

# 82 English Idioms and Expressions Tests

<b>Index</b> .....	<b>1</b>
<b>Elementary Level</b>	
<a href="#">1. Adding Up</a> .....	6
2. Take it in .....	7
3. Take it easy .....	8
4. For Good .....	9
5. In Control .....	10
6. Out of Control .....	11
7. All Agog .....	12
8. Preposition Exercises .....	13
9. Animal Idioms .....	14
10. Funny Idioms .....	15
11. Expressing Emotions .....	16
12. Just keep it .....	17
<b>Intermediate Level</b>	
<a href="#">1. Up to his ears</a> .....	18
2. Send the right message .....	19
3. A piece of cake .....	20
4. Picking you up .....	21
5. As happy as the day is long .....	22
6. Privacy .....	23
7. Hold on .....	24
8. Money to burn .....	25
9. Go ahead .....	26
10. Under my Skin .....	27
11. Home Sweet Home .....	28
12. No good .....	29
13. On the Water .....	30
14. British Idioms .....	31
15. Expressions with cold .....	32
16. Way Idioms .....	33
17. Idioms with come .....	34
18. Common English Idioms .....	35
19. Idioms with Hand .....	36
20. English Idioms and Phrases .....	37

21. Expressions with make .....	38
22. Double Speak in Job Titles .....	39
<b>Advanced Level</b>	
<u>1. English Animal Idioms</u> .....	40
2. Hands on .....	41
3. Lucky Alex .....	42
4. How Mary fell in love .....	43
5. Call it a day .....	44
6. Live up to .....	45
7. English Grammar Prepositions .....	46
8. From Shakespeare originally .....	47
9. Water Expressions .....	48
10. Cats, Dogs and Ducks .....	49
11. Losing It .....	50
12. Splitting Hairs .....	51
13. Squeaky Clean .....	52
14. Word of Mouth .....	53
15. Expressions and idioms with thin .....	54
16. Expressions with Top .....	55
17. Down to Earth .....	56
18. Expressions with low .....	57
19. Hot expressions .....	58
20. Comparisons with as .... as .....	59
21. Expressions with make .....	60
22. Egg expressions .....	61
23. Idioms with prepositions .....	62
24. Idioms with phrasal verbs .....	63
25. Mark Idioms .....	64
26. Retail Sales Expressions .....	65
27. American Slang Words (1) .....	66
28. American Slang Words (2) .....	67
29. American Slang Words (3) .....	68
30. American Slang Words (4) .....	69
31. American Slang Words (5) .....	70
32. American Slang Words (6) .....	71
33. American Slang Words (7) .....	72
34. American Slang Words (8) .....	73
35. American Slang Words (9) .....	74
36. American Slang Words (10) .....	75
37. American Slang Words (11) .....	76

38. American Slang Words (12) .....	77
39. American Slang Words (13) .....	78
40. American Slang Words (14) .....	79
41. American Slang Words (15) .....	80
42. American Slang Words (16) .....	81
43. American Slang Words (17) .....	82
44. American Slang Words (18) .....	83
45. Clothing Idioms (1) .....	84
46. Clothing Idioms (2) .....	85
47. House/Building Idioms (1) .....	86
48. Food Idioms .....	87
<b>Answer Keys</b> .....	<b>88</b>
<b>Elementary Level</b>	
<a href="#">1. Adding Up</a> .....	89
2. Take it in .....	90
3. Take it easy .....	91
4. For Good .....	92
5. In Control .....	93
6. Out of Control .....	94
7. All Agog .....	95
8. Preposition Exercises .....	96
9. Animal Idioms .....	97
10. Funny Idioms .....	98
11. Expressing Emotions .....	99
12. Just keep it .....	100
<b>Intermediate Level</b>	
<a href="#">1. Up to his ears</a> .....	101
2. Send the right message .....	102
3. A piece of cake .....	103
4. Picking you up .....	104
5. As happy as the day is long .....	105
6. Privacy .....	106
7. Hold on .....	107
8. Money to burn .....	108
9. Go ahead .....	109
10. Under my Skin .....	110
11. Home Sweet Home .....	111
12. No good .....	112
13. On the Water .....	113
14. British Idioms .....	114

