

Vocabulary Practice 4



Idioms / Fixed Phrases

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Fill in the blanks with one of the idioms/fixed phrases in the correct tense form.

(be/make sb) a laughing stock - someone who has done something so silly that people have no respect for them
keep a lid on sth - to control a situation very carefully
get on like a house on fire - to quickly have a very friendly relationship
blessing in disguise - something good that isn't recognized at first
with flying colours - with great success
play one's cards right - to act clever
pull sb's leg - to tell sb sth that is not true, as a joke

Actions speak louder than words. - people's intentions can be judged better by what they do than what they say.
have a soft spot for sb - to continue to like someone even when they do not behave well
beat around the bush - avoiding the main topic, not speaking directly about the issue
out of the blue - suddenly, unexpectedly
ring a bell - to remind sb of sth, but you can't remember exactly what
put one's foot down - to say firmly that sb must do sth/ stop doing sth; insist on sth

- Vinnie looks and behaves in such a way that she of the whole town.
- It's lovely to see such different people
- You may like, but I always prefer to come straight to the point.
- Teenagers need to learn to their emotions.
- Dad's illness was a; it brought the family together for the first time in years.
- The name, but I can't remember who she is.
- Nick is a naughty little boy but everyone definitely him.
- For months I looked for the opportunity, until suddenly,, it presented itself.
- Laura passed her exams She came top of the class.
- I haven't won, have I? - You are
- If you and speak nicely to Jane, she might accept your invitation to the cinema.
- I am this time, so no, you can't stay out until 2 am.



WORDS OFTEN CONFUSED

know

знать, иметь
информацию

learn

узнать,
узнавать

find out

выяснить,
разузнать

discover

обнаруживать,
находить

1. He has gone which gate the plane goes from.
2. She has never been able her father's true identity.
3. We didn't about the situation until it was too late.
4. Look up in the telephone book and the address.
5. How do you my name? – I from these papers.
6. If she why he's gone, she'll be furious.
7. This conversation will provide an opportunity for me more about your plans.
8. Your mother/ never why you're out late every night?
9. Do you any Spanish? – I it now. I like new things.
10. Do you want to the truth? – I do.
11. He the fire and is trying to save other residents.



Word Formation: Revision

- 62** Use the relevant words given to form a word that fits in the space in the same numbered line.

Collecting eggcups

People collect a large (1) of objects: stamps, postcards, dolls. Nowadays, you are more likely to hear (2) than serious comment about stamp-collecting as it no longer enjoys (3) Some people collect objects which have a direct (4) to historic events or with (5) people. But lots of people feel (6) about collecting unusual things. One of the strangest (7) is that of eggcups. Kevin Murphy of Bradford in Yorkshire has 10,000 of them. Not (8), his favourite eggcup is one in the shape of a (9) Yorkshireman. Kevin's hobby began seven years ago, after the (10) of an elephant eggcup in a small shop. Kevin saw a few eggcups he liked at a (11) at a local shop, and his interesting and relaxing (12) started. 'I have just bought a (13) for one of my favourites, which (14) disappeared last week, he said. Collecting things is a social (15) which is said to have a lot of (16) benefits.

- (1) VARY
- (2) LAUGH
- (3) POPULAR
- (4) CONNECT
- (5) ORDINARY
- (6) ENTHUSIASM
- (7) COLLECT
- (8) SURPRISE
- (9) TYPE
- (10) DISCOVER
- (11) SELL
- (12) OCCUPY
- (13) REPLACE
- (14) MYSTERY
- (15) ACTIVE
- (16) PSYCHOLOGY



Prepositional Idioms and Phrases

63 Look up a preposition in Appendix 2 and fill in one of the prepositions.

1. I'm ... my Mum's good books – I helped her with the chores the other day.
2. I forgot about your birthday, I promise I will make it you soon.
3. You'll never get ahead in anything unless you learn to keep your emotions ... bay.
4. Brown hopes to be back the thick of the action as soon as possible.
5. Can I bring Kevin to your party? – all means.
6. Judy seems nice, but she keeps herself herself so we don't know much about her.
7. When I heard that terrific news, I jumped joy!
8. He's immune to criticism - whatever he hears, it's ... water ... a duck's back.
9. I see fatherhood as a chance to turn a new leaf.
10. I just can't get my head what's happened – it's been such a shock!

