber has blue hair.

*Carol:* Bob, I can't sell your cookies anymore.

*Bob:* Aren't you **blowing things out of proportion**?

*Carol:* The health department would **throw the book at me** if they **found out** about this.

**Bob:** Couldn't we just **sweep this under the rug**?

**Carol:** No. This is too serious.

**Bob:** But I was just **getting a handle on** the cookie business. Now what will I do? I don't have any other way of **making a living**!

**Carol:** My **heart goes out to you**, Bob, but you need to **get your act together**. I want to sell *chocolate chip* cookies, not *hair* cookies!

**Bob:** I guess I just **knocked myself out** for the past week for nothing.

**Carol:** Clearly!



## IDIOMS - LESSON 20

**as a matter of fact** - in fact; actually

EXAMPLE 1: We need more milk? **As a matter of fact**, I was just going to ask you to go shopping.

EXAMPLE 2: This isn't the first time Andy has gotten in trouble at school. **As a matter of fact**, just last month he was suspended for an entire week.

**(to) blow things out of proportion** - to exaggerate; to make more of something than one should

EXAMPLE 1: They sent a 12 year-old boy to jail for biting his babysitter? Don't you think they're **blowing things out of proportion**?

EXAMPLE 2: Sally called the police when her neighbor's party got too loud. I think that was **blowing things out of proportion**.

SYNONYM: To make a mountain out of a molehill

**(to) find out** - to learn; to discover

EXAMPLE 1: Al is calling the theater to **find out** what time the movie starts.

EXAMPLE 2: David had a big party at his house while his parents were away on vacation. Fortunately for him, they never **found out**.

## درس بیستم:

**BOB GETS AN ANGRY CALL FROM CAROL****as a matter of fact**

معنی: در واقع ، راستش را بخواهید ....

**Syn:** in fact , in actual fact , in point of fact , to tell the truth , in reality in sooth , if truth be told , verily**E.G:** This isn't the first time Andy has gotten in trouble at school. **As a matter of fact**, just last month he was suspended for an entire week.**(to) blow things out of proportion**

معنی: مبالغه کردن ، از کاه کوه ساختن ، شلوغش کردن ، پیاز داغش رو زیاد کردن

**Syn:** make a mountain out of a molehill , to exaggerate**E.G:** They sent a 12-year-old boy to jail for biting his babysitter? Don't you think they're **blowing things out of proportion**?**(to) find out**

معنی: فهمیدن ، پی بردن ، دریافتن ، درک کردن

**Syn:** figure out , discover , grasp , realize , comprehend, get wind of , learn about**E.G:** Al is calling the theater to **find out** what time the movie starts.**(to) get a handle on**

معنی: سر از کاری درآوردن ، لم کاری رو یادگرفتن ، درکی از کاری پیدا کردن

**Syn:** get the hang of , learn the ropes , get the knack of , find out , figure out**E.G:** Once you **get a handle on** how the game works, please explain it to everybody else.**(to) get one's act together**

معنی: خود را جمع و جور کردن ، بهتر عمل کردن ، به تونی به خود دادن، منظم عمل کردن

**Syn:** get a hold of oneself , pull oneself together , get organized**E.G:** If Ted **gets his act together** now, he might be able to get into a good college.



**(to) knock oneself out**

**معنی:** جان کندن ، خیلی سخت کار کردن ، سخت کوشیدن برای یه چیزی (بعضی اوقات بیش از حد)

Don't knock yourself out!: خودتو نکش ، انقدر سخت کار نکن ، نمیزره انقدر زحمت نکش!

**Syn:** work like a dog , work like a horse/trojan , work one's tail off  
push oneself , go the extra mile

**E.G:** I really **knocked myself out** getting these free concert tickets for you and your girlfriend. I hope you appreciate it.

**one's heart goes out to (someone)**

**معنی:** دل سوزوندن ، برای کسی ناراحت و متاسف بودن (از سر علاقه و دلسوزی)

**Syn:** to feel sorry for someone

**E.G:** My heart goes out to the **Richardsons**. Their home was destroyed in a fire.

**(to) rant and rave**

**معنی:** داد و بیداد کردن ، با حالت عصبانی حرف زدن

**Syn:** mouth off, sound off

**E.G:** Please stop **ranting and raving!** Let's discuss this issue in a calm manner.

**(to) sweep (something) under the rug**

**معنی:** صدای یه رسوایی و خرابکاری رو درنیاوردن و مخفی کردن ، ماسمالی کردن

**Syn:** to sweep sth under the carpet, draw a veil over sth, whitewash, keep secret

**E.G:** "Senator, don't try to **sweep it under the rug**. Everybody knows about your affair with the intern."

**(to be) taken aback**

**معنی:** شوکه شدن ، جاخوردن ، متحیر ماندن ، سورپرایز شدن (جنبه منفی داره این صفت)

**Syn:** amazed, astounded, bowled over , shocked , stunned ,disconcerted, dumbfounded, knocked for six

**E.G:** I was **taken aback** when my friend asked me if she could borrow my toothbrush because she forgot hers at home.

**(to) throw the book at someone**

**معنی:** کسی را مجازات کردن ، کسی را سخت تنبیه کردن

**Syn:** bring to book ,come down on someone like a ton of bricks, rake over the coals

**E.G:** The judge **threw the book at Matt** for stealing a football from the store. He'll be going to jail for six months.

## تست های حدس معنی :

Choose the best substitute for the phrase in bold:

- 1) After Nicole lost the election, she started **ranting and raving**.
  - a) complaining loudly
  - b) speaking quietly
  - c) asking many questions
- 2) When a stranger approached me on the bus and asked to borrow my cell phone, I was **taken aback**.
  - a) disappointed
  - b) surprised
  - c) delighted
- 3) When George showed up for work five minutes late, his boss Beth threatened to fire him. Beth is known for **blowing things out of proportion**.
  - a) making a big deal out of small things
  - b) lying
  - c) creating extra work for someone
- 4) My apartment is always messy. I need to **get my act together** and start cleaning it once a week.
  - a) start pretending
  - b) gather a group of people together
  - c) get organized
- 5) **My heart goes out to** all the homeless people lying outside my apartment building in February.
  - a) I help
  - b) I feel sorry for
  - c) I feel good about
- 6) I just **found out** yesterday that Amber never washes her hands before making cookies. Ted told me.
  - a) saw
  - b) overheard
  - c) learned
- 7) The judge is going to **throw the book at Jim** for robbing several houses.
  - a) release Jim from jail
  - b) charge Jim with an offense
  - c) read to Jim
- 8) Ted's chemistry homework was much more difficult than Nicole had expected. She just couldn't seem to **get a handle on it**.
  - a) finish it
  - b) understand it
  - c) hold it in her hands

