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*Speaking already*

Q1 Can you hear what he is .....?

- (a) saying (b) speaking (c) telling (d) talking

Q2 She hasn't come home .....

- (a) still (b) already (c) yet (d) till

Q3 I ..... TV yesterday evening.

- (a) saw (b) looked (c) viewed (d) watched

Q4 We live ..... the city centre.

- (a) near (b) next (c) by (d) nearby

Q5 She looks ..... a famous film star.

- (a) as (b) like (c) similar (d) same

Q6 This television gives you the ..... news.

- (a) last (b) latest (c) least (d) later

Q7 I only ..... one mistake in last night's test.

- (a) made (b) done (c) did (d) make

Q8 I want you to tell me the ..... truth.

- (a) all (b) exact (c) real (d) whole

Q9 He is looking ..... a present to buy his girlfriend.

- (a) for (b) at (c) in (d) on

Q10 That's what I would like ..... Christmas.

- (a) for (b) at (c) in (d) on

*Drive carefully*

|     |                                                                     |                |                 |               |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Q1  | You must not drink and then ..... a car.                            |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) lead                                                            | (b) drive      | (c) take        | (d) guide     |
| Q2  | Please be ..... when you cross this road.                           |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) careless                                                        | (b) carefree   | (c) caring      | (d) careful   |
| Q3  | Do what you like, I really don't .....                              |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) concern                                                         | (b) interested | (c) dislike     | (d) mind      |
| Q4  | If you want to ..... that book remember to bring it back.           |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) borrow                                                          | (b) lend       | (c) loan        | (d) owe       |
| Q5  | When your train arrives, I'll ..... you from the station.           |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) take                                                            | (b) bring      | (c) fetch       | (d) remove    |
| Q6  | I always get ..... early in the summer.                             |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) up                                                              | (b) over       | (c) through     | (d) on        |
| Q7  | When you first meet someone, you usually shake them ..... the hand. |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) with                                                            | (b) on         | (c) in          | (d) by        |
| Q8  | I have never ..... her before.                                      |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) saw                                                             | (b) seeing     | (c) seen        | (d) see       |
| Q9  | The teacher asked her students to do their .....                    |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) housework                                                       | (b) homework   | (c) home duty   | (d) house job |
| Q10 | The police officer told the children always to tell the .....       |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) true                                                            | (b) facts      | (c) information | (d) truth     |

*Listen vs. Hear*

- Q1 I'm terribly sorry but I ..... what you said just now and I wonder if you could repeat it.  
 (a) wasn't listen to (b) wasn't hearing (c) didn't hear (d) didn't hearing
- Q2 I ..... attentively to the lecture on philosophy but I still didn't understand much of it.  
 (a) heard (b) listened (c) was hearing (d) was listen
- Q3 Can you ..... me all right over there because you are rather a long way away?  
 (a) listening (b) hearing (c) listen (d) hear
- Q4 I ..... what you are saying but that still doesn't make me want to change my mind one little bit.  
 (a) listen (b) hear (c) am listing (d) am hearing
- Q5 I ..... to the concert every Monday on the radio and I imagine I am there listening to it in person.  
 (a) listen (b) am listening (c) hear (d) am hearing
- Q6 I should explain that he finds it very difficult to follow your conversation because he is very hard of .....  
 (a) listen to (b) listening (c) to hear (d) hearing
- Q7 Now will you please ..... me and pay attention to what I'm saying because it's very important.  
 (a) hear (b) listen to (c) hearing (d) listening to
- Q8 You've been making so much noise with your music that people at the far end of the road can ..... you.  
 (a) listen to (b) listening to (c) hear (d) hearing
- Q9 He sometimes pretends he can't ..... a single word you are saying but all the time he's taking it all in.  
 (a) listen to (b) listening to (c) hear (d) hearing
- Q10 I have been ..... strange stories about you recently but I do hope that there is no substance in them.  
 (a) listened to (b) listening to (c) heard (d) hearing

*Finish vs. End*

|     |                                                                                                                                               |          |            |              |               |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Q1  | The brothers will ..... school both together at the end of this year.                                                                         | (a) end  | (b) ending | (c) finish   | (d) finishes  |
| Q2  | They wanted their daughter to improve her social skills and sent her to the famous ..... school in Switzerland.                               | (a) ends | (b) ending | (c) finishes | (d) finishing |
| Q3  | You can't miss it, it's that tall building right at the ..... of the road.                                                                    | (a) end  | (b) ends   | (c) finish   | (d) finishes  |
| Q4  | Sadly their marriage of 25 years ..... in divorce.                                                                                            | (a) ends | (b) ended  | (c) finishes | (d) finished  |
| Q5  | It didn't take long for the children to ..... off the cakes and pastries that had not been eaten at the party.                                | (a) end  | (b) ending | (c) finish   | (d) finishing |
| Q6  | He thought they would all share the cost of the meal but unfortunately he ..... up paying for everybody.                                      | (a) end  | (b) ended  | (c) finish   | (d) finished  |
| Q7  | After the children had ..... doing their homework, the whole family watched television.                                                       | (a) ends | (b) ended  | (c) finishes | (d) finished  |
| Q8  | You could tell the time by him because he always ..... work at exactly the same time every day.                                               | (a) ends | (b) ended  | (c) finish   | (d) finished  |
| Q9  | I've written practically the whole book except for the last part and I just don't know how to ..... the story.                                | (a) end  | (b) ending | (c) finish   | (d) finishing |
| Q10 | To most people it seemed like a long and successful relationship and so it was a great surprise to learn that they had ..... with each other. | (a) ends | (b) ended  | (c) finishes | (d) finished  |

*Start vs. Begin*

- Q1 I ..... my car to make sure it worked about ten minutes before I drove to work.  
 (a) began (b) started (c) begin (d) start
- Q2 My car very rarely ..... first time when the weather is really cold.  
 (a) begins (b) beginning (c) starting (d) starts
- Q3 We ..... off early on the first day of summer so that we could see the sun rise.  
 (a) began (b) started (c) starting (d) beginning
- Q4 I read the ..... of that book but I couldn't possibly read the whole story.  
 (a) starting (b) start (c) beginning (d) begin
- Q5 I can't ..... to understand why anyone would want to be cruel to animals.  
 (a) start (b) begin (c) starts (d) begins
- Q6 He ..... off at me again simply because I had forgotten to lock the back door after I came home.  
 (a) started (b) began (c) begun (d) starts
- Q7 I won a lot of money by betting on that horse but it was simply a case of ..... luck.  
 (a) start's (b) starter's (c) beginner's (d) beginning's
- Q8 As far as I was concerned when the accident happened, it was the ..... of the end.  
 (a) start (b) begin (c) starting (d) beginning
- Q9 Who would like to ..... off the debate?  
 (a) begin (b) start (c) begins (d) starting
- Q10 I would greatly appreciate it if you didn't ..... up that old argument again.  
 (a) start (b) begin (c) starts (d) begins



**Modal Verbs**

- Q1 I ..... go to see the doctor last week because I was very ill.  
(a) must (b) must to (c) had to
- Q2 I could ..... bought that car but I didn't have enough money to pay for the petrol.  
(a) had (b) have (c) have to
- Q3 I ..... go now because I am already late for my class.  
(a) must (b) had (c) have to
- Q4 I may ..... able to come to your party if I have the time.  
(a) be (b) being (c) being to
- Q5 Do you ..... clean the house every day or every week?  
(a) must (b) have (c) have to
- Q6 I ..... speak French without a problem now because I have had many lessons.  
(a) may (b) can (c) have
- Q7 They ..... do their homework today because it is a holiday at the school.  
(a) must not (b) don't have (c) don't have to
- Q8 I ..... help you with your shopping because you have a lot of bags.  
(a) ought (b) ought to (c) thought
- Q9 When will you ..... come and see us in our new house?  
(a) can (b) be able to (c) must
- Q10 I may ..... go to Paris next week because there is a very big exhibition there.  
(a) have (b) have to (c) had

*How to use the articles*

- Q1 I only want ..... little sugar in my tea, please.  
(a) a (b) the (c) such
- Q2 In ..... end we decided not to go to the cinema but to watch television.  
(a) the (b) this (c) an
- Q3 It is important sometimes to stop and look around you at all the wonderful things .....  
(a) nature (b) in nature (c) in the nature
- Q4 It is ..... book that I have ever read.  
(a) funniest (b) a funniest (c) the funniest
- Q5 I want to go to the cinema to see a film about ..... and the French.  
(a) France (b) a France (c) the France
- Q6 Can anyone give me ..... please because I have just fallen over?  
(a) hand (b) a hand (c) the hand
- Q7 The interesting thing about ..... is all the roads that they built in Britain.  
(a) Romans (b) a Romans (c) the Romans
- Q8 She always said that when she grew up she wanted to be .....  
(a) doctor (b) a doctor (c) the doctor
- Q9 I have left my book in ..... and I would like you to get it for me.  
(a) kitchen (b) a kitchen (c) the kitchen
- Q10 Are you studying foreign languages at school, like .....?  
(a) French (b) a French (c) the French

*Relative Pronouns*

- Q1 ..... is that sitting over there in the corner?  
(a) Who (b) Whom (c) Which
- Q2 I don't understand a word ..... you are talking about.  
(a) what (b) that (c) who
- Q3 They have a very large house round ..... there are some lovely gardens.  
(a) that (b) which (c) whose
- Q4 I'm looking at the photograph ..... you sent me with your letter.  
(a) which (b) who (c) whom
- Q5 There is a new television programme called: '..... wants to be a millionaire?'.  
(a) Which (b) What (c) Who
- Q6 I think you will see that this is the best museum ..... you can find in the town.  
(a) that (b) which (c) who
- Q7 The police want to find out ..... drove the red car into the shop window.  
(a) who (b) who's (c) whose
- Q8 Did you meet the lady ..... uncle works in the library?  
(a) who (b) whose (c) who's
- Q9 The person in the house next to mine knows someone ..... met the Queen.  
(a) who (b) whom (c) which
- Q10 The grass, ..... I cut every week, seems to grow very quickly.  
(a) who (b) who's (c) which

*Present Tense*

- Q1 I ..... her every day and she never says hello to me.  
 (a) see (b) am seeing (c) will see
- Q2 What is the name of that picture which you ..... on the wall.  
 (a) look at (b) is looking at (c) are looking at
- Q3 ..... to see that film that is on at the cinema next week?  
 (a) Do you go (b) Is you going (c) Are you going
- Q4 ..... every single thing which that man says?  
 (a) Do you believe (b) Is you believing (c) Are you believing
- Q5 Sometimes I ..... what the teacher says to me.  
 (a) don't understand (b) am not understanding (c) understand not
- Q6 Later tonight I ..... my uncle, who is ill in hospital.  
 (a) visit (b) am visiting (c) are visiting
- Q7 Why ..... late every time we arrange to meet?  
 (a) is he (b) he is (c) is he being
- Q8 ..... by air because the cost of flying is very high.  
 (a) I don't often travel (b) I'm not often travelling  
 (c) I'll not often travelling
- Q9 Next time you ..... to my house, you must bring that book.  
 (a) come (b) is coming (c) are coming
- Q10 I ..... to remember your name but I'm afraid I can't remember it.  
 (a) try (b) am trying (c) will trying

**Conditionals**

- Q1 If I win the lottery, I ..... buy you a very big car as a present.  
(a) should (b) will (c) am
- Q2 ..... I bought you a new car, would you be very happy?  
(a) When (b) If (c) As
- Q3 If you ..... got that job, would you have been able to move to a new house?  
(a) have (b) had (c) will have
- Q4 I would want very much to move to a new house if I ..... that job.  
(a) have (b) having (c) had
- Q5 Will you come to dinner with us if we ..... a babysitter for you?  
(a) had found (b) will find (c) find
- Q6 I will try very hard to come and have dinner at your house if I ..... able to.  
(a) am (b) was (c) were
- Q7 If I ..... you, I should work very hard so that I could earn more money.  
(a) am (b) were (c) are
- Q8 ..... you able to lend me some money if I promise you that you will get it back very soon?  
(a) Are (b) Was (c) Were
- Q9 If you really want to be helpful, then you ..... to tell me the truth.  
(a) have (b) had (c) will have
- Q10 If I ..... very hard, I would have been able to stop smoking.  
(a) try (b) would have tried (c) had tried

*We went on holiday*

|     |                                                                |                |            |               |                |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------|---------------|----------------|
| Q1  | I expect you think I'm ..... because I don't understand that.  | (a) dumb       | (b) stupid | (c) deaf      | (d) crazy      |
| Q2  | Does anyone honestly ..... what a politician says nowadays?    | (a) discover   | (b) think  | (c) believe   | (d) credit     |
| Q3  | I'm sure you're quite ..... but many people disagree with you. | (a) write      | (b) right  | (c) all right | (d) serious    |
| Q4  | Do you know where the President of America .....?              | (a) leaves     | (b) lives  | (c) live      | (d) inhabits   |
| Q5  | I've tried those tablets and they haven't done me any .....    | (a) benefit    | (b) good   | (c) better    | (d) best       |
| Q6  | I'm going ..... for a few days so don't send me any more work. | (a) off        | (b) out    | (c) over      | (d) away       |
| Q7  | This summer we went ..... holiday to Greece.                   | (a) on         | (b) off    | (c) in        | (d) by         |
| Q8  | If you can't reach me at home, send me a .....                 | (a) postscript | (b) email  | (c) letter    | (d) brief      |
| Q9  | I believe it is ..... to hold a door open for a lady.          | (a) politic    | (b) polite | (c) political | (d) politeness |
| Q10 | It is considered bad ..... to shout at someone.                | (a) habits     | (b) ways   | (c) manners   | (d) custom     |

**Grammar Questions**

- Q1 Which of these is a noun? It is .....  
(a) thing (b) think (c) that (d) there
- Q2 Which of these is a passive sentence? It is .....  
(a) He's been there (b) He's been taken there  
(c) He's been going there (d) He will have been there
- Q3 Which of these is a preposition? It is .....  
(a) thorough (b) trough (c) through (d) throng
- Q4 Which of these tenses is Past Perfect Simple? It is .....  
(a) She had laughed (b) She has been laughing  
(c) She laughed (d) She was laughing
- Q5 Which of these is an adverb? It is .....  
(a) quickly (b) sly (c) quicker (d) quickest
- Q6 Which of these tenses is Present Simple? It is .....  
(a) He spoke (b) He is speaking (c) He speaks (d) He will speak
- Q7 Which of these is an adjective? It is .....  
(a) hard (b) hardly (c) harden (d) hardship
- Q8 Which of these is a personal pronoun? It is .....  
(a) their (b) they (c) there (d) theirs
- Q9 Which of these is a gerund? It is .....  
(a) go (b) goes (c) going (d) gone
- Q10 Which of these is a past participle? It is .....  
(a) believing (b) believed (c) believes (d) belief

*An Easy Question*

- Q1 What exercise do you like doing ..... of all?  
(a) next (b) best (c) after (d) before
- Q2 That's a good question but I need ..... to think about it.  
(a) time (b) space (c) length (d) width
- Q3 Don't worry, there's no need to answer ..... I'm not in a hurry.  
(a) firstly (b) fairly (c) immediately (d) easily
- Q4 There are so many things that it's difficult to .....  
(a) put (b) follow (c) find (d) choose
- Q5 Oh, come on it's ..... not that difficult.  
(a) quickly (b) hardly (c) always (d) surely
- Q6 Well, I think it is and I ..... it's an impossible question to answer.  
(a) deliver (b) reckon (c) report (d) realize
- Q7 Do you want me to ..... it easier for you?  
(a) make (b) do (c) try (d) take
- Q8 Yes, I'd very much ..... that.  
(a) understand (b) consider (c) appreciate (d) appear
- Q9 All right let me ask you what you like doing least of .....?  
(a) everything (b) all (c) entire (d) that
- Q10 Oh, that's easy — ..... to answer this test!  
(a) trying (b) falling (c) putting (d) picking



*Learn it by heart*

- Q1 I ..... don't know how to learn new words by heart.  
(a) some time (b) sometimes (c) something
- Q2 I often read short articles ..... pets in my favourite magazine.  
(a) for (b) at (c) about
- Q3 I think learning ..... be interesting because otherwise you wouldn't ever be able to succeed.  
(a) can (b) should (c) must to
- Q4 You will probably agree ..... me.  
(a) with (b) for (c) in
- Q5 If you have a question please feel ..... to ask.  
(a) good (b) well (c) free
- Q6 Thank you very much indeed, that's very kind ..... you.  
(a) from (b) for (c) of
- Q7 We are really glad to have you as our ..... and we will take good care of you.  
(a) containers (b) customers (c) costumiers
- Q8 For the whole of next week we are planning to sell our new dictionaries at a special .....  
(a) price (b) prize (c) prise
- Q9 As of now we still don't know if we will be ..... to fulfil our contract.  
(a) reliable (b) able (c) capable
- Q10 Don't worry, we are quite flexible and can make changes at ..... time whatsoever.  
(a) some (b) any (c) one

*White Water Rafting*

- Q1 You must admit flying in a hot air balloon is an amazing .....  
(a) expression (b) experience (c) expertise
- Q2 Can you remember the last time you ..... such an exciting time?  
(a) have (b) having (c) had
- Q3 To be honest, I have never ..... in a balloon.  
(a) flowed (b) flown (c) flying
- Q4 Really, then it's about time you tried it .....  
(a) in (b) out (c) on
- Q5 Are you really suggesting that we ..... actually get into one of those ridiculous things?  
(a) shall (b) will (c) should
- Q6 Why not? There is nothing to be ..... of. After all it won't be just us in the balloon.  
(a) fear (b) afraid (c) fright
- Q7 You must be joking. Have you forgotten how terrible I felt the last time we went somewhere ..... plane?  
(a) in (b) with (c) by
- Q8 Oh, come on. Why do you have to be such a kill .....  
(a) joy (b) joke (c) fun
- Q9 That's not fair. You know full ..... what it feels like to be worried sick when everyone else is laughing at you.  
(a) good (b) well (c) fine
- Q10 All right you win. I promise I won't bring it ..... again. Why don't just we go white water rafting instead?  
(a) on (b) up (c) in

*Where am I?*

|     |                                        |             |               |                |               |
|-----|----------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Q1  | Excuse me I ..... if you can help me.  | (a) expect  | (b) hope      | (c) believe    | (d) wonder    |
| Q2  | I certainly will if I .....            | (a) could   | (b) can       | (c) can't      | (d) should    |
| Q3  | Well, my ..... is that I'm lost.       | (a) problem | (b) situation | (c) hardship   | (d) difficult |
| Q4  | I see you have a ..... in your car.    | (a) card    | (b) route     | (c) map        | (d) drawing   |
| Q5  | Yes, I have but I can't ..... it.      | (a) pursue  | (b) chase     | (c) control    | (d) follow    |
| Q6  | Now, where are you ..... for?          | (a) doing   | (b) going     | (c) driving    | (d) making    |
| Q7  | I want to ..... to Nutfield Avenue.    | (a) come    | (b) get       | (c) fetch      | (d) find      |
| Q8  | I don't think that's going to be ..... | (a) hard    | (b) hazard    | (c) hardship   | (d) hardly    |
| Q9  | Why do you ..... that?                 | (a) tell    | (b) announce  | (c) say        | (d) speak     |
| Q10 | Because you're in that road ..... now. | (a) simply  | (b) obviously | (c) absolutely | (d) right     |

*Remove the Spoon*

|     |                                                                        |                |                 |                 |                |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Q1  | What ..... to be the trouble?                                          | (a) ought      | (b) looks       | (c) seems       | (d) tries      |
| Q2  | It ..... every time I drink a cup of tea.                              | (a) happens    | (b) goes        | (c) does        | (d) happened   |
| Q3  | Can you give me a little more .....?                                   | (a) exact      | (b) particular  | (c) detail      | (d) fact       |
| Q4  | Well, I get a ..... in my right eye every time I drink a cup of tea.   | (a) hurt       | (b) shoot       | (c) feel        | (d) pain       |
| Q5  | Do you drink a ..... of tea with sugar?                                | (a) much       | (b) lot         | (c) huge        | (d) many       |
| Q6  | Yes, I .....                                                           | (a) did        | (b) have        | (c) do          | (d) done       |
| Q7  | I can't ..... give up drinking tea, doctor.                            | (a) probably   | (b) possibly    | (c) likely      | (d) impossibly |
| Q8  | I'm not ..... you to do that but next time you drink tea with sugar... | (a) placing    | (b) indicating  | (c) speaking    | (d) asking     |
| Q9  | Yes, doctor I'm sorry I ..... you.                                     | (a) intervened | (b) intersected | (c) interrupted | (d) interfered |
| Q10 | Next time you drink tea with sugar, don't forget to ..... the spoon.   | (a) reject     | (b) replace     | (c) repeat      | (d) remove     |

*Weather Forecast*

- Q1 Now let's go ..... to our weather forecaster, Mary.  
 (a) on (b) out (c) over (d) against
- Q2 Yes, thank you and I'm afraid it's not ..... very bright at the moment.  
 (a) seeming (b) appearing (c) seeing (d) looking
- Q3 The trouble is that there are some very ..... rain clouds over the north.  
 (a) fat (b) heavy (c) weighing (d) dragging
- Q4 These will ..... some rainfall later this morning.  
 (a) bear (b) carry (c) produce (d) present
- Q5 Then the clouds will ..... further south in the afternoon.  
 (a) transport (b) convey (c) direct (d) move
- Q6 And by early evening the ..... country will see the rain.  
 (a) whole (b) total (c) complete (d) hole
- Q7 But things will ..... tomorrow.  
 (a) better (b) improvise (c) increase (d) improve
- Q8 In the early morning the sun will make an .....  
 (a) apparition (b) appearance (c) appearing (d) appear
- Q9 But you'll have to be quick because it soon .....  
 (a) despairs (b) disappoints (c) deserts (d) disappears
- Q10 And of course after that our old friend rain .....  
 (a) repeats (b) reports (c) returns (d) reacts

*On TV tonight*

|     |                                                                             |                |                 |               |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Q1  | Good evening. Let me tell you what's in ..... for you on television tonight |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) shop                                                                    | (b) market     | (c) store       | (d) screen    |
| Q2  | It will be a bit of a mixed .....                                           |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) sack                                                                    | (b) holder     | (c) container   | (d) bag       |
| Q3  | To start ..... we have comedy.                                              |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) with                                                                    | (b) up         | (c) out         | (d) in        |
| Q4  | This will be a programme presenting that ..... comedian, George Blair.      |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) populated                                                               | (b) popular    | (c) populous    | (d) poplar    |
| Q5  | After that we have the ..... show on the latest hits.                       |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) regimented                                                              | (b) regulated  | (c) regular     | (d) ruled     |
| Q6  | Next we'll have the ..... news.                                             |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) latest                                                                  | (b) newest     | (c) later       | (d) newer     |
| Q7  | This will be read by the very pretty ..... Penny Lane.                      |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) newsagent                                                               | (b) newscaster | (c) newsbringer | (d) newspaper |
| Q8  | At ..... I think she's very pretty.                                         |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) last                                                                    | (b) lost       | (c) less        | (d) least     |
| Q9  | And the following programmes are all ..... as far as I'm concerned.         |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) boring                                                                  | (b) bored      | (c) board       | (d) boarding  |
| Q10 | Because after the news Penny and I are ..... on a date.                     |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) doing                                                                   | (b) making     | (c) going       | (d) taking    |

*The Bells*

|     |                                                                                               |              |                  |                |                |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Q1  | Don't you ..... those bells..?                                                                | (a) ponder   | (b) elaborate    | (c) think      | (d) educate    |
| Q2  | I'm ..... sorry I can't hear a word you're saying.                                            | (a) horribly | (b) considerably | (c) definitely | (d) awfully    |
| Q3  | ..... I was trying to say was.                                                                | (a) All      | (b) Everything   | (c) Nothing    | (d) Something  |
| Q4  | Sorry you'll have to speak .....                                                              | (a) to       | (b) up           | (c) along      | (d) through    |
| Q5  | I'll have one more ..... and then..                                                           | (a) come     | (b) find         | (c) go         | (d) leave      |
| Q6  | It's no ..... I can't hear you.                                                               | (a) try      | (b) point        | (c) idea       | (d) use        |
| Q7  | Now I've shut the window and I'll make one more .....                                         | (a) attempt  | (b) tempt        | (c) trial      | (d) experiment |
| Q8  | I ..... wanted to say.                                                                        | (a) closely  | (b) simply       | (c) naturally  | (d) quickly    |
| Q9  | Ah that's ..... better now I can't hear those awful bells. Now what was it you wanted to say? | (a) more     | (b) most         | (c) mostly     | (d) much       |
| Q10 | It doesn't really ..... now. I just wanted to say how beautiful the bells sounded.            | (a) matter   | (b) care         | (c) help       | (d) hold       |

*Sailing*

|     |                                                                    |               |                |               |                |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Q1  | ..... me what did you do at the weekend?                           | (a) Say       | (b) Speak      | (c) Announce  | (d) Tell       |
| Q2  | Oh, it was a complete .....!                                       | (a) accident  | (b) happening  | (c) disaster  | (d) event      |
| Q3  | Why, what .....?                                                   | (a) happened  | (b) occurred   | (c) arrived   | (d) evolved    |
| Q4  | Well, the ..... was to go sailing.                                 | (a) picture   | (b) sketch     | (c) plan      | (d) drawing    |
| Q5  | That ..... interesting.                                            | (a) rings     | (b) looks      | (c) hears     | (d) sounds     |
| Q6  | In ..... I agree.                                                  | (a) idea      | (b) philosophy | (c) theory    | (d) belief     |
| Q7  | But not in ....., eh?                                              | (a) practices | (b) practice   | (c) practical | (d) practicing |
| Q8  | Exactly, in fact I almost .....                                    | (a) downed    | (b) dropped    | (c) dripped   | (d) drowned    |
| Q9  | That ..... have been horrible. So what are you doing this weekend? | (a) must      | (b) may        | (c) can       | (d) should     |
| Q10 | I'm starting a ..... of swimming lessons.                          | (a) line      | (b) course     | (c) run       | (d) row        |



**Responses (1)**

- Q1 Mike: I like anything to do with sport. ....  
 (a) Have you? (b) Did you? (c) Do you? (d) Are you?
- Q2 Mike: We went to Paris last summer.  
 Jane: .....  
 (a) I never go there too. (b) I never went there.  
 (c) I never did there. (d) I've never been there.
- Q3 Mike: She always goes to work on a bike.  
 Jane: .....  
 (a) She is very healthy. (b) She must be very healthy.  
 (c) She can be very healthy. (d) She might be very healthy.
- Q4 Mike: They went on strike last week.  
 Jane: .....  
 (a) What on earth for? (b) Are they on earth?  
 (c) Do they live on earth? (d) Why on earth to?
- Q5 Mike: More people die from eating fatty food than from smoking.  
 Jane: .....  
 (a) You must be ridiculous! (b) You must be laughing!  
 (c) You must be smiling! (d) You must be joking!
- Q6 Mike: You know he failed all his examinations?  
 Jane: .....  
 (a) I must believe it. (b) I don't believe it.  
 (c) I might believe it. (d) I ought to believe it.
- Q7 Mike: It's getting very late, we must hurry up.  
 Jane: .....  
 (a) Point got. (b) Point received. (c) Point taken. (d) Point held.
- Q8 Mike: I haven't stopped working for eight hours today.  
 Jane: .....  
 (a) My heart bleeds for you. (b) My heart breaks for you.  
 (c) My heart beats for you. (d) My heart hurts for you.
- Q9 Mike: You know the boss will be angry with you.  
 Jane: .....  
 (a) I'm not caring. (b) I'm not at all caring.  
 (c) I care nothing. (d) I don't care.
- Q10 Mike: I wonder if you could help me with this problem.  
 Jane: .....  
 (a) Probe me. (b) Try me. (c) Examine me. (d) Practise me.

**Responses (2)**

Q1 Mike: 'I just can't make my mind up. What do you think?'

Jane: '.....'

- (a) You're up to it.                      (b) It's up to you.                      (c) You're up for it.                      (d) You're up at it.

Q2 Mike: 'Hello. I wonder if you're interested in new double-glazing.'

Jane: '.....'

- (a) I'm really not interested.                      (b) I'm really interesting.  
(c) I'm not really interesting.                      (d) I wasn't really interested.

Q3 Mike: 'He offered me a 50% discount. What should I do?'

Jane: '.....'

- (a) Hold his hand down.                      (b) Bite his hand down.                      (c) Hold your hand in.                      (d) Bite his hand off.

Q4 Mike: 'I need some support, right now.'

Jane: '.....'

- (a) Well, you can number me.                      (b) Well, I'm your number.  
(c) Well, you can count on me.                      (d) Well, you can add on me.

Q5 Mike: 'They haven't sent me the bill for a year now. What would you do?'

Jane: '.....'

- (a) I'd simply forgot it.                      (b) I'd simply forget it.  
(c) I'd simply forbid it.                      (d) I'd simply forecast it.

Q6 Mike: 'Can you explain why she did that?'

Jane: '.....'

- (a) Heaven alone will say.                      (b) Heaven only says.  
(c) Heaven alone speaks.                      (d) Heaven only knows.

Q7 Mike: 'Do you think he'll be the next President?'

Jane: '.....'

- (a) Your guess is as good as mine.                      (b) Your guess is better.  
(c) My guess is worse.                      (d) We must guess harder.

Q8 Mike: 'That's the 16th job interview I've failed. What should I do?'

Jane: '.....'

- (a) Don't give over.                      (b) Don't give out.                      (c) Don't give up.                      (d) Don't give on.

Q9 Mike: 'I'm taking my driving test tomorrow.'

Jane: '.....'

- (a) Good fortune.                      (b) Good luck.                      (c) Good outcome.                      (d) Good success.

Q10 Boss: 'And this is our new employee.'

Jane: '.....'

- (a) How are you doing?                      (b) How did you do?                      (c) How do you?                      (d) How do you do?

**Responses (3)**

Q1 Mike: 'I could try another source if you like.'  
Jane: '.....'  
(a) There's no point. (b) There's no end. (c) There's no idea. (d) There's no angle.

Q2 Mike: 'I could give you a lift to the station.'  
Jane: '.....'  
(a) There's no requirement. (b) There's no practicality.  
(c) There's no aim. (d) There's no need.

Q3 Mike: 'I suppose they might get the contract.'  
Jane: '.....'  
(a) There's little notice of that. (b) There's little dream of that.  
(c) There's little chance of that. (d) There's little thought of that.

Q4 Mike: 'If the party wins the next by-election, things might get better.'  
Jane: '.....'  
(a) There's no case of that. (b) There's no chance of that.  
(c) There's no promise of that. (d) There's no concept of that.

Q5 Mike: 'What do you think are the chances of finding people still alive?'  
Jane: '.....'  
(a) There's little picture, really. (b) There's little imagination, really.  
(c) There's little perception, really. (d) There's little hope, really.

Q6 Mike: 'I hope I haven't left it too late to apply.'  
Jane: '.....'  
(a) There's still opportunity. (b) There's still try.  
(c) There's still time. (d) There's yet time.

Q7 Mike: 'I wonder what she'll get up to next.'  
Jane: '.....'  
(a) There's no finding. (b) There's no knowing.  
(c) There's no guessing. (d) There's no seeing.

Q8 Mike: 'I wonder if we could call at the post office first.'  
Jane: '.....'  
(a) There's no time. (b) There's no event. (c) There's no timing. (d) There's no series.

Q9 Mike: 'You just can't believe what they'll think up next, can you?'  
Jane: '.....'  
(a) There's no believing. (b) There's no crediting.  
(c) There's no saying. (d) There's no announcing.

Q10 Mike: 'I just think they've wasted their time, don't you?'  
Jane: '.....'  
(a) There's no admitting it. (b) There's no assigning it.  
(c) There's no decrying it. (d) There's no denying it.

(a) I shrink to think.      (b) I don't think.      (c) I will not think.      (d) I do not think.

(a) No, you've thrown me. (b) No, you've hit me.  
(c) No, you've turned me. (d) No, you've lost me.

**Responses (5)**

Q1 Jill: 'I'm so confused, I don't know what to do.'  
 Frank: '.....'  
 (a) Take it free. (b) Take it easy. (c) Take it light. (d) Take it relaxed.

Q2 Jill: 'What shall I do — I'm in a terrible state!'  
 Frank: '.....'  
 (a) Calm on. (b) Calm up. (c) Calm along. (d) Calm down.

Q3 Jill: 'I'm afraid I've just broken the handle.'  
 Frank: '.....'  
 (a) Don't brood. (b) Don't annoy. (c) Don't worry. (d) Don't anger.

Q4 Jill: 'I hope nobody minds if I leave early.'  
 Frank: '.....'  
 (a) It'll be all right. (b) It'll be all straight.  
 (c) It'll be all correct. (d) It'll be all fine.

Q5 Jill: 'It's going to cost a lot of money to put right, I'm afraid.'  
 Frank: '.....'  
 (a) It's not the end of the day. (b) It's not the end of the world.  
 (c) It's not the end of life. (d) It's not the end of everything.

Q6 Jill: 'I do hope they make it tonight — it's very late you know.'  
 Frank: '.....'  
 (a) They're tied to come. (b) They're destined to come.  
 (c) They're forced to come. (d) They're bound to come.

Q7 Jill: 'I don't think I can stand much more of this.'  
 Frank: '.....'  
 (a) The worst is by. (b) The worst is through.  
 (c) The worst is over. (d) The worst is gone.

Q8 Jill: 'What's your view of what's coming next?'  
 Frank: '.....'  
 (a) Things can only grow better. (b) Things can only get better.  
 (c) Things can only show better. (d) Things can only appear better.

Q9 Jill: 'I've lost everything my job, my house, my money — what should I do?'  
 Frank: '.....'  
 (a) Count your blessings. (b) Count your benefits.  
 (c) Count your assets. (d) Count your possessions.

Q10 Jill: 'I'm very depressed at the moment, sorry.'  
 Frank: '.....'  
 (a) Face up. (b) Cheek up. (c) Nose up. (d) Chin up.

**Responses (6)**

Q1 John: 'Thank you so much.'

Sue: '.....'

- (a) No problem. (b) Any problem. (c) A problem. (d) Some problem.

Q2 John: 'I am most grateful.'

Sue: '.....'

- (a) You are welcoming. (b) You welcome. (c) You're welcome. (d) You are welcomed.

Q3 John: 'Thank you very much for helping me.'

Sue: '.....'

- (a) You don't mention it. (b) No mention of it.  
(c) You mention it. (d) Don't mention it.

Q4 John: 'That was very thoughtful of you to do that.'

Sue: '.....'

- (a) Forgetful. (b) Forget it. (c) I've forgotten. (d) Don't forget it.

Q5 John: 'I really appreciate your kindness this last week.'

Sue: '.....'

- (a) It pleased me. (b) It was pleasing. (c) It was my pleasure. (d) It was pleasant.

Q6 John: 'I must say you really helped us out when we lost those passports.'

Sue: '.....'

- (a) It was the least I could do. (b) I couldn't do more.  
(c) I couldn't do less. (d) I couldn't do least.

Q7 John: 'Your advice this morning was much appreciated.'

Sue: '.....'

- (a) All to do with service. (b) All part of the service.  
(c) All the section of the service. (d) The whole of the service.

Q8 John: 'We'd like to give you this small present to show our gratitude.'

Sue: '.....'

- (a) It's really not needed. (b) It's really not wanted.  
(c) It's really not demanded. (d) It's really not necessary.

Q9 John: 'By the way, I've paid the taxi driver.'

Sue: '.....'

- (a) You mustn't have. (b) You couldn't have. (c) You shouldn't have. (d) You can't have.

Q10 John: 'And as a special thank you for all you've done, we're treating you to a meal out.'

Sue: '.....'

- (a) You're very stupid. (b) You're really naughty.  
(c) You're really horrible. (d) You're really wicked.

**Responses (7)**

Q1 Jill: 'I got that job even though you didn't think I stood a chance.'

Frank: '.....'

- (a) You always did!                      (b) You never did!                      (c) You sometimes did!                      (d) You often did!

Q2 Jill: 'I had some good news today — I've won the lottery.'

Frank: '.....'

- (a) Well I never!                                              (b) Well I rarely!  
(c) Well I frequently!                                              (d) Well I occasionally!

Q3 Jill: 'We've collected thousands of pounds this week for charity.'

Frank: '.....'

- (a) Goodness you!                      (b) Goodness them!                      (c) Goodness us!                      (d) Goodness me!

Q4 Jill: 'She came top in the exam grades this summer.'

Frank: '.....'

- (a) Well made.                      (b) Well held.                      (c) Well got.                      (d) Well done.

Q5 Jill: 'After all that effort we didn't manage to sell a single one.'

Frank: '.....'

- (a) What a loss!                      (b) What a shame!                      (c) What a job!                      (d) What a crime!

Q6 Frank: 'You know I put money in that company — well it's gone bankrupt.'

Jill: '.....'

- (a) Stiff luck!                      (b) Solid luck!                      (c) Hard luck!                      (d) Thick luck!

Q7 Jill: 'I've waited 3 hours for a bus now.'

Frank: '.....'

- (a) What a bore!                      (b) What a boar!                      (c) What bores!                      (d) What boars!

Q8 Jill: 'Look at all the work I've done, aren't you impressed?'

Frank: '.....'

- (a) I am amazing!                      (b) I am amazed!                      (c) I amaze!                      (d) I am being amazed!

Q9 Frank: 'I hear that the Government is going to abolish income tax.'

Jill: '.....'

- (a) That is the day!                                              (b) That could be the day!  
(c) That may be the day!                                              (d) That'll be the day!

Q10 Frank: 'They say that all this rubbish is going to be taken away tomorrow.'

Jill: '.....'

- (a) I believe when I see it.                                              (b) I'll believe it when seen.  
(c) I'll believe it when I see it.                                              (d) I see it when I believe.

*Question Tags (1)*

|     |                                   |                  |                   |                  |                 |
|-----|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Q1  | You said you would .....          | (a) would you?   | (b) did you?      | (c) had you?     | (d) didn't you? |
| Q2  | She's definitely not coming ..... | (a) will she?    | (b) isn't she?    | (c) is she?      | (d) can she?    |
| Q3  | It drives you mad .....           | (a) is it?       | (b) does it?      | (c) doesn't it?  | (d) won't it?   |
| Q4  | It won't hurt .....               | (a) does it?     | (b) will it?      | (c) can it?      | (d) did it?     |
| Q5  | I think you ought to go .....     | (a) ought you?   | (b) do I?         | (c) don't you?   | (d) do you?     |
| Q6  | You must go .....                 | (a) mustn't you? | (b) have you?     | (c) had you?     | (d) must I?     |
| Q7  | It happened yesterday .....       | (a) had it?      | (b) has it?       | (c) didn't it?   | (d) did it?     |
| Q8  | She's always late .....           | (a) is it?       | (b) isn't she?    | (c) isn't it?    | (d) was she?    |
| Q9  | They're selling their house ..... | (a) will they?   | (b) haven't they? | (c) aren't they? | (d) have they?  |
| Q10 | No-one understood that word ..... | (a) does he?     | (b) did you?      | (c) didn't they? | (d) did they?   |



**Question Tags (2)**

- Q1 Sarah: 'I want you to give me some more money.'  
Paul: '.....'  
(a) Oh you want, do you? (b) Oh you'd like, would you?  
(c) Oh you do, do you? (d) Oh you give, do you?
- Q2 Sarah: 'You're being very rude!'  
Paul: '.....'  
(a) Oh I have, have I? (b) I am, you think? (c) Oh I am, am I? (d) Oh it is, is it?
- Q3 Sarah: 'I've torn up your homework essay!'  
Paul: '.....'  
(a) That'll be nice, will it? (b) That's nice, is it?  
(c) That would be nice, wouldn't it? (d) That's nice, isn't it?
- Q4 Sarah: 'I can't take any more.'  
Paul: '.....'  
(a) Oh you can, can you? (b) Oh you could, could you?  
(c) Oh, you can't, can you? (d) Oh you could, could you?
- Q5 Sarah: 'She hates the sight of him.'  
Paul: '.....'  
(a) She did, did she? (b) She does, does she?  
(c) She hates, does she? (d) She doesn't hate, does she?
- Q6 Sarah: 'I would prefer to go by air.'  
Paul: '.....'  
(a) Oh you would, would you? (b) Oh you did, did you?  
(c) Oh you prefer, don't you? (d) Oh, you wouldn't will you?
- Q7 Sarah: 'I won't listen to you any more.'  
Paul: '.....'  
(a) So you will, will you? (b) So you don't, do you?  
(c) So you won't, will you? (d) So you do, don't you?
- Q8 Paul: 'I spent thousands on that car.'  
Sarah: '.....'  
(a) Oh, you have, have you? (b) Oh you did, did you?  
(c) Oh you do, do you? (d) Oh you do, don't you?
- Q9 Sarah: 'You mustn't eat with your mouth full.'  
Paul: '.....'  
(a) Oh I must, must I? (b) Oh I can't, can I?  
(c) Oh I have to, have I? (d) Oh I mustn't, must I?
- Q10 Sarah: 'That's not allowed you know.'  
Paul: '.....'  
(a) Oh you do, don't you? (b) Oh it is, isn't it?  
(c) Oh it isn't, is it? (d) Oh it won't, will it?