15. Expressions with cold .....	115
16. Way Idioms .....	116
17. Idioms with come .....	117
18. Common English Idioms .....	118
19. Idioms with Hand .....	119
20. English Idioms and Phrases .....	120
21. Expressions with make .....	121
22. Double Speak in Job Titles .....	122
<b>Advanced Level</b>	
<u>1. English Animal Idioms</u> .....	123
2. Hands on .....	124
3. Lucky Alex .....	125
4. How Mary fell in love .....	126
5. Call it a day .....	127
6. Live up to .....	128
7. English Grammar Prepositions .....	129
8. From Shakespeare originally .....	130
9. Water Expressions .....	131
10. Cats, Dogs and Ducks .....	132
11. Losing It .....	133
12. Splitting Hairs .....	134
13. Squeaky Clean .....	135
14. Word of Mouth .....	136
15. Expressions and idioms with thin .....	137
16. Expressions with Top .....	138
17. Down to Earth .....	139
18. Expressions with low .....	140
19. Hot expressions .....	141
20. Comparisons with as .... as .....	142
21. Expressions with make .....	143
22. Egg expressions .....	144
23. Idioms with prepositions .....	145
24. Idioms with phrasal verbs .....	146
25. Mark Idioms .....	147
26. Retail Sales Expressions .....	148
27. American Slang Words (1) .....	149
28. American Slang Words (2) .....	150
29. American Slang Words (3) .....	151
30. American Slang Words (4) .....	152
31. American Slang Words (5) .....	153

32. American Slang Words (6) .....	154
33. American Slang Words (7) .....	155
34. American Slang Words (8) .....	156
35. American Slang Words (9) .....	157
36. American Slang Words (10) .....	158
37. American Slang Words (11) .....	159
38. American Slang Words (12) .....	160
39. American Slang Words (13) .....	161
40. American Slang Words (14) .....	162
41. American Slang Words (15) .....	163
42. American Slang Words (16) .....	164
43. American Slang Words (17) .....	165
44. American Slang Words (18) .....	166
45. Clothing Idioms (1) .....	167
46. Clothing Idioms (2) .....	168
47. House/Building Idioms (1) .....	169
48. Food Idioms .....	170

*Adding Up*

- Q1 I cannot understand why she did that, it really doesn't add up.  
 (a) doesn't calculate (b) isn't mathematics  
 (c) doesn't make sense (d) makes the wrong addition
- Q2 All the students got high marks in the test but Mary stood out.  
 (a) got a lot of marks (b) got higher marks than someone  
 (c) got very good marks (d) got the most marks of all
- Q3 He has sold his house and has no job and so now he has next to nothing.  
 (a) he is unemployed (b) he has almost no money  
 (c) he has a few things (d) he has nothing at all
- Q4 As a newspaper reporter she always wanted to get information at first hand.  
 (a) quickly (b) slowly (c) easily (d) directly
- Q5 I think we can safely say now that we have got our money back, we are home and dry.  
 (a) have not got wet (b) have got no water  
 (c) have been successful (d) have got home dry
- Q6 He is the man who owns all the land and is the big fish around here.  
 (a) the fat man (b) the huge man (c) the important man (d) the enormous man
- Q7 She never stops talking about herself and is full of herself.  
 (a) is very fat (b) is too fat (c) is very full (d) is very conceited
- Q8 You will not slip over because the floor is as dry as a bone.  
 (a) completely hard (b) extremely flat (c) totally dry (d) completely cracked
- Q9 He kept saying he didn't do it but in the end he said he had done it.  
 (a) at the end (b) finally (c) at last (d) by the end
- Q10 I know you are very sorry that you broke the pot but accidents will happen.  
 (a) things will take place (b) things do occur  
 (c) things take place often (d) things often go wrong

*Up to his ears*

- Q1 He's up to his ears in work and cannot possibly see you now.  
 (a) fully occupied with      (b) very interested in      (c) not involved with      (d) concerned with
- Q2 If you give me a hand, then I shall be able to finish more quickly.  
 (a) take my hand      (b) help me      (c) take my fingers      (d) pick me up
- Q3 I prefer to talk to people face to face rather than to talk on the phone.  
 (a) in person      (b) facing them      (c) looking at them      (d) seeing them
- Q4 The manager dismissed the new proposal out of hand and said that it was not at all practical.  
 (a) quickly      (b) utterly      (c) directly      (d) simply
- Q5 As she is new to the job I would ask you to keep an eye on her for the time being.  
 (a) look at      (b) consider      (c) check      (d) observe
- Q6 The opposition in parliament accused the government of playing games and refusing to accept the seriousness of the situation.  
 (a) being light hearted      (b) being heavy hearted      (c) being down hearted      (d) being faint hearted
- Q7 He accused her of talking through her hat and refused to accept a word of what she said.  
 (a) talking sense      (b) talking straight      (c) talking nonsense      (d) talking tough
- Q8 The police advised them to go down to the cellar in order to be out of harm's way.  
 (a) away from the noise      (b) inside the area      (c) into safety      (d) away from danger
- Q9 I'd give my right arm if I could get tickets for that concert.  
 (a) do absolutely anything      (b) do something dangerous  
 (c) do something stupid      (d) do what you want
- Q10 You can always rely on Fred to put his foot in it and come out with a remark like that.  
 (a) tread on somebody      (b) fall over  
 (c) say something embarrassing      (d) put on the wrong shoe

