

Conv. 6

Answers

Complete these sentences with the correct idiom(s)

1. My sister's been doing a good job, so she's in line for for a promotion at her company.
2. I need a new computer I've been shopping around at different stores.
3. He's lost a lot of money gambling, so he's racked up a lot of debt.
4. 아이구! I really think I've hit rock bottom. Last week I lost my job and I broke up with my girlfriend.
5. The store clerk really drove a hard bargain. I kept asking her for a discount, but she kept saying "no".
6. My grandparents and my parents paved the way for my future success.
7. Most homeless people are barely scraping by. They just live from day to day.
8. The glass ceiling prevents a lot of women from making any progress.
9. The economy has flatlined because of covid-19. Small businesses are struggling to stay open.
10. My 2 friends have been fighting with each other, but I'm trying not to take sides. I just hope they can make up soon.
11. I flew on a no-frills airline called SevernUp. They didn't have any flight attendants and didn't serve any meals.
12. Samsung keeps growing bigger by buying out smaller companies.
13. I'm on a diet now, so I'm trying to keep tabs on everything I eat.
14. If my student doesn't get his act together, he'll fail the class. He still hasn't done any homework.
15. Apple is now plugging its new iPhone 13.

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- b. flatlined
- c. in line for
- d. keep tabs on
- e. no-frills
- f. paved the way
- g. plugging
- h. racked up
- i. get his act together
- j. scraping by
- k. shopping around
- l. take sides
- m. hit rock bottom
- n. buying out
- o. glass ceiling

Write the meanings for these idioms in English

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WATCH AND LISTEN

- 1.out of this world (amazing)
- 2.get to (to have an opportunity to do something)
- 3.as opposed to (compared to)
- 4.move on (to move forward)
- 5.you can't go wrong (it's a good decision)
- 6.to go (to say)
- 7.pop up (arise)
- 8.(to grow by)leaps and bounds (increase by a lot)
- 9.born and raised (your identity is there)
- 10.I can't take it (can't tolerate it)
- 11.phenomenal (great)
- 12.kick (it's spicy)
- 13.signature (something the restaurant is known for)
- 14.hors d'oeuvre (appetizer or snack)
- 15.the place to be (very popular place)

GETTING THE BIG PICTURE

Circle the letter of your answer.

What is the main reason the six firefighters in the story survived?

- The men had 110 pounds of equipment on their backs. Their equipment made it possible for them to breathe even though the air was filled with dust and smoke.
- The fire spread down to the 80th floor and stopped there. The firefighters did not go higher than the 27th floor.
- They refused to leave one another, and they refused to leave Josephine. She kept them in the only part of the building that remained intact.

BUILDING VOCABULARY

◆ RECALLING NEW WORDS

The words below are from the story. Write the correct word or words on the line.

urged	figured	exhausted	frustrated
debris	trapped	scattered	pitch black
intact	collapse	reflection	reported for duty

- The six firefighters came to work every day at 9:00 A.M., so they had just reported for duty when the first plane hit the World Trade Center.
- The windows of the building across the street were like a mirror. The firefighters could see the reflection of the explosion in the glass.
- Captain Jonas knew where the plane had hit the North Tower, and he knew how fast a fire spreads. He figured it had probably spread to the 80th floor.
- The South Tower had fallen down, and the firefighters were afraid the North Tower would collapse, too.
- When the firefighters met Josephine, she had already walked down 59 flights of stairs. She was exhausted.
- "Keep moving," the firefighters told Josephine. They urged her to move faster.
- Captain Jonas was in a dangerous situation, and there was nothing he could do about it. Josephine would not go any farther, and he could not find a chair to carry her in. He felt frustrated.
- After the North Tower collapsed, the firefighters could see nothing because of the smoke and dust. It was pitch black.
- The firefighters could not get out of the building. They were trapped in the stairwell.

Some firefighters were on the second floor, some were on the third floor, and some were on the fourth floor. They were scattered between floors two and four.

11. The World Trade Center was destroyed. Where the building once stood, there was now only a pile of debris.
12. The only part of the World Trade Center that was still standing was the stairwell between the second and fourth floors. Josephine had kept them all in the only part of the building that was intact.

◆ UNDERSTANDING SPECIAL EXPRESSIONS

Complete the sentences to show that you understand the meanings of the new words. There may be several correct ways to complete each sentence.

1. *once** = immediately after something happens

Example: Once you've taken the medicine, you'll feel better.

- a. The firefighters knew that once they left the building, they would have to _____.
- b. Once he's saved enough money, he can _____.
- c. Once they've finished their homework, they can _____.

2. *could barely* = almost could not

Example: The theater was so dark we could barely find our way to our seats.

- a. Josephine was so tired she could barely _____.
- b. He spoke so softly we could barely _____.
- c. Her handwriting was so bad I could barely _____.

DEVELOPING READING SKILLS

◆ UNDERSTANDING CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

Read each group of four sentences. One of the sentences is not in chronological order. Draw a line through the sentence that is not in the correct place.

1. The six firefighters arrive at the North Tower of the World Trade Center.
They enter a stairwell and start walking up.
~~They feel an incredible rush of wind at their backs.~~
They stop to catch their breath at the 27th floor.
2. The South Tower collapses, and Captain Jonas orders his men out of the building.
The firefighters begin descending the stairs.
They meet Josephine and tell her they will help her get out of the building.
People who are descending the stairs encourage the firefighters.

*The word *once* usually means "one time," but it can also mean "immediately after something happens."