*Question Tags (3)*

|     |                                                            |               |                  |                  |                |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Q1  | You'd rather I kept quiet about it, .....?                 | (a) did you   | (b) had you      | (c) wouldn't you | (d) do you     |
| Q2  | He used to work in the city, .....?                        | (a) had he    | (b) does he      | (c) has he       | (d) didn't he  |
| Q3  | He has his lunch at the office, .....?                     | (a) had he    | (b) did he       | (c) hadn't he    | (d) doesn't he |
| Q4  | In that case he'll have to look for a new job, .....?      | (a) shall he  | (b) won't he     | (c) isn't he     | (d) does he    |
| Q5  | You wouldn't want me to do that, .....?                    | (a) would you | (b) will you     | (c) did you      | (d) do you     |
| Q6  | He really didn't need to speak to me like that, .....?     | (a) does he   | (b) has he       | (c) will he      | (d) did he     |
| Q7  | Come back in the morning, .....?                           | (a) do you    | (b) have you     | (c) will you     | (d) don't you  |
| Q8  | You like milk in your tea, .....?                          | (a) can you   | (b) have you     | (c) don't you    | (d) did you    |
| Q9  | You are just the sort of person who would say that, .....? | (a) would you | (b) wouldn't you | (c) don't you    | (d) aren't you |
| Q10 | You shouldn't have done that, .....?                       | (a) could you | (b) should you   | (c) couldn't you | (d) didn't you |

*Object Pronoun*

|     |                                                                                 |            |          |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Q1  | So did you give the book to .....                                               |            |          |
|     | (a) his                                                                         | (b) him    | (c) he   |
| Q2  | Of course I did. I gave ..... back on Tuesday.                                  |            |          |
|     | (a) them                                                                        | (b) its    | (c) it   |
| Q3  | Well, he says that he doesn't trust .....                                       |            |          |
|     | (a) yours                                                                       | (b) you    | (c) them |
| Q4  | He doesn't trust .....                                                          |            |          |
|     | (a) I                                                                           | (b) it     | (c) me   |
| Q5  | That's exactly what he said about .....                                         |            |          |
|     | (a) you                                                                         | (b) yours  | (c) me   |
| Q6  | I find that difficult to believe. Do you trust .....                            |            |          |
|     | (a) his                                                                         | (b) me     | (c) my   |
| Q7  | Well you and your wife have borrowed things sometimes and not given ..... back. |            |          |
|     | (a) they                                                                        | (b) theirs | (c) them |
| Q8  | Well I think you're being very unfair to .....                                  |            |          |
|     | (a) our                                                                         | (b) us     | (c) ours |
| Q9  | In that case just look at the table and tell ..... what you see.                |            |          |
|     | (a) my                                                                          | (b) I      | (c) me   |
| Q10 | Oh dear, I can see ..... That must be the book I haven't given back.            |            |          |
|     | (a) them                                                                        | (b) it     | (c) him  |

*Relative Pronoun Exercises*

Q1 ..... does that car belong to?

- (a) Who (b) Which (c) Whose

Q2 Excuse me but shouldn't you say to ..... does that car belong?

- (a) which (b) that (c) whom

Q3 That's another way of saying it. I'm talking about the car ..... parked over there.

- (a) who's (b) that's (c) who

Q4 ..... do you think would have a car like that?

- (a) Whom (b) That (c) Who

Q5 Well, I should say someone for ..... money is no object.

- (a) whom (b) who (c) that

Q6 The car to ..... you are referring happens to be mine!

- (a) that (b) whom (c) which

Q7 That's interesting. We are talking about the car ..... has a red roof.

- (a) that (b) who (c) that's

Q8 Yes, it's the best car ..... I've ever had. Why do you ask?

- (a) which (b) that (c) who

Q9 Well, I think you ought to speak to that man ..... standing with a notebook in front of the car.

- (a) which (b) whom (c) who's

Q10 Oh no! It's a traffic warden putting a parking ticket on my car and I haven't any money to pay the fine ..... I'll have to pay.

- (a) whose (b) which (c) who

*Reflexive Pronouns*

- Q1 Once there was a young man who called ..... Icarus.  
(a) myself (b) himself (c) herself
- Q2 His father always wanted his children to look after ..... and do what they wanted.  
(a) themselves (b) ourselves (c) herself
- Q3 The trouble was that Icarus always wanted to put ..... into danger.  
(a) herself (b) itself (c) himself
- Q4 His father said again and again if we don't take care, we'd hurt .....  
(a) themselves (b) yourselves (c) ourselves
- Q5 Icarus shocked his father with an idea that he was going to try out on .....  
(a) himself (b) themselves (c) herself
- Q6 He had watched birds fly by throwing ..... into the air.  
(a) yourselves (b) themselves (c) ourselves
- Q7 His sister said she would like to push ..... into the air and fly but she was too frightened.  
(a) itself (b) himself (c) herself
- Q8 Icarus said he would try and he promised his father: I will not injure .....  
(a) yourself (b) myself (c) ourselves
- Q9 The last words his father said before Icarus left were: Look after .....  
(a) yourself (b) himself (c) myself
- Q10 Unfortunately Icarus went too near the sun and the wax on his wings melted and the feathers worked ..... free and he fell on the ground and died.  
(a) itself (b) yourselves (c) themselves

*Basic American English*

|     |                                                      |             |               |                |                 |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Q1  | Anna is .....                                        | (a) teacher | (b) teachers  | (c) a teacher  | (d) one teacher |
| Q2  | ..... boss said that you work hard.                  | (a) Your    | (b) Yours     | (c) You're     | (d) You         |
| Q3  | Every week I work five days and I get two days ..... | (a) after   | (b) off       | (c) not        | (d) no          |
| Q4  | I ..... a job at the bank.                           | (a) got     | (b) get       | (c) take       | (d) like        |
| Q5  | Do you prefer Microsoft ..... Macintosh computers?   | (a) from    | (b) or        | (c) but        | (d) of          |
| Q6  | Do you have ..... children?                          | (a) much    | (b) very      | (c) any        | (d) all         |
| Q7  | His ..... will not write. It is out of ink.          | (a) pencil  | (b) friend    | (c) television | (d) pen         |
| Q8  | Who won the soccer .....?                            | (a) sport   | (b) gain      | (c) game       | (d) throw       |
| Q9  | Your ..... break is from noon to 1 pm.               | (a) supper  | (b) breakfast | (c) eating     | (d) lunch       |
| Q10 | The police all ..... uniforms.                       | (a) wear    | (b) eat       | (c) use        | (d) save        |

*Basic English Grammar*

- Q1 The pencils and paper ..... on your desk.  
(a) to be (b) is (c) are (d) be
- Q2 ..... do you like to do on the weekends?  
(a) How (b) What (c) Who (d) Where
- Q3 My sister is ..... home today.  
(a) at (b) in (c) the (d) on
- Q4 ..... am an engineer.  
(a) You (b) He (c) We (d) I
- Q5 The bathroom is ..... to the front door.  
(a) next (b) far (c) opposite (d) away
- Q6 He always works ..... hard.  
(a) much (b) very (c) great (d) quietly
- Q7 Do you ..... time to go to the store for me?  
(a) like (b) go (c) have (d) give
- Q8 She is ..... athlete.  
(a) good (b) well (c) a (d) an
- Q9 There are 12 ..... in a year.  
(a) days (b) weeks (c) months (d) hours
- Q10 Driving to work in a car is much ..... than riding a bicycle.  
(a) faster (b) fast (c) fastest (d) more faster

**Basic Weather Expressions**

|     |                                                    |             |             |                |            |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|------------|
| Q1  | Yesterday ..... was very sunny outside.            | (a) he      | (b) it      | (c) she        | (d) they   |
| Q2  | She ..... to swim when it is hot.                  | (a) loves   | (b) love    | (c) loved      | (d) loving |
| Q3  | In some countries it never .....                   | (a) snow    | (b) snowing | (c) had snowed | (d) snows  |
| Q4  | Do you like hot weather ..... not?                 | (a) but     | (b) or      | (c) because    | (d) so     |
| Q5  | I like it ..... it rains.                          | (a) when    | (b) who     | (c) why        | (d) whom   |
| Q6  | Have you ..... made a snowman?                     | (a) forever | (b) always  | (c) ever       | (d) every  |
| Q7  | The sky is ..... cloudy today.                     | (a) much    | (b) very    | (c) many       | (d) a lot  |
| Q8  | It looks ..... a storm is coming.                  | (a) as      | (b) that    | (c) like       | (d) of     |
| Q9  | I am wet ..... my umbrella broke.                  | (a) because | (b) or      | (c) if         | (d) so     |
| Q10 | Laura wears gloves ..... her hands will stay warm. | (a) or      | (b) that    | (c) why        | (d) so     |



*Basic English Expressions*

|     |                                               |                 |                    |                    |                  |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Q1  | My desk is a .....; I should clean it.        | (a) messy       | (b) slob           | (c) mess           | (d) sloppy       |
| Q2  | Valerie spilled water ..... my paperwork.     | (a) in          | (b) on             | (c) at             | (d) across       |
| Q3  | Will you please take ..... the trash?         | (a) out         | (b) over           | (c) from           | (d) of           |
| Q4  | I like pencils ..... than pens.               | (a) best        | (b) the best       | (c) better         | (d) more good    |
| Q5  | My old job was ..... than this one.           | (a) more easier | (b) easiest        | (c) most easy      | (d) easier       |
| Q6  | Tom works the ..... of anyone.                | (a) hardest     | (b) harder         | (c) most hard      | (d) more harder  |
| Q7  | This is the ..... assignment I have ever had. | (a) difficult   | (b) more difficult | (c) most difficult | (d) difficultest |
| Q8  | My boss is very .....                         | (a) nicer       | (b) nice           | (c) nicest         | (d) much nice    |
| Q9  | Do you walk ..... take the bus to work?       | (a) because     | (b) from           | (c) but            | (d) or           |
| Q10 | The janitor cleans the office ..... night.    | (a) total       | (b) all of         | (c) every          | (d) very         |

*Elementary English Grammar*

|     |                                                          |                 |                |                |               |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Q1  | She likes ..... running.                                 | (a) go          | (b) to go      | (c) gone       | (d) goes      |
| Q2  | John ..... his bicycle every day.                        | (a) ride        | (b) ridden     | (c) rides      | (d) to ride   |
| Q3  | I ..... to school every day.                             | (a) walk        | (b) walks      | (c) walking    | (d) to walk   |
| Q4  | ..... play guitar all the time.                          | (a) She         | (b) He         | (c) Us         | (d) They      |
| Q5  | Do you like .....?                                       | (a) dance       | (b) of dance   | (c) to dance   | (d) danced    |
| Q6  | When I was a child I ..... to climb trees.               | (a) liked       | (b) would like | (c) was liking | (d) like      |
| Q7  | It is a good idea ..... every day.                       | (a) to exercise | (b) exercise   | (c) exercising | (d) exercises |
| Q8  | We went ..... every day in our neighbors' swimming pool. | (a) swim        | (b) swam       | (c) had swam   | (d) swimming  |
| Q9  | There ..... a race next week.                            | (a) to be       | (b) was        | (c) will be    | (d) are       |
| Q10 | Soccer ..... now a popular sport in most countries.      | (a) was         | (b) has been   | (c) am         | (d) is        |

**Question Words**

|     |                                                       |           |           |           |           |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Q1  | ..... one of you is coming to my house later?         | (a) Who   | (b) Which | (c) Why   | (d) How   |
| Q2  | ..... are you going to get home from work?            | (a) Which | (b) Who   | (c) How   | (d) What  |
| Q3  | ..... is that guy talking to your sister?             | (a) Which | (b) Whose | (c) Who   | (d) Whom  |
| Q4  | She wants to know ..... you like your coffee.         | (a) how   | (b) what  | (c) which | (d) who   |
| Q5  | Let me know ..... you hear from your mother.          | (a) who   | (b) which | (c) whose | (d) when  |
| Q6  | ..... would you like on your hamburger?               | (a) How   | (b) What  | (c) When  | (d) Which |
| Q7  | ..... dog is that?                                    | (a) Who   | (b) When  | (c) Whose | (d) Where |
| Q8  | This is ..... I want to be when I grow up.            | (a) why   | (b) when  | (c) which | (d) what  |
| Q9  | My mother is the one ..... sings on TV every morning. | (a) whom  | (b) which | (c) who   | (d) whose |
| Q10 | ..... shoes are those?                                | (a) Why   | (b) Whose | (c) Whom  | (d) Who   |

*Common Prepositions*

- Q1 I live in the big house ..... the corner.  
(a) on (b) in (c) of (d) to
- Q2 My son goes ..... English classes 5 days a week.  
(a) with (b) by (c) to (d) from
- Q3 My friend Anna lives ..... England.  
(a) from (b) at (c) on (d) in
- Q4 The milk goes ..... the refrigerator.  
(a) on (b) in (c) of (d) at
- Q5 Will you come ..... me to the store?  
(a) with (b) along (c) to (d) by
- Q6 My car will not start because it is ..... gas.  
(a) full of (b) out with (c) out of (d) with no
- Q7 Please put the plates ..... the table.  
(a) over (b) for (c) to (d) on
- Q8 I like to eat ice cream ..... chocolate sauce on top.  
(a) at (b) with (c) in (d) to
- Q9 Were you ..... church yesterday?  
(a) at (b) to (c) on (d) for
- Q10 I am ..... work right now.  
(a) with (b) at (c) of (d) on

*Modal Verb Questions*

- Q1 ..... you please bring me my notebook?  
 (a) Will (b) May (c) Do (d) Should
- Q2 ..... you please bring me my notebook?  
 (a) Did (b) Would (c) Have (d) Might
- Q3 ..... you please bring me my notebook?  
 (a) Should (b) Do (c) Can (d) Haven't
- Q4 ..... you please bring me my notebook?  
 (a) Shall (b) Could (c) May (d) Must
- Q5 ..... you want some water?  
 (a) Can (b) Have (c) May (d) Do
- Q6 ..... you like some water?  
 (a) Can (b) May (c) Would (d) Do
- Q7 ..... I ride with you to work?  
 (a) Would (b) Can (c) Let (d) Have
- Q8 ..... I ride with you to work?  
 (a) Does (b) Haven't (c) Allow (d) May
- Q9 ..... I could ride with you to work?  
 (a) Is there any way (b) Ain't there no way  
 (c) Might there some way (d) Aren't there some ways
- Q10 ..... I ride with you to work?  
 (a) Will you mind if (b) Could you mind if (c) Would you mind if (d) Can you mind if

*Elementary Grammar Questions*

Q1 Flowers ..... good.

- (a) stink (b) feel (c) smell (d) watch

Q2 My ..... colour is green.

- (a) preferred (b) like (c) most liked (d) favourite

Q3 My mom is ..... Africa.

- (a) of (b) from (c) to (d) out

Q4 There are 7 kids ..... my family.

- (a) to (b) in (c) of (d) at

Q5 ..... of my parents live in the United States of America.

- (a) Lots (b) The two (c) All (d) Both

Q6 ..... 4 of my grandparents are still alive.

- (a) Both (b) None (c) All (d) Many

Q7 ..... you leave my shoes outside last night?

- (a) Did (b) Do (c) Will (d) Would

Q8 I really like ..... spaghetti.

- (a) of eat (b) to eat (c) eat (d) ate

Q9 ..... drive me home later?

- (a) Do you think you can (b) You can  
(c) Did (d) Is possible

Q10 It is a rule: if you ride in my car you ..... wear your seatbelt.

- (a) may (b) might (c) can (d) have to

*English Grammar Exercise*

|     |                                                    |                 |                |                 |                |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Q1  | Our couch is ..... soft.                           | (a) very        | (b) much       | (c) lots        | (d) tons       |
| Q2  | Our house ..... 3 bedrooms.                        | (a) is of       | (b) is with    | (c) has         | (d) have       |
| Q3  | Does your dog live inside ..... outside?           | (a) but         | (b) because    | (c) though      | (d) or         |
| Q4  | Does your ..... have a dishwasher?                 | (a) living room | (b) bathroom   | (c) dining room | (d) kitchen    |
| Q5  | All of the walls are ..... white.                  | (a) paint       | (b) painted    | (c) to paint    | (d) painting   |
| Q6  | There is a rug ..... the floor in the living room. | (a) in          | (b) under      | (c) on          | (d) next to    |
| Q7  | The ..... gets 6 channels.                         | (a) cat         | (b) tree       | (c) television  | (d) microwave  |
| Q8  | Our table is ..... for 8 people.                   | (a) big         | (b) enough big | (c) a lot big   | (d) big enough |
| Q9  | Do you lock the front door ..... night?            | (a) for         | (b) at         | (c) on          | (d) from       |
| Q10 | I will ..... the clothes after you fold them.      | (a) put away    | (b) put next   | (c) put under   | (d) in put     |

*Much, many, a lot, lots*

|     |                                                    |           |           |               |             |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|-------------|
| Q1  | How ..... people are coming?                       | (a) lots  | (b) much  | (c) a lot     | (d) many    |
| Q2  | How ..... does the book cost?                      | (a) much  | (b) many  | (c) lots      | (d) a lot   |
| Q3  | Do you need ..... milk for this recipe?            | (a) many  | (b) big   | (c) much      | (d) much of |
| Q4  | I need to practice piano ..... before the concert. | (a) much  | (b) very  | (c) many      | (d) a lot   |
| Q5  | I have ..... of homework to do before tomorrow.    | (a) a ton | (b) a tan | (c) a million | (d) a much  |
| Q6  | How ..... water do you drink every day?            | (a) many  | (b) much  | (c) lots of   | (d) very    |
| Q7  | You are ..... smart.                               | (a) much  | (b) many  | (c) very      | (d) lots    |
| Q8  | I have ..... of friends.                           | (a) much  | (b) very  | (c) lots      | (d) many    |
| Q9  | You are a ..... honest person.                     | (a) ton   | (b) very  | (c) many      | (d) much    |
| Q10 | Do you have ..... ants in your house?              | (a) much  | (b) many  | (c) a lot     | (d) very    |



*Elementary Adjectives*

|     |                                                |               |               |              |              |
|-----|------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Q1  | If I am not right, I am .....                  | (a) wrong     | (b) certain   | (c) correct  | (d) un-right |
| Q2  | If you are not taller, you are .....           | (a) the short | (b) shorter   | (c) shortest | (d) short    |
| Q3  | The car is not ....., it is slow.              | (a) speed     | (b) unhurried | (c) fast     | (d) powerful |
| Q4  | Today it is not hot, it is .....               | (a) cold      | (b) un-hot    | (c) hotter   | (d) colder   |
| Q5  | If I am not weak, I am .....                   | (a) weaker    | (b) pretty    | (c) bright   | (d) strong   |
| Q6  | I do not get up ....., I get up early.         | (a) night     | (b) day       | (c) late     | (d) first    |
| Q7  | He is the heaviest and I am the .....          | (a) lightest  | (b) lighter   | (c) light    | (d) heavier  |
| Q8  | What goes up must come .....                   | (a) over      | (b) down      | (c) nice     | (d) left     |
| Q9  | At the stop sign do not turn right, turn ..... | (a) light     | (b) wrong     | (c) straight | (d) left     |
| Q10 | My mom's hair is not straight, it is .....     | (a) long      | (b) short     | (c) curly    | (d) grey     |

*Chit Chat: At the bus stop*

|     |                                                                      |                |               |              |              |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Q1  | Mike: Where are you ..... today?                                     | (a) go         | (b) gone      | (c) going    | (d) goes     |
| Q2  | Linda: I really want to go .....                                     | (a) shops      | (b) shopping  | (c) shop     | (d) shopped  |
| Q3  | Mike: What's ..... with the shops here?                              | (a) wrong      | (b) incorrect | (c) false    | (d) funny    |
| Q4  | Linda: Nothing really but there is more ..... in the town.           | (a) choosing   | (b) choose    | (c) chosen   | (d) choice   |
| Q5  | Mike: That's true but you have to ..... a long time for a bus.       | (a) attend     | (b) expect    | (c) wait     | (d) await    |
| Q6  | Linda: Yes, I ..... waiting for 30 minutes already.                  | (a) will be    | (b) have been | (c) was      | (d) am       |
| Q7  | Mike: Then it's just ..... well it's not raining.                    | (a) as         | (b) more      | (c) much     | (d) than     |
| Q8  | Linda: I don't like the ..... of that dark cloud over there.         | (a) sight      | (b) look      | (c) vision   | (d) sign     |
| Q9  | Mike: Oh dear. Are you going to wait any .....                       | (a) quicker    | (b) slower    | (c) former   | (d) longer   |
| Q10 | Linda: No. I've just ..... it's Sunday and there are no buses today. | (a) understood | (b) followed  | (c) realised | (d) believed |

*Chit Chat: Talking about the Doctor*

|     |                                                                               |               |                   |                     |             |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Q1  | Mike: Haven't seen you for .....                                              | (a) centuries | (b) ages          | (c) periods         | (d) times   |
| Q2  | Linda: No, I've been ..... a lot of pain the last few months.                 | (a) over      | (b) off           | (c) across          | (d) in      |
| Q3  | Mike: I'm sorry to hear that. Tell me ..... it.                               | (a) through   | (b) of            | (c) about           | (d) with    |
| Q4  | Linda: It's awful really. At the ..... it's in my knee.                       | (a) moment    | (b) second        | (c) occasion        | (d) hour    |
| Q5  | Mike: That can ..... walking very difficult.                                  | (a) do        | (b) make          | (c) cause           | (d) give    |
| Q6  | Linda: Then ..... the pain in my back.                                        | (a) there are | (b) there will be | (c) there should be | (d) there's |
| Q7  | Mike: I know what that's .....                                                | (a) same      | (b) as            | (c) similar         | (d) like    |
| Q8  | Linda: Of ..... I mustn't forget the pains in my feet.                        | (a) way       | (b) course        | (c) path            | (d) lane    |
| Q9  | Mike: Suddenly I'm ..... much better. I won't see the doctor today. Good bye. | (a) going     | (b) trying        | (c) feeling         | (d) making  |
| Q10 | Linda: But you can't go ..... I haven't described my other pains.             | (a) still     | (b) again         | (c) till            | (d) yet     |

*Chit Chat: In the Aeroplane*

- Q1 Linda: Have you ever ..... before? Only it's my first time in a plane and I'm a little nervous.  
(a) fled (b) flown (c) flowed (d) flying
- Q2 Mike: Yes, lots of times. There's no need to ..... about it.  
(a) worry (b) think (c) ponder (d) brood
- Q3 Linda: That's easy for you to ..... but I feel very anxious.  
(a) dictate (b) speak (c) call (d) say
- Q4 Mike: All you have to do is take it ..... and relax.  
(a) back (b) cool (c) easy (d) straight
- Q5 Linda: I had a ..... drinks before I came on board and that hasn't helped.  
(a) lot (b) few (c) little (d) many
- Q6 Mike: Never ..... I'm sure you'll be all right and anyhow we're starting to move now.  
(a) mind (b) care (c) object (d) deny
- Q7 Linda: Yes, you're right. It's as ..... everything on the plane is shaking.  
(a) when (b) like (c) but (d) if
- Q8 Mike: That means that the engines are warming ..... It won't be long now.  
(a) off (b) up (c) over (d) in
- Q9 Linda: Oh yes. I don't know why I was so ..... I think flying is great!  
(a) nervous (b) terrible (c) awful (d) nerving
- Q10 Mike: Don't get too excited! We're still on the runway and haven't taken ..... yet.  
(a) through (b) by (c) off (d) in

*Chit Chat: At the pub*

|     |                                                                                                                     |                |               |                |              |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| Q1  | Charles: I don't think I've ..... you before in this pub.                                                           | (a) see        | (b) seen      | (c) seeing     | (d) saw      |
| Q2  | Deborah: No, this is my first .....                                                                                 | (a) stay       | (b) encounter | (c) meeting    | (d) visit    |
| Q3  | Charles: And I see you've ..... your little dog with you.                                                           | (a) brining    | (b) brings    | (c) brought    | (d) bought   |
| Q4  | Deborah: Yes, he goes ..... with me.                                                                                | (a) everywhere | (b) all over  | (c) somewhere  | (d) nowhere  |
| Q5  | Charles: It's very good the way he sits at the table and eats his ..... with a knife and fork.                      | (a) substance  | (b) content   | (c) sustenance | (d) food     |
| Q6  | Deborah: Oh yes. He's very good. At home when he's ..... eating, he goes into the kitchen and washes up his plates. | (a) finished   | (b) ended     | (c) ends       | (d) finishes |
| Q7  | Charles: That's really ..... I find that difficult to believe.                                                      | (a) amaze      | (b) amazing   | (c) amazes     | (d) amazed   |
| Q8  | Deborah: Believe me — he's a really wonderful dog and can do ..... things that people do.                           | (a) much       | (b) more      | (c) most       | (d) lots     |
| Q9  | Charles: The one thing I've ..... is that he doesn't say anything.                                                  | (a) remarked   | (b) connected | (c) commented  | (d) noticed  |
| Q10 | Deborah: Yes, that's right. He's not talking today because he's got a ..... throat.                                 | (a) sick       | (b) sore      | (c) ill        | (d) hurt     |

*Chit Chat: At the restaurant*

|     |                                                                                              |                |                |                |               |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Q1  | Waiter: What would you like to ..... with, sir?                                              | (a) engage     | (b) consume    | (c) start      | (d) tackle    |
| Q2  | Diner: I was thinking I ..... try the soup.                                                  | (a) can        | (b) will       | (c) ought to   | (d) might     |
| Q3  | Waiter: Sorry sir. The soup's .....                                                          | (a) off        | (b) over       | (c) through    | (d) under     |
| Q4  | Diner: In that ..... I'll try the roast beef.                                                | (a) example    | (b) case       | (c) instance   | (d) situation |
| Q5  | Waiter: You'll have no luck there either. We haven't got any .....                           | (a) left       | (b) leaving    | (c) right      | (d) taken     |
| Q6  | Diner: Oh that's a ..... Perhaps I could have the pork.                                      | (a) crime      | (b) blame      | (c) shame      | (d) short     |
| Q7  | Waiter: It's really not your ..... We don't have any pork now.                               | (a) moment     | (b) time       | (c) hour       | (d) day       |
| Q8  | Diner: Oh this is ..... Do you have anything at all?                                         | (a) ridicule   | (b) ridiculous | (c) ridiculing | (d) ridiculed |
| Q9  | Waiter: Now sir it's not worth ..... your temper. You could take the last thing on the menu. | (a) losing     | (b) holding    | (c) dropping   | (d) throwing  |
| Q10 | Diner: Right then. If it's not too much ..... Please bring me a cup of coffee.               | (a) difficulty | (b) problem    | (c) hardship   | (d) trouble   |

*Chit Chat: On the phone*

|     |                                                                                |              |              |             |               |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Q1  | Woman: Hello. 6 — 3 — 4 — 9 — 5. Who's ..... please?                           | (a) calling  | (b) talking  | (c) acting  | (d) hearing   |
| Q2  | Charlie: Yes, hello it's Charlie here. I wanted to ..... how you are.          | (a) discover | (b) detect   | (c) uncover | (d) know      |
| Q3  | Woman: Me? Oh, I'm doing ....., thank you and you?                             | (a) good     | (b) fine     | (c) healthy | (d) fit       |
| Q4  | Charlie: Well, to be ..... I've had a few problems recently.                   | (a) open     | (b) overt    | (c) honest  | (d) correct   |
| Q5  | Woman: Sorry to hear that. What ..... of problems?                             | (a) species  | (b) kind     | (c) example | (d) group     |
| Q6  | Charlie: Well, it all started when my wife ..... out on me.                    | (a) strolled | (b) rushed   | (c) paced   | (d) walked    |
| Q7  | Woman: Sorry to hear that. That must have been a .....                         | (a) hit      | (b) strike   | (c) blow    | (d) knock     |
| Q8  | Charlie: Of course that was some time ago and I've got ..... to it now.        | (a) used     | (b) bound    | (c) held    | (d) tied      |
| Q9  | Woman: By the way I don't know anybody ..... Charlie.                          | (a) entitled | (b) called   | (c) headed  | (d) nominated |
| Q10 | Charlie: Sorry about that I must have ..... the wrong number. Have a nice day. | (a) selected | (b) directed | (c) dialled | (d) done      |

*Chit Chat: In the theatre*

|     |                                                                                                                         |                |                 |               |               |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Q1  | Alice: I think the play is just on the ..... of starting.                                                               | (a) tip        | (b) peak        | (c) top       | (d) point     |
| Q2  | Mary: I do hope so. I'm very ..... of the main actor.                                                                   | (a) like       | (b) fond        | (c) amiable   | (d) close     |
| Q3  | Alice: Me too. Just listen to the ..... of his voice now.                                                               | (a) noise      | (b) speech      | (c) sound     | (d) roar      |
| Q4  | Mary: The trouble is I always ..... his name.                                                                           | (a) forget     | (b) forbid      | (c) forego    | (d) forefend  |
| Q5  | Alice: I think his first name is Michael but I can't remember the .....                                                 | (a) brand name | (b) proper name | (c) pet name  | (d) surname   |
| Q6  | Mary: I've got it. .... it's Dobson. Yes, that's it — Michael Dobson.                                                   | (a) Certainly  | (b) Surely      | (c) Naturally | (d) Obviously |
| Q7  | Alice: Yes, you're ..... right. I've seen him on tv loads of times.                                                     | (a) fully      | (b) alive       | (c) dead      | (d) clear     |
| Q8  | Mary: Yes, Michael Dobson he was in that new ..... as the detective.                                                    | (a) killer     | (b) filler      | (c) thriller  | (d) tiller    |
| Q9  | Alice: He was really good in that. Oh look, he's suddenly stopped and started .....                                     | (a) glaring    | (b) glazing     | (c) glancing  | (d) glossing  |
| Q10 | Michael Dobson: I'm very ....., ladies you know who I am. Now can you stop talking so that we can get on with the play? | (a) certain    | (b) glad        | (c) clear     | (d) clever    |



*Chit Chat: In the supermarket*

- Q1 Employee: Are you ..... problems, madam?  
 (a) feeling (b) trying (c) having (d) knowing
- Q2 Old lady: Yes. I wonder if you could ..... help me, young man.  
 (a) probably (b) likely (c) possibly (d) easily
- Q3 Employee: Of course. In what .....?  
 (a) direction (b) path (c) road (d) way
- Q4 Old lady: The fact is I just can't ..... that cereal packet on the top shelf.  
 (a) touch (b) reach (c) acquire (d) access
- Q5 Employee: No problem. .... you are.  
 (a) There (b) Then (c) How (d) What
- Q6 Old lady: There is just one other ..... you can help me with if you have a moment.  
 (a) article (b) try (c) thing (d) heading
- Q7 Employee: Just tell me and I'll ..... if I can help.  
 (a) look (b) see (c) glance (d) watch
- Q8 Old lady: All I want to know is ..... day today is.  
 (a) what (b) when (c) where (d) who
- Q9 Employee: It's Thursday of course. What do you want to know .....?  
 (a) to (b) at (c) up (d) for
- Q10 Old lady: Well you see this supermarket is so big I can't find the way ..... I've been here since Tuesday!  
 (a) on (b) off (c) out (d) through

*Chit Chat: In the train*

- Q1 Mrs Ashton: Excuse me but do you know ..... this train is going to London?  
 (a) since (b) if (c) how (d) whenever
- Q2 Mr Corp: Oh yes, madam. She's ..... going to London.  
 (a) precisely (b) exactly (c) definitely (d) always
- Q3 Mrs Ashton: Well, that's good .....  
 (a) information (b) knowledge (c) knowing (d) news
- Q4 Mr Corp: What ..... you say that, madam?  
 (a) forces (b) makes (c) does (d) requires
- Q5 Mrs Ashton: Well, last time I ..... by train, I got on the wrong one.  
 (a) travelled (b) caught (c) tripped (d) ended
- Q6 Mr Corp: What ..... to you then?  
 (a) occurred (b) transpired (c) happened (d) developed
- Q7 Mrs Ashton: It was terrible because I ended ..... miles away from where I wanted to go.  
 (a) over (b) up (c) through (d) in
- Q8 Mr Corp: Well, you'll have no such ..... today, madam.  
 (a) puzzle (b) situation (c) condition (d) problem
- Q9 Mrs Ashton: Look are you ..... the train's going to London. It's taking a long time to leave.  
 (a) sure (b) clear (c) evident (d) obvious
- Q10 Mr Corp: Don't you ..... madam. It is going to London but not for another 4 hours!  
 (a) concern (b) think (c) worry (d) consider

*Other, another, others, the others*

- Q1 There are ten pieces of fruit in my basket. One is an orange, one is a lemon and ..... is an apple.  
 (a) others (b) the other (c) another (d) the others
- Q2 I have two pencils. One is black, and ..... is blue.  
 (a) another (b) the others (c) others (d) the other
- Q3 There are four girls in my apartment. Two are called Casey and Amber. .... are Joanne and Lindsey.  
 (a) Others (b) The others (c) Another (d) The other
- Q4 There are several holidays in Brazil. One is Independence Day and ..... are Children's Day and Teacher's Day.  
 (a) some others (b) another (c) the others (d) the other
- Q5 My friend has two cars. One is black and ..... is red.  
 (a) another (b) the other (c) the others (d) others
- Q6 My mom speaks three languages. One is English and ..... one is French.  
 (a) others (b) the other (c) another (d) the others
- Q7 There are eight pets in my house. Six are cats and ..... are dogs.  
 (a) others (b) another (c) the other (d) the others
- Q8 There are 50 states in the United States. One is North Carolina and ..... are Virginia and Kentucky.  
 (a) another (b) the others (c) some others (d) the other
- Q9 My neighbor has four kids. One of them is a boy and ..... are girls.  
 (a) the others (b) other (c) another (d) the other
- Q10 There are three books in my backpack. One is a maths book and ..... is a chemistry book.  
 (a) others (b) another (c) the other (d) the others

*Adjective Prepositions Constructions*

Q1 Venice is famous ..... its canals.

- (a) about (b) in (c) with (d) for

Q2 My son is afraid ..... the dark.

- (a) from (b) on (c) of (d) by

Q3 Maria is married ..... my cousin.

- (a) with (b) for (c) to (d) into

Q4 The second hotel was different ..... the first.

- (a) to (b) for (c) with (d) from

Q5 Lucas is very good ..... drawing.

- (a) at (b) on (c) to (d) with

Q6 I'm tired ..... waiting for the bus. Let's take a taxi.

- (a) to (b) on (c) of (d) from

Q7 George was worried ..... his father's health.

- (a) since (b) about (c) on (d) at

Q8 I didn't know you were interested ..... science.

- (a) in (b) for (c) on (d) to

Q9 Why are you angry ..... him?

- (a) of (b) from (c) on (d) with

Q10 We were very pleased ..... the service.

- (a) with (b) on (c) at (d) from

*Anything, nothing, something, everything*

|     |                                                                        |               |               |                |                |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Q1  | I don't have ..... to do today.                                        | (a) nothing   | (b) anything  | (c) everything | (d) any        |
| Q2  | Are there ..... dogs in the house?                                     | (a) something | (b) nothing   | (c) any        | (d) anybody    |
| Q3  | I know ..... about it!                                                 | (a) anything  | (b) nothing   | (c) someone    | (d) any        |
| Q4  | There is ..... I need to do tomorrow afternoon.                        | (a) any       | (b) anything  | (c) yet        | (d) something  |
| Q5  | My friend doesn't know ..... about her birthday party!                 | (a) something | (b) nothing   | (c) anything   | (d) anyone     |
| Q6  | Did you bring ..... you need for the trip?                             | (a) no        | (b) any       | (c) nothing    | (d) everything |
| Q7  | If there is ..... you need you can call me, okay?                      | (a) anything  | (b) any       | (c) nothing    | (d) everything |
| Q8  | I think there is ..... wrong with my VCR. It is not working very well. | (a) anything  | (b) nothing   | (c) something  | (d) everything |
| Q9  | My friend's decisions have ..... to do with me.                        | (a) nothing   | (b) anything  | (c) someone    | (d) any        |
| Q10 | My mom asked me how I was, and I said ..... was fine.                  | (a) anything  | (b) something | (c) any        | (d) everything |

*American homophones*

- Q1 I would eat ..... 24/7 if I could get away with it.  
 (a) desert (b) dessert (c) deserts (d) assert
- Q2 My friend said she doesn't ..... any foreign languages.  
 (a) no (b) knew (c) know (d) now
- Q3 We took the kids swimming all morning. Now ..... completely exhausted.  
 (a) they're (b) there (c) their (d) them
- Q4 My friend's dog always chases ..... tail.  
 (a) their (b) theirs (c) it's (d) its
- Q5 Every time I go on a trip, I leave my dog in a .....  
 (a) channel (b) cannel (c) canal (d) kennel
- Q6 The ..... of my school was overwhelmingly strict.  
 (a) principal (b) principle (c) principality (d) prince
- Q7 The chocolate chip cookies are on ..... five.  
 (a) I'll (b) isle (c) aisle (d) island
- Q8 There are millions of ..... people in third-world countries.  
 (a) purr (b) poor (c) pour (d) pore
- Q9 Christina loves to .....!  
 (a) so (b) soul (c) sew (d) sow
- Q10 Hey Tom, how's the ..... in Tulsa today?  
 (a) wither (b) whether (c) feather (d) weather

*Pronouns: who, whose, whom, which*

|     |                                                                                                   |           |           |           |           |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Q1  | This is the teacher ..... told me my son has been misbehaving in class.                           | (a) which | (b) whose | (c) whom  | (d) who   |
| Q2  | My husband, ..... I love, sent me flowers at work last night.                                     | (a) who   | (b) whom  | (c) which | (d) whose |
| Q3  | This is the girl ..... car hit that tree last week.                                               | (a) who   | (b) which | (c) whose | (d) whom  |
| Q4  | Those were the boxes ..... were sent to you last month but never made it here.                    | (a) which | (b) who   | (c) whose | (d) whom  |
| Q5  | ..... is going to take the dog for a walk?                                                        | (a) Which | (b) Whose | (c) Who   | (d) Whom  |
| Q6  | ..... shall I fear but the ones who hurt me?                                                      | (a) Whose | (b) Whom  | (c) Who   | (d) Which |
| Q7  | I asked you ..... of these shoes you think would go with my outfit.                               | (a) whose | (b) who   | (c) whom  | (d) which |
| Q8  | ..... house is this, anyway? Are we allowed to stay here?                                         | (a) Who's | (b) Whom  | (c) Whose | (d) Which |
| Q9  | I have friends ..... love me so much that they threw a surprise birthday party for me last night. | (a) who   | (b) whom  | (c) which | (d) whose |
| Q10 | That young man, to ..... we owe many thanks, saved our mom's life after the car accident.         | (a) which | (b) whom  | (c) who   | (d) whose |

*Some, any, few, little*

Q1 Wow! Look at that! How ..... books do you have on your shelves? I have to tell you it's a great collection!

- (a) much (b) many (c) any (d) some

Q2 Would you like ..... juice?

- (a) many (b) an (c) some (d) much

Q3 How ..... money do you have?

- (a) much (b) more (c) many (d) often

Q4 I only have ..... dollars.

- (a) some (b) any (c) a little (d) a few

Q5 I want to make orange juice. Have you got ..... oranges?

- (a) much (b) an (c) any (d) few

Q6 No, I don't. But I have ..... apples, if you'd like to make apple juice instead.