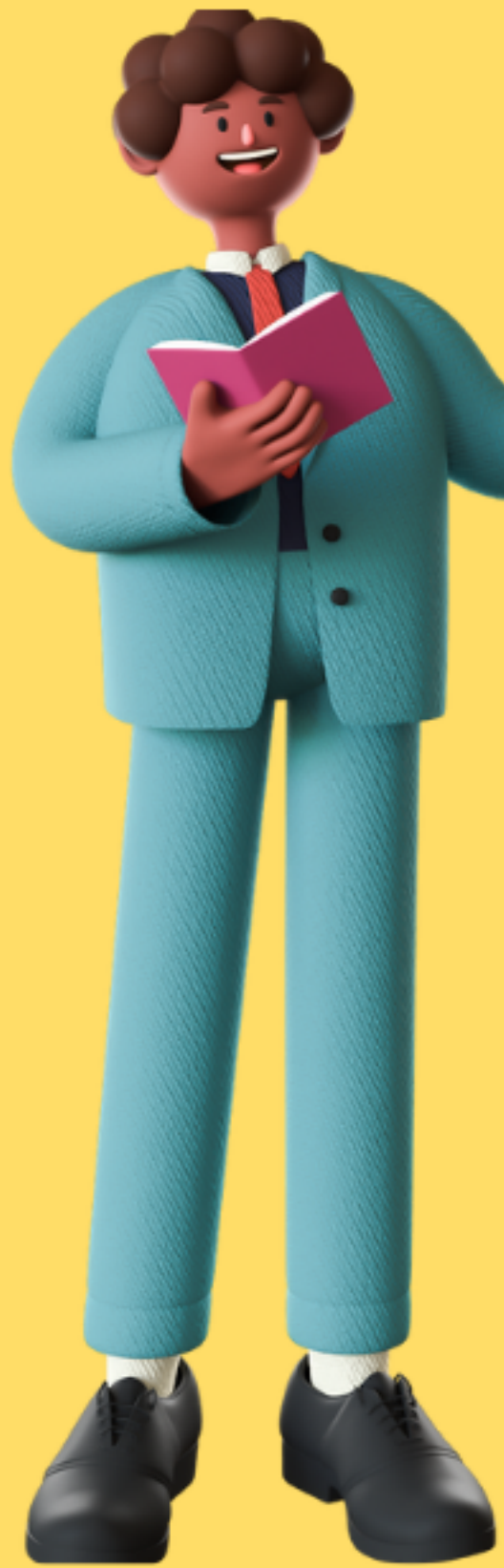
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### Review for lessons 16-20

Fill in the blank with the appropriate word:

- 1) My aunt and uncle are really sitting\_\_\_\_\_. They made a lot of money in the stock market.  
a) rich                      b) poor                      c) pretty
- 2) Lighten\_\_\_\_\_! You need to stop taking your job so seriously.  
a) it                      b) up                      c) over
- 3) After a week, my houseguests really started to get\_\_\_\_\_my nerves. They made long-distance phone calls to Singapore, drank all my wine, and slept until noon every day.  
a) by                      b) in                      c) on
- 4) Amber likes to stay up past midnight every night. She's what you'd call a\_\_\_\_\_owl.  
a) night                      b) busy                      c) day
- 5) Mildred thought she'd have trouble remembering to take her pills. But now, after ten months, it's\_\_\_\_\_nature.  
a) first                      b) second                      c) third
- 6) Susan messed\_\_\_\_\_and left the cookies in the oven for 25 minutes too long. They were ruined.  
a) up                      b) over                      c) away
- 7) Andrea didn't cheat. She won the election fair and\_\_\_\_\_.  
a) easily                      b) circle                      c) square
- 8) Bob didn't know anything about baking when he and Susan started selling cookies, but he quickly learned the\_\_\_\_\_.  
a) chains                      b) ropes                      c) strings
- 9) Ted and his friends were fooling\_\_\_\_\_in the chemistry laboratory when they accidentally started a fire.  
a) around                      b) about                      c) away
- 10) Mary's daughter wanted the new Harry Potter book. But by the time they got to the bookstore, it was already sold\_\_\_\_\_.  
a) out                      b) in                      c) away



IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS

COURSE

LESSON 21-25

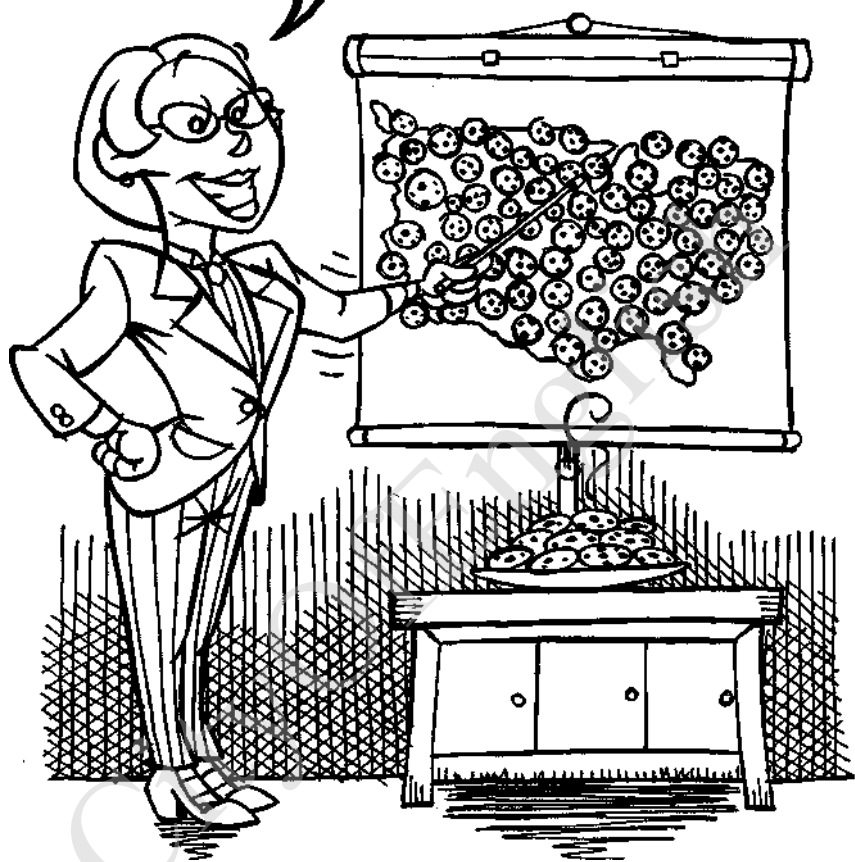


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جلسه پنجم

مدرس دوره: امیرحسین بالاوند

**We'd like to  
sell your cookies all  
over the country.**



## SUSAN GETS A SURPRISE CALL

*Donna from the National Cookie Company calls Susan. She wants to buy out Susan's Scrumptious Cookies. Susan is very happy.*

*Susan:* Hello?

