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EXERCISE-1: Multiple Choice Questions on Idioms:

- 1. What do you call an expression whose meaning differs from its words?
 - a. Idiom
 - b. Simile
 - c. Metaphor
 - d. Sentence

Ans: a. Idiom

- 2. What does "beating around the bush" mean?
 - a. Avoiding the main point
 - b. Speaking clearly
 - c. Talking loudly
 - d. Asking questions

Ans: a. Avoiding the main point

- 3. What does "a blessing in disguise" mean?
 - a. A good thing that seemed bad at first
 - b. A bad thing that looks good
 - c. A hidden problem
 - d. A sudden surprise

Ans: a. A good thing that seemed bad at first

- 4. What does "Break a leg" mean?
 - a. Bad luck
 - b. Get injured
 - c. Good luck
 - d. Stop working

Ans: c. Good luck

- 5. What does "Call it a day" mean?
 - a. Work all day
 - b. Start a new task
 - c. Plan for tomorrow
 - d. Stop working on something

Ans: d. Stop working on something

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- 6. What does "Cutting corners" mean?
 - a. Taking a shortcut
 - b. Doing something poorly to save time or money
 - c. Doing something perfectly
 - d. Saving energy

Ans: b. Doing something poorly to save time or money

- 7. What does "Easy does it" mean?
 - a. Hurry up
 - b. Do it quickly
 - c. Stop working
 - d. Slow down

Ans: d. Slow down

- 8. What does "Get out of hand" mean?
 - a. Get out of control
 - b. Lend a hand
 - c. Solve a problem
 - d. Stay organized

Ans: a. Get out of control

- 9. What does "Hit the sack" mean?
 - a. Eat a snack
 - b. Go to sleep
 - c. Go for a walk
 - d. Start working

Ans: b. Go to sleep

- 10. What does "It's not rocket science" mean?
 - a. It's very difficult
 - b. It involves rockets
 - c. It's not complicated
 - d. It's an easy science

Ans: c. It's not complicated

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- 11. What does "Make a long story short" mean?
 - a. Tell a long story
 - b. Tell something briefly
 - c. Make a story exciting
 - d. Skip the story

Ans: b. Tell something briefly

- 12. What does "On the ball" mean?
 - a. Paying attention
 - b. Playing a game
 - c. Being lazy
 - d. Missing the point

Ans: a. Paying attention

- 13. What does "Pull someone's leg" mean?
 - a. To pull someone
 - b. To help someone
 - c. To argue with someone
 - d. To joke with someone

Ans: d. To joke with someone

- 14. What does "Under the weather" mean?
 - a. Going outside
 - b. Watching the weather
 - c. Feeling sick
 - d. Feeling happy

Ans: c. Feeling sick

- 15. What does "A perfect storm" mean?
 - a. A great opportunity
 - b. A calm situation
 - c. The worst possible situation
 - d. A sudden change in weather

Ans: c. The worst possible situation

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- 16. What does "Add insult to injury" mean?
 - a. Help someone recover
 - b. Fix a problem
 - c. Apologize to someone
 - d. Make a bad situation worse

Ans: d. Make a bad situation worse

- 17. What does "Break the ice" mean?
 - a. Start an argument
 - b. Make people feel more comfortable
 - c. Break something
 - d. Begin working

Ans: b. Make people feel more comfortable

- 18. What does "Costs an arm and a leg" mean?
 - a. Very expensive
 - b. Very cheap
 - c. Easy to afford
 - d. Free of charge

Ans: a. Very expensive

- 19. What does "Don't cry over spilt milk" mean?
 - a. Clean up quickly
 - b. Try to fix mistakes
 - c. Be upset about everything
 - d. There's no use worrying about the past

Ans: d. There's no use worrying about the past

- 20. What does "Every cloud has a silver lining" mean?
 - a. Clouds are always dark
 - b. Every day is sunny
 - c. Good things come after bad things
 - d. Bad things never happen

Ans: c. Good things come after bad things

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- 21. What does "Give someone the cold shoulder" mean?
 - a. Ignore someone
 - b. Help someone
 - c. Welcome someone
 - d. Give someone a gift