- (a) a little (b) some (c) any (d) few

Q7 There are ..... people trying to go to the U2 concert this weekend.

- (a) many (b) much (c) a little (d) any

Q8 How many gallons of water did you bring for the trip? — I just have ..... gallons.

- (a) much (b) any (c) a little (d) a few

Q9 Jessica spent a lot of money on her car. Now she only has ..... money left to pay for her living expenses.

- (a) many (b) a few (c) a little (d) much

Q10 How ..... time do you have left before you have to go to school?

- (a) some (b) much (c) many (d) any



*Prepositions Test*

- Q1 I was jogging in the park this morning and saw this dog coming ..... me. It looked like he was going to attack me, but he was just trying to reach his owner, who was running right behind me.  
(a) onto (b) beyond (c) towards (d) below
- Q2 Barbara, your boyfriend is waiting for you ..... in the car.  
(a) around (b) outside (c) above (d) against
- Q3 I heard the sound of glass breaking in the living room and ran to see what had happened. A pigeon had flown ..... the window and broken it.  
(a) for (b) from (c) by (d) against
- Q4 Suzanne, who lives ..... that coffee shop, came over to visit you this morning.  
(a) on (b) by (c) at (d) in
- Q5 I don't know how many times I have told my daughter to look both ways before running ..... the street.  
(a) across (b) along (c) beside (d) around
- Q6 My house is ..... the grocery store and the gas station.  
(a) under (b) off (c) among (d) between
- Q7 The temperature in Washington D.C. today is eight degrees ..... zero.  
(a) before (b) below (c) under (d) beneath
- Q8 The cat is sitting ..... the wall.  
(a) on (b) over (c) about (d) underneath
- Q9 As soon as Bob heard his boss coming, he jumped ..... his chair and pretended he was working.  
(a) inside (b) under (c) for (d) down
- Q10 Frederick lives ..... the hill, where all the mansions are.  
(a) above (b) unto (c) onto (d) up

*Past Participle Sentences*

- Q1 Had I been able to go to school as a child, I would have ..... how to read.  
(a) learned (b) learn (c) learning (d) had learn
- Q2 I would have ..... all night if I could, but we all had to leave early because Carmen didn't feel good.  
(a) sing (b) sung (c) sang (d) singed
- Q3 Adrian should have never ..... home. If he hadn't, he'd be in a better situation right now.  
(a) leave (b) leaved (c) left (d) leaving
- Q4 Perhaps she would have been ..... by that dog if its owner hadn't been faster and caught him right on time.  
(a) bit (b) bite (c) bitted (d) bitten
- Q5 If it weren't for that medicine you gave me, I would have ..... a lot worse.  
(a) gotten (b) gone (c) get (d) gutted
- Q6 Last night, I ..... I was calling the police, and today I really did it.  
(a) dream (b) dreaming (c) dreamed (d) have dreamed
- Q7 I'm glad to know that you have ..... me for what I did.  
(a) forgive (b) forgives (c) forgiven (d) forgave
- Q8 After looking for him all day, Jeremy finally found his dog ..... in a cave.  
(a) hid (b) hide (c) hidden (d) hit
- Q9 I would have ..... pictures of my trip, if I had had a camera.  
(a) took (b) take (c) taken (d) had took
- Q10 When he finally arrived, his date had already .....  
(a) going (b) go (c) went (d) gone

*ESL Prepositions*

- Q1 The board meeting was called ..... due to the sudden demise of the chief executive officer.  
(a) for (b) off (c) to (d) out
- Q2 My father put ..... \$1,000 as a deposit to help my sister purchase a new car.  
(a) in (b) over (c) down (d) on
- Q3 I have some material from which I could knock ..... an article if you want me to.  
(a) off (b) down (c) on (d) up
- Q4 The finance director has come in ..... a lot of criticism over his unsuccessful handling of the company's investments.  
(a) from (b) for (c) to (d) on
- Q5 The factory churns ..... thousands of pairs of low cost shoes every day.  
(a) out (b) off (c) in (d) into
- Q6 Low consumer demand has forced the retailer to mark ..... a wide range of goods by as much as 40%.  
(a) up (b) down (c) back (d) in
- Q7 Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett must be making a fortune. They're clearly raking ..... over \$1,000,000 a year.  
(a) up (b) in (c) on (d) out
- Q8 The clothing manufacturer recently branched ..... into sportswear.  
(a) out (b) in (c) off (d) up
- Q9 Distributors will probably bump ..... the price of the software when the next version is released.  
(a) up (b) on (c) off (d) out
- Q10 The director was drummed ..... of office when it was discovered that she had been involved in insider trading.  
(a) up (b) in (c) on (d) out

*Common English Errors (1)*

- Q1 There are many ..... of jobs in Oregon right now.  
 (a) ways (b) brands (c) kinds (d) forms
- Q2 She ran over to the commotion to ..... what was happening.  
 (a) know about (b) find more (c) find (d) find out
- Q3 After some time, Vince ..... to know the university campus very well.  
 (a) got (b) understood (c) found (d) learned
- Q4 Don't forget about your daughter's soccer game — she'll never ..... you if you miss it!  
 (a) absolve (b) exonerate (c) excuse (d) forgive
- Q5 When I drove into Seattle yesterday afternoon, the ..... was still cloudy and wet.  
 (a) weather (b) climate (c) climate condition (d) environment
- Q6 I'm worried about her because she ..... more pills than usual.  
 (a) eats (b) munches (c) is taking (d) is eating
- Q7 I'm so busy — I hope you'll ..... my messy office space.  
 (a) admit (b) absolve (c) excuse (d) acquit
- Q8 He was married fifty years .....  
 (a) before now (b) ago (c) long before (d) long ago
- Q9 I ..... at six o'clock in the morning every day.  
 (a) awaken up (b) wake up (c) get up from my bed (d) leave my bed
- Q10 We decided to ..... bed this morning because last night wore us out.  
 (a) be in our (b) stay in our (c) stay in (d) stay on our

*Common English Errors (2)*

- Q1 That book isn't in right now, but we can ..... one for you.  
 (a) book (b) order (c) instruct (d) command
- Q2 I ..... some great books from the library this past weekend.  
 (a) lent (b) had a loan of (c) borrowed (d) loaned
- Q3 We always ..... at the hotel by the marina when we go to San Francisco.  
 (a) stay (b) live (c) inhabit (d) reside
- Q4 I haven't ..... from anyone lately.  
 (a) seen (b) listened (c) informed (d) heard
- Q5 After the attack, the woman ..... quickly.  
 (a) calmed down (b) calmed down her anger  
 (c) calmed her anger (d) calmed her feelings
- Q6 ..... me as soon as possible. It's urgent.  
 (a) Phone call (b) Call (c) Call up (d) Telephone call
- Q7 People ..... this place the "Forbidden Forest".  
 (a) call (b) entitle (c) name (d) describe
- Q8 I've been so busy with new clients that I hired new staff just to .....  
 (a) upkeep (b) keep up (c) keep (d) persist
- Q9 You're an asset to our team. ....  
 (a) Stay it up! (b) Remain doing it! (c) Keep it up! (d) Continue it up!
- Q10 It's difficult to understand what she ..... in her job — it seems very boring.  
 (a) distinguishes in (b) looks in (c) observes in (d) sees in

*Common English Errors (3)*

- Q1 ..... people like this area a lot.  
 (a) Elder (b) Older (c) The old (d) More elder
- Q2 My ..... brother is really nice to me.  
 (a) eldest (b) more old (c) maturest (d) most older
- Q3 After visiting several galaxies, the aliens found themselves captivated by life on .....  
 (a) world (b) the world (c) the earth (d) earth
- Q4 It's one of the nicest countries .....  
 (a) on the earth (b) in the world (c) on the globe (d) on the world
- Q5 I know it sounds unreasonable, but it ..... that she will never come back.  
 (a) is possible (b) could be possible (c) could be possibly (d) is possibly
- Q6 As soon as I picked up the rare object, it .....  
 (a) was not together (b) came to be apart (c) came apart (d) was separated
- Q7 You should ..... after you've finished your lessons.  
 (a) come to my home (b) come over (c) come into my home (d) get to my home
- Q8 Our friends, whom we haven't seen in a long time, ..... last night.  
 (a) appeared in our home (b) came in our home  
 (c) came into our home (d) came by
- Q9 I keep my favorite ring ..... a large heavy metal safe at home.  
 (a) in (b) between (c) about (d) around
- Q10 The world needs to depend on other energy sources ..... oil and other non-renewable resources.  
 (a) beside (b) likewise (c) besides (d) also beside

*Common English Errors (4)*

- Q1 Her mother ..... when she was just a little girl.  
 (a) is dead (b) dead (c) died (d) was dead
- Q2 If my back starts ....., I can't go anywhere with you next week.  
 (a) acting out (b) performing (c) acting up (d) becoming bad
- Q3 She was hoping the terrible argument would ..... before the wedding.  
 (a) blow away (b) blow over (c) carry away (d) blow down
- Q4 After the car accident, Bob had to ..... his endurance in rehabilitation classes.  
 (a) make (b) build more (c) build forward (d) build up
- Q5 My uncle has a long beard and a ..... chest.  
 (a) furred chest (b) furry (c) many hair (d) hairy
- Q6 Because of his age, everyone thinks he should find a suitable mate and settle .....  
 (a) on (b) along (c) down (d) up
- Q7 The movie was very shocking because it is ..... a true story that took place in our state.  
 (a) based through (b) based on (c) found through (d) coming from
- Q8 His speech was articulate, and I asked him to ..... his ideas.  
 (a) make bigger (b) spread out (c) expand on (d) expand about
- Q9 Our nanny has always been ..... to us.  
 (a) very kindly (b) kindly (c) being kindly (d) kind
- Q10 I ..... with the book quickly.  
 (a) fed up (b) bored (c) got bored (d) became bored up

*Common Quantity Nouns*

|     |                                                           |             |              |             |            |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| Q1  | The boys gathered a bundle of .....                       | (a) sticks  | (b) people   | (c) beads   | (d) houses |
| Q2  | Over by the railroad tracks, there was a heap of .....    | (a) houses  | (b) flowers  | (c) stairs  | (d) stones |
| Q3  | In the distance, the onlookers could see a fleet of ..... | (a) players | (b) insects  | (c) stairs  | (d) ships  |
| Q4  | As she looked up, she saw a flight of .....               | (a) planes  | (b) insects  | (c) clouds  | (d) stairs |
| Q5  | The flock of ..... stayed together.                       | (a) sheep   | (b) blankets | (c) ships   | (d) cows   |
| Q6  | A swarm of ..... gathered around the swamp.               | (a) sheep   | (b) birds    | (c) insects | (d) cows   |
| Q7  | A crowd of ..... lined up to see what was happening.      | (a) cows    | (b) sheep    | (c) people  | (d) birds  |
| Q8  | There was a long row of ..... near the beach.             | (a) cows    | (b) insects  | (c) stairs  | (d) houses |
| Q9  | The herd of ..... kept eating as the wind blew past them. | (a) people  | (b) birds    | (c) cows    | (d) crows  |
| Q10 | In the show, we saw many different schools of .....       | (a) birds   | (b) cattle   | (c) fish    | (d) beads  |



*Using Make and Do (1)*

|     |                                                                                        |          |         |          |         |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| Q1  | The manager was surprised at how many things Ron could ..... at once.                  | (a) make | (b) do  | (c) made | (d) did |
| Q2  | She ..... him a solemn promise that she would never steal again.                       | (a) make | (b) do  | (c) made | (d) did |
| Q3  | His teacher begged him to ..... more of an effort in class.                            | (a) make | (b) do  | (c) made | (d) did |
| Q4  | We had so much fun in Chicago — we ..... it in three days.                             | (a) make | (b) do  | (c) made | (d) did |
| Q5  | The business ..... a lot of money this year.                                           | (a) make | (b) do  | (c) made | (d) did |
| Q6  | The university research team stumbled upon something; it ..... a really big discovery. | (a) make | (b) did | (c) made | (d) do  |
| Q7  | His mother forced him to ..... his homework every night after supper.                  | (a) make | (b) do  | (c) made | (d) did |
| Q8  | No matter how hard she pushed him, she couldn't ..... her son do the job properly.     | (a) make | (b) do  | (c) made | (d) did |
| Q9  | The teacher suggested they ..... another exercise to understand the problem better.    | (a) make | (b) do  | (c) made | (d) did |
| Q10 | We only have one more pot of stew — will it .....?                                     | (a) make | (b) do  | (c) made | (d) did |

*Using Prepositions*

|     |                                                                                  |          |           |           |           |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Q1  | Ralph was late ..... work again. He may be fired.                                | (a) on   | (b) at    | (c) for   | (d) of    |
| Q2  | Naomi is keen ..... working in Africa this coming year.                          | (a) of   | (b) in    | (c) on    | (d) at    |
| Q3  | He's been suffering ..... migraine headaches again.                              | (a) on   | (b) from  | (c) of    | (d) about |
| Q4  | All of Chris's teachers agree that he is very good ..... math.                   | (a) with | (b) for   | (c) at    | (d) on    |
| Q5  | To get a job as a secretary, you must be good ..... typing and answering phones. | (a) for  | (b) at    | (c) with  | (d) about |
| Q6  | Because of his new shift, he has to wake up ..... 3 a.m. every day.              | (a) in   | (b) at    | (c) on    | (d) from  |
| Q7  | Such bad behavior is typical ..... the spoiled child.                            | (a) for  | (b) with  | (c) about | (d) of    |
| Q8  | Mary is so pleased ..... her students' grades this past year.                    | (a) for  | (b) with  | (c) in    | (d) along |
| Q9  | He was very angry ..... his mother because she grounded him yesterday.           | (a) with | (b) to    | (c) about | (d) on    |
| Q10 | Karen is very jealous ..... Kim and it's very obvious to others.                 | (a) of   | (b) about | (c) at    | (d) with  |

*Using Make and Do (2)*

- Q1 Even though the situation was not ideal, they decided to ..... a go of things.  
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did
- Q2 She finally begged him to ..... a move in their very long and tiresome chess game.  
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did
- Q3 He was very proud of his car yesterday, because during the race it ..... 260 km/hr.  
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did
- Q4 She suddenly realized that she only had a few days left on her vacation, so she decided to ..... the most of it.  
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did
- Q5 I'm not quite ready yet — I have to ..... my hair.  
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did
- Q6 His mother was late because she ..... the beds before she left the house.  
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did
- Q7 No one knows why he ..... those terrible things in the past.  
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did
- Q8 He was confused and couldn't ..... up his mind about what to do next.  
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did
- Q9 The teacher had to ..... up a new syllabus because her old one was outdated.  
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did
- Q10 They ..... up quickly after their silly argument.  
(a) make (b) do (c) made (d) did

*Why Questions*

|     |                                                                             |           |           |           |           |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Q1  | ..... countries have a coastline on the Mediterranean Sea?                  | (a) What  | (b) Which | (c) Where | (d) Who   |
| Q2  | ..... is measured by the Richter Scale?                                     | (a) What  | (b) Which | (c) Where | (d) Who   |
| Q3  | ..... does the word "alphabet" come from?                                   | (a) What  | (b) Which | (c) Where | (d) When  |
| Q4  | ..... was the first man in space?                                           | (a) When  | (b) Where | (c) Which | (d) Who   |
| Q5  | ..... does NATO stand for?                                                  | (a) What  | (b) Which | (c) Where | (d) Who   |
| Q6  | In ..... year did Prince Charles marry?                                     | (a) what  | (b) which | (c) where | (d) whom  |
| Q7  | ..... did William Jefferson Clinton become President of the United States?  | (a) When  | (b) What  | (c) Where | (d) Who   |
| Q8  | ..... Caribbean island does Sir Vivian Richards come from?                  | (a) Which | (b) What  | (c) Where | (d) Who   |
| Q9  | ..... was the youngest person to be elected President of the United States? | (a) Which | (b) What  | (c) Where | (d) Who   |
| Q10 | ..... year did the first commercial aviation flight take place?             | (a) When  | (b) What  | (c) Where | (d) Which |

*While, during and for*

- Q1 My uncle died ..... the war.  
(a) while (b) during (c) for
- Q2 The phone rang ..... I was eating brunch.  
(a) while (b) during (c) for
- Q3 I lived in Denpasar ..... several years.  
(a) while (b) during (c) for
- Q4 ..... I was in Geneva, I made lots of friends.  
(a) While (b) During (c) For
- Q5 Last week I was held up ..... four hours because of the traffic.  
(a) while (b) during (c) for
- Q6 A salesman knocked on our door ..... we were watching a movie.  
(a) while (b) during (c) for
- Q7 I hurt my leg ..... the third quarter of the basketball game.  
(a) while (b) during (c) for
- Q8 A game of rugby usually lasts ..... eighty minutes.  
(a) while (b) during (c) for
- Q9 ..... my stay in hospital, the nurses looked after me very well.  
(a) While (b) During (c) For
- Q10 I was traveling through Mumbai ..... six weeks last summer.  
(a) while (b) during (c) for

*auxiliary verbs: was, did, have*

Q1 The flight ..... delayed because of bad weather.

- (a) was (b) were (c) did (d) had

Q2 ..... you do much sightseeing when you were on vacation in Madrid?

- (a) Was (b) Were (c) Did (d) Had

Q3 They ..... leaving for the airport when I last saw them.

- (a) was (b) were (c) did (d) had

Q4 I ..... forgotten to set my alarm clock, so I was late for my train.

- (a) was (b) were (c) did (d) had

Q5 ..... it raining when you left your office this afternoon?

- (a) Was (b) Were (c) Did (d) Had

Q6 The employees ..... informed last night that their company was going into receivership.

- (a) was (b) were (c) did (d) had

Q7 The police located the art work which ..... been stolen from the gallery.

- (a) was (b) were (c) did (d) had

Q8 The fire ..... caused by an electrical problem.

- (a) was (b) were (c) did (d) had

Q9 She was surprised that he knew her name. She ..... never met him before.

- (a) was (b) were (c) did (d) had

Q10 How many times ..... your travel documents checked before you boarded the airplane?

- (a) was (b) were (c) did (d) had

*Words with time: for, ago, since, on, at*

|     |                                                                                 |            |           |            |           |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Q1  | I graduated from college ..... 2002.                                            | (a) since  | (b) on    | (c) in     | (d) at    |
| Q2  | I like to go to bed ..... midnight on Saturdays.                                | (a) since  | (b) on    | (c) during | (d) at    |
| Q3  | He migrated to Istanbul five years .....                                        | (a) since  | (b) ago   | (c) for    | (d) at    |
| Q4  | The artist had been painting ..... two decades when he sold his first painting. | (a) during | (b) for   | (c) since  | (d) on    |
| Q5  | Shakespeare was born ..... 23 April 1564.                                       | (a) since  | (b) on    | (c) in     | (d) at    |
| Q6  | In Europe, autumn begins ..... September.                                       | (a) in     | (b) on    | (c) at     | (d) since |
| Q7  | We always eat a roast dinner ..... Christmas Day.                               | (a) in     | (b) on    | (c) at     | (d) since |
| Q8  | His pet anaconda died five months ....., and he still misses it.                | (a) for    | (b) since | (c) ago    | (d) on    |
| Q9  | I've been studying Italian ..... I was five years old.                          | (a) for    | (b) since | (c) ago    | (d) on    |
| Q10 | The chairman of the board has been working in the finance industry ..... 1984.  | (a) in     | (b) on    | (c) since  | (d) at    |

*Common English phrases with prepositions*

- Q1 I had an accident yesterday afternoon. Fortunately I didn't do too much damage ..... my car.  
(a) with (b) in (c) about (d) to
- Q2 Simon isn't at school this week. He's ..... vacation.  
(a) in (b) between (c) on (d) to
- Q3 We're out ..... coffee. Could you please go the supermarket and pick up some more?  
(a) for (b) in (c) of (d) to
- Q4 This morning I received a cheque in the mail ..... one thousand dollars.  
(a) about (b) for (c) on (d) with
- Q5 You're really annoying me. You're doing it ..... purpose, aren't you?  
(a) about (b) of (c) on (d) in
- Q6 Can you tell the difference ..... butter and margarine?  
(a) in (b) with (c) between (d) about
- Q7 There have been many complaints ..... your behavior.  
(a) with (b) of (c) about (d) for
- Q8 The trouble ..... my mother-in-law is that she doesn't listen to anybody.  
(a) with (b) about (c) for (d) between
- Q9 I'm tired of cooking every night. Let's eat out ..... a change.  
(a) on (b) for (c) to (d) in
- Q10 Have you got any photos ..... your girlfriend?  
(a) about (b) between (c) of (d) which



*Articles in English Grammar*

Q1 I want to buy ..... laptop computer next week.

(a) a

(b) an

(c) the

Q2 Can you please go to ..... grocery store on Fifth Street and buy 2 cartons of milk?

(a) a

(b) an

(c) the

Q3 Please meet me at the train station in ..... hour from now.

(a) a

(b) an

(c) the

Q4 I like to watch tennis on television. It is ..... very good game.

(a) a

(b) an

(c) the

Q5 My brother won an award for being ..... best speller in our school.

(a) a

(b) an

(c) the

Q6 Hello, my name is Bob! I haven't anything to do tonight, so if you're not busy, would you like to watch ..... movie or something with me?

(a) a

(b) an

(c) the

Q7 I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw ..... elephant crossing the road in front of my school yesterday.

(a) a

(b) an

(c) the

Q8 How much will it cost to go on ..... holiday to Bali?

(a) a

(b) an

(c) the

Q9 Can you please help me pick out ..... birthday present for my father?

(a) a

(b) an

(c) the

Q10 ..... President of the United States will be visiting Australia next week.

(a) A

(b) An

(c) The

*a, some or any*

Q1 We need ..... kilo of apples.

(a) a

(b) some

(c) any

Q2 Have you got ..... water?

(a) a

(b) an

(c) any

Q3 There's ..... newspaper on the table.

(a) a

(b) some

(c) any

Q4 I've got ..... salad sandwiches for my lunch today.

(a) a

(b) some

(c) any

Q5 I haven't got ..... tea. Can you go to the corner store and buy some more?

(a) a

(b) some

(c) any

Q6 How about ..... cup of coffee?

(a) a

(b) some

(c) any

Q7 There are ..... grapes in the fridge.

(a) a

(b) some

(c) any

Q8 Is there ..... orange juice left in the fridge?

(a) a

(b) the

(c) any

Q9 I need ..... money to go shopping.

(a) a

(b) any

(c) some

Q10 We need to buy ..... rolls if you want to make hotdogs for your lunch.

(a) a

(b) some

(c) any

*Interrogative pronouns*

|     |                                                          |           |           |           |           |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Q1  | ..... is the girl in the blue dress?                     | (a) Who   | (b) Whom  | (c) What  | (d) Which |
| Q2  | ..... is the name of the team in red?                    | (a) What  | (b) Which | (c) Who   | (d) Whom  |
| Q3  | ..... likes to play pinball at the arcade?               | (a) Who   | (b) Whom  | (c) What  | (d) Which |
| Q4  | For ..... did Sheila make these cookies?                 | (a) who   | (b) whom  | (c) which | (d) what  |
| Q5  | ..... of the names did you choose for the puppy?         | (a) What  | (b) Which | (c) Who   | (d) Whom  |
| Q6  | ..... completed the assignment?                          | (a) Whose | (b) Who   | (c) Whom  | (d) Which |
| Q7  | ..... the highest ranking official in the United States? | (a) Who's | (b) Whom  | (c) Who   | (d) What  |
| Q8  | To ..... did Mark lend his video game?                   | (a) who   | (b) who's | (c) whom  | (d) what  |
| Q9  | ..... of the cars is parked in the driveway?             | (a) Which | (b) Who's | (c) What  | (d) Whom  |
| Q10 | To ..... should the check be made payable?               | (a) who   | (b) who's | (c) whom  | (d) which |

*Possessive pronouns*

- Q1 Mia left ..... notebook on the bus.  
(a) her (b) yours (c) his
- Q2 The colorful picture of the flowers is .....  
(a) their (b) your (c) mine
- Q3 The proud parents brought home ..... new baby girl.  
(a) his (b) her (c) their
- Q4 William strummed ..... guitar and invited everyone to sing.  
(a) his (b) its (c) her
- Q5 The computer quickly stores information on ..... huge memory.  
(a) yours (b) theirs (c) its
- Q6 These warm chocolate chip cookies melt in ..... mouth.  
(a) its (b) your (c) yours
- Q7 Is ..... seat belt always fastened?  
(a) your (b) mine (c) its
- Q8 The fluffy brown puppy is .....  
(a) its (b) my (c) theirs
- Q9 ..... hand shot up when the teacher asked for volunteers.  
(a) Their (b) Her (c) Mine
- Q10 I didn't get a cheeseburger, so I tasted .....  
(a) mine (b) its (c) hers

*Phrasal verbs*

|     |                                                                                                         |                 |                 |                |                  |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Q1  | I'm sorry, James isn't ..... at the moment. Can I take a message?                                       | (a) in          | (b) away        | (c) up         | (d) off          |
| Q2  | We've run ..... sugar. Could you please buy some more?                                                  | (a) down on     | (b) away from   | (c) on with    | (d) out of       |
| Q3  | I don't know how you ..... with such noisy brothers. It would drive me crazy.                           | (a) put up      | (b) put away    | (c) clear up   | (d) bring up     |
| Q4  | You've borrowed such a great deal of money from me lately. I need to ..... exactly how much you owe me. | (a) make up     | (b) put out     | (c) work out   | (d) clear up     |
| Q5  | Can you ..... the time of the next train to Munich?                                                     | (a) sort out    | (b) put out     | (c) find out   | (d) try out      |
| Q6  | That maths exam was incredibly difficult. It took me ages to ..... some of the answers.                 | (a) sort out    | (b) put out     | (c) work out   | (d) find out     |
| Q7  | I don't mind helping you bake a cake, but just make sure you ..... everything when you've finished.     | (a) put out     | (b) put away    | (c) sort out   | (d) bring up     |
| Q8  | I'm broke. I have to ..... an idea for making money.                                                    | (a) get on with | (b) put up with | (c) run out of | (d) come up with |
| Q9  | Our teacher told us to ..... our work quietly.                                                          | (a) get on with | (b) put up with | (c) run out of | (d) come up with |
| Q10 | The government wants to ..... a new scheme to encourage people to start their own businesses.           | (a) hand out    | (b) try out     | (c) find out   | (d) run out      |

*Agatha Christie test questions*

- Q1 Agatha Christie lived with ..... family in England.  
(a) her (b) its (c) their
- Q2 Agatha Christie ..... have a happy marriage.  
(a) wasn't (b) didn't (c) hadn't
- Q3 Agatha Christie ..... her husband in 1930.  
(a) divorced (b) annulled (c) cancelled
- Q4 Agatha Christie was a very successful writer of detective .....  
(a) yarns (b) fairy tales (c) stories
- Q5 She ..... for eleven days in December 1926.  
(a) evaporated (b) disappeared (c) departed
- Q6 The police found her flat ..... and there was no sign of Agatha Christie.  
(a) empty (b) emptiness (c) empty space
- Q7 Agatha Christie wrote more than 80 mysteries and sold ..... 300 million books.  
(a) more (b) extra (c) over
- Q8 People all over the world have ..... Agatha Christie's stories.  
(a) grasped (b) realized (c) read
- Q9 Agatha Christie didn't tell ..... why she disappeared in December 1926.  
(a) someone (b) anyone (c) no one
- Q10 Agatha Christie wrote her first detective story in 1920 and became very .....  
(a) success (b) successor (c) successful

*Conjunctions: and, but, or, so*

- Q1 We will visit Australia ..... New Zealand during our next vacation.  
(a) and (b) but (c) so
- Q2 My teeth were hurting ..... I made an appointment to go the dentist.  
(a) or (b) so (c) but
- Q3 Have you seen ..... heard the latest musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber?  
(a) but (b) so (c) or
- Q4 I wanted to go to the rock concert ..... all the tickets were already sold out.  
(a) so (b) but (c) and
- Q5 I wanted to eat sushi for dinner ..... I went to a Japanese restaurant.  
(a) but (b) so (c) or
- Q6 I wanted to eat fish for lunch ..... the fish and chip shop had closed for the day.  
(a) or (b) but (c) so
- Q7 I am going to do my homework ..... take a shower when I get home from school.  
(a) and (b) but (c) so
- Q8 My father wanted to watch a soccer match on television ..... my mother was already watching another program.  
(a) but (b) so (c) or
- Q9 My brother wanted to buy a novel ..... he went to the book store after he finished work.  
(a) so (b) or (c) but
- Q10 I wanted to visit my grandmother last week ..... she had an accident and had to be taken to hospital.  
(a) but (b) or (c) so

*Compound words with 'tooth'*

Q1 I usually take a ..... to work so I can clean my teeth thoroughly after I have eaten my lunch.

- (a) toothbrush (b) toothpick (c) toothpaste

Q2 My wife hates it if I leave the lid off the ..... after I have finished brushing my teeth.

- (a) toothbrush (b) toothpaste (c) toothache

Q3 It is very dangerous for small children to play with .....

- (a) toothbrushes (b) toothpicks (c) toothaches

Q4 My father told me that I will get a ..... if I eat too much chocolate.

- (a) toothpaste (b) toothache (c) toothpick

Q5 Mum, can you please buy me a new ..... when you go to the supermarket this afternoon?

- (a) toothpaste (b) toothache (c) toothbrush

Q6 Tomorrow I must go to the pharmacy and buy some more .....

- (a) toothpaste (b) toothpick (c) toothbrush

Q7 My daughter woke up screaming in the middle of the night because she had a terrible .....

- (a) toothpick (b) toothbrush (c) toothache

Q8 Nora asked the waiter to bring her a ..... after she had finished eating her dessert.

- (a) toothbrush (b) toothpick (c) toothache

Q9 I can't seem to find the new tube of ..... that I bought at the supermarket yesterday.

- (a) toothbrush (b) toothpick (c) toothpaste

Q10 My old ..... is looking very shaggy. I think it's about time to buy a new one.

- (a) toothpick (b) toothpaste (c) toothbrush



**Beginner Grammar Questions Test (1)**

Q1 I wonder how many children ..... going on the school field trip this month.

(a) are

(b) has

(c) is

Q2 Every morning, I go to work ..... car.

(a) for

(b) by

(c) in

Q3 Do you like sushi? No, I .....

(a) don't like

(b) don't

(c) are not

Q4 Has anyone seen Laura? ..... to work today?

(a) Is she coming

(b) Does she come

(c) She come

Q5 I hope you're having a good time. .... like some more tea?

(a) Do you

(b) Will you

(c) Would you

Q6 Let's hang out later tonight. .... want to come over after work?

(a) You will

(b) Do you

(c) Does you

Q7 I was out when you called. I went to the store ..... buy some milk.

(a) for

(b) to

(c) order to

Q8 I haven't talked to Nicole recently. When ..... you talk to her last?

(a) does

(b) was

(c) did

Q9 We ..... a wonderful time. Thanks for inviting us over for dinner.

(a) had

(b) have

(c) has

Q10 The forecast isn't good for tomorrow. It's ..... to rain, so don't forget to bring your umbrella.

(a) having

(b) going

(c) seems

*Irregular Verbs (1)*

- Q1 Have you ..... your ticket for the concert on Friday yet?  
(a) getting (b) get (c) got
- Q2 I have ..... numerous plants in my garden this year.  
(a) grow (b) grown (c) grows
- Q3 Laurie and Tom ..... for the coast on Monday morning.  
(a) leaves (b) leaving (c) left
- Q4 Can you ..... the mirror on that wall, please?  
(a) put (b) putting (c) puts
- Q5 The bridesmaids ..... beautiful lavender-colored dresses at the wedding last Saturday.  
(a) wears (b) wore (c) wear
- Q6 Rose ..... her son to his soccer practice. She should be back shortly.  
(a) took (b) take (c) taken
- Q7 John Steinbeck ..... a number of memorable novels and stories set in California.  
(a) write (b) written (c) wrote
- Q8 Andrea's husband is a truck driver. He ..... huge semi-trailers for a living.  
(a) drive (b) drives (c) driven
- Q9 After looking at a variety of color palettes, Tammy finally ..... the color for her family room walls.  
(a) choose (b) chose (c) chosen
- Q10 Luther has to ..... four new tires for his car. He wants higher quality tires so they will last longer.  
(a) bought (b) buying (c) buy

*Postcard: Writer*

- Q1 Thank you very much ..... the kind letter you sent me  
(a) of (b) to (c) for
- Q2 about the latest book of ..... published last month.  
(a) me (b) mine (c) my
- Q3 Many people have not followed the ..... of the story.  
(a) plot (b) play (c) plan
- Q4 It is ..... however that you have understood it perfectly.  
(a) clearing (b) clear (c) clearly
- Q5 Of course sometimes it is easy to ..... the person who is the murderer,  
(a) spend (b) mark (c) spot
- Q6 from the first few ..... of the book.  
(a) pages (b) sides (c) sheets
- Q7 You say you ..... who committed the murder in chapter 10.  
(a) knows (b) knew (c) known
- Q8 That makes a writer feel very pleased with .....  
(a) him (b) he (c) himself
- Q9 because there are ..... 11 chapters in the book.  
(a) only (b) really (c) hardly
- Q10 As I have your ....., I will send you a copy of my next book.  
(a) identity (b) signature (c) address

*Postcard: Winner*

- Q1 I am ..... to tell you are very lucky.  
(a) pleased (b) please (c) pleasing
- Q2 A ..... is waiting for you.  
(a) price (b) cost (c) prize
- Q3 It is possible you have ..... a lot of money.  
(a) gained (b) won (c) caught
- Q4 All you have to ..... is to telephone this number.  
(a) make (b) take (c) do
- Q5 The number is 7863452 but you must phone .....  
(a) then (b) now (c) there
- Q6 If you wait till tomorrow it will be ..... late.  
(a) too (b) to (c) two
- Q7 You have to ..... a simple question.  
(a) respond (b) reply (c) answer
- Q8 I think you will have no ..... with the question.  
(a) problem (b) puzzle (c) experiment
- Q9 Are you ..... for the question?  
(a) sure (b) ready (c) certain
- Q10 It is: Do you believe this postcard is ..... or just a joke?  
(a) actual (b) correct (c) real

*Postcard: Job*

|     |                                                                      |                 |               |                |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Q1  | Just to let you know how I am getting ..... in my new job.           | (a) in          | (b) on        | (c) over       |
| Q2  | The first day was very hard because I didn't ..... anyone.           | (a) know        | (b) recognize | (c) remember   |
| Q3  | The first week in ..... was terrible because I was very tired.       | (a) information | (b) fact      | (c) knowledge  |
| Q4  | Slowly the work ..... easier                                         | (a) developed   | (b) turned    | (c) easier     |
| Q5  | because I knew what to .....                                         | (a) make        | (b) do        | (c) create     |
| Q6  | Last night we had a party in the .....                               | (a) bureau      | (b) desk      | (c) office     |
| Q7  | The boss came .....                                                  | (a) to          | (b) too       | (c) two        |
| Q8  | Someone I ..... at the party is going to the cinema with me tonight. | (a) met         | (b) found     | (c) discovered |
| Q9  | She is very pretty and ..... at all my jokes.                        | (a) cries       | (b) screams   | (c) laughs     |
| Q10 | But the really important ..... is that she is the boss's daughter.   | (a) factor      | (b) thing     | (c) idea       |

*Postcard: Holiday*

- Q1 The hotel is a bit small and so we haven't much .....  
(a) area (b) room (c) place
- Q2 The ..... from the window is good and we can see the sea.  
(a) look (b) sight (c) view
- Q3 It's only a small window really and we can only ..... see the sea.  
(a) just (b) about (c) actually
- Q4 A good ..... is that the food is excellent.  
(a) point (b) theory (c) idea
- Q5 The other ..... are all very friendly.  
(a) inhabitants (b) guests (c) callers
- Q6 It has rained all day today and as a result we have all got .....  
(a) damp (b) sticky (c) wet
- Q7 Tomorrow we are going to ..... a medieval castle.  
(a) call (b) visit (c) examine
- Q8 I do hope the weather ..... home is better than it is here.  
(a) at (b) in (c) by
- Q9 I hope you can pick us ..... at the airport when we come home.  
(a) in (b) through (c) up
- Q10 Love to you all and ..... forward to seeing you all again.  
(a) seeing (b) looking (c) moving

*Postcard: France*

- Q1 We ..... the ferry very early in the morning to cross to France.  
(a) brought (b) caught (c) made
- Q2 The sea was very ..... and there were not many waves.  
(a) calm (b) kind (c) polite
- Q3 We ..... the car from the port and stopped at our first hotel.  
(a) conducted (b) directed (c) drove
- Q4 Nobody spoke English and so we had to speak French to ..... the room for the night.  
(a) control (b) book (c) check
- Q5 At home we ..... a big breakfast as you know.  
(a) eat (b) consume (c) drink
- Q6 But here it is quite ..... as they only have a bread roll and tea or coffee.  
(a) difficult (b) different (c) distinct
- Q7 After a few hours we began to ..... very hungry.  
(a) find (b) sense (c) feel
- Q8 We decided to stop at a restaurant to have a good .....  
(a) meal (b) eat (c) taste
- Q9 It was wonderful and we all continued our journey with ..... stomachs!  
(a) complete (b) solid (c) full
- Q10 Our next hotel was much better because they gave us ..... breakfast than we really needed.  
(a) more (b) much (c) most

*Postcard: Appointment*

- Q1 I hope you get this postcard ..... time for you to read it.  
(a) in (b) off (c) of
- Q2 I say this because we are going to ..... next weekend.  
(a) see (b) meet (c) find
- Q3 I hope you haven't .....  
(a) remembered (b) forgotten (c) reminded
- Q4 We arranged to see each ..... on Friday 20th at 7 in the evening.  
(a) one (b) time (c) other
- Q5 But we didn't arrange the ..... place for the meeting.  
(a) exact (b) accurate (c) first
- Q6 I suggest the best place will be ..... the clock at Victoria station.  
(a) through (b) under (c) for
- Q7 I know there are a ..... clocks at the station.  
(a) lot (b) number (c) few
- Q8 The one I am ..... about is the very big one near platform 1.  
(a) considering (b) talking (c) describing
- Q9 You can't ..... it because it is enormous.  
(a) miss (b) avoid (c) hit
- Q10 Just one final word — don't be .....!  
(a) later (b) latest (c) late



*Like a red rag*

- Q1 Don't talk to him about politics because it's like a ..... rag to a bull.  
(a) blue (b) white (c) red (d) black
- Q2 He takes the optimistic view and talks about a ..... skies scenario.  
(a) red (b) blue (c) white (d) yellow
- Q3 She hasn't worked here very long and is therefore a little ..... on matters of procedure.  
(a) red (b) blue (c) white (d) green
- Q4 Now that they have read it in ....., they believe me.  
(a) red and blue (b) blue and red (c) white and black (d) black and white
- Q5 The reason why I feel so ..... today is because it's my birthday and no-one has sent me any cards.  
(a) red (b) blue (c) white (d) black
- Q6 She lost the company a lot of money last week and as a result has got a ..... mark against her name.  
(a) red (b) blue (c) white (d) black
- Q7 In this business you cannot afford to make any mistake and must be seen to be lily .....  
(a) red (b) blue (c) white (d) green
- Q8 As they turned round and ran away, people thought they were .....  
(a) red (b) blue (c) white (d) yellow
- Q9 Ask her to help you with your calculations because she's ..... hot at mathematics.  
(a) red (b) blue (c) white (d) black
- Q10 I know he doesn't like you because the moment you came in the room I saw him give you a ..... look.  
(a) red (b) blue (c) white (d) black