*Donna:* Good afternoon. Are you Susan, of Susan's Scrumptious Cookies?

*Susan:* Yes, I am.

*Donna:* My name is Donna Jenkins, and I'm calling from the National Cookie Company. We're **nuts about** your cookies, and we'd like to sell them **all over** the country.

*Susan:* Unfortunately, we're running **on a shoestring** out of our kitchen. We can't make enough cookies for you.

*Donna:* My company wants to buy the recipe and the brand name from you.

*Susan:* Oh yeah? Why would you want to do that?

*Donna:* We have a successful **track record** of buying small companies and turning them into big ones.

*Susan:* **In that case**, I'm sure we can **come to an agreement**.



*Donna:* Great. You just **made my day!**

*Susan:* You'll need to **work out** the **nuts and bolts** of the agreement with my husband. He's the business manager.

*Donna:* May I speak with him now?

*Susan:* He's at a meeting. I'll have him get **in touch with** you when he returns.

*Donna:* Good. I **look forward to** speaking with him.



## IDIOMS - LESSON 21

**all over** - throughout; everywhere

EXAMPLE 1: Nicole's classmates are from **all over** the world, including Argentina, Brazil, China, Japan, Korea, Poland, and Ukraine.

EXAMPLE 2: Oh no! I got ketchup **all over** my white sweater.

**(to) come to an agreement** - to reach an agreement

EXAMPLE 1: If we can **come to an agreement** now, I can start work on Monday.

EXAMPLE 2: If you're not willing to negotiate, it's going to be very difficult for us to **come to an agreement**.

**in that case** - under that circumstance

EXAMPLE 1: It's snowing? **In that case**, you'd better take the bus to school today instead of driving.

EXAMPLE 2: You forgot your wallet at home today? **In that case**, you can borrow five bucks from me for lunch.

**(to be or to get) in touch with (someone)** - to be *or* to get in contact with (someone)

EXAMPLE 1: I was surprised when Luis called me, since we hadn't been **in touch with each other** since high school.

EXAMPLE 2: Leave me your contact information in case I need to **get in touch with you** while you're on vacation.

## درس بیست و یک:

**SUSAN GETS A SURPRISE CALL****all over**

معنی: سر تا سر ، کاملاً ، همه جا ، در کل....

**Syn:**cap a pie, from one end to the other, throughout**E.G:** Oh no! I got ketchup **all over** my white sweater.**(to) come to an agreement**

معنی: به توافق رسیدن ، به تفاهم رسیدن، حد وسط را گرفتن

**Syn:**come to an understanding / terms , reach an compromise / agreement / accord , meet each other halfway / in the middle , establish/ find a middle ground**E.G:** If you're not willing to negotiate, it's going to be very difficult for us to **come to an agreement**.**in that case**

معنی: در آن صورت ، در آن حالت.... ، با این وجود ....

**Syn:**that being the case , that being so ,as a result of doing this under that circumstance**E.G:** You forgot your wallet at home today? **In that case**, you can borrow five bucks from me for lunch.**(to be or to get) in touch with (someone)**

معنی: در تماس و ارتباط بودن با کسی ، تماس و ارتباط گرفتن با کسی

**Syn:**to be or get in contact with, communicate, touch base (with sb)**E.G:** Leave me your contact information in case I need to **get in touch with you** while you're on vacation.**(to) look forward to**

معنی: چشم انتظار بودن ، انتظار کشیدن ، صبر کردن (با اشتیاق) ، فعل بعد از این اصطلاح به همراه ing میا د!!

**Syn:**be unable to wait for sth, be gung-ho about, count the days until ,await with gusto**E.G:** I'm **looking forward to** my trip to Mexico next month.



**(to) make one's day**

معنی: روز کسی را ساختن ، باعث خوشحالی کسی شدن

**Syn:** give someone a kick , cheer up , gladden ,

**E.G:** Thanks for bringing over those cookies last week. That **made my day!**

**nuts and bolts**

معنی: زیر و بم کاری ، چفت و بست کاری ، جزییات ، اصول اساسی کاری

**Syn:** brass tacks , ropes , ins and outs , nitty-gritty , basics , details

**E.G:** Simon really understands the **nuts and bolts** of how toilets work. He would be a very good plumber.

**on a shoestring**

معنی: با پول و بودجه بسیار کم ، روی خط فقر، معنی اقتصادی و با صرفه جویی به دور از اسراف زندگی کردن هم می‌دهد

**Syn:** be economical / sparing / thrifty, cut corners, pinch / count pennies , tighten your belt , watch/pinch your pennies

**E.G:** Bob and Susan were living **on a shoestring** after Bob lost his job.

**track record**

معنی: سابقه کار های پیشین (موفقیت ها ، دستاورد ها ... ) ، آمار اعمال و موفقیت های پیشین

**Syn:** background , achievements , accomplishments

**E.G:** We've spoken to your past employers, so we know you've got an excellent **track record**.

**(to) work out**

معنی: حل کردن (مشکلات ، سوالات و...) ، موفق شدن و نتیجه دادن ، دوام آوردن ، ورزش کردن

**E.G:** Sally couldn't **work out** her problems with her neighbors, so she finally decided to move away. (حل کردن)

**E.G:** This plan won't **work out** — you'll need to go back to the drawing board and work out a new plan. (نتیجه دادن)

**E.G:** Tony and Angela argue all the time. I don't think their marriage will **work out**. (دوام آوردن)

**E.G:** After **working out** at the gym for two hours, Scott could barely walk. (ورزش کردن)

## تست های ریزه کاری !!!

- 1) There's a handsome exchange student from Sweden at Nicole's school this year. Nicole is nuts \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
a) with                      b) into                      c) about
- 2) Susan and Bob were able to come \_\_\_\_\_ an agreement with the representative from the National Cookie Company.  
a) from                      b) with                      c) to
- 3) When somebody has a successful track \_\_\_\_\_, it's usually easy for them to find a new job.  
a) record                      b) history                      c) past
- 4) Let's have dinner on Saturday night. I'll get in touch \_\_\_\_\_ you later to choose a restaurant.  
a) from                      b) by                      c) with
- 5) Susan doesn't have a lot of money. In fact, she's running her business \_\_\_\_\_ a shoestring.  
a) with                      b) on                      c) in
- 6) You can find Starbucks coffee houses all \_\_\_\_\_ the country, from New York to California.  
a) over                      b) above                      c) within
- 7) Bob hasn't been on vacation in years. He's really looking \_\_\_\_\_ to his trip to Maine.  
a) above                      b) forward                      c) ahead
- 8) Ted's teacher helped him work \_\_\_\_\_ a study schedule.  
a) out                      b) in                      c) through

## SUSAN SHARES THE GOOD NEWS

*Bob tells Susan that the Village Market won't take their cookies anymore. Susan tells Bob that the National Cookie Company wants to buy out Susan's Scrumptious Cookies.*

*Bob:* Dear, I've got some bad news.