Ans: a. Ignore someone

- 22. What does "Bigger fish to fry" mean?
 - a. Cook a large meal
 - b. Bigger things to do
 - c. Solve a small problem
 - d. Focus on small tasks

Ans: b. Bigger things to do

- 23. What does "Ignorance is bliss" mean?
 - a. Not knowing about a problem means no worry
 - b. Knowledge is power
 - c. Ignorance is bad
 - d. Bliss is important

Ans: a. Not knowing about a problem means no worry

- 24. What does "It's a piece of cake" mean?
 - a. It's a dessert
 - b. It's complicated
 - c. It's too hard
 - d. It's easy

Ans: d. It's easy

- 25. What does "It's raining cats and dogs" mean?
 - a. It's sunny outside
 - b. It's raining hard
 - c. It's a nice day
 - d. It's snowing

Ans: b. It's raining hard

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26. What does "Kill two birds with one stone" mean?

- a. Hurt two animals
- b. Use two stones
- c. Waste time
- d. Get two things done with a single action

Ans: d. Get two things done with a single action

27. What does "Look before you leap" mean?

- a. Take only calculated risks
- b. Jump without thinking
- c. Act quickly
- d. Make hasty decisions

Ans: a. Take only calculated risks

28. What does "On thin ice" mean?

- a. Safe and secure
- b. If you make another mistake, you will be in trouble
- c. Having fun
- d. Enjoying a break

Ans: b. If you make another mistake, you will be in trouble

- 29. What does "Once in a blue moon" mean?
 - a. Often
 - b. Every month
 - c. Rarely
 - d. Frequently

Ans: c. Rarely

30. What does "Play devil's advocate" mean?

- a. Support someone's idea
- b. Make peace
- c. Discuss positively
- d. Argue just for the sake of argument

Ans: d. Argue just for the sake of argument

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- 31. What does "Spill the beans" mean?
 - a. Give away a secret
 - b. Cook something
 - c. Share good news
 - d. Make a mess

Ans: a. Give away a secret

- 32. What does "Take it with a grain of salt" mean?
 - a. Believe everything
 - b. Ignore the advice
 - c. Don't take it too seriously
 - d. Accept it without question

Ans: c. Don't take it too seriously

- 33. What does "There are plenty of fish in the sea" mean?
 - a. It's okay to miss this opportunity; others will arise
 - b. Focus on one person
 - c. Fish are abundant
 - d. Keep trying to catch fish

Ans: a. It's okay to miss this opportunity; others will arise

- 34. What does "You can't judge a book by its cover" mean?
 - a. Don't judge by appearance
 - b. Always read the title
 - c. Covers are important
 - d. Books are boring

Ans: a. Don't judge by appearance

- 35. What does "A storm in a teacup" mean?
 - a. A real storm
 - b. A big fuss about a small problem
 - c. A pleasant day
 - d. A tea party

Ans: b. A big fuss about a small problem

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36. What does "As right as rain" mean?

- a. Not good
- b. A little off
- c. Perfect
- d. Confusing

Ans: c. Perfect

37. What does "Bolt from the blue" mean?

- a. A sudden change in weather
- b. A loud noise
- c. A bright light
- d. Something that happened without warning

Ans: d. Something that happened without warning

38. What does "Burn bridges" mean?

- a. Build connections
- b. Create new paths
- c. Fix problems
- d. Destroy relationships

Ans: d. Destroy relationships

39. What does "Calm before the storm" mean?

- a. Everything is fine
- b. Something bad is coming, but right now it's calm
- c. A peaceful moment
- d. Enjoying the weather

Ans: b. Something bad is coming, but right now it's calm

40. What does "Every dog has his day" mean?

- a. Everyone gets a chance at least once
- b. Dogs are special
- c. Every dog is lucky
- d. Dogs have a good life

Ans: a. Everyone gets a chance at least once

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- 41. What does "Fit as a fiddle" mean?
 - a. In good health
 - b. Not feeling well
 - c. Tired and weak
 - d. Very busy

