

Conv. 4

Answer

Complete the sentences with the correct idiom(s)

1. My parents are putting pressure on me to become an English teacher.
2. I've had my ups and downs at Mokwon. sometimes things are really good, but sometimes things are pretty bad.
3. I like to leaf through the magazines when I'm in the library.
4. My father used to hitch a ride from 1 town to the next.
5. I couldn't enter the building, because a sign said, "no trespassing".
6. I had a hard time keeping a straight face, because he looked so funny.
7. My teacher wanted to have a word with me after class.
8. It's important to pace yourself when you're running. Don't run too hard or you'll tire yourself out.
9. I think that student has a lot of promise. If she keeps studying hard she'll be really successful 1 day.
10. I got a black eye when I accidentally ran into a wall.
11. I need to be careful not to make anymore mistakes. I already have 2 strikes against me.
12. I'm not keen on teaching online classes. I'd rather meet my students in person.
13. My new girlfriend is really beautiful. I think I hit the jackpot there.
14. The new job was very difficult at first. It took me awhile to get a feel for everything.
15. I think the president's honeymoon is over. His popularity has fallen from 65% to 40%.

- a. pace yourself
- b. ups and downs
- c. no trespassing
- d. got a black eye
- e. get a feel for
- f. have 2 strikes against me
- g. hitch a ride
- h. keen on
- i. putting pressure on
- j. has a lot of promise
- k. honeymoon is over
- l. keeping a straight face
- m. leaf through
- n. have a word with
- o. hit the jackpot

Write the meanings for these idioms

(businessenglishteacher.com/business-idioms)

1. a lot on my plate (very busy)
2. cave in (to yield or give in completely)
3. crunch the numbers (add up the numbers)
4. dead end job (a job with no future)
5. get down to business (start discussing or doing something)
6. gray area (situation in which it's difficult to distinguish between right + wrong)
7. headhunt (to look for the most qualified workers)
8. in the works (in development)
9. last straw (final annoyance that causes you to get angry)
10. out of the loop (not informed)
11. pull the plug (to stop or discontinue)
12. set the record straight (give the true version of events)
13. test the water (to try something out to see if it works or not)
14. way off the mark (totally wrong)
15. the ball is in your court (it's up to you to make the next move or decision)

Matching(Vocabulary)

- 1.vast v.
- 2.hordes n.
- 3.unfamiliar +
- 4.slums a.
- 5.fend for himself l.
- 6.beggar n.
- 7.suspicious x.
- 8.orphanage y.
- 9.increasingly a.
- 10.illiterate p.
- 11.vivid h.
- 12.effective i.
- 13.strategy f.
- 14.adoption s.
- 15.shabby u.
- 16.blankly g.
- 17.gestured e.
- 18.weathered n.
- 19.recognized k.
- 20.grasping j.
- 21.feared b.
- 22.fortune-teller m.
- 23.extremely a.
- 24.heart-broken w.
- 25.grateful d.

- a.more and more
- b.was afraid of
- c.poor and dirty part of a city
- d.thankful for
- e.used hand signals(body language)
- f.plan
- g.with no expression
- h.very clear
- i.useful
- j.understanding
- k.knew/able to identify
- l.be independent
- m.person who predicts your future

n.full of wrinkles

o.large group of people

p.cannot read and write

q.very

r.a homeless person who asks for food or money

s.accepting children as your own

t.don't know

u.in bad condition

v.large

w.very sad

x.don't trust

y.home for children with no parents