*Susan:* **What's the matter, Bob?**

*Bob:* The Village Market won't take any more of our cookies.

*Susan:* Why not? They're **selling like hotcakes!**

*Bob:* I know, but a lady found a blue hair in her cookie. Now Carol refuses to sell them.

*Susan:* Carol is such a **dragon lady!** We're **better off** having **nothing to do with her.**

*Bob:* She's not my **cup of tea** either, but she was selling lots of cookies.

*Susan:* Oh well. **That's the way the cookie crumbles.** Ha ha. **Get it?**

*Bob:* Susan, this is **no laughing matter!**

*Susan:* Bob, we don't need the Village Market anymore.

**Bob:** Why not?

**Susan:** The National Cookie Company called. They want to **buy out** our business.

**Bob:** Susan, this is a **dream come true**. It looks like we've **struck it rich**!

**Susan:** Yes. Soon we'll be **rolling in dough**!



## IDIOMS - LESSON 22

**better off** - in a more fortunate position

EXAMPLE 1: We're **better off** leaving for France on Thursday evening, so we can spend the entire weekend there.

EXAMPLE 2: If you're interested in studying languages, you'd be **better off** attending Northwestern University than the University of Chicago.

NOTE: This expression is often used with conditional tense (would), especially when you're giving advice: "you *would be* better off doing something" or "you'd *be* better off doing something."

**(to) buy out** - to purchase an entire business or someone's share of a business

EXAMPLE 1: Microsoft **bought out** Adam's company for \$12 million.

EXAMPLE 2: Harriett and Jane sell homemade snack chips. They hope one day a big company will **buy out** their business.

**cup of tea** - see Lesson 5

**dragon lady** - a nasty woman who misuses her power

EXAMPLE 1: Beth is a real **dragon lady**. She's always screaming at her employees and blaming them for her mistakes. I hope she gets fired!

EXAMPLE 2: Liz was nasty to you? I'm not surprised. She's a **dragon lady**.

SYNONYMS: bitch [slang]; shrew

**(to) get it** - to understand

EXAMPLE 1: I invited 40 people to my Thanksgiving dinner, but only 10 people came. I don't **get it**!

EXAMPLE 2: Don't you **get it**? Your company is about to go out of business!

## درس بیست و دو:

**SUSAN SHARES THE GOOD NEWS****better off**

معنی: وضع بهتر ، وضعیت شغلی و اقتصادی و زندگی و وع کلی بهتر، آسوده تر

**Most of the times used with: would****E.G:** If you're interested in studying languages, you'd be **better off** attending Northwestern University than the University of Chicago.**(to) buy out**

معنی: سهم کسی را خریدن ، یک جا خریدن ، کلا خریدن ، خرید انحصاری کردن

**Syn:** to purchase an entire business or someone's share of a business**E.G:** Microsoft **bought out** Adam's company for \$12 million.**dragon lady**

معنی: زن خشن و غرغرو ، مادر فولازره ، سلیطه

**Syn:** shrew, termagant**E.G:** Liz was nasty to you? I'm not surprised. She's a **dragon lady**.**(to) get it**

معنی: فهمیدن ، اها گرفتم چی میگه....

**Syn:** get the drift / the picture / the message / the point , grasp , latch on, tumble to**E.G:** Don't you **get it**? Your company is about to go out of business!**it looks like**

معنی: به نظر میرسد که ، به نظر میاد که .....

**Syn:** it appears, it seems, seemingly, as if / though ,**E.G:** **It looks like** it's going to rain, so we'd better just cancel the picnic now.**To be no laughing matter**

معنی: خنده نداره ، چیز خنده داری نیست ، شوخی بردار نبودن

**Syn:** no joke , not a trivial issue , no nonsense**E.G:** When the tornado came into town, it was **no laughing matter**.

**nothing to do with (someone or something)**

معنی: قطع رابطه کردن ، رابطه با کسی یا چیزی را قطع کردن و درگیرشون نشدن

**Have nothing to do with sb** هم داریم

**Syn:** not have any relationship with someone, to not get involved with something

**E.G:** After I found out that Nora shoplifted some lipstick from the drugstore, I wanted **nothing to do with her.**

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**rolling in dough**

معنی: خر پول ، مایه داره ، خیلی پولدار

**Syn:**rolling in it / money , loaded , well-off , made of money , cash rich , with deep pockets , moneyed

**E.G:** Susan and Bob don't need to work anymore. They're **rolling in dough.**

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**(to) strike it rich**

معنی: یهویی پول زیادی دراوردن ، یه شبه پولدار شدن ، (معنی معدن و گنج پیدا کردن هم داره)

**Syn:**hit the jack pot , rake it in , laugh all the way to the bank , make a killing/pile /bomb/fortune//bomb/haul /bundle

(اصطلاح های آخر پول دراوردن. تقریبا معادل همین اصطلاح هستش )

**E.G:** Chad **struck it rich** with the winning lottery ticket.

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**that's the way the cookie crumbles**

معنی: زندگی همینه دیگه ، چیکارش میشه کرد ، تا بوده همین بوده دیگه کاریش نمیشه کرد

**Syn:**those are the breaks

**E.G:** Somebody drank your last can of Pepsi? Oh well, **that's the way the cookie crumbles.**

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## تست های حدس معنی:

Choose the best substitute for the phrase or sentence in bold:

- 1) "What's the matter? You don't look happy."  
a) How are you?  
b) What does it mean?  
c) What's wrong?
- 2) We sold our business. Now we're rolling in dough!  
a) we're still making cookies  
b) we're rich  
c) we're poor
- 3) How could a woman find a hair in her cookie? I just don't get it.  
a) I don't understand it.  
b) I don't get hair in my cookies.  
c) I don't believe it.
- 4) Ted and Amber think they're going to strike it rich in the music business.  
a) get hurt  
b) make lots of money  
c) hit something
- 5) Bob thought that losing his job at the furniture store was no laughing matter.  
a) something serious  
b) something to laugh about  
c) something that doesn't really matter
- 6) My boss at the plastics company was a real dragon lady. Whenever I went into her office, she started yelling.  
a) ugly woman  
b) nasty woman  
c) fire-breathing monster

- 7) Nicole, I'm sorry you lost the election for president, but **that's the way the cookie crumbles.**
- a) that's how it goes and you can't do anything about it
  - b) sometimes cookies fall apart
  - c) when bad things happen, you should be very upset
- 8) A few months after Peter fired Bob, his furniture store **went out of business.**
- a) started doing better
  - b) moved to a different location
  - c) closed



There she is –  
three sheets to  
the wind again!