Ans: a. In good health

- 42. What does "Haste makes waste" mean?
 - a. Hurry up and finish
 - b. You'll make mistakes if you rush
 - c. It's good to be quick
 - d. Waste is not important

Ans: b. You'll make mistakes if you rush

- 43. What does "It takes two to tango" mean?
 - a. One person is responsible
 - b. Dancing is fun
 - c. Both people are involved
 - d. It requires teamwork

Ans: c. Both people are involved

- 44. What does "On cloud nine" mean?
 - a. Confused
 - b. Feeling sad
 - c. Extremely tired
 - d. Very happy

Ans: d. Very happy

- 45. What does "Out of the frying pan and into the fire" mean?
 - a. Things are going from bad to worse
 - b. Improving your situation
 - c. Making a good choice
 - d. A safe escape

Ans: a. Things are going from bad to worse

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- 46. What does "There are clouds on the horizon" mean?
 - a. A sunny day ahead
 - b. Trouble is coming
 - c. Clear skies
 - d. A beautiful sunset

Ans: b. Trouble is coming

- 47. What does "Time is money" mean?
 - a. Work quickly
 - b. Time is not valuable
 - c. Money is unimportant
 - d. Save your time

Ans: a. Work quickly

- 48. What does "Waste not, want not" mean?
 - a. Save everything you can
 - b. Wanting more is bad
 - c. Waste is okay
 - d. Don't waste things, and you'll always have enough

Ans: d. Don't waste things, and you'll always have enough

- 49. What does "We see eye to eye" mean?
 - a. We agree
 - b. We disagree
 - c. We are confused
 - d. We are distant

Ans: a. We agree

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EXERCISE - 2: Fill in the blanks with appropriate idioms.

- 1. He exclaimed, "Quit _____ and say what's on your mind".
 - a. breaking a leg
 - b. beating around the bush
 - c. blessing in disguise
 - d. on the ball

Ans: b. beating around the bush

Explanation: Beating around the bush means discussing a matter without coming to the point.

Other options:

- Breaking a leg Wishing good luck.
- Blessing in disguise A good thing that seemed bad at first
- On the ball Being attentive.
- 2. My mother said not to forget my umbrella. Because it's _____.
 - a. cutting corners
 - b. hitting the sack
 - c. Spill the beans
 - d. raining cats and dogs out there

Ans: d. raining cats and dogs out there

Explanation: Raining cats and dogs means it's raining heavily.

Other antions:

- Cutting corners- Doing something poorly to save time or money.
- Hitting the sack- Go to sleep
- Spill the beans- Give away a secret

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- 3. It's always better _____ when planning to start a business.
 - a. not a rocket science
 - b. spill the beans
 - c. look before you leap
 - d. cost an arm and a leg

Ans: c. look before you leap

Explanation: Look before you leap means to take calculated risks.

Other options:

- it's not a rocket science It's not complicated
- Spill the beans Give away a secret
- cost an arm and a leg Extremely expensive.
- 4. In the photos, I only see her _____
 - a. out of the frying pan and into the fire
 - b. bigger fish to fry
 - c. a storm in a teacup
 - d. once in a blue moon

Ans: d. once in a blue moon

Explanation: Once in a blue moon means something that happens rarely. Other options:

- out of the frying pan and into the fire to go from a bad situation to a situation that is even worse.
- bigger fish to fry Bigger things to do.
- a storm in a teacup A big fuss about a small problem.

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- 5. To challenge the idea, she decided to _____.
 - a. play devil's advocate
 - b. be on cloud nine
 - c. burn the bridges
 - d. cost an arm and a leg

Ans: a. play devil's advocate

Explanation: Play devil's advocate means to argue for the sake of debate. **Other options:**

- Be on the cloud nine- To be extremely happy
- Burn the bridges- To destroy a relationship
- Cost an arm and a leg- Very expensive.
- She accidentally revealed the secret; she didn't mean to _____.
 - a. spill the beans
 - b. be on thin ice
 - c. kill two birds with one stone
 - d. have bigger fish to fry

Ans: a. spill the beans

Explanation: Spill the beans means to reveal a secret.