*If you tend to forget*

- Q1 He tends to forget things very quickly and behaves more and more like the typical ..... professor.  
(a) clear-minded (b) absent-minded (c) well-minded (d) cool-minded
- Q2 This is a very expensive holiday intended for those with plenty of money as it involves a trip ..... the world.  
(a) through (b) along (c) about (d) around
- Q3 The car is almost ready to collect from the garage but there are just a couple of spare ..... missing.  
(a) parts (b) pieces (c) extras (d) accessories
- Q4 They were ..... of having broken into the stately home and stolen several famous paintings.  
(a) charged (b) described (c) accused (d) blamed
- Q5 The one thing my family will always remember about Grace was the many ..... of kindness that she showed us in her long life.  
(a) deeds (b) acts (c) actions (d) feats
- Q6 If you had bought a house about thirty years ago you would certainly find that it had considerably ..... in value.  
(a) increased (b) heightened (c) developed (d) doubled
- Q7 If you're not careful you'll find that because of your generous nature, she'll start taking ..... of you.  
(a) part (b) advantage (c) consideration (d) prominence
- Q8 There's a huge ..... in the local paper about the special offers available in the store this weekend.  
(a) announcement (b) display (c) notice (d) advertisement
- Q9 You'll notice that as soon as the children come home from school, the dog will jump up and show its great ..... for them.  
(a) infection (b) affection (c) affectation (d) protection
- Q10 Sociologists maintain that some of the films on show today have created a generation of very ..... children.  
(a) frightened (b) afraid (c) fearful (d) frightening

*Easy Questions*

- Q1 There are no problems for me because I find those questions very .....  
(a) easy (b) facile (c) soft (d) straight
- Q2 Are you going ..... for your holidays this year?  
(a) outside (b) absent (c) abroad (d) external
- Q3 They ..... him for his brave actions.  
(a) praised (b) worshipped (c) flattered (d) congratulated
- Q4 He is very lucky to have got himself a ..... job.  
(a) pear (b) banana (c) lemon (d) plum
- Q5 They ..... from the fire unhurt.  
(a) evaded (b) escaped (c) avoided (d) abstained
- Q6 After two rings of the bell she suddenly ..... in the doorway.  
(a) seemed (b) looked (c) appeared (d) viewed
- Q7 She never spoke about herself and was always very ..... about the good things she had done.  
(a) modest (b) meek (c) humble (d) simple
- Q8 He has lots of money and ..... two houses in the city.  
(a) holds (b) owns (c) occupies (d) possesses
- Q9 One of that child's teeth is very ..... and will soon fall out.  
(a) lost (b) losing (c) lose (d) loose
- Q10 They worked hard all day without a .....  
(a) break (b) suspension (c) pause (d) breach

*Do, make, get, take*

|     |                                                                                                                                     |        |         |          |          |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|----------|----------|
| Q1  | You must decide and ..... up your mind.                                                                                             | (a) do | (b) get | (c) make | (d) take |
| Q2  | What time do you ..... up in the morning?                                                                                           | (a) do | (b) get | (c) make | (d) take |
| Q3  | At the moment we are trying to ..... for the town centre.                                                                           | (a) do | (b) get | (c) make | (d) take |
| Q4  | After they had shouted at each other, they decided to ..... it up.                                                                  | (a) do | (b) get | (c) make | (d) take |
| Q5  | They are very good friends and ..... on well with each other.                                                                       | (a) do | (b) get | (c) make | (d) take |
| Q6  | The firm has expanded and they want to ..... on extra staff.                                                                        | (a) do | (b) get | (c) make | (d) take |
| Q7  | She's good at writing stories for children and is always keen to ..... up new plots.                                                | (a) do | (b) get | (c) make | (d) take |
| Q8  | As we don't have much money at the moment, we've decided to ..... without certain luxuries.                                         | (a) do | (b) get | (c) make | (d) take |
| Q9  | We mustn't be late this morning because today is when the new boss is going to ..... over.                                          | (a) do | (b) get | (c) make | (d) take |
| Q10 | Most of the telephone lines were destroyed in the storm last night and so it's almost impossible to ..... through to anybody today. | (a) do | (b) get | (c) make | (d) take |

*The Farmer and his Sons*

- Q1 A farmer had two sons both of whom were not very ..... and avoided work if they could.  
(a) industrial (b) industrious (c) industry (d) industrialist
- Q2 One day the father knew that he was dying and called his two sons to his bed .....  
(a) corner (b) wall (c) table (d) side
- Q3 He wanted his sons to pay as much ..... to the cultivation of the farm as he had done many years.  
(a) thought (b) care (c) attention (d) management
- Q4 He told them that there was a ..... treasure in the land and they would have to look for it when he had gone.  
(a) unseen (b) hidden (c) concealed (d) obscured
- Q5 He told them that they would find it in one of his 3 vine ..... but he didn't tell them which one it was.  
(a) yards (b) feet (c) spaces (d) areas
- Q6 The sons assured their father that they would work hard to ..... out the treasure.  
(a) find (b) sort (c) seek (d) try
- Q7 As soon as their father had died and been ....., the sons took out all their farming tools and started to dig the land.  
(a) grounded (b) earthed (c) confined (d) buried
- Q8 They worked really hard and dug every single ..... metre of their father's land.  
(a) block (b) square (c) cube (d) pure
- Q9 However long they dug and however hard they worked, they ..... to find the smallest bit of treasure.  
(a) lacked (b) missed (c) avoided (d) failed
- Q10 Clearly their father had been a wise man because all the work the sons had done on the land ensured that they had the best ..... for years.  
(a) gathering (b) yielding (c) crop (d) production

*A Holiday Report*

- Q1 Yesterday I ..... to an archeological site because I want to be an archeologist.  
(a) go (b) went (c) visited
- Q2 The problems I have ..... the language are to do with spelling.  
(a) on (b) to (c) with
- Q3 If I want to pass my exams, I ..... study very hard.  
(a) can (b) must (c) will
- Q4 The ..... thing of all difficulties in a language is vocabulary.  
(a) worst (b) bad (c) worse
- Q5 I have been ..... English for 5 years.  
(a) study (b) trying (c) learning
- Q6 When we walked into the school, we saw that the students were working very .....  
(a) hardly (b) hard (c) easy
- Q7 Most people don't want to study Latin because it is a ..... language.  
(a) death (b) old (c) dead
- Q8 I've forgotten the name of my teacher but I think it is something like .....  
(a) brown (b) Smith (c) jones
- Q9 What is the name of the ..... you put tea into?  
(a) think (b) thing (c) thinking
- Q10 I ..... a lot of presents for my birthday.  
(a) got (b) became (c) become

*Going on foot*

- Q1 I'm tired of waiting for buses, I'm going there ..... foot.  
(a) with (b) on (c) to (d) by
- Q2 Who said growing up was .....?  
(a) fun (b) joke (c) humour (d) laughter
- Q3 If you want to have your central heating checked, you need a ..... plumber.  
(a) knowing (b) trained (c) learned (d) careful
- Q4 The moment the lights went out, there were scenes of .....  
(a) madness (b) insanity (c) attack (d) panic
- Q5 Don't be put ..... by his manner, he is really kind hearted.  
(a) through (b) up (c) off (d) in
- Q6 When a film is really boring in the cinema, I tend to nod .....  
(a) out (b) off (c) to (d) through
- Q7 Have you heard the latest? John and Mary are ..... married.  
(a) getting (b) becoming (c) growing (d) going
- Q8 As she had made such an impression on her employers, she was soon offered .....  
(a) progress (b) preferment (c) promotion (d) position
- Q9 There's a new software program on the market that's supposed to protect your computer from any .....  
(a) virus (b) disease (c) complaint (d) illness
- Q10 As they always tell you the value of shares can go ..... as well as up.  
(a) across (b) over (c) down (d) in

*Say vs. Tell*

|     |                                                                   |             |            |             |             |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Q1  | I dare ..... you're right.                                        | (a) tell    | (b) told   | (c) tells   | (d) say     |
| Q2  | I've ..... you not to do that many times before.                  | (a) told    | (b) saying | (c) says    | (d) said    |
| Q3  | That ....., they walked out of the room in total silence.         | (a) told    | (b) said   | (c) telling | (d) saying  |
| Q4  | You shouldn't take any notice of that because it's only hear..... | (a) telling | (b) says   | (c) tells   | (d) say     |
| Q5  | That's what people are always .....                               | (a) say     | (b) said   | (c) telling | (d) saying  |
| Q6  | What I ..... and what I do are not necessarily the same.          | (a) said    | (b) saying | (c) say     | (d) tell    |
| Q7  | It's no good trying to persuade me because I'm not ..... a word.  | (a) tells   | (b) saying | (c) telling | (d) told    |
| Q8  | Now that would be ..... but my lips are sealed.                   | (a) told    | (b) saying | (c) telling | (d) said    |
| Q9  | ..... us that story again!                                        | (a) Say     | (b) Tell   | (c) Tells   | (d) Says    |
| Q10 | I'm afraid I can't ..... for sure but I think it's safe.          | (a) said    | (b) says   | (c) say     | (d) telling |



*Close vs. Shut*

- Q1 In the interest of safety the main valve on the machine had to be ..... off.  
 (a) shutting (b) closing (c) closed (d) shut
- Q2 In the ..... moments of the symphony someone's mobile phone started ringing.  
 (a) close (b) closing (c) shut (d) shutting
- Q3 The detectives had no problems in solving the crimes as it was clearly an open and ..... case.  
 (a) closed (b) closing (c) shut (d) shutting
- Q4 The police officer warned us that the road ahead was .....  
 (a) shut (b) shutting (c) closing (d) closed
- Q5 In view of the limited amount of information and evidence the case was now considered to be .....  
 (a) closing (b) closed (c) shutting (d) shut
- Q6 Everything in that shop is now very cheap because they are having a ..... down sale.  
 (a) shuts (b) shutting (c) closes (d) closing
- Q7 After a number of years as a monk he decided to leave because he felt very ..... in.  
 (a) shut (b) shutting (c) closes (d) closed
- Q8 After the terrible experiences that they had been through, the couple ..... themselves away from the community.  
 (a) shut (b) shuts (c) closes (d) closing
- Q9 The new musical that has had such bad reviews will ..... at the end of this week.  
 (a) close (b) closed (c) shut (d) shuts
- Q10 I'm afraid that tree will have to come down as it ..... out the light in the sitting room.  
 (a) close (b) closes (c) shut (d) shuts

*At the Restaurant*

- Q1 The food here is quite good although the menu is quite .....  
(a) elementary (b) basic (c) easy (d) fundamental
- Q2 I must admit that whenever I've eaten at that restaurant, I've always come away feeling ..... satisfied.  
(a) completely (b) usually (c) quickly (d) full
- Q3 I promise you that dining here will be really an ..... experience for you.  
(a) excitable (b) excited (c) exciting (d) excite
- Q4 There's something about the ..... of that particular dish that makes it memorable.  
(a) flavour (b) flavoured (c) flavouring (d) flavours
- Q5 It can be very irritating when the waiter ..... to bring what you have ordered.  
(a) forgot (b) forgets (c) forgetting (d) forgotten
- Q6 If you're really interested, I'm sure the chef will tell you the ..... of that dish.  
(a) ingredients (b) contents (c) make-up (d) composition
- Q7 As they're special ..... of the restaurant, they always get a good table.  
(a) partners (b) customers (c) patrons (d) visitors
- Q8 We got very bad service today and had to ..... the waiter three times about the drinks.  
(a) remember (b) order (c) reminder (d) remind
- Q9 We simply didn't know what to choose for our main dish so in the end we made a ..... choice.  
(a) random (b) casual (c) formal (d) straight
- Q10 The restaurant was listed in the guide as it had been ..... to be of the appropriate standard.  
(a) valued (b) esteemed (c) respected (d) judged

*At the Theatre*

- Q1 It was one of those plays where the ..... moved at great speed.  
(a) acting (b) act (c) actor (d) action
- Q2 There are different ways of ..... Shakespeare's plays and each director makes an individual choice.  
(a) meeting (b) welcoming (c) approaching (d) showing
- Q3 One of the greatest actors of the century ..... an unforgettable character in the part of Scrooge from the novel by Charles Dickens.  
(a) developed (b) manufactured (c) moulded (d) created
- Q4 Many people go to the theatre not to see a play where the plot is complicated but to listen to the brilliant ..... between the actors.  
(a) dialogue (b) chat (c) conversation (d) comments
- Q5 You can't compare the ..... of watching live theatre with watching a film.  
(a) knowledge (b) experience (c) understanding (d) knowing
- Q6 Are you one of those people who never goes to see a play until you've read the ..... in the newspaper?  
(a) writers (b) reviews (c) opinions (d) notes
- Q7 The ..... were so carried away with the acting that at the end of the play they all stood up and applauded.  
(a) spectators (b) watchers (c) listeners (d) audience
- Q8 There are always special ..... in her tragedies that move you to tears.  
(a) constituents (b) elements (c) particles (d) ingredients
- Q9 However well written the play is, it will never succeed without outstanding .....  
(a) performers (b) movers (c) workers (d) creators
- Q10 As always his latest play has been a huge success and all the tickets are ..... until August.  
(a) taken out (b) put out (c) sold out (d) bought out

*Popular Idioms*

|     |                                                 |              |              |              |             |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Q1  | Lightning never strikes in the same place ..... | (a) before   | (b) twice    | (c) secondly | (d) thrice  |
| Q2  | If you watch a kettle, it never .....           | (a) cooks    | (b) stew     | (c) boils    | (d) heats   |
| Q3  | Look before you .....                           | (a) leap     | (b) strike   | (c) rush     | (d) go      |
| Q4  | Don't count your chickens before they are ..... | (a) born     | (b) fed      | (c) hatched  | (d) stolen  |
| Q5  | It's all right to tell a ..... lie.             | (a) red      | (b) white    | (c) blue     | (d) black   |
| Q6  | There's no fool like an ..... fool.             | (a) aged     | (b) ancient  | (c) elderly  | (d) old     |
| Q7  | Let ..... dogs lie.                             | (a) sleeping | (b) snoozing | (c) dreaming | (d) barking |
| Q8  | Strike while the iron is .....                  | (a) heating  | (b) heated   | (c) hot      | (d) soft    |
| Q9  | Politeness costs .....                          | (a) a lot    | (b) a little | (c) much     | (d) nothing |
| Q10 | Never look a gift horse in the .....            | (a) mouth    | (b) eye      | (c) nose     | (d) teeth   |

*Popular Garden Idioms*

|     |                                                     |                |                 |                |                |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Q1  | Never let the ..... grow under your feet.           | (a) weeds      | (b) grass       | (c) flowers    | (d) bulbs      |
| Q2  | The grass is always ..... on the other side.        | (a) blacker    | (b) further     | (c) greener    | (d) longer     |
| Q3  | Everything is coming up .....                       | (a) roses      | (b) daisies     | (c) tulips     | (d) lilies     |
| Q4  | Poor Mary was a bit of a ..... at the dance.        | (a) cornflower | (b) cauliflower | (c) wallflower | (d) wildflower |
| Q5  | He led her up the garden .....                      | (a) path       | (b) lane        | (c) street     | (d) road       |
| Q6  | Everything in the ..... is lovely.                  | (a) roses      | (b) flowers     | (c) grass      | (d) garden     |
| Q7  | Money doesn't grow on .....                         | (a) plants     | (b) bulbs       | (c) trees      | (d) bushes     |
| Q8  | A bird in the hand is worth ..... in the bush.      | (a) four       | (b) three       | (c) two        | (d) one        |
| Q9  | Come to the point and stop beating about the .....  | (a) tree       | (b) flower      | (c) hedge      | (d) bush       |
| Q10 | Don't trust him, he's a bit of a snake in the ..... | (a) grass      | (b) flowers     | (c) plants     | (d) weeds      |

*Eating Out*

- Q1 As there are so many dishes on the menu, would you like me to ..... something to eat?  
 (a) decide (b) suggest (c) offer (d) consider
- Q2 They simply couldn't decide which restaurant to choose and so in the end they took a vote and the ..... decided on a Chinese one.  
 (a) most (b) more (c) majority (d) main
- Q3 We waited one hour for the main dish to ..... and then it was the wrong order.  
 (a) arrive (b) reach (c) deliver (d) send
- Q4 If you really want to enjoy the full flavour of that particular meal, you must remember to ..... the right balance of sauces together.  
 (a) join (b) stick (c) attach (d) mix
- Q5 It is always more relaxing to eat in a restaurant where the faces of the staff are ..... and you know everyone by name.  
 (a) familiarized (b) familiar (c) familiarly (d) familiarity
- Q6 There was a great discussion about which particular type of cuisine the guests would choose and finally they reached a ..... and settled on the set menu.  
 (a) compromising (b) compromised (c) compromise (d) compromisingly
- Q7 It doesn't matter how late you arrive at this restaurant you can always ..... on a warm welcome from the owner.  
 (a) trust (b) confide (c) rely (d) believe
- Q8 The place was so full of people and tables that the waiter had to ..... us through the crowds to our table.  
 (a) show (b) guide (c) conduct (d) enable
- Q9 The problem about writing on food is that however hard you try, you will say what you like and end up being .....  
 (a) subjective (b) objective (c) reflective (d) directive
- Q10 The success of a really good meal is that not only must it taste good but it should also look good and thus ..... to your eye.  
 (a) attract (b) appeal (c) attend (d) appear

*Hot and Cold*

- Q1 I've just received his latest detective novel from the publisher so it's what you might call hot ..... the press.  
 (a) by (b) from (c) with (d) off
- Q2 You can never tell exactly what she is thinking because she very often ..... hot and cold over some topics.  
 (a) blows (b) swings (c) flies (d) changes
- Q3 Although I'd made up my mind to do it last night now I'm not sure and am getting cold ..... about it.  
 (a) hands (b) feet (c) legs (d) arms
- Q4 They like to think they're very important people but politicians just talk a lot of hot ..... most of the time.  
 (a) words (b) steam (c) air (d) stuff
- Q5 Since the argument we've had about the garden hedge, our neighbours take no notice of us and give us the cold ..... when they see us.  
 (a) ankle (b) shoulder (c) elbow (d) hand
- Q6 As soon as the president was taken ill, the deputy had to take charge and is currently in the hot ..... now.  
 (a) seat (b) chair (c) place (d) position
- Q7 The accused was sentenced to life imprisonment after it had been established that he had committed the murder in cold .....  
 (a) attack (b) feeling (c) blood (d) passion
- Q8 I ordered a coffee from the waiter but by the time it had reached me it was ..... cold.  
 (a) stone (b) rock (c) block (d) tile
- Q9 The police have set up a special hot ..... so that people can get in touch to find out about the accident.  
 (a) connection (b) line (c) communication (d) phone
- Q10 He's always very uneasy like a cat on hot ..... whenever he is waiting to hear the results of the examinations.  
 (a) bricks (b) floors (c) paths (d) roads

*A Collision: Finish this Story*

Q1 I really can't tell what's .....

- (a) going on                      (b) taking off                      (c) going by                      (d) taking in

Q2 The trouble is somebody is .....

- (a) standing to me                      (b) standing from me  
(c) standing in front of me                      (d) standing about me

Q3 The best thing I suppose is to ask him .....

- (a) to disappear                      (b) to vanish                      (c) to move                      (d) to depart

Q4 That's better I've got a clearer .....

- (a) sight now                      (b) view now                      (c) picture now                      (d) vision now

Q5 It looks from what I can see as if there's been some kind of .....

- (a) collision                      (b) event                      (c) situation                      (d) position

Q6 Yes, now he's gone I can see that there are two cars in the car park that have .....

- (a) gone through each one                      (b) gone by one another  
(c) gone into one another                      (d) gone into each one

Q7 There are a lot of people there in the car park and they're .....

- (a) sailing their arms about                      (b) waving their arms about  
(c) turning their arms about                      (d) driving their arms about

Q8 I'm walking right up to the crowd now to see .....

- (a) what's happen                      (b) what's happens                      (c) what's happened                      (d) what's occurring

Q9 Now I can see quite clearly that the big red car has .....

- (a) stricken the little blue one                      (b) struck the little blue one  
(c) stroked the little blue one                      (d) stuck the little blue

Q10 Oh dear I've just discovered that the little blue one .....

- (a) belongs to me                      (b) is belonging to me                      (c) belonged to me                      (d) has belonged to me



*Will or Shall?*

- Q1 Do you know the difference .....?  
 (a) between will and shall (b) of will and shall  
 (c) from will and shall (d) by will and shall
- Q2 I can see from the expression on your face that you haven't .....  
 (a) got a thought (b) got a view (c) got a clue (d) got a suggestion
- Q3 I think the best way is to tell you a story that .....  
 (a) clears the difference (b) explains the difference  
 (c) expounds the difference (d) exposes the difference
- Q4 The main difference is that 'I will' .....  
 (a) means 'I want to' (b) signifies 'I want to'  
 (c) shows 'I want to' (d) says 'I want to'
- Q5 If you say 'I shall' then you are talking .....  
 (a) on the future (b) about the future (c) to the future (d) for the future
- Q6 I want you to imagine that a man is walking .....  
 (a) in the country (b) on the countryside (c) by the countryside (d) over the country
- Q7 After a few minutes he .....  
 (a) attains a river (b) acquires a river (c) nears a river (d) reaches a river
- Q8 There is a man in the river fully clothed who is .....  
 (a) in problems (b) in hardships (c) in difficulties (d) in hazards
- Q9 The man in the river keeps .....  
 (a) calling off 'I will drown, I will drown' (b) calling out 'I will drown, I will drown'  
 (c) calling to 'I will drown, I will drown' (d) calling from 'I will drown, I will drown'
- Q10 The man on the river bank, who is good at grammar, thinks the man really wants to drown, walks on and .....  
 (a) allows him drown (b) permits him drown (c) lets him drown (d) lets him to drown

*The two Butter Frogs*

- Q1 A long, long time ago there were two frogs who thought it would be a good idea to .....  
 (a) go on an outing (b) go outing (c) go out (d) out go
- Q2 They had never left their pond before and to them it was a very big .....  
 (a) advent (b) adventurous (c) adventure (d) adventurer
- Q3 At first they thoroughly enjoyed themselves and for the first time in their lives experienced .....  
 (a) a sense of free (b) a sense of freeing (c) a sense of freed (d) a sense of freedom
- Q4 The weather was perfect and the sun never .....  
 (a) stopped to shine (b) stopped to burn (c) stopped shining (d) stopped shone
- Q5 They found plenty of food and decided to stop and .....  
 (a) take rest (b) take a rest (c) take resting (d) take rested
- Q6 In the hot sun they started to feel sleepy and very soon .....  
 (a) fell into asleep (b) fell into sleep (c) fell asleep (d) fell into sleepy
- Q7 Suddenly the sound of a cat meowing .....  
 (a) made them awake (b) made them waken (c) made them waking (d) made them wake up
- Q8 They panicked and .....  
 (a) flew for their lives (b) fled for their lives  
 (c) flowed for their lives (d) fleeing for their lives
- Q9 They ran into a farm house and jumped right into a barrel of milk where they .....  
 (a) hopped and hopped in order not to sink (b) hopping and hopping in order not to sink  
 (c) hoped and hoped in order not to sink (d) hoping and hoping in order not to sink
- Q10 Sadly the smaller frog grew tired and drowned but the older one kept on moving about and in the morning .....  
 (a) found he was sat on a barrel of butter (b) found he sat on a barrel of butter  
 (c) found he was sitting on a barrel of butter (d) found he sits on a barrel of butter

**Cross Questions**

- Q1 Jane: Did you know you broke the glass when you ..... the door last night?  
 (a) smashed (b) crashed (c) slammed (d) slashed
- Q2 Frank: It couldn't possibly have been me I always shut doors .....  
 (a) still (b) hardly (c) scarcely (d) quietly
- Q3 Jane: I'm sorry you're not telling the truth, you were the last person to .....  
 (a) come home (b) come to home (c) come at home (d) come to house
- Q4 Mike: That doesn't prove anything. Actually I heard the sound of glass ..... in the night.  
 (a) creaking (b) crackling (c) breaking (d) broken
- Q5 Jane: You're just making that up — I know you're not .....  
 (a) saying the truth (b) speaking the truth (c) talking the truth (d) telling the truth
- Q6 Mike: Honestly, I did hear that kind of noise, I .....  
 (a) swear I did (b) assure I did (c) adjure I did (d) advise I did
- Q7 Jane: Sorry you can protest if you like but it doesn't .....  
 (a) break any ice with me (b) cut any ice with me  
 (c) freeze any ice with me (d) make any ice with me
- Q8 Mike: Just a minute what's that note .....?  
 (a) gummed on the door (b) adhered on the door (c) glued on the door (d) stuck on the door
- Q9 Jane: It's some kind of note from Joe next door — no I .....  
 (a) can't make it out (b) can't make it off (c) can't make it in (d) can't make it on
- Q10 Mike: Give it to me. Very interesting! He says he broke the glass by accident and .....  
 (a) he's soundly apologetic (b) he's deeply apologetic  
 (c) he's sorry apologetic (d) he's purely apologetic

*Leave me alone*

|     |                                                                                |                 |                  |                  |                  |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Q1  | Alan: Excuse me ..... but what are you doing?                                  | (a) intervening | (b) interviewing | (c) interrupting | (d) intercepting |
| Q2  | User: I should have thought it was pretty .....                                | (a) obvious     | (b) absolute     | (c) noticeable   | (d) accurate     |
| Q3  | Alan: Well, I only asked — there's no need to bite my ..... off!               | (a) nose        | (b) head         | (c) arm          | (d) leg          |
| Q4  | User: Sorry I didn't mean to be rude but I'm trying to .....                   | (a) deliberate  | (b) ruminate     | (c) concentrate  | (d) cogitate     |
| Q5  | Alan: I see and what is the ..... you are working on?                          | (a) duty        | (b) task         | (c) work         | (d) goal         |
| Q6  | User: I'm working on those ..... English tests, which I find very interesting. | (a) notorious   | (b) fabled       | (c) famous       | (d) infamous     |
| Q7  | Alan: Oh, yes I've heard of them. Do they ..... you with your English?         | (a) aid         | (b) support      | (c) help         | (d) comfort      |
| Q8  | User: Yes, they would do if you didn't ..... in asking questions.              | (a) continue    | (b) persist      | (c) insist       | (d) pursue       |
| Q9  | Alan: If that's how you feel, I'll leave you .....                             | (a) lonely      | (b) lonesome     | (c) alone        | (d) apart        |
| Q10 | User: What an excellent idea! Leave me in ..... and go and write another test. | (a) piece       | (b) peacetime    | (c) peaceful     | (d) peace        |

*What now?*

- Q1 Did you hear the story about the woman who said she could tell the .....?  
(a) coming (b) future (c) going (d) next
- Q2 I hope you haven't because I'm about to ..... it to you now.  
(a) restore (b) repeat (c) relate (d) regain
- Q3 Her name was Mary Smith and she had a ..... for telling people what was going to happen.  
(a) title (b) reputation (c) description (d) idea
- Q4 Somebody once used her advice and made a ..... out of buying shares in a small company that did well.  
(a) heap (b) gold (c) fortune (d) amount
- Q5 The strange thing was that she never actually used her ..... to benefit herself.  
(a) giving (b) gift (c) gave (d) given
- Q6 People started to be ..... of her and thought that perhaps she had a secret source of information.  
(a) suspect (b) suspecting (c) suspicion (d) suspicious
- Q7 Some others wanted to try and ..... her out and prove that she didn't have this special ability.  
(a) make (b) take (c) catch (d) do
- Q8 The plan was to pretend to ..... her house late one night and see if she was really any good at knowing it was going to happen.  
(a) steal (b) burgle (c) rob (d) enter
- Q9 Mike Andrews, whose idea it was, intended to give everything back but he just wanted to ..... her ability.  
(a) discover (b) try (c) test (d) examine
- Q10 As Mr Andrews was about to leave he found a note pinned to his door. It was from Mary Smith advising him to be careful because she has just bought a ..... young guard dog.  
(a) severe (b) ferocious (c) harsh (d) spiteful

*Wrapped round her finger*

- Q1 I can't ..... those silly people who always go around with their mobile phones glued to their ears.  
(a) head (b) hand (c) stomach (d) finger
- Q2 If you think I didn't catch you ..... that young waitress, you're quite mistaken.  
(a) fingering (b) heading (c) handing (d) eying
- Q3 He is such a coward because whenever it comes to speaking his mind he always ..... down instead.  
(a) backs (b) heads (c) hands (d) noses
- Q4 Come on, shake a ..... we're running late.  
(a) nose (b) hand (c) leg (d) foot
- Q5 Don't you think it's about time you put your ..... down and told them what you really think?  
(a) finger (b) hand (c) head (d) foot
- Q6 Well, unfortunately as I had one glass too many last night, I guess I should go for ..... of the dog.  
(a) a foot (b) a hair (c) a nose (d) an ear
- Q7 As she's such a nasty little thing, I can see it won't take her long to wrap you round her little .....  
(a) shoulder (b) body (c) finger (d) tongue
- Q8 Could you please give me a ..... I'm afraid I can't handle it by myself.  
(a) tooth (b) foot (c) hand (d) finger
- Q9 Are you sure your new boss isn't married? — Yes, honestly, I have it straight from the horse's .....  
(a) back (b) mouth (c) foot (d) nose
- Q10 Hey, get up and do your homework you lazy .....  
(a) bones (b) bottoms (c) hips (d) back

*The Ants and the Grasshopper*

- Q1 One winter's day when the sun was shining you could hear the ..... of great activity.  
(a) move (b) sound (c) moving (d) sounding
- Q2 What you could hear was the ants who were ..... drying grain.  
(a) active (b) doing (c) busy (d) business
- Q3 Sensibly as all ants do, they had ..... the grain during the summer.  
(a) assembled (b) assumed (c) brought (d) collected
- Q4 Their plan was to eat this ..... during the winter.  
(a) provision (b) providing (c) provider (d) provided
- Q5 They were so ..... in their work that they didn't notice a grasshopper.  
(a) enveloped (b) engrossed (c) encompassed (d) enlarged
- Q6 The grasshopper was so weak he was practically ..... because he hadn't eaten for ages.  
(a) straining (b) stalking (c) starving (d) streaming
- Q7 He saw the ants and ..... them with all the strength he could find to let him have a little food.  
(a) begged (b) bade (c) bid (d) bartered
- Q8 The ants shook their heads at him and asked him why he hadn't ..... up food in the summer.  
(a) stood (b) stored (c) stoked (d) stopped
- Q9 The poor grasshopper ..... he had spent the whole summer enjoying himself singing and dancing.  
(a) confused (b) confessed (c) continued (d) contented
- Q10 All the ants laughed and said in that case he would have to dance ..... to bed in the winter.  
(a) famous (b) familiar (c) faded (d) famished

*The Two Dogs*

- Q1 A man had two dogs: a hound ..... to help him with his sports and another to guard the house.  
 (a) trained (b) tutored (c) brought up (d) educated
- Q2 Whenever the hunter came home, he always gave the house dog a large ..... of what he caught.  
 (a) section (b) slice (c) portion (d) quantity
- Q3 The hound dog was very ..... about this.  
 (a) overturned (b) set up (c) upturned (d) upset
- Q4 He told the house dog he found it very ..... having to do all the hard work.  
 (a) annoyed (b) annoying (c) annoys (d) annoy
- Q5 What made things worse, he continued, was that the house dog never ..... part in any of the hunting.  
 (a) did (b) put (c) took (d) had
- Q6 All the house dog did was simply to feed himself on the results of the ..... that the hound dog undertook.  
 (a) exertions (b) extremes (c) exercises (d) excesses
- Q7 The house dog felt he had to ..... himself in the face of all this criticism.  
 (a) display (b) detect (c) defend (d) distend
- Q8 The house dog asked him not to pick on him if he wanted to ..... someone.  
 (a) accuse (b) blame (c) disapprove (d) fault
- Q9 The house dog told him to criticize their master who had taught him not how to work but how to ..... on the work of others.  
 (a) hang (b) support (c) attach (d) depend
- Q10 The moral of this fable is: you mustn't ..... children for the mistakes of their parents.  
 (a) reproach (b) relieve (c) repeal (d) reject



*The Hare and the Tortoise*

- Q1 One day a hare looked at a tortoise and ..... the short feet of the tortoise.  
(a) laughed (b) ridiculed (c) ridiculous (d) laughter
- Q2 He also made ..... of the slow pace at which the tortoise travelled.  
(a) fun (b) joke (c) laugh (d) funny
- Q3 The tortoise agreed that the hare ran as fast as the wind but claimed that he could easily ..... him in a race.  
(a) strike (b) hit (c) beat (d) knock
- Q4 It was ..... that the tortoise should choose the course and also the end of the race.  
(a) consented (b) permitted (c) allowed (d) agreed
- Q5 The tortoise never stopped and continued walking at a ..... pace all the time to the end of the race.  
(a) steadying (b) steadied (c) steady (d) steadily
- Q6 The hare shot ahead and then decided to ..... down at the side of the path for a rest.  
(a) lay (b) lie (c) laid (d) lain
- Q7 It wasn't long before the hare fell into a ..... sleep.  
(a) profound (b) steep (c) deep (d) full
- Q8 When he woke up, he couldn't ..... his eyes because there was the tortoise crossing the finishing line.  
(a) understand (b) believe (c) comprehend (d) follow
- Q9 At the end of the race the tortoise, ..... by all his hard work, was quietly slumbering on the line.  
(a) destroyed (b) excavated (c) exhausted (d) evacuated
- Q10 The moral of this fable is: slow but ..... always wins the race in the end.  
(a) sure (b) evident (c) certain (d) definite

*Who has done it?*

- Q1 The detective story is sometimes called 'whodunit' because the reader has to work ..... who did it, who committed the crime.  
 (a) in (b) out (c) off (d) over
- Q2 The skill of course of the writing is how many times a reader can be sent up ..... alleys.  
 (a) short (b) twisted (c) blind (d) long
- Q3 Another way of putting this is how many red ..... the author can throw in the reader's path.  
 (a) fish (b) sharks (c) cod (d) herrings
- Q4 The idea is to keep the readers in a permanent state of ..... so that they never know what's going to happen next.  
 (a) suspense (b) suspension (c) suspending (d) suspenders
- Q5 As the plot ....., you find yourself agreeing with one character's solution and then another's.  
 (a) undoes (b) unfolds (c) unties (d) unfurls
- Q6 As a result you feel as if you are walking in a ..... since at each turning you come to a block end.  
 (a) muddle (b) mess (c) maze (d) mist
- Q7 One of the best known detectives is Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot who uses what he calls his little grey ..... — his brains.  
 (a) molecules (b) cells (c) particles (d) atoms
- Q8 Invariably Poirots calls all the ..... together in the last part of the story.  
 (a) suspicions (b) suspecting (c) suspected (d) suspects
- Q9 One by one he ..... the innocent until finally the murderer is unmasked.  
 (a) extinguishes (b) excludes (c) eliminates (d) exerts
- Q10 The thing that always surprises me is the fact that the murderer bothers to take ..... in the final meeting.  
 (a) partition (b) part (c) parting (d) parted

*Life on Mars?*

- Q1 Anyone seeking ..... of life on Mars is likely to be disappointed.  
(a) clarity (b) evidence (c) witness (d) index
- Q2 Scientists have been ..... through data from an orbiting satellite.  
(a) combing (b) scratching (c) brushing (d) scaling
- Q3 It seems that Mars has always been cold and icy and that it's not true that oceans have ..... on the planet in its early history.  
(a) shaped (b) figured (c) contoured (d) formed
- Q4 This ..... in the life on Mars argument comes just when it is closest to Earth in 60.000 years.  
(a) turn (b) twist (c) corner (d) angle
- Q5 Because it is coming so close observers are hoping to settle the argument about life on the planet once and for .....  
(a) everything (b) every (c) all (d) altogether
- Q6 A spacecraft is heading for the planet with a device that will ..... into the soil to sniff for proof of any life.  
(a) hole (b) swim (c) burrow (d) turn
- Q7 Researchers are also looking into the possibility of one day launching a manned ..... to Mars.  
(a) sending (b) mission (c) destination (d) explore
- Q8 As the planet gets nearer to the Sun, enormous dust storms can be whipped .....  
(a) over (b) on (c) in (d) up
- Q9 Unfortunately the dust storms tend to ..... the view of the planet.  
(a) fog (b) obscure (c) confuse (d) darken
- Q10 Everyone hopes that Mars will remain dust free otherwise people will only be able to see an orange .....  
(a) blot (b) block (c) blob (d) blab

*Story (1)*

- Q1 Most students have to try and earn extra money by taking a holiday job. They turn ..... their studies and experience the real world for a while.  
(a) into (b) down (c) aside from (d) to
- Q2 One long hot summer I turned ..... waiting as my method of getting cash.  
(a) into (b) to (c) down (d) aside from
- Q3 Perhaps I should turn that word 'waiting' ..... a more specific explanation: I mean being a waiter in a hotel.  
(a) down (b) to (c) into (d) aside from
- Q4 I had of course turned my hand ..... many jobs during the vacation periods but waiting was certainly the most difficult.  
(a) to (b) into (c) down (d) out
- Q5 The one hotel that hadn't turned ..... my application was situated right in the middle of a forest.  
(a) out (b) down (c) into (d) aside from
- Q6 You turned ..... the drive and saw only hills all around you so it felt like the middle of nowhere.  
(a) out (b) aside from (c) down (d) into
- Q7 It had been a very large private house that had been turned ..... a small hotel for twenty-five guests.  
(a) out (b) down (c) into (d) to
- Q8 The new owners had had to turn ..... all the rooms which were full of rubbish.  
(a) to (b) down (c) into (d) out
- Q9 The other problem had been to turn ..... an old tramp who had lived in a room upstairs for two years without the knowledge of the old lady who was the original owner.  
(a) out (b) aside from (c) to (d) into
- Q10 The tramp turned ..... to be a distant relative but hadn't said anything to the old lady because he knew she was completely deaf.  
(a) into (b) out (c) down (d) to

*Story (2)*

- Q1 When I turned ..... for work on my first day, the hotel had already been flourishing for 5 years.  
(a) to (b) up (c) down (d) over
- Q2 They were so successful that they were even turning ..... bookings.  
(a) away (b) into (c) in (d) down
- Q3 In fact they were actually turning ..... people.  
(a) away (b) into (c) down (d) up
- Q4 Some people had turned ..... on the off chance.  
(a) away (b) up (c) into (d) to
- Q5 Most of the residents were elderly and so they all invariably turned ..... early most evenings.  
(a) down (b) over (c) in (d) into
- Q6 The waiting was done by me and Doris, who should have turned it ..... years ago and by rights have been a guest herself because of the great age.  
(a) to (b) away (c) into (d) in
- Q7 However, as she told me frequently, she had no intention of turning ..... an old fogey herself.  
(a) over (b) down (c) into (d) in
- Q8 I suppose breakfast is the most difficult task to turn your hand ..... because there are so many variations of drink, cereal, egg and bread.  
(a) down (b) to (c) over (d) in
- Q9 You had to stand there for ages while each guest made up their mind, turning ..... the choices in their minds.  
(a) down (b) over (c) in (d) into
- Q10 After a long wait like that very often they would simply turn ..... everything and simply ask for a cup of tea.  
(a) down (b) in (c) up (d) over

*Story (3)*

- Q1 One morning an old lady turned ..... at the dining room and sat down.  
 (a) on (b) up (c) aside (d) around
- Q2 She sniffed at the air full of breakfast smells, got up, turned ..... and walked out again.  
 (a) up (b) against (c) aside (d) around
- Q3 Apparently she had completely forgotten that she'd already eaten breakfast that day. I turned ..... to hide my smile.  
 (a) back (b) around (c) up (d) aside
- Q4 Unfortunately Doris caught me at it. 'Don't you turn your nose ..... at the old dears', she rebuked me.  
 (a) up (b) around (c) aside (d) against
- Q5 'You'll be like that one day' she continued, Just you wait'. I turned ..... to apologize.  
 (a) around (b) back (c) on (d) against
- Q6 Sadly Doris had already turned her back ..... me and gone back to the kitchen.  
 (a) against (b) out (c) on (d) in
- Q7 She rather turned ..... me after that.  
 (a) out (b) against (c) back (d) in
- Q8 These days I wish I could turn the clock ..... and tell Doris how right she was!  
 (a) out (b) in (c) on (d) back
- Q9 You see I've just turned all the lights ..... ready for the night.  
 (a) out (b) in (c) on (d) up
- Q10 I'm now ready to turn ..... for the night but the worrying thing is I just can't remember what I had for supper.  
 (a) up (b) on (c) in (d) out