# BOB HAS A SURPRISE VISITOR

*Bob's former boss Peter, from the furniture store, comes to visit. He offers Bob his old job back, but Bob's not interested.*

*Peter:* Hi Bob. I was just in the neighborhood so I thought I'd **stop by**.

*Bob:* **Come on in**. Take a cookie.

*Peter:* Thanks. I'm glad to see you're not **holding a grudge against** me for firing you.

*Bob:* Not at all. **At first**, it **burned me up**. But I feel better now.

*Peter:* Good. I'm glad you have **no hard feelings**. How would you like your old job back?

*Bob:* What happened to your wonderful new manager?

*Peter:* She drank at work. By five o'clock, she'd be lying under a dining room table, **three sheets to the wind**. Yesterday, I finally **got rid of** her.

*Bob:* Let me **get this straight**. You replaced me with some crazy woman who **got plastered** every day **on the job**?

*Peter:* Yeah, I **lost my head**.

*Bob:* I don't think you lost your head. I just think you've got rocks in your head!

*Peter:* Bob, I'm trying to **level with you**. I never should've **let you go**.

*Bob:* **No use crying over spilt milk**.

*Peter:* So you'll come back and work for me?

*Bob:* **Not on your life!** Susan and I are very **well off** now. We just sold our new company for a **small fortune!**



## IDIOMS - LESSON 23

**at first** - see *Lesson 16*

**(to) burn someone up** - to make someone angry

EXAMPLE 1: Jenny didn't vote for Nicole. That really **burns Nicole up**.

EXAMPLE 2: I can't believe Kristen and Andrew didn't invite us to their wedding. That really **burns me up!**

**come on in** - enter

EXAMPLE 1: **Come on in**, the door's open!

EXAMPLE 2: If nobody answers the door when you ring tonight, just **come on in**.

NOTE: This is a more conversational way of saying "come in."

**(to) get plastered** [slang] - to get drunk

EXAMPLE 1: Harold **got plastered** at the wedding and fell into the wedding cake.

EXAMPLE 2: That's your fifth martini. What are you trying to do, **get plastered?**

SYNONYMS: to get loaded [slang]; to get sloshed [slang]

**(to) get rid of** - to free oneself of; to throw out

EXAMPLE 1: We finally **got rid of** our spider problem, but now we have ants.

EXAMPLE 2: I've got too many old magazines and newspapers in my office. I need to **get rid of** some of them.

## درس بیست و سه:

**BOB HAS A SURPRISE VISITOR****(to) burn someone up**

معنی: کسی را عصبانی کردن ، آتیشی کردن کسی

**Syn:** drive one crazy, madden , peeve , agitate , drive up the wall , get on one's nerves , make some one's blood boil , make someone see red**E.G:** Jenny didn't vote for Nicole. That really **burns Nicole up**.**come on in**

معنی: بیا تو ، بفرما تو (حالت امری و تعارف دارخ اکثرا)

**Syn:** enter , come in , get in , set foot in**E.G:** **Come on in**, the door's open!**(to) get plastered**

معنی: مست شدن

**Syn:** to get loaded, to get sloshed**E.G:** Harold **got plastered** at the wedding and fell into the wedding cake.**(to) get rid of**

معنی: از شر چیزی یا کسی خلاص شدن ، از دست کسی یا چیزی راحت شدن، دور انداختن....

**Syn:** get shot of , get shut of, toss out , chuck away , weed out**E.G:** We finally **got rid of** our spider problem, but now we have ants.**(to) get (something) straight**

معنی روشن کردن یه مسئله ای ، فهمیدن ، توضیح دادن چیزی ، بذار ببینم درست فهمیدم....

**Syn:** clarify , make plain , simplify , shed light on (روشن کردن) , find out , get it figure out , grasp**E.G:** Let me **get this straight** — you're leaving your husband?**(to) hold a grudge against (someone)**

معنی: کینه داشتن از کسی ، از کسی عصبانی و ناراحت بودن

**Syn:** bear a grudge against sb, have hard feelings / bad blood , toward sb have bitterness/ill will**E.G:** Nicole **holds a grudge against Jenny** for voting for Andrea instead of her.

**(to) let (someone) go**

معنی: کسی را اخراج کردن، کسی را رها کردن

**Syn:** give sb the ax / sack / their cards / bullet / elbow / boot / walking paper / gate / pink slip , fire someone , dismiss a person from a job

**E.G:** The Xerxes Corporation was doing so poorly, they had to **let many workers go** earlier this year.

**(to) level with (someone)**

معنی: روراست بودن با کسی ، صادق بودن با کسی

**Syn:** To be clear / frank / direct / straight / candid / straightforward , call a spade a spade

**E.G:** Let me **level with you**. I'm voting for Andrea instead of you.

**(to) lose one's head**

معنی: از خود بیخود شدن ، از کوره در رفتن ، عقل خود را از دست دادن (مگه عقلتو از دست دادی)  
رد دادن

**Syn:** freak out , lose one's mind / senses / temper / cool / reason , hit the ceiling / the roof , freak out , go nuts , go mad / crazy / insane , go off the wall , crack up , go bananas , blow up , go off one's rocker , see red

**E.G:** Nicole **lost her head** after losing the elections and started yelling at all her friends.

**hard feelings**

معنی: احساس ناراحتی، کینه ، بغض و عصبانیت ، دلخوری، دلگیری

**Syn:** bitterness , ill will , ill feeling(s), bad blood, enmity

**E.G:** know you were disappointed that I beat you in the golf tournament, but I hope there are **no hard feelings**

**no use crying over spilt milk**

معنی: کاریه که شده ، کاریش نمیشه کرد ، آب ریخته شده رو نمیشه جمعش کرد بیخیال

**Syn:** what's done is done

**E.G:** Your bike was ruined in an accident? There's **no use crying over spilt milk**. You'll just have to buy a new one.

**Not on your life!**

معنی: عمر!!!! ، محاله ، معلومه که نه ، اصلا و ابدا !!!!!