- Be on thin ice- To be in a risky or dangerous situation.
- Kill two birds with one stone- To accomplish two things with one action.
- Have bigger fish to fry- To have more important matters to deal with.

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- 7. The silence in the room felt strange; it was the _____.
 - a. time to hit the sack
 - b. fact that every dog has its day
 - c. calm before the storm
 - d. feeling of being fit as a fiddle

Ans: c. calm before the storm

Explanation: Calm before the storm means a quiet time before chaos. **Other options:**

- Hit the sack- Go to sleep.
- Every dog has its day- Everyone has a chance for success.
- Fit as a fiddle- In good health.
- 8. Before the job interview, her friend texted:
 - a. Get out of hand
 - b. We see eye to eye
 - c. Break a leg
 - d. Call it a day

Ans: c. Break a leg

Explanation: Break a leg is used to wish success meaning "Good luck" **Other options:**

- Get out of hand uncontrollable or unmanageable.
- We see eye to eye We agree
- Call it a day Stop working on something

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- 9. The teacher struggled to maintain order as the situation began to ____
 - a. Easy does it
 - b. Give someone the cold shoulder
 - c. Getting out of hand
 - d. Bigger fish to fry

Ans: c. Getting out of hand

Explanation: Getting out of hand means to become uncontrollable or unmanageable.

Other options:

- Easy does it Slow down
- Give someone the cold shoulder Ignore someone.
- Bigger fish to fry Bigger things to do
- 10. Time was running late, so I decided to _____.
 - a. It's raining cats and dogs
 - b. Bolt from the blue
 - c. hit the sack
 - d. Bigger fish to fry

Ans: c. hit the sack

Explanation: Hit the sack - go to bed

- It's raining cats and dogs It's raining hard
- Bolt from the blue Something that happened without warning..
- Bigger fish to fry Bigger things to do

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- 11. Can you _____? I don't have enough time.
 - a. beat around the bush
 - b. Burn bridges
 - c. make a long story short
 - d. a storm in a teacup

Ans: c. make a long story short

Explanation: Make a long short story - to summarize or get to the point.

Other options:

- Beat around the bush -to avoid talking directly or clearly.
- Burn bridges Destroy relationships
- A storm in a teacup- A big fuss about a small problem.
- 12. My friend told me he won the lottery, but I think he's just _____.
 - a. Time is money
 - b. Pulling my leg
 - c. Burn bridges
 - d. It takes two to tango

Ans: b. Pulling my leg

Explanation: Pull someone's leg - to tease or joke with someone, often by telling a false story.

- Time is money Work quickly.
- Burn bridges Destroy relationships
- It takes two to tango Both parties are responsible.

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- 13.I'm still upset about losing my phone yesterday. My friend said, "_____"
 - a. Don't cry over spilt milk
 - b. On cloud nine
 - c. Take it with a grain of salt
 - d. Time is money

Ans: a. Don't cry over spilt milk

Explanation: Don't cry over spilt milk - don't worry or be upset about something that's already happened and can't be changed.

Other options:

- On cloud nine- very happy.
- Take it with a grain of salt be skeptical or cautious.
- Time is money Work quickly.
- 14. My friend asked me if I was nervous about the upcoming exam. I replied, "_____"
 - a. We see eye to eye
 - b. Call it a day
 - c. It's a piece of cake
 - d. Burn bridges

Ans: c. It's a piece of cake

Explanation: It's a piece of cake - means something is extremely easy or requires little effort.

- We see eye to eye We agree
- Call it a day Stop working on something
- Burn bridges Destroy relationships

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- a. Burn bridges
- b. Haste makes waste
- c. It takes two to tango
- d. You can't judge a book by its cover

Ans: b. Haste makes waste

Explanation: Haste makes waste - rushing can lead to mistakes and errors, so it's better to slow down and be careful.

- Burn bridges Destroy relationships
- It takes two to tango Both parties are responsible.
- You can't judge a book by its cover Don't judge anything or anyone by their appearance.