Grammar Practice 4

Revision

64 Put the verbs in the correct present tense forms.

1. (your parents/ be) already at home? – Yes, we (have) lunch at the moment. It's the first time we (have) a meal together since summer.
2. Mr Anderson (be) a Danish tourist who (travel) to Eastern Europe tomorrow. Just now he (have) breakfast at home. After breakfast he (walk) his dog. – How long usually (it/take) him to walk his dog?
3. Why (you/ smell) the soup? To my mind, it (taste) delicious.
4. I don't think I (ever/see) her looking so upset before.
5. This is the first time she (eat) so many hamburgers. That's why she (have) a stomachache. – (she/go) to see the doctor yet?
6. Our grandparents (stay) with us now. – How long (they/be) at your place? – For about two weeks already. We (see) them off on Friday.
7. Sean (play) in the school team since the beginning of the year and he (not/lose) a single game so far. He is the best player the team (ever/have). He (always/wish) the school to be proud of him.
8. In two months I (go) away to Australia so I (save) for my trip for a while. – How much (you/save) so far? – Not much, unfortunately.
9. Cycling (grow) in popularity these days. – (you/ever/try) cycling?
10. What (they/laugh) at? They (seem) very happy.
11. (It/be) the third crisis the country (go) through in the recent decade?
12. (you/always/make) mistakes in your tests! It is the fifth test you (write) so unsuccessfully. It's the last time I (warn) you against being lazy.
13. I (sit) here in the park for an hour, and I (meet) three friends of mine.
14. She (always/ quarrel) with people! I'm sure there (be) no one around here who she (not/have) a single quarrel with.
15. We (have) such a great couple of days since we arrived here.

16. It is the most extraordinary collection of clothes I (ever/see).
17. Mrs Gearing (organize) everything for the wedding reception, but she (not/ look) tired, pretty relaxed in fact. – She (enjoy) the process
18. Where is the knife? I (just/ use) it. You (constantly/take) it.

Speaking 4

Describing a picture (2)



Strategy Points

Study the strategies and phrases to be used for covering items c) “what is happening” d) “why you keep the photo in your album” and e) “why you decided to show the picture to your friend”:

c) what is happening

- a) **describe the general action in the photo** - *The photo looks quite dynamic, with people (doing something). // The photo is quite static, with nothing (much) happening.*
- b) **focus on the details** - *She is smiling at the camera. // He is posing for the camera, with his head slightly tilted to the side. // The movement we can notice in this calm and serene photo is ...*
- c) **draw conclusions** - *Apparently, they are trying to ... // They must be enjoying themselves very much, judging by their happy smiles // Despite the lack of action, the photo has a remarkable atmosphere of ...*

d) why you keep the photo in your album

- a) **Wonderful moment** - *The reason why I took the photo to keep in my album is that I wanted to capture the wonderful moment of that event so that I can take a good look at it whenever I want and possibly show it to my friends.*
- b) **Keen photographer** - *Besides, as a keen photographer I like to look at my best shot taken since I've pursued this hobby.*
- c) **Remarkable atmosphere** - *This shot helps me feel the atmosphere of my holiday/the celebration every time I look at it.*

Now, you can use these ideas/arguments in an essay:

- 1) To start with, hobbies give us pleasure and enjoyment, keep us entertained for long hours and thus make us happy.
- 2) Besides, a favorite hobby can be an extremely relaxing experience which fills our mind with positive thoughts. It helps us cope with our worries and stress.
- 3) Moreover, the moment we pursue some activity as our favorite hobby, we start to acquire more knowledge about things we like.

The opposite opinion:

- 1) Some people have the opposite opinion. They think that hobbies and leisure activities are a waste of time. If people pursue a hobby they spend less time with their families and that may lead to differences between members of the family.



Home Assignment 4

68 Translate the sentences into English using *to know, learn, find out or discover*:

1. Я прошу тебя кое-что для меня *разузнать* – я хочу знать, что она сейчас делает.
2. Ты хочешь *знать*, какое решение она приняла? – Нет. Я уже *выяснил* это.
3. Они уже приехали? – *Не узнавал*. Но, если хочешь, я могу *навести справки*.
4. Она такая любопытная, всегда хочет выведать чужие секреты.
5. Ну, что узнал его адрес? – Нет. Никто не знает. – А я узнал! Вот он.
6. Я выяснил, на какую компанию он работает. – А что это большой секрет? – Да, легче Америку *открыть* снова, чем добыть эту информацию.
7. Ты *знаешь*, что он наш ближайший родственник? – Да, только что *узнал*.
8. Ты уже *знаешь* правду? – Нет. – А хочешь *узнать*? – Нет. Я хочу *выяснить* все сам.
9. Я *сделала открытие*! У нас с тобой есть общие родственники (to be related).
10. Только с годами (just over the years) *узнаешь*, как сложно принимать собственные решения.

69 Put the verbs in the correct present tense forms.

A Dear Lily,

I am sorry I (1) (not write) for so long, but I (2) (be) very busy all this time. You know this June I (3) (take) my finals, so I (4) (do) a lot of revision now. In fact, I (5) (revise) so hard for the past few months that I even (6) (not have) time to attend my music classes. I am really sorry about that, you know how much I (7) (enjoy) playing the guitar. Anyway, I hope I will get back to that as soon as the exams are over.