**Syn:** no way! Nope! forget it, by no means, not on your nelly, never!

**E.G:** You want me to sit in that sauna for an hour? **Not on your life!**

**on the job**

معنی: سر کار ، در محل کار

**Syn:** on duty , at work

**E.G:** Jennifer has four men **on the job** painting her house.

**small fortune**

معنی: پول خوب ، پول زیاد ، مقدار زیادی پول

**Syn:** a bundle, a killing ,a mint , a packet , a fortune ,a bomb ,a stack , , big money , big bucks ,pretty penny, large sum

**E.G:** You won \$25,000 in the lottery? That's a **small fortune!**

**(to) stop by**

معنی: سر زدن به به کسی یا جایی ، به ملاقات کوتاه داشتن

**Syn:** drop by , call by ,pop in ,come by , swing by ,fall by , pay a brief visit

**E.G:** **Stop by** my office on your way home tonight.

**three sheets to the wind**

معنی: مست

**Syn:** wasted; liquored up; dead drunk

**E.G:** Somebody needs to make sure Greg gets home safely. He's **three sheets to the wind.**

**well off**

معنی: پولدار ،داری وضع خوب ، دارای زندگی آسوده ، ثروتمند

**Syn:** well to do ,in/on easy street , prosperous ,loaded , in clover , well heeled, well fixed , deep-pocketed , monied

**E.G:** Debbie is a doctor and her husband is a lawyer. They're quite **well off.**

## تست های حدس معنی:

**Choose the best substitute for the phrase or sentence in bold:**

- 1) Nicole was very angry that she lost the election. Her mother told her **there was no use crying over spilt milk**.
  - a) there was no point in feeling bad about what can't be changed
  - b) she should think about all the mistakes she made
  - c) maybe she could still change the results
- 2) Many people have died while climbing Mount Everest. Would I like to try it? **Not on your life!**
  - a) Not if it means you'll be risking your life!
  - b) Yes, definitely
  - c) No way!
- 3) When Carol told Bob she could no longer sell Susan's Scrumptious Cookies, it really **burned him up**.
  - a) made him feel happy
  - b) made him feel sick
  - c) made him very angry
- 4) Sara, I'm going to have to **let you go**. You come to work late every day and spend all day chatting with your friends.
  - a) fire you
  - b) give you more vacation time
  - c) yell at you
- 5) One day, Nicole woke up with big red spots on her face. She didn't know how to **get rid of** them.
  - a) make more of
  - b) remove
  - c) encourage
- 6) Thanks for coming to my party. **Come on in!**
  - a) See you later!
  - b) Go away!
  - c) Enter!
- 7) Susan was **three sheets to the wind**. Bob told her not to drink any more pifia coladas.
  - a) really drunk
  - b) very thirsty
  - c) feeling very tired
- 8) Now that Bob is **well off**, he definitely won't be **taking a job** at McDonald's.
  - a) employed
  - b) feeling well
  - c) secure financially





LESSON 24

## AMBER WRITES A SONG

*Ted always writes the songs for the rock band. but now Amber says she wants to start writing songs too. She sings him the first lines of her new song.*

*Amber:* Ted, you know how **all along** you've been **in charge of** all the lyrics for our band?

*Ted:* That's right, Amber. Everybody loves my songs!

*Amber:* Well, I hope they'll love my songs too.

*Ted:* But you don't write songs.

*Amber:* I'm **sick and tired of** singing your songs all the time. I want to sing my own songs!

*Ted:* Okay, no need to **freak out! First things first.** Have you written a song yet?

*Amber:* Yes, **as a matter of fact,** I have.

*Ted:* Well, let's hear it then.

*Amber:* Okay, but it's still a work **in progress.**

*Ted:* Stop trying to **buy time.** Let's hear the song!

Amber: 🎵 My boyfriend is crazy. **Crazy about** baking cookies.  
I know **for sure** that there is no cure... 🎵

Ted: **Cut it out!** Stop teasing me. I *am* cured.

Amber: **All better?**

Ted: Yes. I'll never bake another cookie again. My parents **made a fortune**. Now we can all just **chill out!**



## IDIOMS - LESSON 24

**all along** - throughout; from beginning to end

EXAMPLE 1: Jenny told Nicole she would vote for her, but **all along** she was planning on voting for Andrea.

EXAMPLE 2: I never believed Joel when he told us he was marrying a princess from Denmark. I knew **all along** that he was lying.

**all better** - completely cured

EXAMPLE 1: "**All better?**" asked Maureen, after her son stopped crying.

EXAMPLE 2: If you're not **all better**, you shouldn't go to work tomorrow.

**as a matter of fact** - *see Lesson 20*

**(to) buy (some) time** - to make more time available (in order to achieve a certain purpose)

EXAMPLE 1: We're not sure yet whether or not we want to buy the house. We'd better **buy some time** so we can think about it over the weekend.

EXAMPLE 2: I'm not sure whether or not I want to take the job offer. I'd better **buy some time** to think about it.

**(to) chill out** [slang] - to relax

EXAMPLE 1: **Chill out!** If we miss this train, we'll just take the next one.

EXAMPLE 2: Your dog ate your homework? **Chill out**, I'm sure your teacher will understand!

**(to be) crazy about** - *see Lesson 5*

## درس بیست و چهار:

**AMBER WRITES A SONG****all along**

معنی: در تمام مدت ، سراسر زمان ، در تمام طول این مدت

**Syn:** throughout ,from beginning to end , from start to finish of , the whole time during , throughout the expanse/width/extent of**E.G:** I never believed Joel when he told us he was marrying a princess from Denmark. I knew **all along** that he was lying.**all better**

معنی: کاملاً درمان شدن و خوب شدن و سرحال شدن

**Syn:** completely cured / healed ,full recovery**E.G:** If you're not **all better**, you shouldn't go to work tomorrow.**(to) buy (some) time**

معنی: زمان خریدن ، وقت اضافه به دست آوردن

**Syn:** use delaying tactics , gain time ,play for time , play a waiting game**E.G:** I'm not sure whether or not I want to take the job offer. I'd better **buy some time** to think about it.**(to) chill out**

معنی: ریلکس کردن ، آرام شدن ، آرامش خود را حفظ کردن

**Syn:** lighten up , calm down , cheer up , take things easy , unwind  
loosen up , keep calm , simmer down , take a chill pill ,cool down**E.G:** Your dog ate your homework? **Chill out**, I'm sure your teacher will understand!**(to) cut it out**معنی: (در حالت امری) بس کن و تمومش کن و دست بردار ،تموم کردن ، دست برداشتن از یه کار  
آزار دهنده**Syn:** knock it off ,give it a break ,enough is enough , enough is too much**E.G: Cut it out!** Stop trying to pull my shoes off!**first things first**

معنی: اول از همه .... پیش از همه .... بیا اول رو موضوع اصلی و مهم تمرکز کنیم....

**Syn:** firstly**E.G:** You want to ask your teacher if you can hand in your paper two weeks late? **First things first**, you'd better think of an excuse.