*Go for it*

- Q1 I'm sorry that looks awful — those two colours .....  
 (a) smash (b) crash (c) clash (d) hash
- Q2 After what you've ....., I'm sure you need a holiday.  
 (a) felt (b) sensed (c) acted (d) experienced
- Q3 We won't ..... that now but I don't think we can avoid the subject much longer.  
 (a) discuss (b) enter (c) introduce (d) interrupt
- Q4 ..... now that I've heard what he has done to his family.  
 (a) I think often of him (b) I think a lot of him  
 (c) I don't think at all of him (d) I don't think much of him
- Q5 My advice to you is to make your mind up before it's too late and simply .....  
 (a) take the opportunity soon (b) take the opportunity fairly  
 (c) take the opportunity now (d) take the opportunity slowly
- Q6 I'm afraid you've left that food too long out of the fridge and now it's .....  
 (a) become flat (b) become rotten (c) become rich (d) become stale
- Q7 There were so many members of the political party who had ..... the leader that he resigned.  
 (a) insisted (b) invited (c) apposed (d) opposed
- Q8 Don't wait for me because I can't come yet so you ..... and I'll join you later.  
 (a) go before me (b) go in front of me (c) go forwards me (d) go by me
- Q9 If petrol prices ..... any more, I shall have to use a bicycle.  
 (a) ascend (b) raise (c) increase (d) develop
- Q10 I'm sorry I interrupted you, please ..... from where I so rudely stopped you.  
 (a) continue (b) stop (c) speak (d) finish

*Eating Disorder*

- Q1 George Turnip was a highly respected vegetarian but the press were making serious ..... about him.  
 (a) accusations (b) insinuations (c) intimations (d) allegations
- Q2 George denied everything and said he would ..... any newspaper which dared to print stories about him.  
 (a) sow (b) see (c) sue (d) sew
- Q3 George had a very well paid contract with a television advertiser of garden peas and he didn't want to fall out ..... the company.  
 (a) of (b) with (c) over (d) under
- Q4 The contract stated that he would never eat any meat .....  
 (a) whatsoever (b) whosoever (c) howsoever (d) whichsoever
- Q5 Wherever George went, journalists would follow him to try and find a way to ..... him.  
 (a) exhort (b) exercise (c) expose (d) extract
- Q6 Even in his own house he was not safe because cameras would ..... on him.  
 (a) spy (b) speak (c) spook (d) spoof
- Q7 Once he was photographed eating in his dining room and the caption read: 'A picture of a ..... eating sausages'.  
 (a) freak (b) frump (c) frame (d) fraud
- Q8 As it turned out these were not sausages but in fact very big carrots and the photographer had to pay enormous .....  
 (a) harms (b) hurts (c) damages (d) injuries
- Q9 In the end the pressure became too much for George and he confessed his ..... secret.  
 (a) guilt (b) guilty (c) gilt (d) gilded
- Q10 He admitted eating a meat pie every day. As the news headlines announced: '..... vegetarian eats his own words'.  
 (a) Bogus (b) Bonus (c) Bulbous (d) Bilious



*Save the Day*

- Q1 I don't care what you say, I reckon I could beat you at chess ..... day of the week.  
(a) some (b) any (c) each (d) every
- Q2 At the ..... of the day it's what you believe in that's important.  
(a) start (b) beginning (c) finish (d) end
- Q3 It's getting late now and I'm very tired so I think we'll ..... it a day.  
(a) name (b) describe (c) call (d) label
- Q4 After all the discussions and debates it was our speaker who ..... the day.  
(a) scored (b) won (c) found (d) ended
- Q5 It just didn't stop raining throughout our holiday, day in day .....  
(a) over (b) under (c) up (d) out
- Q6 Don't worry your bad luck will soon end. Remember every ..... has its day.  
(a) dog (b) cat (c) mouse (d) rat
- Q7 After a very long engagement Mike and Mary decided at last to ..... the day.  
(a) state (b) mention (c) name (d) hold
- Q8 It wasn't long ago when I last saw her — it was only the ..... day.  
(a) recent (b) last (c) final (d) other
- Q9 I don't know exactly when we'll go but we really must visit them one of ..... days.  
(a) this (b) these (c) that (d) those
- Q10 Despite all the problems and difficulties Charlie turned up at the last minute and ..... the day.  
(a) caught (b) hit (c) saved (d) took

## Yes, Yes, Yes

|     |                                                                                                                      |                |              |                  |              |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| Q1  | I am sure you made the right choice and I ..... support your decision.                                               | (a) fairly     | (b) quite    | (c) considerably | (d) wholly   |
| Q2  | You can ..... on me, have no fear about that!                                                                        | (a) support    | (b) rely     | (c) hold         | (d) hang     |
| Q3  | No matter what happens, you must remember that I'm ..... you all the way.                                            | (a) in         | (b) from     | (c) with         | (d) by       |
| Q4  | I know that they have all abandoned you one by one but I hope you won't forget I've ..... by you from the beginning. | (a) adhered    | (b) fastened | (c) joined       | (d) stuck    |
| Q5  | I am convinced you are ..... right to take that action and should ignore any opposition.                             | (a) absolutely | (b) very     | (c) simply       | (d) all      |
| Q6  | When it comes to the vote, you can ..... on me to support you.                                                       | (a) stand      | (b) count    | (c) number       | (d) figure   |
| Q7  | Even if things get difficult, I will not ..... or hesitate to stand up for you.                                      | (a) quiver     | (b) tremble  | (c) waver        | (d) waiver   |
| Q8  | He was delighted that she hadn't ..... him down when he proposed to her.                                             | (a) put        | (b) turned   | (c) placed       | (d) switched |
| Q9  | The bank manager smiled and announced that his application for a loan had been .....                                 | (a) approved   | (b) improved | (c) disproved    | (d) reproved |
| Q10 | The pair of you have my ..... and I hope you have a happy marriage together.                                         | (a) wishing    | (b) praying  | (c) blessing     | (d) hoping   |

*Do you mind?*

- Q1 She was slowly going ..... her mind with worry until she heard her daughter was safe and well.  
(a) past by (b) in to (c) out of (d) straight through
- Q2 I do think you should ..... this in mind before you seriously think about changing jobs.  
(a) carry (b) stand (c) hold (d) bear
- Q3 I'd honestly never heard such an outstanding performance of that symphony — it simply ..... my mind.  
(a) blew (b) tore (c) split (d) broke
- Q4 The police officer asked him why he hadn't reported the matter earlier and he said simply that it had never ..... his mind.  
(a) travelled (b) crossed (c) found (d) discovered
- Q5 I'm inclined to give her a ..... of my mind considering all the trouble she has caused this month.  
(a) section (b) slice (c) piece (d) portion
- Q6 It's clear as they say that great minds think ..... because we have both come to exactly the same conclusion.  
(a) same (b) similar (c) like (d) alike
- Q7 He has a one ..... mind as all he ever talks about is money, money, money.  
(a) track (b) road (c) path (d) rail
- Q8 I just can't decide whether to go on holiday this week or later in the year. I'm really in ..... minds about it.  
(a) twice (b) double (c) two (d) dual
- Q9 There, I knew there was something I had to do today and now it's completely ..... my mind.  
(a) slid (b) glided (c) sailed (d) slipped
- Q10 I tried to show an interest in her future career but she simply told me to mind my own .....  
(a) state (b) business (c) activities (d) actions

*Good Bye*

- Q1 Why didn't you ..... up for work yesterday?  
(a) to (b) turn (c) keep (d) make
- Q2 To be honest I was feeling a bit ..... down.  
(a) pushed (b) pulled (c) switched (d) run
- Q3 Well, I don't think that's a very good reason and you must ..... up with a better explanation.  
(a) come (b) take (c) do (d) put
- Q4 I'm sorry I'm not sure I can ..... it across any better.  
(a) show (b) put (c) pick (d) get
- Q5 Now, I must insist as your supervisor if you really want to ..... on in your career, you must tell me the truth.  
(a) take (b) break (c) get (d) hold
- Q6 All right I ..... up, I'll tell you the truth.  
(a) try (b) bring (c) call (d) give
- Q7 Now, you're being sensible — ..... on.  
(a) catch (b) find (c) carry (d) join
- Q8 Well, I won't ..... up any more excuses. I wasn't here yesterday because I went to a football match.  
(a) make (b) move (c) do (d) look
- Q9 Thank you for your honesty. Now ..... up that piece of paper.  
(a) take (b) show (c) pick (d) hold
- Q10 Right. What's this? Oh no, you're ..... me out of the firm.  
(a) leaving (b) throwing (c) paying (d) shutting

*Keeping it Quiet*

- Q1 As it was very late when he came home he was as quiet as a ..... in order not to wake anybody up.  
(a) cat (b) mouse (c) dog (d) rat
- Q2 As she was on a very dangerous mission for the government she had to keep ..... about what she did for a living.  
(a) dad (b) aunt (c) uncle (d) mum
- Q3 There were lots of rumours about what the son had done but as it was a very wealthy family the father tried very hard to ..... everything up.  
(a) quiet (b) hush (c) stop (d) silence
- Q4 If you want me to say nothing about it, I promise that if anybody asks then my lips are .....  
(a) stuck (b) closed (c) shut (d) sealed
- Q5 As far as I'm concerned to be away from traffic, phones and radios on holiday is perfect bliss because to me silence is .....  
(a) golden (b) silver (c) copper (d) steel
- Q6 The so-called ..... majority are the vast number of people who don't actually go out on the street and protest.  
(a) quiet (b) noiseless (c) silent (d) still
- Q7 The hall was full of people anxious to hear what the speaker was going to say and in the few seconds before he started it was so quiet you could hear a ..... drop.  
(a) pin (b) needle (c) nail (d) screw
- Q8 The rescuers tried desperately to listen out for people trapped in the wreckage but sadly the cries of those trapped were .....  
(a) unhearing (b) auditory (c) audited (d) inaudible
- Q9 The villagers complained about the noise from the daily bell ringing practice from the church and asked if it could somehow be .....  
(a) suppressed (b) stifled (c) muffled (d) wrapped
- Q10 In view of the embarrassment that might be caused if the story came out, she promised not to ..... a word about it.  
(a) send (b) breathe (c) mouth (d) open

*A Crying Shame*

- Q1 It's no good worrying about that now because the damage is done and it's no good crying over spilled .....  
(a) sauce (b) water (c) beer (d) milk
- Q2 It really is a crying ..... that after all that money has been spent, the project is now being abandoned.  
(a) shock (b) shame (c) disgust (d) pity
- Q3 As a child she would burst into tears at every problem and so she soon got known as a regular ..... at school.  
(a) crychild (b) cryinfant (c) crybaby (d) crygirl
- Q4 It really was a large and spacious garden but it cried out ..... something colourful to be planted.  
(a) for (b) to (c) by (d) on
- Q5 We had great hopes of being able to invite the distinguished writer to our meeting but he cried ..... at the last moment.  
(a) on (b) through (c) with (d) off
- Q6 For crying out ..... how many times do I have to tell you how to work that machine?  
(a) strong (b) loud (c) full (d) hard
- Q7 I'm all in favour of ambition but I think when he says he'll be a millionaire by the time he's 25, he's simply crying for the .....  
(a) stars (b) sun (c) earth (d) moon
- Q8 The trouble is that he's cried ..... so often that now he's in real trouble, nobody believes him.  
(a) wolf (b) tiger (c) cat (d) dog
- Q9 George is now 70 and he reckons that working conditions for the average office clerk today are a ..... cry from when he first started work.  
(a) distant (b) long (c) far (d) further
- Q10 There was a noisy crowd of about a dozen people in ..... cry chasing after the child who'd stolen an apple from the fruit market.  
(a) strong (b) full (c) loud (d) big

*Speaking: At the Theatre*

- Q1 Ladies and gentlemen, I want to thank you for your ..... of our performance.  
 (a) appearance (b) appreciation (c) appeasement (d) apparition
- Q2 We have done this play many times in different towns but your ..... has been the greatest so far.  
 (a) appointment (b) application (c) apposition (d) applause
- Q3 We will always remember the way you stood up and ..... at some of the speeches in the play.  
 (a) clapped (b) clopped (c) clipped (d) clammed
- Q4 Our leading actor is unable to come on the stage at the moment because he is ..... with emotion.  
 (a) overtaken (b) overdrawn (c) overcome (d) overturned
- Q5 Don't worry I'm sure it's only ..... and that he'll soon recover before the next performance.  
 (a) temperate (b) temporary (c) contemporary (d) temporarily
- Q6 That is the reason why I am standing here and making this short .....  
 (a) speak (b) speaking (c) spoke (d) speech
- Q7 The leading lady is also absent from our stage and you can probably hear her ..... her heart out as I speak.  
 (a) sobbing (b) soaking (c) spitting (d) calling
- Q8 I think that the main ..... for all this emotion is probably the way you have reacted to the play.  
 (a) ratio (b) reason (c) ration (d) rate
- Q9 You see throughout our ..... season we have never received so much laughter as we have from you.  
 (a) currant (b) curious (c) current (d) curtain
- Q10 The reason for this is possibly that you thought it was a ..... but in fact it is a tragedy.  
 (a) comic (b) comedy (c) comedian (d) comely

*Speaking: At the Supermarket*

- Q1 Will the driver of the blue Ford Fiesta XYZ 343 please ..... their car.  
(a) send (b) move (c) take (d) tow
- Q2 The reason for this is that the Fiesta is ..... our delivery lorry from leaving the premises.  
(a) holding (b) keeping (c) preventing (d) promoting
- Q3 We ask the ..... of this vehicle to go back to their car as soon as possible and park their car in another space.  
(a) possessor (b) possessing (c) ownership (d) owner
- Q4 This is a customer ..... We have a special offer at the moment on bananas.  
(a) audition (b) announcement (c) statement (d) prediction
- Q5 For the next hour it will be possible to buy just one ..... of bananas and get one more free.  
(a) bunch (b) branch (c) hand (d) group
- Q6 Further to our ..... for the Ford Fiesta to be reparked, this matter is now very urgent. Our lorry cannot get out.  
(a) saying (b) asking (c) request (d) question
- Q7 We have to inform our customers that the store will be closing in half an hour's .....  
(a) o'clock (b) time (c) hour (d) duration
- Q8 We would like to ..... our customers that over the Christmas period we will be closing an hour earlier than usual.  
(a) remember (b) retake (c) repeat (d) remind
- Q9 There are now only ten minutes remaining for you to make your ..... and go to the checkout.  
(a) purchases (b) buying (c) sales (d) selling
- Q10 A final ..... for the driver of the Ford Fiesta: there is no need now to repark as our delivery lorry has done that for you!  
(a) note (b) message (c) saying (d) hint



*Speaking: At the Station*

- Q1 The train now ..... at the platform 6 is the 10.45 for London.  
 (a) sitting (b) standing (c) waiting (d) remaining
- Q2 Unfortunately it is now 11 o'clock and so there is a ..... of 15 minutes already.  
 (a) waiting (b) lateness (c) space (d) delay
- Q3 The train at platform 14 cannot leave because there is a power ..... on that particular line...  
 (a) failure (b) miss (c) failing (d) missing
- Q4 The train for London at platform 6 is still there and is not ..... to leave for at least 20 minutes.  
 (a) intended (b) expected (c) proposed (d) awaited
- Q5 The small cafe situated near platform 6 is now ..... free cups of tea to those waiting for the London train.  
 (a) discharging (b) dispensing (c) offering (d) disposing
- Q6 Severe storms last night together with heavy rainfall means that some of the lines of the station are now .....  
 (a) waterlogged (b) waterproof (c) water soaked (d) waterfall
- Q7 We thought for a moment that the 10.45 for London might be about to catch fire but it was a ..... alarm.  
 (a) wrong (b) false (c) difficult (d) general
- Q8 This is a general notice for all passengers: the restaurant in the main ..... is now open.  
 (a) concord (b) conduit (c) concourse (d) condition
- Q9 There was in fact a small fire in the train on platform 6 but we're glad to tell you that the flames have been .....  
 (a) distinguished (b) dampened (c) saturated (d) extinguished
- Q10 We regret to announce that the 10.45 for London is now out of service because the driver is having a nervous .....  
 (a) breakdown (b) low down (c) breakout (d) low break

*Speaking: The Broadcast*

- Q1 Welcome to Radio News and now over to our ..... who's covering the procession this morning.  
(a) reviewer (b) reporter (c) announcer (d) introducer
- Q2 Hi listeners, I should explain that I have a ..... eye view of this magnificent sight as the parade passes underneath me.  
(a) cat's (b) dog's (c) bird's (d) rat's
- Q3 To tell you the truth I shouldn't be ..... up here on top of this large statue of Field Marshal Smith.  
(a) caught (b) catching (c) cornered (d) perched
- Q4 There is a long line of soldiers on horseback marching to the sound of a ..... band.  
(a) copper (b) brass (c) zinc (d) aluminium
- Q5 It really is quite uncomfortable up here and there's a policeman ..... at me, which I don't like.  
(a) spying (b) guiding (c) staring (d) starring
- Q6 After the soldiers I can see a group of circus ..... who are jumping and dancing as they go.  
(a) members (b) doers (c) actors (d) performers
- Q7 Next I can see some pensioners slowly moving along the road and some can't walk and are in .....  
(a) highchairs (b) low chairs (c) wheelchairs (d) pushchairs
- Q8 That policeman is getting out his ..... and walking near the statue I'm sitting on.  
(a) notebook (b) exercise book (c) storybook (d) copybook
- Q9 It has started to rain and I shall get ..... to the skin if I stay much longer up here.  
(a) sunk (b) suited (c) stuck (d) soaked
- Q10 Oh dear, listeners, I shall have to return you to the studio because the policeman says he is going to ..... me.  
(a) seize (b) arrest (c) grasp (d) hold

*Speaking: The Wedding*

- Q1 Ladies and gentlemen it is a very great privilege for me to be asked to make a speech about the bride and her .....  
 (a) grant (b) grade (c) groan (d) groom
- Q2 I have known Sally and Paul since we were at school .....  
 (a) towards (b) together (c) to us (d) to them
- Q3 Most people considered that they were ..... for each other even in those days.  
 (a) done (b) making (c) made (d) makes
- Q4 The other students described them as Romeo and Juliet and used to make fun of them behind their .....  
 (a) heads (b) eyes (c) ears (d) backs
- Q5 Neither of them was at all ..... by this sort of behaviour as they just grew fonder of each other.  
 (a) deterred (b) defeated (c) disturbed (d) denied
- Q6 The teachers had a ..... spot for them too and were sympathetic if there was any trouble between them.  
 (a) gentle (b) simple (c) soft (d) quiet
- Q7 Then they both left school and both started working, as you can ....., for the same company.  
 (a) vision (b) imagine (c) credit (d) visualize
- Q8 When the announcement was made about their ....., there was a big celebration.  
 (a) engage (b) engages (c) engagement (d) engaged
- Q9 No one was surprised because everyone took it for ..... that one day they would marry.  
 (a) grasped (b) understood (c) granting (d) granted
- Q10 Mind you I was surprised because you see I find it quite ..... why on earth she didn't marry me.  
 (a) unbelievable (b) unbelieving (c) disbelief (d) disbelieving

*Speaking: Political Party*

- Q1 Fellow citizens I am honoured to be ..... to speak to you tonight about my party.  
 (a) demanded (b) forced (c) enquired (d) invited
- Q2 As you probably know the Tranquillity Party stands for peace and ..... in the countryside.  
 (a) quite (b) quiet (c) quietly (d) quieten
- Q3 In our publicity, unlike our political ....., we do not make a lot of noise about our policies.  
 (a) attackers (b) destroyers (c) opponents (d) hitters
- Q4 We want people to live in harmony with each other and to settle ..... amicably.  
 (a) distastes (b) disasters (c) disturbs (d) disputes
- Q5 You may be interested to know that we are holding a ..... in the centre of our town this weekend.  
 (a) rally (b) really (c) royally (d) routine
- Q6 Naturally all the ..... are requested to be as peaceful as possible and above all not to shout.  
 (a) partygoers (b) participants (c) partakers (d) partisans
- Q7 At the moment we are trying very hard to increase our membership which ..... stands at 500.  
 (a) presence (b) presents (c) presently (d) presenting
- Q8 ..... this is a very small figure in comparison with the other major political parties.  
 (a) Confessing (b) Admittedly (c) Admits (d) Confession
- Q9 But then you all have turned ..... tonight and that proves there is growing interest in our ideals.  
 (a) in (b) over (c) up (d) into
- Q10 In ..... of the terrible weather you have come along tonight, ladies and gentlemen, and I should like to thank all four of you for coming.  
 (a) spite (b) despite (c) view (d) spiteful

*Cinemas*

- Q1 Her latest film ..... its object in a very short space of time, which was to shock.  
(a) acquired (b) got (c) attained (d) controlled
- Q2 The critics ..... to praise the work of this director whatever films he makes.  
(a) run (b) continue (c) persist (d) insist
- Q3 The film was the first to show conditions in which poor people lived and as such was to ..... future directors.  
(a) influence (b) hold (c) infect (d) show
- Q4 The only reason for them going to the cinema on that day was to find some form of .....  
(a) internment (b) involvement (c) engrossment (d) entertainment
- Q5 The director's intention in making the film was to try and ..... simplicity as seen by a child.  
(a) report (b) reprehend (c) represent (d) comprehend
- Q6 The fans outside the cinema on the first showing of the film were unwilling to ..... until all the stars had gone home.  
(a) dispose (b) displace (c) discover (d) disperse
- Q7 The delay in ..... the film to the general public was because certain scenes were considered tasteless.  
(a) replacing (b) repeating (c) releasing (d) reporting
- Q8 The theme of the second film is quite simply a ..... of the first.  
(a) construction (b) continuation (c) continuum (d) continuing
- Q9 In the making of the film the direction is quite ..... from the financing of the project.  
(a) separate (b) separation (c) separately (d) separates
- Q10 Very often someone will give a ..... of a film and when you see it for yourself, it's quite different.  
(a) describing (b) describes (c) described (d) description

*Lots of Stuff*

- Q1 Personally I don't believe a word of it and if you want my opinion I think it's all stuff and .....  
 (a) garbage (b) trash (c) nonsense (d) rubbish
- Q2 You know the kind of things politicians talk about: health care, education, welfare and stuff ..... that.  
 (a) as (b) with (c) on (d) like
- Q3 He'd carefully avoided having any alcohol until he was twenty-five and then he had a small drop of the ..... stuff.  
 (a) hard (b) difficult (c) solid (d) ground
- Q4 You shouldn't really have any difficulties with the work they're doing as it's very basic in fact you could call it ..... stuff.  
 (a) babies' (b) children's (c) kids' (d) juniors'
- Q5 It's quite clear she's studied the subject very thoroughly and when she lectured, you could tell she ..... her stuff.  
 (a) knew (b) got (c) showed (d) took
- Q6 Now remember when you get up to speak, we're all relying on you to impress everyone and we expect you to ..... your stuff.  
 (a) make (b) say (c) take (d) do
- Q7 It's very difficult to make him enjoy himself, relax and take it easy because he always behaves like a stuffed .....  
 (a) suit (b) shirt (c) jacket (d) coat
- Q8 ..... the stuff! I want to hear it loud and clear and as much of it as you can manage. Well done!  
 (a) Here (b) There (c) That's (d) More
- Q9 If you really want to lose weight, the only way is to eat less and stop stuffing your ..... every five minutes!  
 (a) throat (b) face (c) teeth (d) tongue
- Q10 It came as a great shock to him when he heard the news and quite ..... the stuffing out of him for days.  
 (a) hit (b) pulled (c) knocked (d) threw

*Hear my Story*

- Q1 Personally I don't believe a word he told us because I think it was just a ..... story.  
(a) big (b) high (c) tall (d) long
- Q2 I'm afraid it was the ..... old story with her all over again because she's started arriving late at work again.  
(a) same (b) like (c) similar (d) parallel
- Q3 It was a bit of a ..... story really because she told us how her boyfriend had left her, she'd lost her job and she had nowhere to live.  
(a) cry (b) weep (c) tear (d) sob
- Q4 I don't really approve of all this discussion about people behind their backs — it's a bit like ..... stories.  
(a) speaking (b) telling (c) saying (d) uttering
- Q5 The story ..... that he's just married for the fourth time but I don't really believe it.  
(a) says (b) works (c) sends (d) goes
- Q6 To ..... a long story short, I'll come straight to the point and tell you exactly what happened.  
(a) cut (b) reduce (c) snip (d) curtail
- Q7 She did write one or two novels but she is best known for her excellent ..... stories.  
(a) brief (b) short (c) abrupt (d) sudden
- Q8 It's a brilliant film as far as the images are concerned but the story ..... is a bit weak.  
(a) theme (b) thread (c) tendency (d) line
- Q9 He started off from a very simple background and then worked his way up to be President of the bank — a genuine ..... story.  
(a) success (b) famous (c) glamour (d) fame
- Q10 In early civilisations it was the story ..... to whom everyone went to hear what had happened in the past.  
(a) speaker (b) talker (c) announcer (d) teller

*High and Low*

- Q1 She's ..... a high at the moment because everything is going her way.  
 (a) in (b) on (c) for (d) at
- Q2 I have high ..... that we will succeed with our project in view of all the interest we have received.  
 (a) feelings (b) sensations (c) hopes (d) views
- Q3 It's high ..... we left if we really want to be there on time.  
 (a) hour (b) minute (c) tempo (d) time
- Q4 You'll just have to get used to these highs and ..... as it's all part of being in business.  
 (a) downs (b) lows (c) falls (d) fails
- Q5 Now that he's become office manager you can't even talk to him — he's so high and .....  
 (a) mighty (b) strong (c) powerful (d) severe
- Q6 The really high ..... of the evening's entertainment was when two clowns came into the ring and started throwing things at each other.  
 (a) thing (b) feature (c) place (d) spot
- Q7 He left the safe door unlocked last night so I reckon he'll be for the high ..... this morning.  
 (a) leap (b) go (c) jump (d) try
- Q8 It's always the same when you break one of the rules of the office, she gets on her high ..... and starts shouting at you.  
 (a) camel (b) pony (c) donkey (d) horse
- Q9 The moment she joined the staff you just knew she was a high ..... and it was no surprise when she got promotion within six weeks.  
 (a) sailor (b) flier (c) pilot (d) goer
- Q10 They wanted to make sure that their small daughter shared in the meal and so they asked the restaurant to provide a high .....  
 (a) place (b) seat (c) chair (d) position



*A Night Out*

- Q1 The other night we went out to the cinema or the ..... as they would say in the USA.  
(a) goings (b) doings (c) moves (d) movies
- Q2 Nothing unusual you might say but we haven't visited a cinema for .....  
(a) periods (b) ages (c) times (d) lengths
- Q3 The subject ..... of the film concerned the American Civil War in the 1860's.  
(a) matter (b) topic (c) theme (d) interest
- Q4 At least that was ..... to be the background although the main interest was in something else.  
(a) inferred (b) implied (c) suggested (d) supposed
- Q5 It will come as no ..... to you I'm sure if I tell you that this interest was in a love affair.  
(a) damage (b) surprise (c) concern (d) interest
- Q6 The young couple in the story only meet about three times but still manage to ..... deeply in love.  
(a) go (b) drop (c) fall (d) feel
- Q7 When you see the first kiss on the ..... and you are sitting in row four, it can be very dramatic.  
(a) slide (b) picture (c) board (d) screen
- Q8 Everything is so much bigger than you expect and you are constantly ..... your head from side to side.  
(a) tipping (b) testing (c) turning (d) trying
- Q9 And the sound is much greater too. During the war scenes I was jumping up and down out of my seat like a ..... in the box at every explosion.  
(a) John (b) Jack (c) Jim (d) James
- Q10 The following evening we were back again watching television but after the cinema it's never the ..... again.  
(a) same (b) identical (c) similar (d) like

*Lots of Pieces*

|     |                                                                                                                             |              |               |                |             |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|
| Q1  | Charlie didn't have much in the way of property — just ..... and pieces.                                                    | (a) things   | (b) dots      | (c) bits       | (d) section |
| Q2  | In fact this was a piece of ..... for Charlie as it happened.                                                               | (a) fortune  | (b) gratitude | (c) thanks     | (d) luck    |
| Q3  | Because when the ..... of the piece arrived in the shape of a burglar to steal something, he didn't find anything valuable. | (a) villain  | (b) peasant   | (c) evil       | (d) devil   |
| Q4  | Charlie came home when the burglar was still there but he didn't ..... to pieces, he stayed calm.                           | (a) find     | (b) come      | (c) go         | (d) try     |
| Q5  | The burglar also had an assistant with him who clearly didn't want to get involved and have a piece of the ..... and fled.  | (a) activity | (b) action    | (c) act        | (d) acting  |
| Q6  | Charlie decided he would say exactly what he thought of the burglar and give him a piece of his .....                       | (a) thoughts | (b) brain     | (c) thinking   | (d) mind    |
| Q7  | He told him he was a wicked person and further he was a ..... piece of work.                                                | (a) horrible | (b) nasty     | (c) disgusting | (d) bad     |
| Q8  | The burglar explained that he didn't have a proper job and only did piece .....                                             | (a) works    | (b) working   | (c) work       | (d) worker  |
| Q9  | Charlie laughed and said he was doing the same now — it was ..... of a piece with burgling.                                 | (a) some     | (b) same      | (c) complete   | (d) all     |
| Q10 | Eventually the police arrived and were pleased to see Charlie was still all right and in ..... piece.                       | (a) one      | (b) fine      | (c) good       | (d) solid   |

*Testing, Testing*

- Q1 This castle has been here since the 16th century and hasn't really changed — it has stood the test of .....  
 (a) duration (b) time (c) history (d) length
- Q2 The law that has just been passed may be useful but we don't know until we've ..... it to the test.  
 (a) placed (b) struck (c) started (d) put
- Q3 I think you're wise to find out first before you agree and believe it's a good idea to test the ..... first.  
 (a) waters (b) springs (c) rivers (d) lakes
- Q4 No-one knows whether he'll succeed in his attempt to get compensation as it's a bit of a test .....  
 (a) theme (b) process (c) case (d) example
- Q5 Obviously before you buy a car, you'll be allowed to test ..... it first.  
 (a) travel (b) drive (c) try (d) conduct
- Q6 These are indeed ..... times for the government as people are deciding whether to vote for them in the next election.  
 (a) tested (b) tester (c) testing (d) testable
- Q7 He was one of the most experienced of the company's test ..... who decided whether a plane was safe to fly.  
 (a) drivers (b) travellers (c) operations (d) pilots
- Q8 In the story of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde we see the hero mix something up in a test ..... and then drink it.  
 (a) tube (b) pipe (c) glass (d) cup
- Q9 The aircraft engine had to be placed in a test ..... to make sure that it worked properly.  
 (a) pit (b) hole (c) bed (d) centre
- Q10 In order to make sure that your television is tuned properly there is a coloured test ..... on the screen.  
 (a) paper (b) sheet (c) place (d) card

*Cliches*

- Q1 She's got the kind of job that seems to keep her occupied all the time — 24-.....  
 (a) 4 (b) 5 (c) 6 (d) 7
- Q2 ....., I couldn't agree with you more.  
 (a) Totally (b) Clearly (c) Finally (d) Absolutely
- Q3 I really think we should talk about the subject we wanted to in the first place and ..... the issue.  
 (a) advise (b) speak (c) address (d) talk
- Q4 It's difficult to say exactly how many people are involved but I would say ..... 50.  
 (a) around (b) across (c) through (d) into
- Q5 It was one of those sights that you never forget it was .....  
 (a) fine (b) awesome (c) interesting (d) clear
- Q6 We don't know precisely how much it will cost but I could give a ..... figure of 6 million dollars.  
 (a) ball field (b) ball place (c) ball park (d) ball game
- Q7 I agree with what you say, ..... but ...  
 (a) wholly (b) basically (c) quickly (d) simply
- Q8 You fill in those forms on a weekly .....  
 (a) stand (b) base (c) size (d) basis
- Q9 I hope you will be patient and ..... with me a minute.  
 (a) stay (b) hold (c) bear (d) maintain
- Q10 It's difficult to see how to get out of this situation because we're between a rock and a ..... place.  
 (a) difficult (b) hard (c) soft (d) firm

*Losing It (1)*

- Q1 He's one of those people who can't bear being seen to be wrong in fact of losing .....  
(a) looks (b) appearance (c) face (d) looking
- Q2 We haven't made any progress this year and are in a sense going backwards and losing .....  
(a) terrain (b) space (c) land (d) ground
- Q3 Please don't lose ..... because I'm sure you'll succeed in the end.  
(a) heart (b) body (c) strength (d) feeling
- Q4 The important key to success in this business is strong management because if you lose your ....., then you're in real trouble.  
(a) hold (b) stay (c) grab (d) grip
- Q5 She panicked when she skidded on the ice, lost her ..... and crashed into the tree.  
(a) control (b) brain (c) head (d) skull
- Q6 Yes, it's a slight problem but quite honestly I wouldn't lose any ..... over it if I were you.  
(a) rest (b) sleep (c) time (d) slumber
- Q7 I followed as much as I could of his arguments but then I gave up because I'd completely lost ..... of what he was saying.  
(a) pace (b) route (c) path (d) track
- Q8 After he'd wasted all his money, got into debt and then ended up in prison, his family began to regard him as a bit of a lost .....  
(a) case (b) reason (c) cause (d) argument
- Q9 To be frank I find these philosophical discussions too deep for me and many of the points are lost ..... me.  
(a) to (b) on (c) for (d) by
- Q10 Putting all your money in that enterprise is futile it's like playing a losing .....  
(a) part (b) role (c) section (d) game

*Losing It (2)*

- Q1 The trouble with him is that if you push him too far, he's likely to shout at you and lose his .....  
(a) cold (b) coldness (c) cool (d) ice
- Q2 There's no hope for him now because he's lost his ..... and has gone completely crazy.  
(a) glasses (b) stones (c) jewels (d) marbles
- Q3 At the very last minute she broke down in tears and lost her .....  
(a) skill (b) nerve (c) sense (d) feeling
- Q4 First he started shouting and then he began to throw things round the room and it was clear he had just lost his .....  
(a) rag (b) cloth (c) cover (d) sheet
- Q5 Despite his great age we realized that he'd not lost his ..... because he was still able to deliver a wonderful speech.  
(a) feel (b) contact (c) touch (d) feeling
- Q6 Do you mind repeating that last bit again as I seem to have lost the ..... of your argument?  
(a) length (b) string (c) cord (d) thread
- Q7 When it came to dividing the profits we lost ..... because we didn't get our fair share.  
(a) off (b) out (c) in (d) through
- Q8 As she was walking across the tight rope at the circus she lost her ..... and fell to the ground.  
(a) control (b) direction (c) balance (d) sense
- Q9 After a while I got fed up with the film and began to lose ..... in the story.  
(a) thought (b) following (c) thinking (d) interest
- Q10 There's no harm in trying your luck there because after all you have ..... to lose.  
(a) less (b) nothing (c) a little (d) least

*How to ask a question*

|     |                                                                                    |               |               |                |                |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Q1  | May I ask you whether you have had a chance to ..... my case?                      | (a) convene   | (b) consider  | (c) contend    | (d) construct  |
| Q2  | Can I ..... it to you that the delay you have caused is not reasonable?            | (a) place     | (b) send      | (c) hold       | (d) put        |
| Q3  | Could I know why the business has ..... so long to conclude?                       | (a) lasted    | (b) endured   | (c) taken      | (d) found      |
| Q4  | May I make another ..... to ask you to explain the situation more clearly?         | (a) assault   | (b) attempt   | (c) attraction | (d) advice     |
| Q5  | I would be most interested to know why the committee has turned ..... my proposal. | (a) down      | (b) off       | (c) over       | (d) out        |
| Q6  | We should be delighted to find out when the new scheme comes into .....            | (a) affect    | (b) effect    | (c) infect     | (d) confect    |
| Q7  | How much is the new car ..... to cost me?                                          | (a) trying    | (b) doing     | (c) finding    | (d) going      |
| Q8  | When are you thinking of buying a ..... washing machine?                           | (a) novel     | (b) new       | (c) recent     | (d) actual     |
| Q9  | What has ..... to your New Year resolution to stop smoking?                        | (a) occurred  | (b) fallen    | (c) happened   | (d) occasioned |
| Q10 | Why do you always ..... me when I try to ask a question?                           | (a) interpose | (b) intercede | (c) interfere  | (d) interrupt  |

*How to attract someone*

|     |                                                                             |                |                 |                 |                |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Q1  | I say, you've just ..... on my foot!                                        | (a) stuck      | (b) stode       | (c) struck      | (d) trodden    |
| Q2  | Look out, there's a car ..... on your left.                                 | (a) driving    | (b) approaching | (c) guiding     | (d) conducting |
| Q3  | Just a minute, you have just ..... my case.                                 | (a) burst      | (b) bundled     | (c) braced      | (d) broken     |
| Q4  | Mind, the doors are .....                                                   | (a) finishing  | (b) ending      | (c) closing     | (d) falling    |
| Q5  | Watch it, you almost ..... my eye out with that umbrella.                   | (a) pointed    | (b) poked       | (c) placed      | (d) pumped     |
| Q6  | Be careful, there's a large ..... between the platform and the train.       | (a) gap        | (b) fall        | (c) area        | (d) line       |
| Q7  | Hallo, do you see what you did to that ..... of books when you walked past? | (a) hill       | (b) mount       | (c) pile        | (d) store      |
| Q8  | Hang on, you've given me the wrong ..... I gave you a ten-pound note.       | (a) difference | (b) change      | (c) alternation | (d) account    |
| Q9  | Stop, that man's just gone ..... with my wallet!                            | (a) off        | (b) out         | (c) on          | (d) by         |
| Q10 | Excuse me, but you have ..... your car lights on.                           | (a) placed     | (b) left        | (c) found       | (d) tested     |



*How to compliment*

- Q1 You look ..... in that dress, Amanda. How beautiful you are.  
(a) startling (b) stunning (c) stretching (d) starting
- Q2 I can honestly say I haven't had such a ..... meal for ages.  
(a) delight (b) delighted (c) delightful (d) delighting
- Q3 I must get to know the name of your ..... so that I can buy a suit like that.  
(a) maker's (b) dresser's (c) warder's (d) tailor's
- Q4 I must ..... you on your performance in the play — it was remarkable.  
(a) impress (b) advise (c) congratulate (d) enquire
- Q5 One can tell immediately that you are a ..... by the accomplished way you perform.  
(a) amateur (b) worker (c) tyro (d) professional
- Q6 I honestly can't believe that you are ..... enough to have such grown up children.  
(a) wise (b) old (c) grown (d) clear
- Q7 Even if I ..... for a hundred years, I couldn't possibly reach your standard.  
(a) perfected (b) pursued (c) practised (d) polished
- Q8 You certainly don't look your ..... What's your secret?  
(a) old (b) age (c) worth (d) type
- Q9 It's always a ..... talking to you — you know so much!  
(a) please (b) pleased (c) pleasing (d) pleasure
- Q10 Thank you very much for your letter. As always it's ..... to read.  
(a) fun (b) amusement (c) entertainment (d) funnily

*Modal Medley*

- Q1 I know I ..... do it because I have done it before.  
(a) ought (b) must (c) can
- Q2 You really ..... see that film because I know you'll like it.  
(a) will (b) should (c) could
- Q3 It's quite clear that you ..... to visit their house, so why don't you?  
(a) have been able (b) may (c) want
- Q4 It's the right thing to do in this situation and it's my belief that you ..... to go.  
(a) should (b) might (c) ought
- Q5 I say to myself each morning I really ..... write that letter.  
(a) can (b) must (c) might
- Q6 ..... I have your permission to leave the meeting early?  
(a) Will (b) Would (c) May
- Q7 You should take an umbrella with you today, it ..... rain later.  
(a) must (b) might (c) will
- Q8 Don't worry they ..... eventually succeed, I assure you.  
(a) will (b) might (c) want
- Q9 Now there's no argument here. You ..... to finish on time because you have no choice.  
(a) must (b) can (c) have
- Q10 ..... you really help me? If so, I should be most grateful.  
(a) Could (b) Must (c) May

*Christmas Postman (1)*

- Q1 My main ..... for becoming a temporary postman during the Christmas holiday period.  
 (a) cause (b) incident (c) rational (d) reason
- Q2 Was because I had amassed some rather large .....  
 (a) sums (b) amounts (c) bills (d) totals
- Q3 And what was more ..... I had got no money.  
 (a) interesting (b) important (c) valuable (d) vital
- Q4 My trainer was a postman by the ..... of Ted.  
 (a) title (b) label (c) name (d) sign
- Q5 With a life time of ..... in doing all the walks in the town.  
 (a) experience (b) knowing (c) habit (d) custom
- Q6 It was all a question of ....., he said and then he explained  
 (a) ruling (b) straightening (c) tidying (d) order
- Q7 the moment I got into the ..... office.  
 (a) selecting (b) dividing (c) choosing (d) sorting
- Q8 He didn't want any of his ..... to imagine that being a postman was an easy job.  
 (a) trainers (b) training (c) trainees (d) trains
- Q9 He was ..... up with people he met every so often  
 (a) eaten (b) fed (c) consumed (d) digested
- Q10 who ..... it was a part-time job because it was all finished by mid-day.  
 (a) tested (b) criticised (c) claimed (d) held