All my family (8) (do) fine. Mum (9) (work) on her new book. She (10) (almost/finish) it, and I think it is the best she (11) (ever/write). My elder brother Tony (12) (have) a new girlfriend! They (13) (go) out for three months already, which is quite long for Tony. You know what I (14) (mean)!

(15) (you/remember) Andy Reeves? Well, he (16) (just/join) our basketball team, so I think this year we are sure to win!

I must finish now as I have to get back to my lessons.

Hope to see you soon.

B Luke and I (1) (live) together in New York now for a year, and our apartment is on West 11th Street, in the really nice leafy, atmospheric bit.

Danny Kovits (2) (live) upstairs from us, in his brother's apartment, and he (3) (become) one of my best friends since I came to New York. He's a fabulous designer, really talented - but he (4) (not/be) that successful yet. Five years after leaving fashion school, he (5) (still/wait) for his big break to come along. So as soon as Suze asked me to be her bridesmaid, I asked him to make my dress. I just can't wait to see what he (6) (do). All the sketches he (7) (show) me (8) (be) amazing up to now. My only slight worry is that wedding's in two days' time, and I (9) (actually/not try) the dress on yet. He told me he always lets his ideas ferment until the very last minute. It's just the way he (10) (work), and he (11) (never/miss) a deadline yet!
(after Sophie Kinsella "Shopaholic Ties the Knot")

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Translate the sentences into English. Make use of the Vocabulary of the Unit.

- Пока у нас не было возможности увидеть представление Цирка дю Солей (Circus de Soleil). В следующем месяце они *приезжают в наш город*, но, к сожалению, билетов осталось очень мало.
- Клара всегда хотела иметь много детей. И сейчас она *растит* троих сыновей.
- У меня сейчас очень много проблем. И их количество все *растет*.
- Рик работает в нашей компании с марта и за это время (over that time) стал одним из лучших работников. Он узнал много нового и полезного за это время.
- Жить за городом приятно, но для молодых людей там нет работы, поэтому они всё больше уезжают в крупные города.
- Из гостиницы *открывается* чудесный вид на горы. И мы последнее время каждую зиму выбираем только этот отель. – А я все время *выбираю наугад*. Но еще ни разу не *расстроился по поводу* выбора.
- Тебе *нравится* вечеринка? – Да, очень. А это Рита там в углу? Она немного *изменилась* и выглядит сейчас лучше. Она *отрастила* волосы? – Да.
- Ты уже знаешь, что Лиза и Макс встречаются (go out)? – Да, и это странно. Хотя они знают друг друга с детства, у них *мало общего*.
- Мой сосед Дэн очень *увлекается* футболом. Мы *живем в одной комнате* с начала года, и за эти шесть месяцев я ещё ни разу не *выспался* (have a good sleep). Он всё время смотрит футбольные матчи! Это так *действует на нервы*.
- Отношения* между сёстрами очень *улучшились* за последнее время.
- Ты видел последний фильм с Эммой Стоун? – Да, отличная комедия. Стоун играет (act) потрясающе, хотя сюжет (plot) вполне *ординарный*.
- Иногда бывает сложно *построить правильные отношения* с подростками. Существуют различные точки зрения на эту тему (issue). – Я как раз сейчас читаю статью, где автор-психолог *выражает свое мнение по* этому вопросу.
- Вы уже закончили статью? – Да, но у меня нет заголовка (title). Я думаю над ним уже несколько дней, но пока ничего не придумал.
- Ну, что там дальше происходит в фильме? – Если *кратко*, главный герой *избавляется от собаки*, очень *расстраивается* из-за этого, а потом *уходит из дома*. Я уже три раза тебе это рассказывала!

15. Я думаю, что Макс сегодня такой капризный (naughty), потому что у него температура. – А кто о нем *заботится*, пока ты на работе?
16. Моя дочь так давно хотела попасть на живой концерт группы (a live performance of) *Coldplay* и завтра она идёт на их выступление. – А когда начинается концерт?
17. А где они сейчас? Ты с ними *переписываешься* (остаешься на связи)? – Да, конечно. Но что-то давно от них не было писем.

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Look at the photo and cover items c), d) and e) of the outline in as much detail as possible.



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Make use of the Discussion Clock to deal with the following statements. Write down three arguments for each statement. Provide the opposite opinion. Use linking words and phrases to connect arguments.

- *Writing blogs in the Internet is a powerful source of inspiration. (Why?)*

1.
2.
3.

Opposite opinion:

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- *Lots of people nowadays are keen on painting. (Why?)*

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- *Fishing and gardening are an enjoyable and fruitful pastime. (Why?)*

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