(to) **freak out**

معنی: قاطی کردن ، از خود بی خود شدن ، رد دادن

**Syn:** fly off the handle , flip out , go ballistic , go bananas / ape , go nuts / crazy / mad , crack up , blow a gasket / one's stack , pop one's cork

**E.G:** Don't **freak out** when I tell you this, but I lost the laptop you lent me last week.

(to be) **in charge of**

معنی: مسئول چیزی بودن ، عهده دار کسی یا چیزی بودن ، مسئولیت داشتن (در کل)

**Syn:** be responsible for , be in command of , be in control of

**E.G:** John is **in charge of** all international sales for his company.

**in progress**

معنی: در جریان ، در دست اقدام ، در حال انجام

**Syn:** under way , in process , happening , proceeding , taking place in operation

**E.G:** Once the test is **in progress**, you will not be allowed to leave the room.

(to) **make a fortune**

معنی: پول کلانی به جیب زدن ، پول زیادی درآوردن

**Syn:** make a bundle / a killing / a large / big bucks / a pretty penny , rake it in

**E.G:** Adam **made a fortune** when he sold his company to Microsoft.

(to be) **sick and tired of**

معنی: خسته شدن از چیزی ، از چیزی حال به هم خوردن ، از چیزی انزجار پیدا کردن

**Syn:** to have enough of sth , to be fed up with , bored with , sick of , tired of

**E.G:** I'm **sick and tired of** this nasty weather we've been having!

## تمرین ها جایگذاری:

buy time	cut it out
chill out	in charge of
freaked out	sick and tired of
all along	first things first

- 1) Nicole really \_\_\_\_\_ when she heard she lost the presidential election. She threw her books across the room!
- 2) Ted, why do you always leave your dirty clothes on the floor? Your mother is \_\_\_\_\_ cleaning up after you.
- 3) Donna, from the National Cookie Company, wanted Susan to sign a contract right away. Susan told her \_\_\_\_\_. She wanted to speak to a lawyer before signing any papers.
- 4) As president of the Spanish Club, Nicole will be \_\_\_\_\_ organizing a trip to Spain in the spring.
- 5) When Nicole saw a group of her brother's friends laughing at her, she told them to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6) After losing the election, Nicole was very upset. She needed to take it easy and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7) Bob and Susan weren't sure yet how much they wanted to sell their cookie company for. They needed to \_\_\_\_\_ so they could get some advice.
- 8) Nicole had assumed \_\_\_\_\_ that she was going to win the election. She was really surprised when she lost.

## تست های ریزه کاری :

- 1) Billy fell down the stairs and started crying. When he finally stopped, his mother asked, "All \_\_\_\_\_?"  
 a) good                      b) better                      c) okay
- 2) Amber was happy when Ted said they didn't have to bake any more cookies. She was sick and tired \_\_\_\_\_ baking cookies.  
 a) of                          b) with                          c) at
- 3) Ethan hasn't yet made up his mind whether or not to accept the job offer. He needs to \_\_\_\_\_ some time.  
 a) buy                          b) purchase                      c) get
- 4) The man behind me on the train was whistling loudly. It was giving me a headache. Finally, I told him to \_\_\_\_\_ it out.  
 a) stop                          b) cut                          c) sever
- 5) Chill \_\_\_\_\_! We're only going to be a few minutes late.  
 a) it                              b) in                              c) out
- 6) Adam \_\_\_\_\_ a fortune working in computers in the late 90's. He was able to retire at age 39.  
 a) had                          b) made                          c) found
- 7) The students were told that while the test was \_\_\_\_\_ progress, they wouldn't be allowed to leave the classroom.  
 a) with                          b) in                              c) at
- 8) Victoria has a big job. She's in charge \_\_\_\_\_ the marketing department at her company.  
 a) at                              b) with                              c) of

**Ted, come  
to New York and  
I'll foot the bill for  
everything!**

**Wow,  
this is a dream  
come true!**



## TED BRINGS HOME MORE GOOD NEWS

*Ted tells his family that a talent agent wants to meet with him. The agent will fly Ted and Amber to New York. Nicole announces that she's been named president of the Spanish Club.*

*Ted:* Amber and I are going to **break into** the music business. Last night after our concert, a talent agent asked us to meet with him in New York.

*Susan:* Congratulations! We'll give you some **spending money** for your trip.

*Ted:* No need. The agent is **footing the bill** for everything. And when we get there, he's going to **wine and dine** us.

*Susan:* He must think you're the **cream of the crop**.

*Ted:* He thinks we sound like the Goo Goo Dolls.

*Nicole:* Who are they?

*Ted:* You're really **out of it**. They're a popular rock band.

*Nicole:* Our family is certainly on a **winning streak**. I was elected president of the Spanish Club today.

*Ted:* The Spanish Club? **Big deal!**



*Nicole:* You don't **get it**, Ted. This is only the beginning. Today, president of the Spanish Club. Tomorrow, ambassador to Spain!

*Ted:* Well, Ambassador, you'll need to **wrap up** my chemistry homework before you leave for the Spanish Embassy.

*Susan:* A rock star and a diplomat — I'm so proud of both of you!



## IDIOMS - LESSON 25

**Big deal!** - So what? That doesn't really matter.

EXAMPLE 1: You won five dollars in the lottery? **Big deal!**

EXAMPLE 2: Your father has a job with a big company in New York City?  
**Big deal!**

**(to) break into** - to enter or be let into a profession

EXAMPLE 1: If you want to **break into** journalism, it's a good idea to work on a college newspaper.

EXAMPLE 2: These days it's difficult to **break into** investment banking.

NOTE: "Break into" has several other meanings:

1. Interrupt. Boris and I were talking. Please don't try to **break into** our conversation.
2. Enter illegally or by force. Somebody **broke into** Peter's house and stole his DVD player.
3. To suddenly begin an activity, such as singing. After receiving the check from the National Cookie Company, Susan **broke into** song.

**cream of the crop** - the best of a group

EXAMPLE 1: In the world of women's tennis, the Williams sisters are the **cream of the crop**.

EXAMPLE 2: Of course you'll get accepted to Harvard. Don't forget, you're the **cream of the crop!**

SYNONYM: creme de la creme

## درس بیست و پنج:

**TED BRINGS HOME MORE GOOD NEWS****Big deal!**

معنی خوب که چی؟ ، خب چیکار بکنم؟ ، شاخ غول که نشکوندی ، کوه نکندی که:

وقتی از این اصطلاح استفاده میشه که بخواهیم کاری رو کم ارزش و بی اهمیت نشون بدیم

**Syn:** so what?, who cares? , that doesn't impress me much

**E.G:** Your father has a job with a big company in New York City? **Big deal!**

**(to) break into**

معنی: وارد حرفه و کاری شدن ، پریدن وسط حرف کسی ، غیر قانونی یا به زور وارد جایی

شدن ، ناگهان کاری رو انجام دادن ، یک دفعه یک کاری رو کردن

**E.G:** These days it's difficult to **break into** investment banking. (وارد حرفه شدن)

**E.G:** Interrupt. Boris and I were talking. Please don't try to **break into** our conversation. (پریدن وسط حرف)

**E.G:** Enter illegally or by force. Somebody **broke into** Peter's house and stole his DVD player. (به زور یا غیر قانونی وارد جایی شدن)