*Christmas Postman (2)*

- Q1 He described the ..... very carefully.  
 (a) processing (b) sequence (c) follows (d) followed
- Q2 The first thing was to be ..... since you started at a time when most people were asleep.  
 (a) punctual (b) pointed (c) punctilious (d) pointing
- Q3 Immediately you arrived you had to start sorting the mail into different pigeon .....  
 (a) parts (b) gaps (c) slots (d) holes
- Q4 Sometimes you found some ..... handwriting and didn't know where the letter should go.  
 (a) wonderful (b) meticulous (c) terrible (d) beautiful
- Q5 He was always criticising teachers for not teaching children to write .....  
 (a) personally (b) privately (c) proper (d) properly
- Q6 These letters should be put to one side and old Charlie, the handwriting ....., would look through them later.  
 (a) expert (b) exponent (c) exhibitor (d) executive
- Q7 The next ..... was to draw some cold water, fill the kettle and make a cup of tea.  
 (a) foot (b) step (c) pace (d) stride
- Q8 Ted was always calm and optimistic. He never let himself get ..... by the job.  
 (a) doomed (b) downgraded (c) depressed (d) downed
- Q9 He left me alone for an hour to follow his method and asked me to call him if I ..... any difficulties.  
 (a) encountered (b) engendered (c) entered (d) enquired
- Q10 As he had been very busy in his house since two that morning ..... of a burst water pipe, he went to have a rest.  
 (a) through (b) for (c) on (d) because

*Christmas Postman (3)*

|     |                                                                                                                                                       |               |                |               |                 |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Q1  | At first I got on famously finding the right pigeonholes, checking Ted's list and putting the letters in .....                                        | (a) bounds    | (b) bundles    | (c) bonds     | (d) bounded     |
| Q2  | After about two hours of this my internal battery started to get low and I found myself losing .....                                                  | (a) patients  | (b) patents    | (c) patters   | (d) patience    |
| Q3  | It was at this stage that Ted came in quickly ..... me to finish and get on the road.                                                                 | (a) demanding | (b) taking     | (c) giving    | (d) encouraging |
| Q4  | The post office in this country district didn't use vans because of the .....                                                                         | (a) costing   | (b) monies     | (c) expense   | (d) expenses    |
| Q5  | I had to ..... do with a bicycle that looked as though it had been hit several times.                                                                 | (a) try       | (b) make       | (c) end       | (d) take        |
| Q6  | Once out in the open air I experienced a violent ..... but soon the sun came out.                                                                     | (a) wet       | (b) raining    | (c) rains     | (d) shower      |
| Q7  | The shouts of joy coming from some houses as I put the mail through the letter ..... made up for the discomfort and.                                  | (a) space     | (b) line       | (c) box       | (d) opening     |
| Q8  | I was beginning to feel like a ..... Father Christmas.                                                                                                | (a) sort      | (b) real       | (c) type      | (d) kind        |
| Q9  | I then came to number 56 that Ted had ..... me about. They had a ferocious dog.                                                                       | (a) warned    | (b) threatened | (c) indicated | (d) shown       |
| Q10 | The only way to ..... with this one, Ted recommended, was to rush at the door, shove the letters through the door and go away as quickly as possible. | (a) tackle    | (b) manage     | (c) handle    | (d) deal        |

*Christmas Postman (4)*

- Q1 I did just that but in my ..... I dropped a small packet that fell into a puddle.  
 (a) hurry (b) haste (c) speed (d) hasting
- Q2 I didn't have the courage to make another assault on the house. Instead I took it home to ..... it out.  
 (a) make (b) do (c) try (d) dry
- Q3 I knew if I told Ted he would talk a lot about being strictly against the rules but I was convinced it didn't .....  
 (a) concern (b) affect (c) matter (d) worry
- Q4 In my kitchen I looked at the address and saw the recipient was a Master Richard. I was ashamed of my .....  
 (a) coward (b) cowardice (c) cowardly (d) cowards
- Q5 and thought I was depriving a young child of his Christmas present from some loving .....  
 (a) relative (b) related (c) reality (d) relatively
- Q6 I rubbed the package with a towel and went quickly again to number 56 hurrying down the path in the true ..... of the season,  
 (a) sense (b) ghost (c) taste (d) spirit
- Q7 clutching the precious bundle in my hand I ..... it through the letter box  
 (a) gave (b) took (c) thrust (d) turned
- Q8 expecting to hear a happy ..... of surprise from young Richard. As I hurried away  
 (a) yelp (b) sound (c) noise (d) din
- Q9 to the sound of the ..... dog, I knocked by accident the garden gate just in time to hear a voice shouting:  
 (a) braying (b) breathing (c) barking (d) hooting
- Q10 Master Richard! When will that woman realise I'm over fifty and can't ..... knitted socks!  
 (a) hate (b) dislike (c) sit (d) stand

*Tick Tock*

|     |                                                                                                                              |             |             |             |             |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Q1  | They're trying very hard to finish in time and they're working ..... the clock.                                              | (a) up      | (b) through | (c) on      | (d) against |
| Q2  | You have to turn this from left to right — in other words clock.....                                                         | (a) way     | (b) wise    | (c) path    | (d) route   |
| Q3  | I'm afraid you can't make yourself any younger and turn the clock .....                                                      | (a) to      | (b) by      | (c) back    | (d) down    |
| Q4  | You can always be sure that there'll be a delivery today as the service is as regular as clock.....                          | (a) time    | (b) task    | (c) job     | (d) work    |
| Q5  | It's an amazing system so that at whatever time of day you can always get a response as the staff are there ..... the clock. | (a) along   | (b) round   | (c) about   | (d) down    |
| Q6  | What time do you start work or more exactly when do you clock .....                                                          | (a) on      | (b) about   | (c) with    | (d) by      |
| Q7  | When do you finish work or more exactly what time do you clock .....                                                         | (a) over    | (b) off     | (c) through | (d) in      |
| Q8  | I've clocked ..... about an additional 20 hours this week in overtime pay.                                                   | (a) on      | (b) for     | (c) up      | (d) with    |
| Q9  | The competition is very strong as each team wants to be fastest and ..... the clock.                                         | (a) hit     | (b) knock   | (c) strike  | (d) beat    |
| Q10 | She's not really interested in her job and just waits for the end of the day to come. She's just a clock .....               | (a) watcher | (b) seer    | (c) looker  | (d) gazer   |

*Company Decisions*

- Q1 I strongly recommend you make a checklist of points to consider ..... deciding which method of payment to accept.  
(a) when (b) what (c) who (d) where
- Q2 How long do you think it will take ..... we'll be in a position to implement the changes to our distribution system?  
(a) upon (b) about (c) to (d) before
- Q3 Yesterday the project manager suddenly announced that the launch of the new promotion campaign had been ..... because of software problems.  
(a) transcended (b) created (c) postponed (d) founded
- Q4 Because of their expertise the two young engineers have been ..... the opportunity to join our staff.  
(a) offer (b) offering (c) offered (d) offers
- Q5 One of the indicators of success in any business is how ..... types of communication channels they use.  
(a) much (b) many (c) lot (d) lots
- Q6 An effective customer support system should be ..... as the nerve centre of all company communication.  
(a) regarded (b) imagined (c) thought (d) dreamt
- Q7 It goes without ..... that there are more goals that can be achieved with your business than simply generating revenue.  
(a) talking (b) saying (c) asking (d) arguing
- Q8 A company's success will largely depend ..... how far ahead into the future it can forecast.  
(a) on (b) of (c) at (d) in
- Q9 In addition to an organisation's vision and ability to set goals it is also ..... that every team member feels part of a unit.  
(a) lively (b) strict (c) vivid (d) vital
- Q10 Especially large corporations ..... on an international scale create and pursue a human resources policy covering many different aspects.  
(a) operates (b) operating (c) operation (d) operated



*Save Our Animals (1)*

- Q1 From a very early age Cathy had been passionate ..... animals.  
 (a) of (b) to (c) about (d) through
- Q2 She used to hob nob (socialise) with people who ..... the same way as she did.  
 (a) considered (b) held (c) approved (d) thought
- Q3 These people were not at all fuddy duddy (uninteresting) or indeed hoity toity (supercilious) and their main interest in life was to ..... that all animals were well treated.  
 (a) ensure (b) assure (c) convince (d) convict
- Q4 She soon got to know one of the local big wigs (important people) in a local organisation ..... at stopping cruelty to animals.  
 (a) shot (b) aimed (c) hit (d) struck
- Q5 He had been in his hey day (at his most successful time) an important ..... in a government department for agriculture.  
 (a) character (b) puppet (c) personage (d) figure
- Q6 In fact because he had refused to kow tow to (accept without question) some of the official regulations, he had been forced to take ..... retirement.  
 (a) busy (b) easy (c) early (d) quick
- Q7 But as far ..... Cathy was concerned, he was the bee's knees (someone to admire) and when she left school, she went to work as his assistant in the Society for the Protection of Animals.  
 (a) so (b) more (c) than (d) as
- Q8 Her parents however were not at all pleased ..... where she had decided to work.  
 (a) about (b) for (c) concerning (d) around
- Q9 They lived in a des res (very attractive house) and her father, John Fortune, who was really a bit of a fat cat (wealthy businessman) thought that all this animal ..... was a lot of hocus pocus (nonsense).  
 (a) matter (b) business (c) concerns (d) topic
- Q10 Cathy and her father had several pow wows (conversations) about her decision but it usually ..... up with a lot of argy bargy (arguments).  
 (a) concluded (b) terminated (c) ended (d) lasted

*Save Our Animals (2)*

- Q1 What her mother and father ..... to most was the endless tittle tattle (gossip) in the village about a young woman working for this hot shot (well known entrepreneur),  
 (a) subjected (b) dejected (c) rejected (d) objected
- Q2 who was also ..... by some as a bit of a wheeler dealer (someone who does business in an underhand way).  
 (a) looked (b) pictured (c) regarded (d) believed
- Q3 Cathy didn't believe any of this and was delighted to be working for Geoffrey Winton if for no other ..... than that living at home was very humdrum (boring).  
 (a) reason (b) cause (c) fact (d) decision
- Q4 The rest of the organisation thought that she and Winton were a dream team (ideal partners) because she was enthusiastic and he was very .....  
 (a) expertise (b) empirical (c) expert (d) experienced
- Q5 After all she thought her brother was enjoying himself and had gone ..... to work in America as a result of the brain drain (talented people leaving their own country to work for better pay in another).  
 (a) astray (b) abroad (c) alone (d) afar
- Q6 One morning there was quite a hubbub (loud noise and activity) in the Fortune ..... when Cathy came rushing into the sitting room helter skelter (running at great speed),  
 (a) housework (b) housebound (c) household (d) housetops
- Q7 and announced what she thought was a cheerful earful (a good piece of news) and that was she had been invited to attend a ..... in the capital.  
 (a) demarcation (b) denuciation (c) depression (d) demonstration
- Q8 As far as her father was concerned this was ..... double trouble (two problems) — first working for Fortune and now getting involved in a demonstration.  
 (a) simply (b) quite (c) entirely (d) quietly
- Q9 As far as he was concerned this would be a ..... of time because the speakers at the rally would just talk mumbo jumbo (nonsense).  
 (a) waist (b) wasting (c) waste (d) worst
- Q10 But Cathy had made up her ..... and the next morning wham bam (very quickly) she caught the early train and went off to the rally.  
 (a) brain (b) mind (c) thought (d) decision

*Save Our Animals (3)*

- Q1 On the train journey she began to think about what her father had said with his ..... to the rag bag (muddled collection) of ideas in her organisation.  
 (a) direction (b) referral (c) reference (d) referred
- Q2 And if she was really ..... with herself she was beginning to have a teenie weenie (very small) feeling of doubt as to whether she was doing the right thing.  
 (a) honoured (b) honourable (c) honest (d) honourably
- Q3 She just wished that her father could ..... and be even steven (fair) about her side of the argument.  
 (a) try (b) trying (c) tried (d) tries
- Q4 But as soon as she reached the meeting point for the rally, there was no time for day .....  
 (a) thinking (b) musing (c) sleeping (d) dreaming
- Q5 At the beginning it was a bit harum scarum (disorganised) and people were running higgledy piggledy (in different and chaotic directions) but soon everything ..... down,  
 (a) set (b) seated (c) settled (d) setting
- Q6 and people who had been running about pell mell (in confusion) were now standing ..... and listening to the speeches.  
 (a) quiet (b) still (c) upright (d) quite
- Q7 She felt ..... and was pleased she had come to the demonstration.  
 (a) returned (b) restored (c) refreshed (d) reassured
- Q8 And then one incident at the end of the rally convinced her that she had ..... the right decision to work for the organisation.  
 (a) done (b) got (c) taken (d) brought
- Q9 A police officer on horseback was ..... the crowds and she found herself being gently moved by the horse.  
 (a) controlling (b) maintaining (c) conducting (d) driving
- Q10 As it drew near she found she was asking herself ..... whether she had done the right thing. She looked at the horse and it was actually nodding its head and she could have sworn it said okie dokie (all right).  
 (a) allowed (b) loudly (c) loud (d) aloud

*Simple Present (1)*

- Q1 Andrew Smodley is a natural worrier. It is something he has ..... from his father — the king of all worriers.  
(a) received (b) left (c) earned (d) inherited
- Q2 But then there are those who are never happy unless they have a problem to .....  
(a) dissolve (b) solve (c) cut (d) release
- Q3 Andrew worried about the weather, the state of the pound, his health, the cost of ..... and once he even worried because he thought he wasn't worrying enough.  
(a) life (b) existence (c) living (d) existing
- Q4 But that was in the past. Things have changed because something happened to him exactly two years .....  
(a) ago (b) gone (c) passed (d) over
- Q5 It was in the spring when leaves appear on trees and nature prepares herself for renewal. Other things happen too — people ..... in love.  
(a) tumble (b) drop (c) decline (d) fall
- Q6 Now Andrew doesn't have a romantic ..... He never looks up at the leaves starting to grow, sighs and says: "Ah, here comes the spring!"  
(a) constitution (b) disposition (c) institution (d) position
- Q7 He simply thinks to himself: "I live in a small village by a little stream and ..... this time of year lots of creatures start to wake up and make a lot of noise."  
(a) across (b) through (c) around (d) against
- Q8 "In London, which ..... on the river Thames, people make a lot of noise all the time."  
(a) stands (b) holds (c) begins (d) sits
- Q9 I apologise for the simplicity of these ..... but I want to illustrate the unimaginative nature which Andrew possesses.  
(a) declamations (b) requirements (c) mentions (d) statements
- Q10 Towards the end of this story I give examples to show the extent of the change he .....  
(a) undertook (b) underwent (c) understood (d) underdid

*Simple Present (2)*

- Q1 The other ..... in this anecdote is a young woman called Sally Fairweather.  
(a) feature (b) part (c) character (d) principal
- Q2 She too lives in this ..... and remote village where Andrew has his cottage.  
(a) minor (b) tiny (c) unimportant (d) wretched
- Q3 Now Sally is an entirely different kettle of fish. Her philosophy runs as follows: "Worrying never gets you anywhere and life is too short to ..... time imagining the worst."  
(a) pass (b) spend (c) expend (d) waste
- Q4 In a word she is the complete ..... in temperament of Andrew. Here comes another cliché: opposites attract.  
(a) opposite (b) opponent (c) opposed (d) opposition
- Q5 But you must remember that two years ago the two main characters hadn't met, which was surprising when you consider the close ..... of Andrew's cottage and Sally's.  
(a) approximation (b) proximity (c) standing (d) placing
- Q6 If you take the first left after the post office, you come to Sally's place and if you take the second ..... to the right after that you come to the cottage where Andrew lives.  
(a) turn (b) turn up (c) turn in (d) turning
- Q7 The next participant in this village drama is the weather, which ..... a very significant part in English life.  
(a) holds (b) manages (c) plays (d) controls
- Q8 It was late April and the sun had disappeared behind dark heavy rain clouds but Andrew had already set ..... for the local pub.  
(a) up (b) off (c) to (d) by
- Q9 Naturally he had his umbrella with him and a heavy coat ..... that aphorism his mother always used: "Never cast a clout (remove an article of clothing) before May is out."  
(a) pursuing (b) chasing (c) running after (d) following
- Q10 Fortunately he made it to the pub before the storm .....  
(a) broke (b) fell (c) dropped (d) collapsed

*Simple Present (3)*

- Q1 The moment he crossed the doorstep, an old school friend comes up to Andrew, ..... to buy him a drink and tells him not to look so worried.  
(a) begs (b) requests (c) asks (d) offers
- Q2 Andrew showed him the headlines: "Petrol prices rise again" — "But you haven't got a car" said his friend — "I know" retorted Andrew — "still it means everything ..... will go up in price, too."  
(a) too (b) else (c) other (d) also
- Q3 Everyone in the pub looks ..... depressed at this remark and begins to think of all the price increases that will follow.  
(a) ideally (b) conveniently (c) suitably (d) easily
- Q4 The ..... is palpable. Then suddenly the door bursts open and in walks our heroine, Sally looking like a drowned rat.  
(a) boom (b) bloom (c) room (d) gloom
- Q5 Most people in the pub think to themselves: "What a pretty girl" Andrew sees her as someone who is ..... and needs help.  
(a) drenched (b) drowned (c) draped (d) downed
- Q6 He walks over to her and asks if she is ..... right.  
(a) everything (b) some (c) all (d) total
- Q7 For probably the first time in his life Andrew actually ..... his worry from himself to someone else.  
(a) preferred (b) transferred (c) offered (d) differed
- Q8 And he mixes her a ..... drink to protect her from a possible cold.  
(a) unusual (b) speciality (c) specialised (d) special
- Q9 The conversation went as follows: "I hear you live in this village, too" — "How do you .....?" asked Andrew.  
(a) discover (b) find (c) know (d) realise
- Q10 But Sally changed the subject. "This drink tastes delicious. How did you make it?" — "I put a drop of ginger ale and a piece of lemon in the alcohol and then ..... thoroughly."  
(a) stir (b) beat (c) mash (d) fork

*Simple Present (4)*

- Q1 I always keep those two ..... with me when I go out at night.  
(a) particles (b) parts (c) ingredients (d) contents
- Q2 Suddenly Sally looked at her watch: "I must ..... My train leaves in ten minutes."  
(a) fly (b) flow (c) flee (d) flea
- Q3 "Don't forget to take those two tablets I ..... and let me know how you are."  
(a) digested (b) congested (c) ingested (d) suggested
- Q4 "I'll ..... you know as soon as I come back from London." And then she went.  
(a) permit (b) let (c) allow (d) leave
- Q5 Immediately Andrew started to worry. He didn't know her name. He didn't know her address and he felt strange. He ..... his pulse. He tests his mental faculties: "Two and two make four."  
(a) detects (b) investigates (c) checks (d) ticks
- Q6 It was a different sort of worry that was ..... a concern. He wants to see her again.  
(a) exactly (b) fairly (c) usually (d) almost
- Q7 ..... seconds he rushed out of the pub leaving his coat behind, ran into the pouring rain with no umbrella.  
(a) Outside (b) Within (c) Without (d) Inside
- Q8 What was ..... to him? He saw Sally standing on the platform getting into the train and the train leaving the station.  
(a) happening (b) occurring (c) falling (d) coming
- Q9 He jumps down from the platform onto the ..... and waves at the train driver to stop. The train stops and Andrew gets onto it.  
(a) path (b) road (c) track (d) lane
- Q10 Six weeks ..... this extraordinary episode Sally got married.  
(a) later (b) after (c) sooner (d) through

*Simple Present (5)*

|     |                                                                                                                                                                     |              |                 |               |               |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Q1  | Andrew doesn't ..... any more now.                                                                                                                                  | (a) concern  | (b) disturb     | (c) regret    | (d) worry     |
| Q2  | He ..... calm.                                                                                                                                                      | (a) stands   | (b) stays       | (c) rests     | (d) relaxes   |
| Q3  | The obvious time when people ..... him to start worrying was.                                                                                                       | (a) waited   | (b) awaited     | (c) expected  | (d) stood     |
| Q4  | during the wedding ..... in the village church just over two years ago.                                                                                             | (a) ceremony | (b) performance | (c) occasion  | (d) event     |
| Q5  | As he says, "I know what everyone was ....."                                                                                                                        | (a) dreaming | (b) thinking    | (c) supposing | (d) believing |
| Q6  | They thought I would go to .....                                                                                                                                    | (a) parts    | (b) sections    | (c) particles | (d) pieces    |
| Q7  | But I was perfectly relaxed and I ..... it all to Sally. She is certainly a wonderful wife.                                                                         | (a) debt     | (b) lend        | (c) owe       | (d) borrow    |
| Q8  | She smiled at me when we were standing ..... the altar.                                                                                                             | (a) in       | (b) at          | (c) on        | (d) through   |
| Q9  | and I stopped worrying from that moment .....                                                                                                                       | (a) on       | (b) to          | (c) for       | (d) by        |
| Q10 | You can see me ..... relaxed in the newspaper pictures especially that one with the caption: "ANDREW SMODLEY HANDS THE RING TO SALLY FAIRWEATHER'S FUTURE HUSBAND." | (a) trying   | (b) seeing      | (c) looking   | (d) watching  |



*Tenses (1)*

|     |                                                                             |          |             |                |             |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| Q1  | I ..... come if I had had time.                                             | (a) have | (b) had     | (c) would have | (d) did     |
| Q2  | This time tomorrow you ..... sitting in a deck chair on the beach.          | (a) are  | (b) were    | (c) will       | (d) will be |
| Q3  | Before you telephoned, I ..... watching television.                         | (a) was  | (b) will be | (c) am         | (d) have    |
| Q4  | After the storm ..... finished, many people were found lying in the street. | (a) has  | (b) had     | (c) were       | (d) did     |
| Q5  | Tomorrow we ..... taking the day off.                                       | (a) will | (b) have    | (c) were       | (d) are     |
| Q6  | Where did you ..... for your holiday in the end?                            | (a) went | (b) gone    | (c) go         | (d) going   |
| Q7  | I must admit you ..... tried but I'm afraid the answer is still no.         | (a) did  | (b) will    | (c) do         | (d) have    |
| Q8  | Sometimes I wonder if I ..... ever succeed.                                 | (a) do   | (b) shall   | (c) am         | (d) were    |
| Q9  | How many times ..... you been there?                                        | (a) has  | (b) will    | (c) have       | (d) did     |
| Q10 | She's ..... working there since she left school.                            | (a) had  | (b) done    | (c) have       | (d) been    |

*Tenses (2)*

|     |                                                                    |                |               |                 |                    |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Q1  | It's time we .....                                                 | (a) go         | (b) went      | (c) are going   | (d) going          |
| Q2  | I honestly couldn't follow a word you .....                        | (a) are saying | (b) will say  | (c) were saying | (d) did say        |
| Q3  | He asked me what I ..... doing there.                              | (a) am         | (b) did       | (c) will be     | (d) was            |
| Q4  | I've just ..... that the price has gone up again.                  | (a) am told    | (b) have told | (c) been told   | (d) was told       |
| Q5  | She was annoyed that she ..... spoken to like that.                | (a) had been   | (b) has been  | (c) was been    | (d) will have been |
| Q6  | I've just been ..... here that man has been released.              | (a) reads      | (b) reading   | (c) read        | (d) have read      |
| Q7  | If you were stopped by the police for speeding, what ..... you do? | (a) will       | (b) shall     | (c) do          | (d) would          |
| Q8  | Long ..... the King!                                               | (a) live       | (b) lives     | (c) living      | (d) lived          |
| Q9  | If I get there early enough, I ..... you a seat.                   | (a) did save   | (b) do save   | (c) am saving   | (d) shall save     |
| Q10 | When I'm in town, I ..... listening to the birds.                  | (a) missing    | (b) miss      | (c) misses      | (d) missed         |

*Tenses (3)*

|     |                                                                                 |                 |                    |                     |                     |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Q1  | Ah there you .....! I wondered where you were.                                  | (a) be          | (b) were           | (c) are             | (d) have been       |
| Q2  | She said she'd help him if she .....                                            | (a) could       | (b) can            | (c) can't           | (d) have been able  |
| Q3  | He told them he ..... starting work the next day.                               | (a) will be     | (b) will have been | (c) would be        | (d) would have been |
| Q4  | I had instructions that I ..... to leave the door unlocked when I came home.    | (a) will being  | (b) were           | (c) am              | (d) was             |
| Q5  | He refused to go until he ..... seen all the paintings.                         | (a) had         | (b) was            | (c) is              | (d) has             |
| Q6  | Don't worry even if you make a mistake because if you ....., it doesn't matter. | (a) were doing  | (b) had done       | (c) do              | (d) will do         |
| Q7  | He ..... silly things like this. Take no notice now.                            | (a) always did  | (b) will always do | (c) had always done | (d) is always doing |
| Q8  | The man who ..... walking down the road just then, lives next door.             | (a) is          | (b) will be        | (c) was             | (d) has been        |
| Q9  | It doesn't make sense. I can't understand why he ..... at you last night.       | (a) had shouted | (b) is shouting    | (c) has should      | (d) shouted         |
| Q10 | Come on tell me honestly what you ..... to do now.                              | (a) wanted      | (b) want           | (c) are wanting     | (d) will want       |

*Hotchpotch*

- Q1 As we've got plenty of time to ..... before the train comes, let's have a coffee.  
(a) waste (b) lose (c) spend (d) kill
- Q2 If you mention someone's mistakes in public, it can only be regarded as very .....  
(a) tactless (b) casual (c) careless (d) pointed
- Q3 I didn't think he looked very well when we last saw him — in fact he was really out of .....  
(a) order (b) form (c) sorts (d) trend
- Q4 He's the sort of person who never worries about anything and has a happy ..... disposition.  
(a) over-heels (b) tempered (c) disposed (d) go-lucky
- Q5 I don't know what's the matter with me today I suppose I'm feeling under the .....  
(a) clouds (b) rain (c) weather (d) tiles
- Q6 There's a very informative programme on the radio tonight on ..... affairs.  
(a) actual (b) current (c) positive (d) factual
- Q7 He didn't reveal his name with his first book and published it under a .....  
(a) synonym (b) homonym (c) acronym (d) pseudonym
- Q8 He spoke the language in a regional ....., which made it impossible for me to understand him.  
(a) voice (b) accent (c) jargon (d) dialect
- Q9 I sometimes find that the ..... made by the advertisers are more interesting than the actual television programmes themselves.  
(a) commercials (b) comments (c) commerce (d) commercially
- Q10 Now remember don't be late with your thesis and don't forget the ..... is Tuesday week.  
(a) sideline (b) by line (c) deadline (d) lifeline

*Student Teacher Dialogue (1)*

|     |                                                                  |               |              |              |                 |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Q1  | Teacher: So you want to learn ..... English?                     | (a) speak     | (b) speaking | (c) to speak | (d) speaks      |
| Q2  | Student: Yes, I want to be able to speak .....                   | (a) good      | (b) well     | (c) goodly   | (d) proper      |
| Q3  | Teacher: I don't see that as a .....                             | (a) situation | (b) puzzle   | (c) answer   | (d) problem     |
| Q4  | Yes, that's ..... for you to say.                                | (a) facile    | (b) straight | (c) easy     | (d) interesting |
| Q5  | Teacher: What ..... you say that?                                | (a) makes     | (b) does     | (c) tries    | (d) goes        |
| Q6  | Student: Just because you are a ..... speaker.                   | (a) natural   | (b) native   | (c) national | (d) nature      |
| Q7  | Teacher: I understand what you .....                             | (a) intend    | (b) signify  | (c) show     | (d) mean        |
| Q8  | Student: So what am I ..... to do?                               | (a) being     | (b) asking   | (c) going    | (d) beginning   |
| Q9  | Teacher: Well, if you ....., I could give you lessons next week. | (a) love      | (b) like     | (c) would    | (d) desire      |
| Q10 | Student: That ..... very good to me. I'll see you next week.     | (a) strikes   | (b) hits     | (c) falls    | (d) sounds      |

*Student Teacher Dialogue (2)*

Q1 Teacher: So what do you know ..... prepositions?

- (a) from (b) at (c) about (d) in

Q2 Student: Well I know that they usually come ..... a noun.

- (a) on (b) before (c) after (d) under

Q3 Teacher: Very good. Which do you find the ..... difficult?

- (a) worst (b) best (c) less (d) most

Q4 Student: If I had to choose one, I would ..... in.

- (a) turn (b) pick (c) touch (d) pluck

Q5 Teacher: The thing to ..... is that in usually means inside a place or a position.

- (a) remember (b) repeat (c) remind (d) return

Q6 Student: I see. But what's the difference ..... in and into?

- (a) from (b) among (c) between (d) for

Q7 Teacher: Ah, you see "in" means you are there inside ..... "into" means you enter as: You go into the room.

- (a) how (b) when (c) ever (d) however

Q8 Student: Another problem is I don't understand ..... there are two words sounding the same — T and one O and T double O.

- (a) because (b) whenever (c) why (d) that's why

Q9 Teacher: Good question. T and one O is the preposition and T and double O often means extra as in: This exercise is too difficult. And don't forget the third word also sounding the same — the ..... two.

- (a) finger (b) figurine (c) thumb (d) number

Q10 Student: Oh, no two is ..... thank you very much!

- (a) enough (b) equal (c) even (d) indeed

*Student Teacher Dialogue (3)*

- Q1 Teacher: Can you explain to me when you ..... the Past Simple and when the Present Perfect?  
(a) employ (b) utilise (c) exercise (d) use
- Q2 Student: I think the past simple is for a ..... time in the past and the present perfect is when you don't know when it was.  
(a) definite (b) clear (c) obvious (d) absolute
- Q3 Teacher: Excellent. Now if I wanted to describe my time in Paris in 1999 with the verb 'stay', what ..... I say?  
(a) am (b) would (c) ought (d) have
- Q4 Student: I think it is I stayed in Paris in 1999. Is that all .....?  
(a) correct (b) accurate (c) fine (d) right
- Q5 Teacher: Absolutely perfect. Now what ..... the Present Perfect Continuous?  
(a) through (b) into (c) about (d) concerning
- Q6 Student: That's one I never understand ..... hard I try.  
(a) whenever (b) however (c) wherever (d) whatever
- Q7 Teacher: Well if you started living in Paris in 1999 and you are still there, you say; I have been living there ..... 1999.  
(a) since (b) for (c) till (d) until
- Q8 Student: Yes, I see I think I understand but you have ..... many tenses in English!  
(a) to (b) in (c) also (d) too
- Q9 Teacher: Right ..... one more. Tell me which form you use if you are going to leave Paris and you tell someone about the length of time from your arrival till now.  
(a) simply (b) just (c) justly (d) alone
- Q10 Student: Oh, that's easy. I say: I have lived here for 6 years. I can see from the ..... on your face I am right.  
(a) depression (b) impression (c) expression (d) derision

*Phrasal Verb: Walk*

- Q1 They've been seeing each other for 6 months now or, as we used to say, they've been walking ..... together.  
(a) in (b) out (c) through (d) off
- Q2 The trouble with you is you let your boss do exactly what he wants and let him walk all ..... you.  
(a) across (b) under (c) by (d) over
- Q3 He never looks where he's going and as a result is always walking ..... things.  
(a) up (b) on (c) into (d) beyond
- Q4 He came into the room, shouted at everybody and then left the room walking ..... in a really bad temper.  
(a) down (b) off (c) over (d) to
- Q5 I'm sorry to say that the safe has been broken into and someone's walked ..... with all the money.  
(a) along (b) into (c) of (d) off
- Q6 They took no notice of the accident and simply walked .....  
(a) by (b) in (c) across (d) through
- Q7 A total stranger walked ..... to me and asked if I could lend him some money.  
(a) along (b) by (c) up (d) under
- Q8 They have an expression in Australia when a famous person mixes with the crowd, they say they're going on a walk.....  
(a) across (b) along (c) out (d) about
- Q9 The manager was terrified that his employees would stop work and walk ..... without warning.  
(a) over (b) about (c) out (d) at
- Q10 knew we shouldn't have trusted them because they suddenly left and walked ..... on us.  
(a) in (b) out (c) above (d) to



*Charlie's Knees*

- Q1 Charlie always thought he was the ..... knees because he had a very good opinion of himself.  
(a) cat's (b) dog's (c) bee's (d) mouse's
- Q2 Even when he won the ..... knees competition at a holiday camp he wasn't ashamed — he just loved it.  
(a) knobbly (b) wobbly (c) cobbled (d) wobbled
- Q3 He'd learnt to think he was important from an early age ..... his mother's knee.  
(a) from (b) to (c) over (d) at
- Q4 His father told him he was special as he dandled him ..... his knee.  
(a) by (b) on (c) up (d) through
- Q5 Then he met Maria as a grown up and fell in love as a sort of knee ..... reaction almost without thinking.  
(a) leap (b) jump (c) jerk (d) trip
- Q6 You see he'd known her once as a small child when he was knee ..... to a grasshopper and now they met as adults.  
(a) high (b) tall (c) long (d) broad
- Q7 They met at a mutual friend's party where everyone was having a great time in a kind of knees .....  
(a) under (b) on (c) in (d) up
- Q8 Shortly after that he ..... down on one knee and proposed marriage to her and she accepted him.  
(a) threw (b) went (c) walked (d) leant
- Q9 After they were married, Charlie had to work very hard and he was always knee ..... in decorating and painting the house.  
(a) deep (b) level (c) steep (d) long
- Q10 What poor Charlie didn't know before was that Maria loved telling others what to do and so he had to do as he was told and ..... the knee.  
(a) stretch (b) pull (c) lower (d) bend

*Paper expressions*

- Q1 It's almost completed now because all we have to do is sign a few documents and then the paper ..... is finished.  
 (a) job (b) work (c) task (d) function
- Q2 They've tried to keep the truth from you but nothing's changed as all they've done is paper ..... the cracks.  
 (a) across (b) in (c) up (d) over
- Q3 If you keep the window open all the time, you'll need something heavy like a ..... to stop things blowing away.  
 (a) paperstone (b) paperrock (c) paperweight (d) paperblock
- Q4 The professor is ..... an important paper on sociolinguistics tonight in the main hall.  
 (a) speaking (b) delivering (c) talking (d) holding
- Q5 I shouldn't worry too much about him. He looks very frightening but underneath he's really a paper .....  
 (a) tiger (b) lion (c) jaguar (d) cat
- Q6 The reason why I knew all about the story in the village is because it was on the front page of the ..... paper.  
 (a) near (b) nearby (c) neighbouring (d) local
- Q7 As soon as the story about the scandal became known, it didn't take long to ..... the papers.  
 (a) strike (b) attack (c) hit (d) thump
- Q8 You really shouldn't ..... everything you read in the papers.  
 (a) believe (b) credit (c) think (d) ponder
- Q9 She makes a loaf of bread last a very long time because she cuts each slice paper .....  
 (a) slight (b) long (c) tight (d) thin
- Q10 Do you know how many ..... of wallpaper are needed to decorate this room?  
 (a) strands (b) rolls (c) strips (d) sizes

*Verb Tenses*

|     |                                                     |                 |                  |                   |                  |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Q1  | Where ..... tonight?                                | (a) you go      | (b) going        | (c) are you going | (d) had you gone |
| Q2  | That ..... my business.                             | (a) is          | (b) will be      | (c) was           | (d) had          |
| Q3  | Sorry, I ..... mean to be rude.                     | (a) haven't     | (b) can't        | (c) won't         | (d) don't        |
| Q4  | ..... all right.                                    | (a) This is     | (b) That's       | (c) There is      | (d) That has     |
| Q5  | I hope I ..... offended you.                        | (a) didn't      | (b) won't        | (c) haven't       | (d) couldn't     |
| Q6  | No, I promise you. You ..... offend me at all.      | (a) shouldn't   | (b) wouldn't     | (c) hadn't        | (d) didn't       |
| Q7  | So, ..... got an idea.                              | (a) I'd         | (b) I'll         | (c) I've          | (d) I'm          |
| Q8  | OK. .... me about it.                               | (a) Tell        | (b) Say          | (c) Speak         | (d) Talk         |
| Q9  | I ..... possibly we could go out together, tonight. | (a) think       | (b) have thought | (c) did think     | (d) thought      |
| Q10 | That ..... a good idea to me.                       | (a) has sounded | (b) will sound   | (c) sounds        | (d) shall sound  |

*English Tenses*

- Q1 Mike: Please go away. I'm ..... a letter. I need some quiet.  
 (a) written (b) wrote (c) writing (d) will write
- Q2 Sarah: I ..... I won't make a sound.  
 (a) promise (b) am promising (c) did promise (d) promised
- Q3 Mike: That's what you always .....  
 (a) said (b) are saying (c) had said (d) say
- Q4 Sarah: I know but this time I ..... it.  
 (a) have meant (b) mean (c) had meant (d) will mean
- Q5 Mike: I don't honestly think you ..... telling the truth.  
 (a) were (b) had been (c) are (d) will be
- Q6 Sarah: At least ..... me a chance.  
 (a) give (b) gave (c) giving (d) are giving
- Q7 Mike: If I ....., I know I shall regret it.  
 (a) have (b) do (c) had (d) were
- Q8 Sarah: No, you .....  
 (a) didn't (b) haven't (c) couldn't (d) won't
- Q9 Mike: All right. You ..... stay as long as you don't make any noise.  
 (a) will (b) could (c) can (d) would
- Q10 Sarah: Thank you very much. I shall be as quiet as a mouse but ..... just put the TV on.  
 (a) I'd (b) I'll (c) I've (d) I'm

*Conditional Tenses*

- Q1 If I ..... you, I wouldn't risk it.  
(a) had been (b) am (c) would be (d) were
- Q2 If they had waited another month, they could probably ..... a better price for their house  
(a) would get (b) had got (c) have got (d) could get
- Q3 It's quite simple really. When it's cold, water .....  
(a) froze (b) has frozen (c) freezes (d) had frozen
- Q4 If he decides to accept that job, he ..... it for the rest of his life.  
(a) has regretted (b) had regretted (c) is regretting (d) will regret
- Q5 If you ..... of applying for that job, my advice is: forget it.  
(a) are thinking (b) will think (c) will be thinking (d) would think
- Q6 If he hadn't been driving so fast, he ..... have hit the motorcyclist.  
(a) didn't (b) hadn't (c) wouldn't (d) hasn't
- Q7 ..... he been more careful, he would have spotted the mistake.  
(a) Were (b) Had (c) Has (d) Is
- Q8 If she goes on passing her exams, ..... soon be qualified to practise as a lawyer.  
(a) she's (b) she had (c) she has (d) she'll
- Q9 If I pay you twice as much, will you ..... to finish by Tuesday?  
(a) are able (b) is able (c) be able (d) can be able
- Q10 If only I'd invested in that company, I'd ..... a millionaire by now.  
(a) became (b) have become (c) had become (d) would become

*Sleep Expressions*

- Q1 Mr. Wally's class was so monotonous today I couldn't help ..... a few times.  
 (a) sleeping (b) dozing off (c) waking up (d) resting
- Q2 Cold medicines usually make me feel ..... I feel like I don't have energy to do anything.  
 (a) asleep (b) hyper (c) awake (d) drowsy
- Q3 Janine! Where were you? I've been looking all over for you. — Sorry, Mom! I was reading a book by the tree over at the lake, fell ..... and lost track of the time.  
 (a) sleep (b) sleepy (c) asleep (d) slept
- Q4 In winter time, bears hide themselves in caves and .....  
 (a) hibernate (b) take a nap (c) snooze (d) relax
- Q5 What time do you usually go to ..... at night? — Hmm... usually at about midnight.  
 (a) sleepy (b) asleep (c) sleep (d) dream
- Q6 I feel so ..... today. I should have gone to bed earlier last night.  
 (a) dreamy (b) sleepy (c) asleep (d) relaxed
- Q7 My neighbor likes ..... every day after lunch.  
 (a) to hibernate (b) to doze off (c) to take a nap (d) to snore
- Q8 My daughter is having a ..... party tonight at our house.  
 (a) night (b) sleepy (c) snooze (d) slumber
- Q9 Every time he gets back from work, my husband likes to sit in his armchair and ..... for a few minutes before dinnertime.  
 (a) sleep away (b) rest (c) slumber (d) snore
- Q10 Caitlin was an extremely hyper kid. When taking care of her, her mom hardly ever had time to .....  
 (a) relax (b) doze off (c) slumber (d) snooze

