

Idioms

Ist Term

Ch: 03 (Professions)

1. **To back out of something:** to withdraw from an agreement.
EXERCISE:- you gave your word that you would help. Don't change your mind now.
* You gave your word that you would help **Don't back of your words now.**
2. **To beat about the bush:** To go around the topic in order to avoid the point.
EXERCISE:- Say exactly what you mean and stop talking about irrelevant points.
* Say exactly what you mean and stop **beating about the bush.**
3. **To have a bone to pick with someone:** To have a grievance about something/To give ones complaints grievance about something.
EXERCISE:- I have a small dispute to settle with you.
* I have a small **bone to pick up with you.**
4. **To break the ice:** To overcome shyness and put people at ease with one another.
EXERCISE:- Each felt shy to talk till one of them offered tea to the other and thus began talking.
* Each felt shy to talk till one of them offered tea to the other and thus **broke the ice.**

Ch: 04 (Little Things)

1. **To make the most of:** To take the fullest advantage of the circumstances.
EXERCISE:- He let me use his bicycle for a month so I'm going to take the fullest advantage of it.
* He let me use his bicycle for a month so I'm going to **make the most of it.**
2. **To make both ends meet:** To be able to live within one's income.
EXERCISE:- I had to take up a part time job to be able to meet all my expenses.
* I had to take up a part time job to **make the both ends meet.**
3. **To make one's mouth water:-** to cause someone to desire something intensely, especially food.
EXERCISE:- As soon as we got the smell of food, we felt a strong desire to eat.
* As soon as we got the smell of food, **it makes our mouth water.**

Ch: 08 (Dignity Of Work)

1. **By fits and start:** not steadily or regularly.
EXERCISE:- This watch works sometimes, but is out of order at other times.
* This watch works sometimes, but **By fits and starts.**
2. **Day in and day out:** daily, day after day.
EXERCISE:- I've been warning you daily, that you should bring all your books to school
* I've been warning you **day in and day out,** that you should bring your books to school.

Ch: 09 (A Nation's Strength)

1. **With heart and soul:** all one's energies and interest.
EXERCISE:- That teacher is very popular b/c she use all her energy and takes great interest in her work.
* That teacher is very popular b/c she puts **Heart and soul** in her work.

2nd Term

Ch: 10 (Beautiful Hands) Poem

1. **With a high hand:** Disregarding the feelings of others.
EXERCISE:- He is most unpopular b/c he decides matters without regarding the feelings of others.
* He is most unpopular b/c he decides matters **with a high hand.**

Ch: 13 (Shopping)

1. **To have the lion's share:** To take the biggest share of something.
EXERCISE:- Divide the cake into equal slices and don't keep the biggest part for yourself.
* Divide the cake into equal slices and don't **have the lion's share** for yourself.
2. **To save something for all the rainy day:** To keep for some future necessity which may arise.
EXERCISE:- He wasted all his savings and has kept nothing for any unforeseen need which may arise.
* He wasted all his savings and has kept nothing **for the rainy day**.
3. **To cry over spilt milk:** To grieve over something uselessly.
EXERCISE:- The damage has been done, but instead of wasting time feeling sorry, do something to repair it.
* The damage has been done, but **there is no sense in crying over the spilt**, do something to repair it.
4. **It's high time:** The moment has already come.
EXERCISE:- The exams begin next month so you should have to begin studying seriously by now.
* The exams begin next month so **it is a high time for you to study by now**.

Ch: 15 (An African Village)

1. **To shed crocodile tears:** To weep in-sincerely, or hypocritically.
EXERCISE:- They were not all sorry when he died They just pretended to be crying.
* They were not all sorry when he died They just **shed crocodile tears**.
2. **To feel like a fish out of water:** To feel out of place.
EXERCISE:- Being the only educated man in the village, I feel out of place there.
* Being the only educated man in the village, I feel **like a fish out of water**.
3. **To nip in the bud:** to stop evils in the early ages.
EXERCISE:- The plot to overthrow the government was detected and crushed before it could be realized.
* The plot to overthrow the government was detected and **nipped in the bud**.
4. **To turn over a new leaf:** To reform, To be have better.
EXERCISE:- The teacher pardoned the boy on the conditions that he promised to behave better in future.
* The teacher pardoned the boy on the conditions that he promised to **turn over the new leaf**.

Ch: 16 (King Bruce and the spider) Poem

1. **To put Into practice: To carry out in deeds.**
EXERCISE:- The soldiers made use of training they got in military school.
* The soldiers **put into practice** of the training they got in th military School.
2. **A wild goose chase:** An Enterprise which will not succeed.
EXERCISE:- The old Man ran after the boy but he would not catch him.
* The old Man ran after the boy **it turned out a wild goose chase**.
3. **To end in smoke:** To have no result: to come to nothing.
EXERCISE:- Unless you preserve, your work will have no result.
* Unless you preserve, your work will **end in smoke**.
4. **At a loss:** Puzzled, not knowing what to do.
EXERCISE:- I misplaced the book and I don't know how to manage without it.
* I misplaced the book and I was **at a loss** without manage it.
5. **With flying colours:** To emerge successfully from some difficult task.
EXERCISE:- Our team returned from the match having performed very successfully.
* Our team returned from the match **with flying colours**