*English Animal Idioms*

- Q1 There are times when you must decide and take the bull by the horns.  
 (a) make the right decision (b) make the wrong decision  
 (c) make a bold decision (d) make a final decision
- Q2 He leads a dog's life really because his freedom is always curtailed.  
 (a) never knows what to do (b) sometimes does something wrong  
 (c) never goes out (d) never does what he wants
- Q3 No-one ever mentions him because he's regarded as the black sheep of the family.  
 (a) the one with a sense of humour (b) the one with a bad reputation  
 (c) the one who is always late (d) the one who never washes
- Q4 I shouldn't go outside without a raincoat because it's raining cats and dogs.  
 (a) it's just started to rain (b) it's going to rain  
 (c) it's raining very heavily (d) it's raining a little
- Q5 You shouldn't sign there I think he's about to make a monkey out of you.  
 (a) to make a fool of you (b) to make you lose money  
 (c) to make you feel stupid (d) to make you lose interest
- Q6 It's a lovely house and very big but nobody uses it so it's a bit of a white elephant.  
 (a) something very beautiful and useful (b) something very big and useful  
 (c) something very cheap and useless (d) something very expensive and useless
- Q7 When the business folded, he took the lion's share of the assets.  
 (a) the easiest part (b) the smallest part (c) the biggest part (d) the only part
- Q8 Without my glasses I can't see where I'm going in fact I'm as blind as a bat.  
 (a) very short sighted (b) very long sighted (c) very far sighted (d) very clear sighted
- Q9 I get very irritated sometimes because they're always up with the lark and I like to lie in.  
 (a) up very easily (b) up very early (c) up very often (d) up very noisily
- Q10 I would advise you to do that as well and in that way you'll kill two birds with one stone.  
 (a) get things done twice (b) get something done two times  
 (c) get two things done at the same time (d) get two things done twice



# *English Idioms and Expressions*

(Answer Keys)

*Adding Up*

A1 I cannot understand why she did that, it really doesn't make sense.

answer: (c) doesn't make sense

A2 All the students got high marks in the test but Mary got the most marks of all.

answer: (d) got the most marks of all

A3 He has sold his house and has no job and so now he has almost no money.

answer: (b) he has almost no money

A4 As a newspaper reporter she always wanted to get information directly.

answer: (d) directly

A5 I think we can safely say now that we have got our money back, we are have been successful.

answer: (c) have been successful

A6 He is the man who owns all the land and is the important man around here.

answer: (c) the important man

A7 She never stops talking about herself and is is very conceited.

answer: (d) is very conceited

A8 You will not slip over because the floor is totally dry.

answer: (c) totally dry

A9 He kept saying he didn't do it but finally he said he had done it.

answer: (b) finally

A10 I know you are very sorry that you broke the pot but things do occur.

answer: (b) things do occur

*Up to his ears*

- A1 He's fully occupied with work and cannot possibly see you now.  
answer: (a) fully occupied with
- A2 If you help me, then I shall be able to finish more quickly.  
answer: (b) help me
- A3 I prefer to talk to people in person rather than to talk on the phone.  
answer: (a) in person
- A4 The manager dismissed the new proposal utterly and said that it was not at all practical.  
answer: (b) utterly
- A5 As she is new to the job I would ask you to observe on her for the time being.  
answer: (d) observe
- A6 The opposition in parliament accused the government of being light hearted and refusing to accept the seriousness of the situation.  
answer: (a) being light hearted
- A7 He accused her of talking nonsense and refused to accept a word of what she said.  
answer: (c) talking nonsense
- A8 The police advised them to go down to the cellar in order to be away from danger.  
answer: (d) away from danger
- A9 I'd do absolutely anything if I could get tickets for that concert.  
answer: (a) do absolutely anything
- A10 You can always rely on Fred to say something embarrassing and come out with a remark like that.  
answer: (c) say something embarrassing

*English Animal Idioms*

- A1 There are times when you must decide and make a bold decision.  
answer: (c) make a bold decision
- A2 He never does what he wants really because his freedom is always curtailed.  
answer: (d) never does what he wants
- A3 No-one ever mentions him because he's regarded as the one with a bad reputation.  
answer: (b) the one with a bad reputation
- A4 I shouldn't go outside without a raincoat because it's raining very heavily.  
answer: (c) it's raining very heavily
- A5 You shouldn't sign there I think he's about to make a fool of you.  
answer: (a) to make a fool of you
- A6 It's a lovely house and very big but nobody uses it so it's something very expensive and useless.  
answer: (d) something very expensive and useless
- A7 When the business folded, he took the biggest part of the assets.  
answer: (c) the biggest part
- A8 Without my glasses I can't see where I'm going in fact I'm very short sighted.  
answer: (a) very short sighted
- A9 I get very irritated sometimes because they're always up very early and I like to lie in.  
answer: (b) up very early
- A10 I would advise you to do that as well and in that way you'll get two things done at the same time.  
answer: (c) get two things done at the same time