*English tense explanations*

|     |                                                              |                |               |               |                |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Q1  | I want to try and carry out an .....                         | (a) experience | (b) endeavour | (c) endurance | (d) experiment |
| Q2  | My ..... is to explain the different uses of the tenses.     | (a) problem    | (b) plan      | (c) situation | (d) thought    |
| Q3  | The main question is knowing where you .....?                | (a) commence   | (b) initiate  | (c) start     | (d) activate   |
| Q4  | As you ..... know there are many tenses in English.          | (a) probably   | (b) certainly | (c) sometimes | (d) doubtfully |
| Q5  | The problem is ..... you can tell the difference             | (a) what       | (b) how       | (c) which     | (d) where      |
| Q6  | between, for ....., the Present and Present Perfect.         | (a) case       | (b) sample    | (c) instant   | (d) example    |
| Q7  | But I should ..... myself from talking about                 | (a) control    | (b) halt      | (c) stop      | (d) exact      |
| Q8  | particular tenses ..... I've talked about tenses in general. | (a) since      | (b) before    | (c) although  | (d) if         |
| Q9  | Please ..... me for going on to the middle of my story       | (a) forgive    | (b) forget    | (c) forbid    | (d) forefend   |
| Q10 | when I should be thinking about the .....                    | (a) initial    | (b) genesis   | (c) first     | (d) beginning  |

*English tense explanations (2)*

- Q1 So let's go ..... to the beginning.  
 (a) on (b) back (c) for (d) over
- Q2 The ..... thing to remember is  
 (a) superior (b) premier (c) premium (d) first
- Q3 that each tense has two .....  
 (a) shapes (b) figures (c) forms (d) outlines
- Q4 ..... are the Simple and the Continuous.  
 (a) Them (b) They (c) Their (d) Theirs
- Q5 We can say: he goes to work Monday to Friday and that ..... a habit and is the Present simple tense.  
 (a) describes (b) defeats (c) detracts (d) defers
- Q6 This is something he ..... every day.  
 (a) did (b) doing (c) does (d) done
- Q7 He lives in a small house that's another .....  
 (a) picture (b) illustration (c) image (d) painting
- Q8 Now we come to the other part and we ..... that continuous.  
 (a) call (b) hail (c) nominate (d) address
- Q9 We say: he is walking home now and that means at this ..... and is the Present continuous tense.  
 (a) day (b) period (c) moment (d) occasion
- Q10 In this way we describe what is ..... now.  
 (a) going (b) elapsing (c) taking (d) happening



*Phrasal idioms with the verb 'come'*

- Q1 First impressions are important because how you ..... initially can be as important as what you say.  
(a) come by (b) come back (c) come out (d) come across
- Q2 I just can't seem to be able to find a good personal assistant; they are so hard to .....  
(a) come by (b) come back (c) come out (d) come across
- Q3 When disaster strikes, will your insurer ..... for you?  
(a) come out (b) come over (c) come through (d) come to
- Q4 If you have eaten a banana in the last 2-3 days and ..... a fever followed by a skin infection, you should seek urgent medical attention!  
(a) come across (b) come up with (c) come down with (d) come out with
- Q5 In terms of personality, she's certainly ..... well since she changed her attitude.  
(a) come along (b) come back (c) come over (d) come through
- Q6 Menopause symptoms may ..... after stopping menopausal hormone therapy.  
(a) come by (b) come back (c) come out (d) come across
- Q7 Making the decision to ..... about your sexual preferences can sometimes be scary and stressful.  
(a) come along (b) come back (c) come out (d) come over
- Q8 When you realise just how far away the stars are, you wonder how astronomers ..... their facts.  
(a) come out with (b) come up with (c) come along (d) come out
- Q9 It was reported that the Government is expected to ..... stringent norms to prevent "predatory takeovers" of Indian private banks.  
(a) come along (b) come up with (c) come across (d) come out
- Q10 My boyfriend wants to ..... when nobody is at home, and I'm scared it might well lead to something else!  
(a) come along (b) come back (c) come out (d) come over

*Phrasal idioms with the verb 'look'*

- Q1 Students were instructed to use the Internet ..... some information about Australia for the class project.  
 (a) to look after (b) to look over (c) to look into (d) to look up
- Q2 The treasurer assured his constituents that he would ..... the scandal shortly after the results of the general election were made public.  
 (a) look into (b) look up (c) look over (d) look after
- Q3 My attorney advised me ..... the terms and conditions of the insurance policy several times so that I was fully aware of what I was getting myself into.  
 (a) to look after (b) to look over (c) to look into (d) to look up
- Q4 I have always ..... my grandfather because he has lived such an amazing life.  
 (a) looked at (b) looked for (c) looked up to (d) looked after
- Q5 I ..... my laptop in the car, in my office and even under the bed, but I couldn't find it anywhere.  
 (a) looked at (b) looked for (c) looked after (d) looked over
- Q6 Airport authorities advised passengers to ..... suspicious-looking people passing through the international terminal.  
 (a) look for (b) look out for (c) look after (d) look at
- Q7 The view from the penthouse suite of the five-star hotel ..... over the Pacific Ocean.  
 (a) looks for (b) looks at (c) looks out (d) looks after
- Q8 Students were given five minutes to ..... the examination paper before they were told to start writing.  
 (a) look after (b) look through (c) look into (d) look up
- Q9 My family finally made the painful decision to admit my grandmother to a nursing home, as she is no longer capable of ..... herself.  
 (a) looking into (b) looking out (c) looking at (d) looking after
- Q10 When I accused the hospital of giving me the wrong medicine, the management ..... the matter very carefully.  
 (a) looked at (b) looked for (c) looked into (d) looked after

*Time clauses: future tense examples*

- Q1 I'll cook supper ..... I come home.  
 (a) until (b) while (c) before (d) as soon as
- Q2 I want to finish my work ..... we go out.  
 (a) until (b) while (c) before (d) as soon as
- Q3 She's going to look after the cat ..... I'm away on holiday.  
 (a) until (b) while (c) before (d) after
- Q4 I'll email you ..... I arrive.  
 (a) as soon as (b) until (c) as long as (d) while
- Q5 We'll find a hotel ..... we arrive in Jakarta.  
 (a) until (b) while (c) when (d) as long as
- Q6 She won't speak to her boyfriend ..... he apologizes.  
 (a) while (b) as long as (c) when (d) until
- Q7 Drink your coffee ..... it gets cold.  
 (a) when (b) as soon as (c) while (d) before
- Q8 Don't cross the road ..... you see the green signal.  
 (a) as long as (b) as soon as (c) while (d) until
- Q9 I'll give you a ring ..... we get back from our vacation.  
 (a) while (b) until (c) when (d) as long as
- Q10 Our doctor advised us to have malaria vaccinations ..... we travel to Lombok.  
 (a) until (b) before (c) as soon as (d) as long as

*Phrasal idioms with the verb 'bring'*

- Q1 Englishmen can't quite ..... wearing shorts.  
 (a) bring off (b) bring on (c) bring up (d) bring over
- Q2 There are some natural methods that you can use to ..... labour if you and your baby are in good health.  
 (a) bring to (b) bring on (c) bring out (d) bring over
- Q3 I want to ..... the dinner tonight so that you don't have to worry about feeding your kids.  
 (a) bring to (b) bring on (c) bring out (d) bring over
- Q4 The Central Coast of New South Wales has been described as a great place to ..... children.  
 (a) bring out (b) bring off (c) bring to (d) bring up
- Q5 Custom frames can help to improve the look of your artwork and thus ..... the best.  
 (a) bring out (b) bring over (c) bring to (d) bring up
- Q6 U2 will not ..... the online release of the band's new album, following news that it has been leaked onto the Internet.  
 (a) bring to (b) bring forward (c) bring back (d) bring up
- Q7 The Super Bowl champion Steelers have decided to ..... fullback Verron Haynes for at least another two seasons.  
 (a) bring out (b) bring forward (c) bring up (d) bring back
- Q8 The slips fieldsman moved quickly to his left and then flung himself further leftwards to ..... a spectacular catch.  
 (a) bring forward (b) bring off (c) bring back (d) bring up
- Q9 How much money do I need to ..... to your house for the poker game tonight?  
 (a) bring through (b) bring over (c) bring to (d) bring up
- Q10 If natural disasters have anything good about them, it may be the compassion they ..... in people.  
 (a) bring out (b) bring forward (c) bring up (d) bring back

*Question / Response Test*

- Q1 When do you have to pick John up at the airport? .....  
(a) He flew into the international airport (b) I don't think she's coming  
(c) I should be there at about five o'clock
- Q2 What are you going to buy your wife for Christmas? .....  
(a) I picked it up yesterday (b) A bottle of perfume  
(c) She received jewelry from her mother
- Q3 How many people are coming to the birthday party? .....  
(a) Yes, there are (b) Fifty people were there  
(c) We're expecting about 25 people
- Q4 What are you doing tonight? .....  
(a) We had a great time (b) I went to that new Asian restaurant  
(c) I think I'm going to a movie with Susan
- Q5 How was your honeymoon? .....  
(a) It was great (b) We went by plane (c) We went to Mexico
- Q6 What is your favorite kind of food? .....  
(a) I ate Mexican food yesterday (b) I like Italian food  
(c) Korean cuisine is very spicy
- Q7 Who is coming to the business conference? .....  
(a) The management team and the personnel department are coming for sure (b) The assembly line workers were there  
(c) Fifty members attended the conference
- Q8 What are your thoughts on yesterday's meeting? .....  
(a) I think the president will be there (b) I'm glad we covered the human resources issue  
(c) We should bring up the workers' concerns
- Q9 When are you going to the party? .....  
(a) Cindy is coming with me (b) We arrived at 7 pm  
(c) We're going right after work
- Q10 Where is the best place to go for a drink? .....  
(a) I'll meet you there after work (b) The little pub around the corner has great beer on tap  
(c) La Cantina has some great food

*Short Idioms Exam*

|     |                                                                                           |             |               |               |              |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Q1  | After their argument, John didn't know if Rick was a friend or a .....                    | (a) blood   | (b) rival     | (c) fiend     | (d) foe      |
| Q2  | Many Christians believe your body and ..... belong to God.                                | (a) soul    | (b) reason    | (c) brain     | (d) heart    |
| Q3  | Joanne left abruptly without rhyme or .....                                               | (a) verse   | (b) reason    | (c) cause     | (d) record   |
| Q4  | Ben estimated how much wear and ..... the new tires could handle.                         | (a) tear    | (b) abuse     | (c) effect    | (d) impact   |
| Q5  | He is head over ..... in love with his new girlfriend.                                    | (a) heart   | (b) body      | (c) backwards | (d) heels    |
| Q6  | He bent over ..... to please his boss, but the manager was never satisfied.               | (a) forward | (b) backwards | (c) both ways | (d) sideways |
| Q7  | Nicole's promotion and added workload kept her as busy as a .....                         | (a) fox     | (b) bird      | (c) horse     | (d) bee      |
| Q8  | Mandy's children are her flesh and ....., so they always come first on her priority list. | (a) blood   | (b) water     | (c) soul      | (d) friend   |
| Q9  | On Jen and Brad's very first date, she could tell he was as cunning as a .....            | (a) puppy   | (b) bear      | (c) fox       | (d) wolf     |
| Q10 | Before Tom headed into the forest, he made sure he had packed his bow and .....           | (a) shotgun | (b) back pack | (c) canteen   | (d) arrows   |

*Conversations and Comprehension Test*

- Q1 Boy: I want to buy a fish.  
Woman: Do you want a tropical fish or a cold water one?  
Boy: I want a really colorful fish. Can you show me some of the tropical fish you have?  
Question: What is the boy looking for? .....
- (a) A red and yellow fish (b) A cold water goldfish (c) A tropical fish
- Q2 Ray: I need a vacation.  
Toni: How about Mexico? I heard it's beautiful at this time of year.  
Ray: Maybe, but I was hoping for somewhere a little cooler.  
Question: Where does Ray want to go? .....
- (a) Mexico, because it's beautiful at this time of year (b) A place that has a cooler climate than Mexico  
(c) The Bahamas
- Q3 Mary: Did you have fun at the barbeque last night?  
Linda: Yes, I thought the games were a great touch.  
Mary: Me too. I especially liked the three-legged race.  
Question: What did Linda like about the barbeque? .....
- (a) The three-legged race (b) The food (c) The games
- Q4 Michael: My wife and I bought some great house plants yesterday.  
Maria: Really? Do you have a lot of sunlight in your house?  
Michael: No, so we bought some plants that have low light requirements.  
Question: What kind of plants did Michael buy? .....
- (a) Small house plants (b) Plants that need a lot of sunlight  
(c) Plants that don't need a lot of sunlight
- Q5 Frank: I'm going to take my wife to Table Top Mountain this weekend.  
Mark: That sounds interesting. Is it far?  
Frank: Not too far. It's about a three-hour drive from here.  
Question: How are Frank and his wife traveling to Table Top Mountain? .....
- (a) By plane (b) By car (c) By ship
- Q6 Anne: Do you know the new girl in the mailroom?  
Richard: No, but I think she's Cathy's friend.  
Anne: We should ask Cathy to introduce us at lunch.  
Question: What department is the new girl in? .....
- (a) Cathy's department (b) The reception area (c) The mailroom
- Q7 Ron: Do you think the business conference went well?  
Sarah: Yes, but next year I think the planners should include more about global technology.  
Ron: I agree. We should know more about that.  
Question: What area does Sarah want to include in next year's conference? .....
- (a) The environment (b) Technology around the world  
(c) Technology and modern business

Q8 Harry: What time does your flight leave?

Deb: Our departure is scheduled for 7:45 in the morning. Could you take me to the airport?

Harry: Sure. We'll have to leave the city at about 5 o'clock then.

Deb: Sounds good.

Question: What time does Deb's flight leave? .....

(a) 7:45 am

(b) 5 am

(c) 7:45 pm

Q9 Axel: Do you know anything about Thai cuisine?

Caroline: Yes, I love Thai food. Why?

Axel: My in-laws are taking my wife and me out to a Thai restaurant tonight. They really like that kind of food.

Question: Who is going for dinner at the Thai restaurant? .....

(a) Axel and his wife

(b) Axel, his wife and her parents

(c) Axel, his wife and his parents

Q10 Jane: How many people were at Brad's wedding?

Bruce: Oh, there must have been at least 150 people there. The reception hall was really big, and it was nearly full of guests. We had a great time.

Jane: That's great.

Question: How many people were at Brad's wedding? .....

(a) Much more than 150 people

(b) About 150 people

(c) Fewer than 150 people



*Compound words: 'someone', 'anyone', 'somewhere'*

|     |                                                                                                                                        |              |               |                |                |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Q1  | I asked if ..... wanted an ice cream.                                                                                                  | (a) anyone   | (b) someone   | (c) everyone   | (d) no one     |
| Q2  | Did ..... phone me when I was out?                                                                                                     | (a) anyone   | (b) someone   | (c) everyone   | (d) no one     |
| Q3  | You're face looks terribly familiar. Haven't I seen you ..... before?                                                                  | (a) anywhere | (b) nowhere   | (c) somewhere  | (d) everywhere |
| Q4  | She left the room without saying .....                                                                                                 | (a) nothing  | (b) something | (c) everything | (d) anything   |
| Q5  | I have never been ..... more beautiful than Thailand.                                                                                  | (a) anywhere | (b) nowhere   | (c) somewhere  | (d) everywhere |
| Q6  | Who was at the party? ..... Pete, Anne, Mark, Barry, all the Pearsons, Sally Masters and Sally Bennett.                                | (a) Anyone   | (b) Someone   | (c) Everyone   | (d) No one     |
| Q7  | What would you like to eat for lunch? ..... I don't mind.                                                                              | (a) Nothing  | (b) Something | (c) Everything | (d) Anything   |
| Q8  | Where do you want to go on holiday? ..... with a beach. I don't care where we go as long as it's sunny and has got a nice sandy beach. | (a) Anywhere | (b) Nowhere   | (c) Somewhere  | (d) Everywhere |
| Q9  | I have ..... to say to you. Goodbye.                                                                                                   | (a) nothing  | (b) something | (c) everything | (d) anything   |
| Q10 | I felt so embarrassed at the party. I was sure that ..... was looking at me.                                                           | (a) anyone   | (b) someone   | (c) everyone   | (d) no one     |

*Phrasal idioms with the verb 'break'*

- Q1 After years of working for a shoddy employer, I was finally able to ..... from that company and set up my own business.  
 (a) break off (b) break away (c) break out (d) break up
- Q2 NASA is currently in the process of working out how to prevent any more of its spaceships from ..... on re-entry into Earth's atmosphere.  
 (a) breaking off (b) breaking away (c) breaking out (d) breaking up
- Q3 Residents living in the immediate vicinity of the prison were told to be on the lookout for a group of criminals who recently ..... of gaol.  
 (a) broke off (b) broke away (c) broke out (d) broke up
- Q4 It can be very difficult for young couples to ..... their marriage when there are young children involved.  
 (a) break off (b) break away (c) break out (d) break up
- Q5 I decided to ..... my relationship with my girlfriend when I found out that she was seeing someone else.  
 (a) break off (b) break away (c) break out (d) break open
- Q6 Be careful not to spill the yolk when you ..... the egg.  
 (a) break out (b) break off (c) break open (d) break down
- Q7 A burglar ..... my house when I was away on vacation and stole some of my electronic goods.  
 (a) broke into (b) broke off (c) broke open (d) broke up
- Q8 Teachers in Sydney have decided to call a snap strike next week after negotiations with the State Government over a ten percent pay increase ..... early this morning.  
 (a) broke into (b) broke down (c) broke open (d) broke up
- Q9 A rebel Labour Party MP recently decided to ..... from his party and become an independent member for his electorate.  
 (a) break off (b) break away (c) break out (d) break up
- Q10 I am always very worried that my car will ....., because it is already twenty years old.  
 (a) break off (b) break away (c) break out (d) break down

*Financial and bank expressions*

- Q1 Can you please ..... us some money until we get paid next week?  
(a) lend (b) give (c) borrow (d) grant
- Q2 I decided to invest in the commodities market, as the ..... on offer from the bank was at an all-time low.  
(a) increase (b) interest (c) rent (d) tax
- Q3 Many retailers in Jakarta refuse to exchange purchases unless you can show them your .....  
(a) recipe (b) receipt (c) bill (d) change
- Q4 My boss informed me that I had been nominated to ..... a sales pitch to one of our company's largest buyers.  
(a) make (b) perform (c) talk (d) do
- Q5 I saw a very good ..... advertised in the newspaper this week.  
(a) employment (b) occupation (c) work (d) job
- Q6 My wife has a ..... job at the department store.  
(a) half-time (b) spare-time (c) part-time (d) over-time
- Q7 The cardiologist gave his patient a ..... for some medicine.  
(a) recipe (b) statement (c) prescription (d) receipt
- Q8 When a fire broke out at the Louvre, at least twenty ..... paintings were destroyed, including two by Henri Matisse.  
(a) worthless (b) priceless (c) valueless (d) useless
- Q9 I must remember to fill in my tax ..... before the end of this week.  
(a) return (b) declaration (c) brochure (d) pamphlet
- Q10 Can you take this money to the bank and make a ..... for me?  
(a) loan (b) transaction (c) deposit (d) withdrawal

*Phrasal idioms with the verb 'run'*

- Q1 The Australian Labour Party doesn't currently have any politicians that would be capable of successfully ..... the Prime Minister at the next federal election.  
 (a) running away with (b) running for (c) running against (d) running down
- Q2 Hillary Clinton has not ruled out ..... president at the next election.  
 (a) running off (b) running for (c) running against (d) running down
- Q3 I decided to ..... my girlfriend and get married when I found out that her parents didn't like me because of my religion.  
 (a) run away with (b) run for (c) run against (d) run through
- Q4 My parents were very disappointed when they found out that I had ..... all their money.  
 (a) run off with (b) run for (c) run against (d) run into
- Q5 The ..... apartment block failed to attract any buyers and was taken off the market so renovations could be carried out.  
 (a) run-off (b) run-through (c) run-after (d) run-down
- Q6 Many children try to ..... from home for one reason or another at least once during their childhood.  
 (a) run away (b) run for (c) run against (d) run down
- Q7 It's so nice to ..... you again after all this time. I don't think I've seen you for at least twenty years.  
 (a) run out (b) run into (c) run after (d) run off
- Q8 Can you please ..... our marketing campaign with me one more time? I don't fully understand it yet.  
 (a) run off (b) run into (c) run through (d) run after
- Q9 Our dog loves to ..... the mail truck.  
 (a) run through (b) run over (c) run after (d) run in
- Q10 My mum had a ..... with my teacher for not allowing me to go to the toilet during class.  
 (a) run-on (b) run-in (c) rundown (d) run-off

*Traveling Down Under: How can I immigrate to Australia?*

- Q1 Tourists who try to visit Australia without a visa will usually be ..... entry into the country.  
 (a) refused (b) rejected (c) revoked (d) rebuked
- Q2 The Australian government has decided to increase the number of ..... available to skilled workers next year.  
 (a) passports (b) documents (c) visas (d) passes
- Q3 The Australian Minister for ..... has come under a lot of scrutiny lately for her department's decision to issue refugee status to boat people from Papua.  
 (a) Immigrant (b) Emigrant (c) Colonization (d) Immigration
- Q4 Newly arrived migrants must live in Australia for a period of two years before they are eligible to become permanent .....  
 (a) nationalities (b) populations (c) residents (d) inhabitants
- Q5 There has been a sharp increase in the number of boat people ..... to Australia in the past ten years.  
 (a) arriving (b) traveling (c) departing (d) transiting
- Q6 Australia is a(n) ..... country and therefore has the right to choose whether or not tourists are granted visas.  
 (a) independent (b) governing (c) autonomous (d) sovereign
- Q7 People with a known history of tuberculosis will automatically be ..... from entering Australia.  
 (a) refused (b) rejected (c) discarded (d) disqualified
- Q8 Australian citizens who are receiving social security benefits from the government are not permitted to ..... tourists wanting to travel to Australia.  
 (a) benefactor (b) sponsor (c) giver (d) donor
- Q9 Tourists involved in illegal activities such as drug trafficking and prostitution may have their visas ..... permanently and be banned from entering Australia at any time in the future.  
 (a) cancelled (b) called off (c) abandoned (d) annulled
- Q10 Retirement visas do not ..... to Australian permanent residency or citizenship. However, people with this type of visa may stay in Australia for a long period of time.  
 (a) lead (b) result (c) generate (d) develop

*How to describe people: attitude expressions*

- Q1 My wife is always ..... when she gets her period and becomes angry at me for no reason at all.  
 (a) jealous (b) talkative (c) content (d) bad-tempered
- Q2 Students at the school where I teach are very ..... They always hand in their homework on time.  
 (a) patient (b) lazy (c) reliable (d) friendly
- Q3 Glenn is very ..... He always helps out the underprivileged people in our community.  
 (a) creative (b) reticent (c) sociable (d) generous
- Q4 My little sister is so ..... at school that she is afraid to ask to go to the toilet.  
 (a) timid (b) intrepid (c) tolerant (d) envious
- Q5 Never ask Phoebe to dance while her husband is looking. He always gets so ..... of her.  
 (a) jealous (b) responsive (c) mortified (d) tolerant
- Q6 Our new teacher is very ..... If we don't understand something, she goes over it again and again until we do.  
 (a) lazy (b) shy (c) patient (d) friendly
- Q7 I think Indonesian people are very ..... They'll always come up to you in the street and try to practice their English.  
 (a) friendly (b) reliable (c) imaginative (d) bad-tempered
- Q8 Barry loves to talk a lot, doesn't he? In fact, I don't think I've ever met anyone quite as ..... as him.  
 (a) reserved (b) cantankerous (c) chatty (d) liberal
- Q9 Mary's husband is very ..... He never helps her with any of the chores around the house.  
 (a) vigorous (b) dependable (c) lazy (d) tolerant
- Q10 Our English teacher at school is very ..... He is always coming up with new games that help make learning fun.  
 (a) bland (b) creative (c) talkative (d) trustworthy

*Comparison with 'as .... as'*

- Q1 Teenage girls smoke almost ..... boys in many of the villages in West Java.  
 (a) as good as (b) as long as (c) as soon as (d) as much as
- Q2 I told my son that I would take him to the circus next week ..... he keeps his promise not to fight with his sister.  
 (a) as good as (b) as long as (c) as soon as (d) as much as
- Q3 You need to go to the hospital ..... possible. An erratic heartbeat can be very dangerous.  
 (a) as good as (b) as long as (c) as soon as (d) as much as
- Q4 Oh no! I failed all my exams last week. I'm ..... dead when my parents see my final report card.  
 (a) as good as (b) as long as (c) as soon as (d) as much as
- Q5 I bet you don't love me ..... I love you. That would be impossible!  
 (a) as good as (b) as long as (c) as soon as (d) as much as
- Q6 I will accept your marriage proposal ..... you promise to love me and take care of me forever.  
 (a) as good as (b) as long as (c) as soon as (d) as much as
- Q7 Rampant corruption in Indonesia will continue to happen ..... the government continues to deny that the problem exists.  
 (a) as good as (b) as long as (c) as soon as (d) as much as
- Q8 Many British housewives cannot understand why many British men love watching football twice ..... the women.  
 (a) as good as (b) as soon as (c) as long as (d) as much as
- Q9 Many anti-war protesters think that the President of the United States should withdraw his troops from Iraq ..... possible.  
 (a) as long as (b) as soon as (c) as good as (d) as much as
- Q10 A wise man once said that a change is almost ..... a holiday.  
 (a) as good as (b) as long as (c) as soon as (d) as much as

*English grammar and vocabulary questions*

- Q1 I had to keep my daughter home from school today because she had a ..... of 38 degrees.  
(a) fever (b) headache (c) temperature (d) warmth
- Q2 When we were in Bali last year, we ..... at a marvelous hotel overlooking the beach.  
(a) leased (b) lived (c) rented (d) stayed
- Q3 I usually ..... up at 6.30 every morning.  
(a) awake (b) rise (c) get (d) go
- Q4 Good afternoon. I ..... see the manager, please.  
(a) will (b) wish (c) like to (d) want to
- Q5 I thought Nancy said she ..... spend the weekend with her parents.  
(a) should (b) has (c) is (d) was going to
- Q6 I was wondering if you could ..... me to play the violin?  
(a) assist (b) teach (c) learn (d) study
- Q7 Would you ..... this letter to the post office, please?  
(a) send (b) take (c) retrieve (d) fetch
- Q8 I hate doing the ..... — especially cleaning the windows.  
(a) homework (b) housework (c) jobs (d) groundwork
- Q9 I got married ..... years ago.  
(a) for two (b) in two (c) at two (d) two
- Q10 I'm sorry but I haven't ..... today.  
(a) read my lesson (b) done my lesson (c) done my homework (d) studied my homework



*Compound words: 'aftermath', 'afterthought', 'afterbirth'*

- Q1 After experiencing too many late ..... sinking spells, The Duchess of Bedford arrived upon the idea of having tea and finger food at about 5 p.m.  
(a) afterwards (b) afterbirth (c) afternoon (d) aftertaste
- Q2 In the ..... of World War I, the political, cultural and social order of the world was drastically changed in many places, even outside the areas directly involved in the war.  
(a) afterwards (b) afterbirth (c) afternoon (d) aftermath
- Q3 I'm not convinced that the Christian ..... would mean much to me if I had to lie and cheat in order to attain it.  
(a) afternoon (b) aftertaste (c) afterlife (d) afterbirth
- Q4 It is better to halt mass murder than to clean it up .....  
(a) afterthought (b) aftermath (c) afterwards (d) afterlife
- Q5 The ..... is delivered during the third stage of labour.  
(a) afterthought (b) afterlife (c) aftertaste (d) afterbirth
- Q6 The fruity tones of this mild, balanced brew produce a delightful .....  
(a) afterthought (b) afternoon (c) aftertaste (d) afterlife
- Q7 Contrary to popular opinion, Judaism does believe in an ....., but it is not the primary focus of the religion.  
(a) afterthought (b) afternoon (c) aftertaste (d) afterlife
- Q8 We enjoyed the rest of our lunch ....., but I think we were both taken aback by the encounter we had when we first entered the restaurant.  
(a) afterwards (b) aftermath (c) afternoon (d) aftertaste
- Q9 Childcare is currently available for kindergarten children on Tuesday and Thursday ..... from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.  
(a) afterthoughts (b) afternoons (c) aftertastes (d) afterbirths
- Q10 The Emergency Response and Transitional Recovery Programme commenced activities in January 2005 in the immediate ..... of the Tsunami disaster of 26 December 2004.  
(a) afterthought (b) aftertaste (c) afternoon (d) aftermath

*Phrasal idioms with the verb 'drop'*

- Q1 Many parents assume that their children will ..... in school if they spend too much time playing video games.  
 (a) drop off (b) drop out (c) drop over (d) drop behind
- Q2 Children who ..... of school face a high risk of sexual exploitation, hazardous labor, and living in the street.  
 (a) drop off (b) drop out (c) drop behind (d) drop in
- Q3 It is not necessary to attend every class in order to participate, so please ..... and join the fun!  
 (a) drop off (b) drop in on (c) drop behind (d) drop in
- Q4 Students who are required to pass a test to enter the 9th grade are more likely to ..... prior to entering 10th grade.  
 (a) drop off (b) drop out (c) drop behind (d) drop in
- Q5 A 27-year-old Canadian woman confused the weekend with a weekday and ..... her 6-year-old at school on a Saturday.  
 (a) dropped off (b) dropped out (c) dropped behind (d) dropped in
- Q6 Visitors attending the annual Open House have the options of either participating in information sessions for their entire duration or ..... portions of the seminars based on their schedule and interest.  
 (a) dropping out (b) dropping in (c) dropping behind (d) dropping in on
- Q7 Special ramps for picking up and ..... passengers are provided at the curbs of the arrival and departure floors of each terminal.  
 (a) dropping off (b) dropping out (c) dropping behind (d) dropping in
- Q8 Unannounced visits are usual on campus, and guests are always welcome. Friends sometimes ..... one another, but it is mostly relatives who visit each other and mothers who frequently meet with their daughters.  
 (a) drop off (b) drop in on (c) drop behind (d) drop in
- Q9 Please ..... between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. this coming Wednesday, November 16, for drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and conversation.  
 (a) drop off (b) drop in on (c) drop in (d) drop behind
- Q10 Senior Constable Smith asked the suspect to ..... the police station at lunch time in order to answer some questions regarding his alleged involvement in a bank robbery.  
 (a) drop over (b) drop off (c) drop out (d) drop by

*Phrasal idioms with the verb 'pass'*

- Q1 The World Congress of Georgian Jews yesterday announced the ..... of their head rabbi.  
 (a) passing through (b) passing by (c) passing away (d) passing round
- Q2 Entrepreneurs have several options when it comes to ..... a family business to their children.  
 (a) passing over (b) passing out (c) passing by (d) passing on
- Q3 Don't ..... your opportunity to increase sales by leveraging the power of email marketing.  
 (a) pass up (b) pass out (c) pass by (d) pass round
- Q4 Once you ..... Prospect Street, we will be on the right hand side of the block, directly across the street from the museum.  
 (a) pass up (b) pass out (c) pass away (d) pass over
- Q5 If you were to ..... suddenly, your business could be tied up in probate court for several years.  
 (a) pass up (b) pass out (c) pass away (d) pass over
- Q6 Lawmakers shouldn't ..... the chance to regulate tobacco.  
 (a) pass up (b) pass out (c) pass away (d) pass over
- Q7 I can make myself ..... I do it by taking in a deep breath and then pushing all that air down. It takes me about 15 seconds.  
 (a) pass up (b) pass out (c) pass over (d) pass by
- Q8 Foreign companies will have to ..... the hat to pay for the extra costs of doing business in Indonesia.  
 (a) pass up (b) pass by (c) pass round (d) pass over
- Q9 Approximately 27,000 — 29,000 vehicles ..... the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel on a daily basis.  
 (a) pass through (b) pass out (c) pass away (d) pass on
- Q10 The ..... game is just a preadolescent version of autoerotic asphyxia paraphilia.  
 (a) pass through (b) pass out (c) pass by (d) pass over

*Airport and flight travel expressions*

- Q1 Check-in counters are open two hours before the scheduled flight ..... time.  
 (a) going (b) arrival (c) departure (d) transit
- Q2 It is the passenger's responsibility to ensure their ..... is valid for entry and they have fulfilled all immigration requirements in the country of destination.  
 (a) endorsement (b) passport (c) document (d) papers
- Q3 Passengers are required to produce appropriate ..... at the check-in counter.  
 (a) passport (b) visa (c) ticket (d) identification
- Q4 Passengers are advised to be at the ..... gate at least thirty minutes before the scheduled departure time of their flight.  
 (a) boarding (b) ticket (c) open (d) arrival
- Q5 If you fail to check in on time or fail to board the aircraft, the fare you paid will not be ..... to you for any reason whatsoever.  
 (a) resigned (b) remunerated (c) refunded (d) rewarded
- Q6 Children under age 12 will not be accepted for ..... unless they are accompanied by a person at least 18 years of age.  
 (a) journey (b) voyage (c) carriage (d) trip
- Q7 Passengers are strongly ..... not to check in valuable or fragile items as baggage.  
 (a) advised (b) informed (c) told (d) reminded
- Q8 Passengers are required to retrieve their ..... as soon as it is available for collection at their destination.  
 (a) ticket (b) baggage (c) boarding pass (d) passport
- Q9 It is the passenger's responsibility to ..... all outgoing flights at least 72 hours prior to departure.  
 (a) rebook (b) reorder (c) reserve (d) reconfirm
- Q10 Passengers must ..... at the airport sufficiently in advance of the scheduled flight departure time to permit completion of government formalities and check-in procedures.  
 (a) depart (b) transit (c) arrive (d) transfer

*Digital cameras, photography and picture vocabulary*

- Q1 To save ..... power, your camera will enter standby mode if no operations are performed for a preset length of time.  
(a) battery (b) tripod (c) memory (d) lens
- Q2 Pictures stored on the ..... can be printed in the same way as photos taken with a film camera.  
(a) memory (b) zoom (c) flash (d) memory card
- Q3 When the ..... is on, pictures are taken ten seconds after the shutter-release button is pressed.  
(a) tripod (b) view finder (c) power switch (d) self-timer
- Q4 One key to cleaning the ..... of your camera is not to touch it with your fingers.  
(a) zoom (b) eyelet (c) lens (d) tripod
- Q5 Pictures can be ..... by inserting a memory card containing images into a printer or having prints made at a digital photo lab.  
(a) taken (b) shot (c) printed (d) exposed
- Q6 The ..... on your camera may not be able to light the entire subject at distances of less than 40 centimeters.  
(a) lens (b) flash (c) zoom (d) microphone
- Q7 Pictures taken with a digital camera are stored as ..... files.  
(a) image (b) memory (c) compression (d) analogue
- Q8 To reduce the amount of memory each image occupies, pictures are ..... as they are saved to the memory card.  
(a) enlarged (b) compressed (c) spread out (d) deleted
- Q9 Pictures are stored in ..... created automatically by the camera.  
(a) memory (b) displays (c) folders (d) focus
- Q10 If your camera fails to ..... as expected, you should check the troubleshooting section of your instruction manual.  
(a) photograph (b) snapshot (c) function (d) display

*Expressions with death, marriage and divorce*

- Q1 Her father's ..... came as a great shock to all those who knew him.  
 (a) dead (b) died (c) death (d) die
- Q2 Did you hear? James and Beth ..... last week.  
 (a) get married (b) been married (c) got married (d) have married
- Q3 Our poor old dog is ..... We've had him for fourteen years. He just sleeps all day long.  
 (a) dead (b) dying (c) death (d) die
- Q4 The young girl screamed when she saw the ..... body sprawled out on her living room floor.  
 (a) dead (b) dying (c) death (d) die
- Q5 We had a lovely ..... in a small country church. The ceremony was presided over by our parish priest.  
 (a) reception (b) marriage (c) wedding (d) honeymoon
- Q6 My great-grandfather's body was lost at sea in a horrific boat accident yesterday. A ..... will be held for him at the Presbyterian church next Thursday.  
 (a) funeral (b) burial (c) cremation (d) memorial service
- Q7 Helen is planning to ..... with Michael.  
 (a) marry (b) elope (c) engage (d) divorce
- Q8 Sterility is not adequate grounds for divorce or ..... in New Zealand.  
 (a) annulment (b) nuptials (c) matrimony (d) marriage
- Q9 Marriage ceremonies must take place ..... 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. in a room with an open door in Manitoba.  
 (a) after (b) between (c) from (d) during
- Q10 The body of my late wife was laid to rest in a beautiful cedar ..... adorned with twelve dozen white roses.  
 (a) casket (b) wreath (c) grave (d) morgue

*Mobile telecommunication expressions*

- Q1 You can receive, display, edit and/or send text messages on any network that has a ..... agreement.  
 (a) multimedia messaging service (b) roaming  
 (c) short message service (d) mailbox
- Q2 It is ..... for drivers to exercise proper control of their vehicle at all times whilst using the mobile phone.  
 (a) irrelevant (b) illegal (c) imperative (d) inconsequential
- Q3 Before removing the battery from your phone, please ensure that the device is switched off and the ..... is disconnected from the handset.  
 (a) charger (b) antenna (c) ear piece (d) infrared port
- Q4 You can transfer data between two cellular phones by using the ..... connection located on the front of your phone.  
 (a) hands free (b) main (c) infra red (d) charger
- Q5 Recently ..... phone numbers, answered calls and missed calls are stored in the call log.  
 (a) deleted (b) added (c) fixed (d) dialed
- Q6 Before Internet services can be accessed on your cellular phone, you need to ..... to your network operator to enable the relevant configuration information.  
 (a) subscribe (b) contact (c) get in touch with (d) make contact with
- Q7 Cell broadcasts allow users to ..... messages on specified topics, such as traffic and weather information from their network operator.  
 (a) receive (b) dispatch (c) process (d) translate
- Q8 The message centre number for your network ..... should be preprogrammed on your SIM card.  
 (a) contributor (b) supplier (c) contractor (d) provider
- Q9 When you receive an MMS message on your phone, the message ..... is displayed along with a tone, illumination and/or vibration.  
 (a) box (b) icon (c) key (d) connector
- Q10 Some hand phones are designed to be ..... with certain multimedia messaging services.  
 (a) communicable (b) comfortable (c) comparable (d) compatible

*Phrasal idioms with the verb 'pull'*

- Q1 I was told that his chances for ..... the surgery were slim and if he did make it, he was given little hope for the next 24 hours.  
(a) pulling in (b) pulling out (c) pulling through (d) pulling down
- Q2 "If you don't behave," my father said, "I'm going to ..... right here, and you can wait by the side of the road till we come and get you."  
(a) pull over (b) pull out (c) pull through (d) pull down
- Q3 ..... this period has given me the confidence and courage to pursue anything I want to despite the hard times.  
(a) Pulling off (b) Pulling out (c) Pulling through (d) Pulling in
- Q4 Children should never be allowed to play in driveways because one never knows when someone may .....  
(a) pull over (b) pull off (c) pull through (d) pull in
- Q5 President Bush said last Saturday that ..... of Iraq now is not an option and rejected calls by some lawmakers to start bringing U.S. troops home.  
(a) pulling off (b) pulling out (c) pulling through (d) pulling in
- Q6 The M4 bisects the Downs and the rest of the county from east to west. The noise affects a wide area either side of the motorway and can ..... real estate prices.  
(a) pull over (b) pull out (c) pull through (d) pull down
- Q7 Cyclists should always remember that motorists will frequently cross the bike lane to park and ..... and out of driveways.  
(a) pull over (b) pull out (c) pull through (d) pull in
- Q8 Rescue teams rushed to the site and started ..... bodies from beneath the wreckage of the five-story Al Ghaza Hotel.  
(a) pulling in (b) pulling out (c) pulling through (d) pulling down
- Q9 If you experience a breakdown, you should ..... to the side of the road and raise the hood of your car.  
(a) pull over (b) pull out (c) pull through (d) pull down
- Q10 One of the most memorable images of the war was created when U.S. troops ..... the statue of Saddam Hussein in Fardus Square.  
(a) pulled over (b) pulled out (c) pulled through (d) pulled down