**E.G:** To suddenly begin an activity, such as crying. After receiving the check from the Company, Susan **broke into** song. (burst into)

**cream of the crop**

معنی: گل سرسبد یک گروه یا مجموعه ، بهترین ، سرآمد

**Syn:** creme de la creme ,pick of the litter /bunch/basket ,best of the best/bunch

**E.G:** Of course you'll get accepted to Harvard. Don't forget, you're the **cream of the crop!**

**(to) foot the bill**

معنی: پرداخت کردن ، پول را حساب کردن

**Syn:** pick up the tab/check ,shell out ,cough up ,fork out,pony up,stump up

**E.G:** Fortunately, whenever we go out to dinner with the boss, she **foots the bill.**

**(to be) out of it**

**معنی:** از قضیه ای پرت بودن ، بیرون از باغ بودن ، اطلاعاتی نداشتن از چیز های جدید و مدرن ، گیج و بی حواس و ناهوشیار

**Syn:** dizzy , absent-minded , confounded , muddle-headed , muzzy , woozy (گیج و ناهوشیار)

**E.G:** After staying up all night studying, Ted felt **out of it** the next day.

( گیج و بی )

(حواس)

**E.G:** Don't ask for Susan's advice on fashion. She's really **out of it**. She wears sneakers with everything. (از چیز های جدید اطلاعی نداشتن.)

**spending money**

(هم)

**معنی:** پول توجیبی ، خرجی ، پول برای خرج های کوچک شخصی  
پولی که از پدرمادر میگیری هم پولی که برای خرج های کوچک با خودت داری)

**Syn:** pocket money, mad money , pin money

**E.G:** Martin's parents are paying his college tuition, but he has to earn his own **spending money**. (پول برای خرج های کوچک شخصی.)

**E.G:** Before Tim left for Europe, his parents gave him \$400 in **spending money**. (پول توجیبی.)

**(to) wine and dine**

**معنی:** سور دادن ، سور و سات راه انداختن ، خیلی خوب پذیرایی کردن (دعوت به وعده غذایی و..)

**Syn:** regale , kill the fatted calf , roll out the red carpet/bring out the red carpet for sb , feast

**E.G:** Donna **wined and dined** Bob and Susan and then presented them with a contract for the sale of Susan's Scrumptious Cookies.

**(to be on a) winning streak**

**معنی:** روی دور برد بودن ، پیروزی و موفقیت پشت سر هم (داشتن)، برد پشت سر هم

**Syn:** lucky streak (در قماربازی اکثرا) , hot streak , run of luck

**E.G:** You won 10 games in a row? You're on a **winning streak**!

**(to) wrap up**

**معنی:** تمام کردن شدن ، به نتیجه رسیدن یا رساندن ، خاتمه دادن ، معنی جمع بندی و خلاصه یه کاری یا چیزی هم میده

**Syn:** bring to a finish , bring to a close , bring to an end , finish , terminate , conclude

**E.G:** Okay folks, let's **wrap up** these exercises so we can go home early tonight.

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## تست های ریزه کاری :

**Fill in the blank with the missing word:**

- 1) I invited you to dinner, so let me \_\_\_\_\_ bill.  
a) hand off                      b) arm                      c) foot
- 2) My friend Kate is really \_\_\_\_\_ it. She doesn't even know who Oprah Winfrey is.  
a) out of                      b) into                      c) unaware of
- 3) Ted told Amber he'd need to call her back later in the evening since he was just \_\_\_\_\_ to have dinner.  
a) up                      b) around                      c) about
- 4) After Bob and Susan wrap \_\_\_\_\_ the sale of their business, they can relax for a while.  
a) through                      b) around                      c) up
- 5) Sally got a job with a law firm in Manhattan? \_\_\_\_\_ deal!  
a) Small                      b) Big                      c) Huge
- 6) We love to visit our friends in Florence, Italy. They always \_\_\_\_\_ and dine us.  
a) liquor                      b) wine                      c) beer
- 7) Bob and Susan plan to give Nicole \$ 1,000 per year of spending \_\_\_\_\_ when she's in college.  
a) cash                      b) dough                      c) money
- 8) I recommend that you go to a concert at Carnegie Hall. The musicians who play there are always the cream of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) crop                      b) lawn                      c) lot

## تست های دوره ای درس های بیست و یکم تا بیست



### Review for lessons 21-25

Fill in the blank with the missing word:

- 1) Next year, Ted will be traveling all \_\_\_\_\_ the world with his band.  
a) about                      b) inside                      c) over
- 2) After his fifth vodka, Steve was \_\_\_\_\_ sheets to the wind.  
a) five                      b) three                      c) two
- 3) For a while, the Johnsons were living \_\_\_\_\_ a shoestring. They couldn't afford to eat out at restaurants.  
a) with                      b) on                      c) by
- 4) When my friend lost her favorite necklace, I told her it was no use crying over spilt \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) milk                      b) juice                      c) beer
- 5) Joel has a fun job. He's \_\_\_\_\_ charge of advertising sales for *Mad*, the best humor magazine in America.  
a) at                      b) on                      c) in
- 6) Please put away your wallet! Let me \_\_\_\_\_ the bill.  
a) arm                      b) foot                      c) hand
- 7) My friend was running around like a chicken with its head cut off. I told her to chill \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) out                      b) in                      c) down

- 8) Bob worked out the nuts and \_\_\_\_\_ of the agreement with the National Cookie Company.  
a) details                      b) bolts                      c) tacks
- 9) After Martha's neighbor chopped down her apple tree, she held a grudge \_\_\_\_\_ him for years.  
a) from                      b) against                      c) for
- 10) I arrived late to the stadium. The baseball game was already \_\_\_\_\_ progress.  
a) through                      b) in                      c) at
- 11) My friend invited me out for a drink, but I told her I'd first need to wrap \_\_\_\_\_ some things at the office.  
a) through                      b) along                      c) up
- 12) I'm \_\_\_\_\_ and tired of telemarketers calling me in the evening trying to sell me stuff I don't want.  
a) sick                      b) ill                      c) angry
- 13) Kristen's boss paid her a compliment. He said she was the best salesperson in the company. That really \_\_\_\_\_ her day.  
a) made                      b) created                      c) ruined
- 14) The person seated behind me on the airplane kept on kicking my seat. Finally, I told him to \_\_\_\_\_ it out.  
a) stop                      b) cut                      c) fly
- 15) Amber hopes to break \_\_\_\_\_ the modeling business after she graduates from high school. She can definitely model nose rings and tattoos!  
a) into                      b) in                      c) around

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