

المحاضرة الرابعة

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SOME POPULAR ENGLISH IDIOMS

IDIOM 1: "wolf in sheep`s clothing"

MEANING: a person who pretends to be good but really is bad

EXAMPLE: He is a wolf in sheep's clothing and someone that you should be very careful about.

IDIOM 2: "burn a hole in one`s pocket"

MEANING: money likely to be quickly spent

EXAMPLE: The money that he made at his part-time job is burning a hole in his pocket and he will probably spend it quickly.

IDIOM 3: "handle with kid gloves"

MEANING: treat very gently and carefully

EXAMPLE: You must handle the new computer with kid gloves as it is very fragile.

IDIOM 4: "catch with one`s pants down"

MEANING: surprise someone in an embarrassing situation or a guilty act

EXAMPLE: He was caught with his pants down when he was asked for the figures but was unable to produce them.

IDIOM 5: "keep one's shirt on"

MEANING: calm down, keep from losing one`s temper or getting

EXAMPLE: Keep your shirt on. You shouldn`t get so excited about small problems.

IDIOM 6: "black sheep (of the family)"

MEANING: a person who is a disgrace to a family or group

EXAMPLE: Tommy is the black sheep in his family: he is the only member who has not made a success of his life.

IDIOM 7: "blue in the face"

MEANING: very angry or upset, excited and very emotional

EXAMPLE: He argued with her until he was blue in the face.

IDIOM 8: "red-letter day"

MEANING: a day that is memorable because of some important event

EXAMPLE: It was a red-letter day when she finally received her graduation diploma.

IDIOM 9: "white as a ghost"

MEANING: very pale because of fear, shock, illness etc.

EXAMPLE: My sister became white as a ghost when she saw the man at the window.

IDIOM 10: "with flying colors"

MEANING: with great or total success

EXAMPLE: She passed her exam with flying colors and now wants to go out and celebrate.

IDIOM 11: "bring home the bacon"

MEANING: earn the family living

EXAMPLE: I have been working hard all month bringing home the bacon for my family.

IDIOM 12: "feel like a million dollars"

MEANING: feel wonderful

EXAMPLE: Although I have been sick for a few weeks I feel like a million dollars today.

IDIOM 13: "make a killing"

MEANING: make a large amount of money

EXAMPLE: My sister made a killing when she worked overseas in the oil industry.

IDIOM 14: "worth one`s salt"

MEANING: worth what one is paid

EXAMPLE: Our secretary is worth her salt and is a great asset to our company.

IDIOM 15: "to drop the ball"

MEANING: make an error or mistake, handle things badly

**EXAMPLE: The government dropped the ball on their decision to expand the
airport runway without consulting the local residents.**

IDIOM 16: "to hand the torch/baton to someone "

MEANING: hand over a particular duty or responsibility to someone (from the baton or torch that is passed from one runner to the next in a relay race)

EXAMPLE: The president of the company handed the torch to his son when he decided to retire.

IDIOM 17: "to hit someone below the belt"

MEANING: unfair, not following the rules (from hitting low in boxing)

EXAMPLE: It was a case of hitting someone below the belt when the girl stole her best friend's boyfriend from her.

IDIOM 18: "to jump the gun"

MEANING: start before the starting signal or before you should start (as in a race)

EXAMPLE: My friend jumped the gun and applied for the job before he knew that his application was accepted.

IDIOM 19: "to score points with someone"

MEANING: to gain the favor of someone

EXAMPLE: The salesman always worked extra hours in order to score points with his boss.

IDIOM 20: "In the doghouse"

MEANING: to be in disgrace or disfavor because of something wrong or bad that the person has done.

EXAMPLE: I'm in the doghouse, now. The boss wanted my report this morning, but I haven't finished it yet.

IDIOM 21: "Straight from the horse's mouth"

MEANING: 'Straight from the horse's mouth' means directly from the person who originally made the statement.

EXAMPLE: Trust me. It comes straight from the horse's mouth. I saw Mrs. McKenzie this morning and she told me.

IDIOM 22: "Get/have cold feet"

MEANING: to be too nervous to do something, especially right before doing it.

EXAMPLE: I hope Mary doesn't get cold feet about singing in public tonight. It's her first time, and she's very nervous.

IDIOM 23: "Play it by ear"

MEANING: to decide what to do as you go along, changing to fit the situation.

EXAMPLE: I haven't made any plans for the weekend. I'll just play it by ear and see what happens.

IDIOM 24: "Like an eager beaver"

MEANING: to be an enthusiastic person who is always ready to work hard or do anything extra to succeed or accomplish something.

EXAMPLE: Bill wants to get promoted, so he's working late, he's such an eager beaver.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT ANSWER

1. The new supervisor has a reputation for being very mean so you will have to if you don't want to have problems.

a) Keep her shirt on

b) Handle her with kid gloves

c) Catch with her pants down

2. You should try and There is no benefit to you if you become angry.

a) Burns a hole in his pocket

b) Catch with one's pants down

c) Keep your shirt on

3. Peter has no money left. When you give him something, it He always buys useless things.

a) Burns a hole in his pocket

b) A wolf in sheep's clothing

c) Catch one's pants down

4. John waswhen he was asked to interview Eminem.

a) A red letter day

b) Keeping his shirt on

c) Caught with his pants

5. Don't trust Peter! He is and he can do very bad things to you.

a) A red letter day

b) A wolf in sheep's clothing

c) White as a ghost

6. 'Incredible! Peter is on time! He is not late as usual! It is really

a) A red letter day

b) White as a ghost

c) Blue in the face

7. 'I got a '100%' at my exam. My teacher told me that I passed it

a) With blue in the face

b) With white as a ghost

c) With flying colors

8. 'I came and stopped the debate: Peter wasand I was worried.'

a) Blue in the face

b) The black sheep of the family

c) A red letter day

9. 'Sarah has just had an accident. She was when I saw her at the hospital.'

a) The black sheep of the family

b) White as a ghost

c) Worth her salt

10. 'Sandra's brother is a criminal. He is

a) **The black sheep of the family**

b) Feeling like a million dollars

c) Worth her salt

11. 'Don't worry, Sandra. All my problems are now over. John is back home and he is very nice with me.

a) I'm Burning a hole in my pocket

b) **I feel like a million dollars**

c) She worth her salt