*Phrasal idioms with the verb 'get'*

- Q1 After the small talk was over, it was time for the two heads of state to ..... discussions concerning bilateral relations between the two countries.  
 (a) get through with (b) get by with (c) get down to (d) get around
- Q2 My accountant advised me that one of the best ways to ..... paying taxes in my own country was to set up an offshore bank account.  
 (a) get away with (b) get by with (c) get down to (d) get around
- Q3 The high school teacher was so strict that he would not let his students ..... any of the stunts that they tried to pull with their previous teacher.  
 (a) get away with (b) get by with (c) get down to (d) get around
- Q4 Train passengers wishing to go to the football match were advised to ..... the train at the next stop.  
 (a) get on with (b) get off (c) get in (d) get on
- Q5 By the time I ..... you, you will be sorry that you ever stepped foot on the face of this earth!  
 (a) get through with (b) get by with (c) get down to (d) get around
- Q6 The referee instructed both captains to stop their complaining and ..... the rugby match.  
 (a) get by with (b) get on with (c) get through with (d) get by with
- Q7 The days when Americans can ..... in the world on English only will soon be gone.  
 (a) get in (b) get off (c) get by (d) get on
- Q8 Please mind your step when you ..... the train.  
 (a) get on with (b) get by with (c) get by (d) get on
- Q9 I knew that I had to ..... early the next morning, so I set my alarm for 4.30 a.m.  
 (a) get on (b) get off (c) get up (d) get out
- Q10 Employees at the reinsurance company were finding it very difficult to ..... with their new manager.  
 (a) get along (b) get away (c) get through (d) get out

*Phrasal idioms with the verb 'go'*

|     |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Q1  | Pakistani viewers will no longer be able to watch their favorite Bollywood movies, as the government has decided that all Indian cable channels will ..... the air at the end of this month.         |
|     | (a) go off                      (b) go out                      (c) go on                      (d) go over                                                                                           |
| Q2  | Would you rather ..... for Chinese food or Italian food?                                                                                                                                             |
|     | (a) go off                      (b) go out                      (c) go on                      (d) go over                                                                                           |
| Q3  | The mayor has allowed vendors to ..... to their old place after many of them complained of lowered income following the implementation of the night market last week.                                |
|     | (a) go back                      (b) go out                      (c) go on                      (d) go off                                                                                           |
| Q4  | Rosie overslept because her alarm clock didn't ..... this morning.                                                                                                                                   |
|     | (a) go off                      (b) go over                      (c) go on                      (d) go back                                                                                          |
| Q5  | The families of the seven astronauts lost aboard the space shuttle Columbia told NASA last Monday that space exploration must .....                                                                  |
|     | (a) go out                      (b) go over                      (c) go off                      (d) go on                                                                                           |
| Q6  | Indonesia's fuel subsidies could ..... 100 trillion Rupiah (\$9.6 billion) due to high prices and fuel scarcity in parts of the world's fourth most populous country, its president said on Tuesday. |
|     | (a) go on                      (b) go over                      (c) go out                      (d) go off                                                                                           |
| Q7  | Two out of every five companies struck by disaster ..... of business.                                                                                                                                |
|     | (a) go back                      (b) go over                      (c) go out                      (d) go off                                                                                         |
| Q8  | ..... the railroad tracks, and at the traffic light, go straight. Continue to the next stoplight on Broad St. and turn right onto Markham Ave. The library is the first building on the left.        |
|     | (a) Go back                      (b) Go over                      (c) Go out                      (d) Go off                                                                                         |
| Q9  | A chiropractor who claims he can treat anyone by ..... in time to when an injury occurred has attracted the attention of State regulators.                                                           |
|     | (a) going out                      (b) going off                      (c) going back                      (d) going over                                                                             |
| Q10 | Earlier this morning the wind was blowing at about 25 mph and the temperature was -5 F. It was way too cold to ..... jogging.                                                                        |
|     | (a) go back                      (b) go over                      (c) go out                      (d) go off                                                                                         |

*Phrasal Verbs (A to B)*

- Q1 Sherri tries to ..... Marcie all the time.  
 (a) act up (b) act like (c) seeming like
- Q2 When he tried to balance his checkbook, he found that things just didn't .....  
 (a) add on (b) add right (c) add up
- Q3 Ken really likes Kirstie, but he's too nervous to .....  
 (a) ask her out (b) ask her on (c) ask out
- Q4 Lenny didn't ..... when his superior reprimanded him.  
 (a) back up (b) back down (c) back over
- Q5 Norman is really aggressive, and sometimes he should know when to .....  
 (a) back up (b) back off (c) back over
- Q6 Sandy wants to learn how to drive, but she must also learn how to ..... so she can get in and out of parking spots easily.  
 (a) back up (b) back behind (c) back off
- Q7 No one at the office expected him to lose his temper and ..... the way he did.  
 (a) blow away (b) blow over (c) blow up
- Q8 After the tragic accident, Lauren's mother had a nervous .....  
 (a) breakup (b) breakdown (c) breakthrough
- Q9 Kathy felt a little uneasy when she found out her neighbours had a .....  
 (a) break-in (b) breakout (c) break
- Q10 No one in the group could believe that Sally and Steve .....  
 (a) broke over (b) broke up (c) broke apart

*Phrasal Verbs (B to C)*

- Q1 Marty often ..... important issues at the meetings.  
(a) brought down (b) brought up (c) brought over
- Q2 Sue felt she should ..... on her math skills before she started school.  
(a) brush on (b) brush over (c) brush up
- Q3 He could feel the back of his neck ..... when they started talking about the tragedy.  
(a) burn on (b) burn in (c) burn up
- Q4 Candace has a bad habit of ..... in front of others.  
(a) butting in (b) butting at (c) butting into
- Q5 Ken tried to ..... his teachers in order to get a good report card.  
(a) butter up (b) butter over (c) butter in
- Q6 The guard had to ..... the dogs when the master approached the locked gate.  
(a) call on (b) call down (c) call off
- Q7 Everyone could see by the grimace on his face that he didn't ..... the meal in front of him.  
(a) care on (b) care for (c) care of
- Q8 He didn't ..... to new concepts easily.  
(a) catch on (b) catch up (c) catch with
- Q9 They ..... the hotel late last night.  
(a) checked into (b) checked on (c) checked
- Q10 After his illness, he worked hard to ..... on his missed schoolwork.  
(a) catch back (b) catch up (c) catch

*Action verbs and sports expressions*

|     |                                                                            |                |               |               |                 |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Q1  | People have ..... against each other in bowling for thousands of years.    | (a) originated | (b) competed  | (c) enjoyed   | (d) gained      |
| Q2  | The French probably originally ..... tennis in about 1150.                 | (a) developed  | (b) imagined  | (c) competed  | (d) invented    |
| Q3  | Martina Navratilova ..... into one of the world's greatest tennis players. | (a) excelled   | (b) played    | (c) developed | (d) established |
| Q4  | Michael Schumacher has ..... Formula 1 racing over the past decade.        | (a) competed   | (b) invented  | (c) dominated | (d) excelled    |
| Q5  | Helen Moody ..... a record of eight Wimbledon singles titles.              | (a) set        | (b) played    | (c) starred   | (d) defeated    |
| Q6  | In Germany during the Middle Ages, people ..... bowling at village dances. | (a) competed   | (b) gained    | (c) enjoyed   | (d) brought     |
| Q7  | Ellen Hanson ..... the first singles crown at the U.S. Open in 1887.       | (a) developed  | (b) dominated | (c) earned    | (d) starred     |
| Q8  | Mary E. Outerbridge ..... the first tennis court in New York City in 1874. | (a) originated | (b) competed  | (c) dominated | (d) established |
| Q9  | Althea Gibson ..... to play tennis on the streets of New York City.        | (a) earned     | (b) learned   | (c) competed  | (d) excelled    |
| Q10 | In 1926, Suzanne Lenglen ..... in the first U.S. professional tennis tour. | (a) invented   | (b) learned   | (c) starred   | (d) enjoyed     |

*English prepositions exercises*

|     |                                                                   |                 |                  |                    |                |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Q1  | Please place the umbrella stand ..... the door.                   | (a) across      | (b) beside       | (c) through        | (d) before     |
| Q2  | You can get extra supplies ..... the stationery store.            | (a) with        | (b) from         | (c) about          | (d) during     |
| Q3  | Eileen and Miranda have been best friends ..... third grade.      | (a) after       | (b) during       | (c) while          | (d) since      |
| Q4  | We can do this work ..... any extra help.                         | (a) without     | (b) withdraw     | (c) with           | (d) within     |
| Q5  | Michael stood ..... the other new students in his class.          | (a) apart from  | (b) according to | (c) in addition to | (d) out of     |
| Q6  | We ran five laps ..... the gym and then practiced our jump shots. | (a) against     | (b) across       | (c) around         | (d) among      |
| Q7  | During my study time, I came ..... this beautiful poem.           | (a) past        | (b) over         | (c) onto           | (d) upon       |
| Q8  | Will you please write about John Cabot ..... Abigail Adams?       | (a) in front of | (b) in spite of  | (c) instead of     | (d) into       |
| Q9  | Everyone went outside the building ..... the false alarm.         | (a) because of  | (b) in front of  | (c) on top of      | (d) instead of |
| Q10 | The airplane flew ..... the storm.                                | (a) about       | (b) above        | (c) along          | (d) ahead      |

*'This', 'that', 'these', 'those'*

|     |                                                                             |           |           |           |           |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Q1  | Look over there. .... is the biggest pumpkin I've ever seen!                | (a) That  | (b) Those | (c) These | (d) This  |
| Q2  | Miriam told ..... same joke yesterday.                                      | (a) these | (b) them  | (c) that  | (d) those |
| Q3  | Matthew, take ..... and put it over there.                                  | (a) this  | (b) them  | (c) these | (d) those |
| Q4  | Her eyes shining, the little girl pointed to ..... piece of candy.          | (a) that  | (b) them  | (c) these | (d) those |
| Q5  | ..... elephants are sleeping under the shade of the baobab tree over there. | (a) These | (b) Those | (c) This  | (d) That  |
| Q6  | ..... are the best days of our lives.                                       | (a) These | (b) This  | (c) Those | (d) That  |
| Q7  | ..... students at the administration office want to transfer to our school. | (a) Those | (b) That  | (c) This  | (d) These |
| Q8  | The pilot calmly steered us through ..... big cloud.                        | (a) this  | (b) that  | (c) these | (d) those |
| Q9  | ..... film that Dad saw last week seems like an interesting movie to watch. | (a) These | (b) That  | (c) This  | (d) Those |
| Q10 | May I buy five of ..... pictures hanging over there, please?                | (a) this  | (b) that  | (c) these | (d) those |

*Common subordinating conjunctions*

|     |                                                                                    |              |              |              |              |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Q1  | Builders use plywood in the construction of small boats ..... it is easy to shape. | (a) although | (b) because  | (c) after    | (d) while    |
| Q2  | I haven't spoken with Jane ..... she moved.                                        | (a) unless   | (b) while    | (c) since    | (d) although |
| Q3  | Airplanes sometimes fly to unscheduled cities ..... the weather is bad.            | (a) when     | (b) where    | (c) wherever | (d) whereas  |
| Q4  | Please read the book ..... it's still available from the library.                  | (a) before   | (b) although | (c) since    | (d) while    |
| Q5  | Everybody had dessert ..... they finished eating the main course.                  | (a) while    | (b) because  | (c) until    | (d) after    |
| Q6  | The pep rally won't begin ..... the last class of the day has ended.               | (a) until    | (b) so that  | (c) since    | (d) than     |
| Q7  | Elena will groom the horse in the morning ..... she can ride it in the afternoon.  | (a) until    | (b) unless   | (c) so that  | (d) when     |
| Q8  | You will receive extra credit ..... you turn in your project early.                | (a) although | (b) than     | (c) if       | (d) unless   |
| Q9  | The concert will end at 10.30 p.m. .... the audience insists on several encores.   | (a) while    | (b) unless   | (c) though   | (d) as       |
| Q10 | ..... they feel threatened, dogs sometimes display aggressive behavior.            | (a) Until    | (b) During   | (c) When     | (d) Before   |



*Reflexive and intensive pronouns*

- Q1 One person who made ..... a career based on the sea was the authoress Rachel Carson.  
 (a) himself (b) herself (c) itself (d) myself
- Q2 Deep-sea divers wear wetsuits to protect ..... under the water.  
 (a) ourselves (b) yourselves (c) themselves (d) itself
- Q3 If you were a diver, you would buy ..... a JIM suit or helmet.  
 (a) myself (b) himself (c) yourself (d) herself
- Q4 Divers use external air supplies to enable ..... to breathe under water.  
 (a) ourselves (b) yourselves (c) himself (d) themselves
- Q5 Decompression sickness manifests ..... with joint pain and can be fatal.  
 (a) myself (b) herself (c) itself (d) himself
- Q6 Rachel Carson's first book, Under the Sea-Wind, described struggles sea creatures find ..... facing.  
 (a) ourselves (b) yourselves (c) themselves (d) itself
- Q7 Rachel Carson's life was marked with conservation efforts that we ..... can learn from.  
 (a) ourselves (b) yourselves (c) themselves (d) herself
- Q8 Rachel Carson put on a diver's helmet and explored the reefs of the Florida Keys for .....  
 (a) myself (b) himself (c) herself (d) ourself
- Q9 The bends occurs when divers raise ..... to the surface too quickly.  
 (a) ourselves (b) themselves (c) yourselves (d) itself
- Q10 A diver must supply ..... with a mixture of oxygen and different gasses.  
 (a) himself (b) itself (c) yourself (d) myself

*Simple Present, Simple Past, Simple Future*

|     |                                                                      |              |               |                   |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Q1  | The candidate ..... many voters when she ran for governor last year. | (a) impress  | (b) impressed | (c) will impress  |
| Q2  | My father still ..... heating oil from a company in Chicago.         | (a) buys     | (b) bought    | (c) will buy      |
| Q3  | Janelle ..... for the neighbours next Saturday night.                | (a) baby-sat | (b) baby-sit  | (c) will baby-sit |
| Q4  | When she was younger, my grandmother ..... in a mortuary.            | (a) works    | (b) will work | (c) worked        |
| Q5  | The athlete ..... with the college track team next month.            | (a) trains   | (b) trained   | (c) will train    |
| Q6  | The relative humidity usually ..... when the temperature goes down.  | (a) falls    | (b) fell      | (c) will fall     |
| Q7  | Next year we ..... in the eighth grade.                              | (a) are      | (b) will be   | (c) were          |
| Q8  | Her best friend ..... in that apartment building over there.         | (a) live     | (b) lives     | (c) living        |
| Q9  | Last week we ..... 150 newspapers.                                   | (a) delivers | (b) delivered | (c) will deliver  |
| Q10 | Yesterday you ..... you would like to learn how to knit a sweater.   | (a) said     | (b) say       | (c) will say      |

*Expressions with 'ill': 'ill at ease', 'ill-mannered'*

- Q1 A Christian should abandon all ..... toward the person they forgive.  
 (a) ill will (b) ill timing (c) ill manners (d) ill at ease
- Q2 Impolite, foul-mouthed parents invariably produce ....., foul-mouthed children.  
 (a) ill-timed (b) ill-advised (c) ill-mannered (d) ill-gotten
- Q3 The president clearly felt a little ..... with some of the protesters' rhetoric, but he eventually agreed to talk to them.  
 (a) ill gotten (b) ill mannered (c) ill at ease (d) ill advised
- Q4 To end suffering completely, one must remove desire, ..... and ignorance.  
 (a) ill will (b) ill manners (c) ill timing (d) ill at ease
- Q5 The decision of the Sri Lankan selectors to rest Marvan Atapattu for the third test match was ..... and dangerous.  
 (a) ill gotten (b) ill at ease (c) ill timed (d) ill mannered
- Q6 Using their ..... and extraordinary financial resources and insider dealing, the oligarchs gained control over much of Russia's political apparatus.  
 (a) ill mannered (b) ill gotten (c) ill timed (d) ill advised
- Q7 According to the Small Business Association (SBA), "Inadequate or ..... financing is a major reason for small-business failure."  
 (a) ill mannered (b) ill at ease (c) ill advised (d) ill timed
- Q8 Today's youth is far more disorderly and ..... than in the past, and it is not just a minority but the vast majority.  
 (a) ill gotten (b) ill timed (c) ill mannered (d) ill at ease
- Q9 Some immigrants of middle-eastern descent currently living in Oregon still feel ..... after the September 11th terrorist attacks.  
 (a) ill advised (b) ill at ease (c) ill mannered (d) ill gotten
- Q10 The world has suffered more from the ravages of ..... marriages than from virginity.  
 (a) ill-advised (b) ill-at-ease (c) ill-gotten (d) ill-willed

*Phrasal idioms with the verb 'fall'*

- Q1 David Beckham's ..... Sir Alex Ferguson originated from his decision to stay at home and tend his ailing son rather than attend training on that particular Friday.  
(a) fall-through (b) fall behind in (c) fallback on (d) fallout with
- Q2 Don't always ..... creating another database or a work-around program, because there may actually be a better business solution for the problem.  
(a) fall through (b) fall behind in (c) fall back on (d) fall out with
- Q3 Frequent binge drinkers are eight times more likely than non-binge drinkers to miss a class, ..... schoolwork, get hurt or injured, or damage property.  
(a) fall behind (b) fall behind in (c) fall back on (d) fall off
- Q4 Student mentors catch children before they ..... the cracks.  
(a) fall through (b) fall behind (c) fall back on (d) fall out with
- Q5 The northeastern state of Assam could ..... the Indian map soon.  
(a) fall behind (b) fall behind in (c) fall back on (d) fall off
- Q6 A Brussels-based think tank reported that Europe is ..... Asia in terms of education and skills.  
(a) falling behind (b) falling behind in (c) falling back on (d) falling off
- Q7 She had no family support system to ....., and she couldn't afford daycare.  
(a) fall behind (b) fall behind in (c) fall back on (d) fall off
- Q8 A recent survey showed that one in three house hunters have had a property purchase .....  
(a) fall through (b) fall behind (c) fall back on (d) fall out with
- Q9 Some married couples ..... each other over differences of opinion on how things could or should be done.  
(a) fall through (b) fall behind in (c) fall back on (d) fall out with
- Q10 Deciduous trees send messages to leaves telling them when to .....  
(a) fall through (b) fall behind (c) fall back on (d) fall off

*Phrasal idioms with the verb 'put'*

- Q1 Our daily habits often force us to ..... all kinds of degrading and destructive events, all in the name of keeping things comfortable or familiar.  
 (a) put up (b) put up with (c) put on hold (d) put out
- Q2 A Russian culture festival on Tajik territory has been ..... indefinitely because of a local typhoid fever outbreak.  
 (a) put off (b) put in (c) put on (d) put out
- Q3 The Government has decided to ..... the recent Cabinet decision to cut the food subsidy bill by 30 per cent, following protests from a section of Congress.  
 (a) put up (b) put out (c) put on hold (d) put in
- Q4 ..... your garbage at the designated pickup point by 8 a.m. on the collection days scheduled for your area.  
 (a) Put off (b) Put in (c) Put out (d) Put on
- Q5 It was reported that Hyundai Motor Co. will ..... a car-assembly plant in the Philippines after the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and South Korea forged a free trade agreement.  
 (a) put up (b) put in (c) put up with (d) put out
- Q6 Sweaters are easy to ....., comfortable, warm, and above all, stylish.  
 (a) put off (b) put in (c) put on (d) put out
- Q7 After a flood of proposals, the United Nations was ..... charge of sorting out differences among countries who are offering to build a tsunami early warning system in the wake of the Indian Ocean tragedy.  
 (a) put in (b) put up with (c) put on hold (d) put out
- Q8 Homeowners ..... a kitchen fire last Sunday night, only to discover that the fire was spreading inside the walls of their home.  
 (a) put off (b) put in (c) put on (d) put out
- Q9 French soldiers decided to ..... a Punch and Judy show for their American counterparts.  
 (a) put on (b) put in (c) put off (d) put out
- Q10 A Betawi couple hoping to marry last weekend were forced to ..... their wedding ceremony until law and order had been restored in the city.  
 (a) put on (b) put in (c) put off (d) put out

*Reported commands: reported speech*

- Q1 "Would you like to spend the weekend with us?" -- They ..... her to spend the weekend with them.  
(a) advised (b) ordered (c) invited (d) begged
- Q2 "Could you open the window please?" -- She ..... him to open the window.  
(a) reminded (b) ordered (c) asked (d) warned
- Q3 "Go to bed immediately!" -- Mary's mother ..... her to go to bed immediately.  
(a) advised (b) begged (c) asked (d) ordered
- Q4 "Don't forget to post the letter!" -- He ..... me to post the letter.  
(a) reminded (b) ordered (c) begged (d) asked
- Q5 "Park the car behind the van." -- The instructor ..... him to park the car behind the van.  
(a) offered (b) told (c) asked (d) ordered
- Q6 "Please, please, turn down the radio!" -- Mark's sister ..... him to turn the radio down.  
(a) reminded (b) ordered (c) asked (d) begged
- Q7 "Don't play with matches. They're very dangerous." -- The teacher ..... the children not to play with matches.  
(a) ordered (b) asked (c) warned (d) begged
- Q8 "I'll give you a lift to the airport." -- Michelle ..... to give her husband a lift to the airport.  
(a) refused (b) offered (c) asked (d) begged
- Q9 "I won't lend you any more money." -- Matthew ..... to lend me any more money.  
(a) offered (b) asked (c) refused (d) invited
- Q10 The teacher said to her student, "You need to study harder." -- She ..... him to study harder.  
(a) asked (b) advised (c) ordered (d) begged

*Doing business: expressions with the word 'business'*

- Q1 A ..... represents written documentation of the vital issues necessary to convince investors that a particular opportunity is worthy of investment.  
(a) business class (b) business card (c) business park (d) business plan
- Q2 Whether you are looking for a job or running a company, giving out ..... is crucial to marketing your skills or services.  
(a) business studies (b) business cards (c) business hours (d) business plans
- Q3 ..... passengers have a lavatory reserved for their exclusive use.  
(a) Business hours (b) Business park (c) Business class (d) Business card
- Q4 The Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center ..... are 8 am through 5 pm Monday through Friday.  
(a) business hours (b) business cards (c) business suits (d) business parks
- Q5 Today, it is rare to see a ..... worn with a waistcoat in North America, although it is still popular among conservative-minded businessmen in the rest of the world.  
(a) business park (b) business card (c) business suit (d) business plan
- Q6 Well, here we are rapidly approaching the ..... of the season.  
(a) business card (b) business park (c) business end (d) business suit
- Q7 The Economics & Business Education Association represents teachers and lecturers of ..... and related subjects in schools and colleges throughout the UK.  
(a) business hours (b) business studies (c) business parks (d) businessmen
- Q8 Our ..... attitude is reserved entirely for the way we behave at work.  
(a) business wise (b) business card (c) businesswoman (d) businesslike
- Q9 We offer ..... e-mail services that give you superior spam and fraud protection and a custom domain name in your e-mail, all for a reasonable price.  
(a) business card (b) business class (c) business end (d) business plan
- Q10 Data marts can be a good way to serve the data needs of a particular set of ..... users, allowing specialized functions such as data cleansing, joining, formatting and transformations to be performed automatically.  
(a) business plan (b) business card (c) business end (d) business suit

*Australiana: expressions that describe life in Australia*

- Q1 Australia is roughly the same ..... as the United States but with less than a tenth of the people.  
 (a) bulk (b) landmass (c) size (d) volume
- Q2 In a 2003 survey conducted by the United Nations, Australia came in fourth among the best ..... in the world to live based on based on income, education and life expectancy.  
 (a) regions (b) provinces (c) territories (d) countries
- Q3 Australia is located in the Southern Hemisphere, so the ..... are opposite to those in the Northern Hemisphere.  
 (a) times (b) seasons (c) months (d) years
- Q4 Melbourne is Australia's second largest city and was recently ..... the best city in the world in which to live.  
 (a) decided (b) given (c) voted (d) awarded
- Q5 Adelaide is ..... in Southern Australia and is the quintessential picture of charm with its colonial architecture.  
 (a) located (b) placed (c) established (d) to be found
- Q6 Perth is the most western town of Australia and holds the ..... of having more sun-filled hours than most of Australia's other capital cities.  
 (a) peculiarity (b) admiration (c) notoriety (d) distinction
- Q7 Perth offers an eclectic ..... within the breathtaking backdrop of grassy parks, towering palm trees and endless waterways.  
 (a) daily life (b) life (c) everyday life (d) lifestyle
- Q8 If you're looking for a spectacular ..... of life in a diverse country, then Australia is well worth serious consideration.  
 (a) quantity (b) superiority (c) quality (d) meaning
- Q9 Whether you ..... in the fast pace of big city life or crave the tranquility of the desert, Australia is such a diverse country that you're likely to find exactly what you are seeking.  
 (a) like (b) thrive (c) enjoy (d) benefit
- Q10 In a world that is often turned upside down with ....., Australia still paints a picture of tranquility, a laidback lifestyle and a "can-do" attitude.  
 (a) turmoil (b) order (c) protest (d) disturbance



*Facts about pizza in the US: pizza industry expressions*

|     |                                                                                                     |                 |                 |                |                         |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Q1  | Americans are the greatest ..... and consumers of pizza in the world.                               | (a) creators    | (b) producers   | (c) inventors  | (d) users               |
| Q2  | Americans eat 350 ..... of pizza per second.                                                        | (a) slices      | (b) segments    | (c) parts      | (d) fragments           |
| Q3  | There are 61,269 ..... in the United States.                                                        | (a) pizza users | (b) pizzas      | (c) pizzerias  | (d) pizza pies          |
| Q4  | Pizza is a \$30 billion-per-year .....                                                              | (a) corporation | (b) company     | (c) industry   | (d) conglomerate        |
| Q5  | October is National Pizza ..... in the United States.                                               | (a) Day         | (b) Year        | (c) Month      | (d) Week                |
| Q6  | The world's ..... pizzeria opened in Naples in 1830.                                                | (a) latest      | (b) last        | (c) first      | (d) newest              |
| Q7  | Pizza Hut has over 12,000 restaurants ..... the world.                                              | (a) through     | (b) all through | (c) throughout | (d) all the way through |
| Q8  | Pepperoni is the pizza ..... that Americans like the most.                                          | (a) component   | (b) topping     | (c) part       | (d) element             |
| Q9  | Pizza ..... to America with the Italians at the end of the nineteenth century.                      | (a) roamed      | (b) wandered    | (c) drifted    | (d) migrated            |
| Q10 | The popularity of pizza really ..... when American soldiers returned from Italy after World War II. | (a) detonated   | (b) exploded    | (c) blasted    | (d) blew up             |

*Who wants to be a millionaire?*

|     |                                                                                                                             |                  |                 |                 |                  |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Q1  | Many people have ..... about winning a big prize in the lottery.                                                            | (a) imagined     | (b) visualized  | (c) fantasized  | (d) discovered   |
| Q2  | For many people, their way of life is closely linked to their ..... circumstances.                                          | (a) economic     | (b) ergonomic   | (c) profitable  | (d) money        |
| Q3  | Most people like the ..... of not having to work.                                                                           | (a) scheme       | (b) suggestion  | (c) design      | (d) idea         |
| Q4  | People who win the lottery are usually advised not to ..... their address and phone number.                                 | (a) douse        | (b) screen      | (c) transmit    | (d) publicize    |
| Q5  | There are many stories about people who couldn't ..... how to be rich.                                                      | (a) teach        | (b) cram        | (c) learn       | (d) revise       |
| Q6  | A sailor from Sweden won three million dollars in the lottery and handed it to ..... shipmates and strangers in the street. | (a) preceding    | (b) former      | (c) before      | (d) earlier      |
| Q7  | All over the world, lotteries ..... new millionaires every week.                                                            | (a) construct    | (b) craft       | (c) build       | (d) create       |
| Q8  | A 45-year-old cook from Sydney ..... three weeks after winning 10 million dollars in the lottery.                           | (a) dropped away | (b) dropped out | (c) dropped off | (d) dropped dead |
| Q9  | In 1989, a Los Angeles woman won 7 million dollars in the lottery and immediately went on a(n) ..... spree.                 | (a) indulging    | (b) gorging     | (c) spending    | (d) fussing      |
| Q10 | Many people ..... about what they would do with their money if they won the lottery.                                        | (a) plan         | (b) dream       | (c) vision      | (d) hallucinate  |

*Pablo Picasso: expressions describing the Picasso's life*

|     |                                                                                                                |                 |               |                  |                   |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Q1  | Pablo Picasso showed his ..... from a very young age.                                                          | (a) genius      | (b) brain     | (c) master mind  | (d) clever        |
| Q2  | Picasso hated school and often ..... to go unless he could take his pet with him.                              | (a) rebuked     | (b) rebuffed  | (c) rejected     | (d) refused       |
| Q3  | Picasso's ..... of people were often made up of triangles and squares with their features in the wrong places. | (a) likenesses  | (b) portraits | (c) descriptions | (d) images        |
| Q4  | Picasso died of heart failure during an ..... of influenza in 1973.                                            | (a) attack      | (b) assault   | (c) offence      | (d) assail        |
| Q5  | Picasso's work ..... ideas about art around the world.                                                         | (a) misused     | (b) ruined    | (c) changed      | (d) tainted       |
| Q6  | Picasso was ..... on October 25, 1881 in Malaga, Spain.                                                        | (a) born        | (b) borne     | (c) birth        | (d) birthday      |
| Q7  | Picasso ..... to be one of the twentieth century's greatest painters.                                          | (a) grew up     | (b) grown up  | (c) grew out of  | (d) grew on       |
| Q8  | Picasso's genius as an artist was ..... by many people.                                                        | (a) famous      | (b) familiar  | (c) recognized   | (d) distinguished |
| Q9  | When Picasso was 90 years old, he was honored by a(n) ..... at the Louvre in Paris.                            | (a) explanation | (b) display   | (c) exhibition   | (d) museum        |
| Q10 | Picasso ..... over 6,000 paintings, drawings and sculptures.                                                   | (a) painted     | (b) formed    | (c) shaped       | (d) created       |

*Words in context: strong collocations*

- Q1 Please take these separate lists and ..... them into one document.  
 (a) specify (b) maneuver (c) merge (d) divulge
- Q2 This pet store sells rare tropical fish and other ..... creatures.  
 (a) chaotic (b) erotic (c) robotic (d) exotic
- Q3 I guarantee that your hot temper will ..... cause you trouble.  
 (a) ironically (b) gradually (c) inevitably (d) wholeheartedly
- Q4 My teacher mumbled so softly that I could only ..... understand him.  
 (a) persistently (b) vaguely (c) discreetly (d) invariably
- Q5 After the terrible tsunami, our orderly lives became .....  
 (a) chaotic (b) erotic (c) exotic (d) robotic
- Q6 If the cookie recipe is complete, it will ..... the ingredients you need.  
 (a) divulge (b) elicit (c) specify (d) emerge
- Q7 Peter was the best swimmer, but ..... he lost the final of the swimming competition.  
 (a) vaguely (b) surly (c) inevitably (d) ironically
- Q8 Our final concept for the product was much better than our ..... one.  
 (a) illuminated (b) intellectual (c) intense (d) initial
- Q9 After I fell down the steps, I felt unsteady and .....  
 (a) flighty (b) giddy (c) scatty (d) squatty
- Q10 During our walk along the beach, we noticed the shifting reflections on the ..... surface of the water.  
 (a) unflinching (b) undulating (c) unfaltering (d) indiscriminating

*Expressions with heart: 'heartache', 'heartthrob', 'heartburn'*

- Q1 Getting over a break-up is hard to do. Instead of wallowing in your ....., try to take positive steps to put your failed relationship behind you.  
(a) heartbeat (b) heartburn (c) heartache (d) heartthrob
- Q2 Spanish singing ..... Enrique Iglesias was forced to pull out of concerts in Hong Kong and in the Philippines because of a visa problem in Malaysia.  
(a) heartbreak (b) heartthrob (c) heartbeat (d) heartburn
- Q3 I feel really blessed, you know, because a lot of people who have a ..... never get any advance warning.  
(a) heart attack (b) heartache (c) heartburn (d) heart disease
- Q4 Nighttime ..... not only disrupts your sleep, but it may lead to other health risks such as raising your risk of cancer or aggravating asthma.  
(a) heartbeat (b) heartland (c) heartfelt (d) heartburn
- Q5 Allow me to express my ..... sorrow at the immense tragedy that has been perpetrated upon the American people by the wicked evildoers who were responsible for the September 11th terrorist attacks.  
(a) heartache (b) heartburn (c) heartthrob (d) heartfelt
- Q6 Palpitations are ..... sensations that feel like pounding or racing.  
(a) heartthrob (b) heartbeat (c) heartbreak (d) heartfelt
- Q7 Just about everyone experiences the type of grief we call ..... at one time or another.  
(a) heartbreak (b) heartburn (c) heart attack (d) heart disease
- Q8 The UK has one of the highest rates of death from ..... in the world.  
(a) heartbreak (b) heartbeat (c) heartthrob (d) heart disease
- Q9 The Burgundy countryside is fast becoming the Islamic ..... of France.  
(a) heartthrob (b) heartfelt (c) heartland (d) heartburn
- Q10 Bollywood ..... Hrithik Roshan pointed a finger at a gang of camera-happy Indian fans gathered to watch him shooting a film on the south bank of the river Thames.  
(a) heartbeat (b) heartthrob (c) heartache (d) heartbreak

*Phrasal idioms with the verb 'knock'*

|     |                                                                                                                                                |                |                |                 |                |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Q1  | I usually ..... work at about 4 o'clock and run to the station to catch the train to my next job.                                              | (a) knock on   | (b) knock off  | (c) knock up    | (d) knock out  |
| Q2  | England ..... South Africa in the Singapore Sevens tournament at Singapore's National Stadium, beating them 33-14 in the semi-final yesterday. | (a) knocked on | (b) knocked in | (c) knocked off | (d) knocked up |
| Q3  | Do you want me to ..... some lunch?                                                                                                            | (a) knock out  | (b) knock up   | (c) knock on    | (d) knock off  |
| Q4  | A few months ago, James got a ..... his front door.                                                                                            | (a) knock off  | (b) knock on   | (c) knock out   | (d) knock up   |
| Q5  | The defendant pleaded guilty to providing a group of Russians with ..... goods.                                                                | (a) knock-off  | (b) knock-on   | (c) knock-over  | (d) knock-up   |
| Q6  | Professional boxers don't wear headgear because their intent is to ..... their opponent.                                                       | (a) knock off  | (b) knock out  | (c) knock up    | (d) knock on   |
| Q7  | There wasn't much food in the cupboard, but I managed to ..... a meal for myself.                                                              | (a) knock out  | (b) knock up   | (c) knock off   | (d) knock on   |
| Q8  | People who ..... their neighbors' doors and ask if anyone has seen their pet instead of just calling are more likely to find it.               | (a) knock off  | (b) knock out  | (c) knock on    | (d) knock up   |
| Q9  | A scrum is a way of restarting a game of rugby union after an accidental infringement such as a .....                                          | (a) knock on   | (b) knock out  | (c) knock up    | (d) knock off  |
| Q10 | The Gulshan is a good honest curry house renowned for its ability to ..... a rather good curry.                                                | (a) knock out  | (b) knock off  | (c) knock up    | (d) knock on   |

*Idioms and expressions with 'just': 'just about', 'just before'*

|     |                                                                                                                       |                |                    |                |                    |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Q1  | ..... the doors opened, they all noticed a 5-note lying on the floor.                                                 | (a) Just over  | (b) Just before    | (c) Just then  | (d) Just about     |
| Q2  | Well, I am ..... 2 months in now with my new venture, and business is still going strong.                             | (a) just as    | (b) just over      | (c) just after | (d) just then      |
| Q3  | Can I get pregnant ..... my period has finished?                                                                      | (a) just then  | (b) just after     | (c) just over  | (d) just about     |
| Q4  | Jack Wheeler is ..... the most interesting man I know.                                                                | (a) just over  | (b) just then      | (c) just about | (d) just as        |
| Q5  | Old-fashioned toothbrushes are ..... good as electric ones at reducing plaque.                                        | (a) just over  | (b) just about     | (c) just as    | (d) just then      |
| Q6  | ..... the guy behind us leaned over and said, almost hysterically happy, "That's one terrific baby you've got there!" | (a) Just about | (b) Just the thing | (c) Just then  | (d) Just over      |
| Q7  | President Bush thanked his hosts for a warm welcome ..... addressing the 25th annual conference.                      | (a) just about | (b) just over      | (c) just then  | (d) just before    |
| Q8  | Holmen's Board decided on Wednesday to invest in total ..... \$5000 in the Group's newsprint mill outside Norrkping.  | (a) just after | (b) just as        | (c) just over  | (d) just before    |
| Q9  | The bill that Congress has produced is monstrous in ..... every way.                                                  | (a) just then  | (b) just as        | (c) just over  | (d) just about     |
| Q10 | Fog machines can be ..... to get you into the partying mood.                                                          | (a) just then  | (b) just over      | (c) just above | (d) just the thing |

*American President William Jefferson Clinton*

- Q1 Bill Clinton, whose father ..... a few months before he was born, wanted to be President from a very early age.  
(a) passed out (b) passed through (c) passed away (d) passed up
- Q2 Clinton defied his critics by surviving an ..... of personal scandals.  
(a) arraign (b) array (c) arrant (d) arrow
- Q3 Clinton ..... himself as a "New Democrat" and has frequently been referred to as the "Comeback Kid".  
(a) fashioned (b) dressed (c) clothed (d) clad
- Q4 In 1978, at the age of thirty-two, Bill Clinton became the youngest governor in the ..... and in Arkansas history.  
(a) nation (b) native (c) nativity (d) national
- Q5 As President-elect, Clinton vowed to focus on economic issues like a "laser beam", working especially to overcome the ..... growth of the American economy.  
(a) slugger (b) sluggish (c) slummy (d) slurry
- Q6 Clinton suffered two major ..... during his administration.  
(a) quarterbacks (b) outbacks (c) setbacks (d) comebacks
- Q7 Clinton's partner in his political ..... and marriage, Hillary Rodham Clinton, emerged as a key player in his administration.  
(a) career (b) job (c) trade (d) work
- Q8 Future history books may well note that Bill Clinton was the second President to have been on trial for ..... by the U.S. House of Representatives.  
(a) beseechment (b) reachment (c) impeachment (d) preachment
- Q9 Clinton had a significant influence on the ..... of the Democratic Party.  
(a) road (b) path (c) direction (d) course
- Q10 Clinton succeeded in brokering peace negotiations in Northern Ireland between ..... Catholics and Protestants.  
(a) sparring (b) warring (c) barring (d) jarring



*Idioms with the word 'hard'*

- Q1 Poor people in Australia who are ..... for cash may seek financial assistance from the Salvation Army.  
 (a) hard core (b) hard up (c) hard sell (d) hard court
- Q2 Many small businesses just starting up choose to accept cold ..... as their only method of payment.  
 (a) hard court (b) hard core (c) hard sell (d) hard cash
- Q3 My parents wouldn't let me listen to ..... heavy metal music when I was growing up.  
 (a) hard-core (b) hard-headed (c) hard-cash (d) hard-pressed
- Q4 Yesterday I taught my daughter how to cook a ..... egg for breakfast.  
 (a) hard-hearted (b) hard-pressed (c) hard-boiled (d) hard-headed
- Q5 My former boss was so ..... that he often refused to listen to the opinions of his subordinates.  
 (a) hard headed (b) hard hearted (c) hard boiled (d) hard pressed
- Q6 Applicants for the sales position are required to submit a ..... of their CV by Thursday, May 17th, 2006 at the latest.  
 (a) hard core (b) hard copy (c) hard cash (d) hard court
- Q7 Many amateur tennis players find it much easier to play tennis on a ..... surface as opposed to playing on a surface that is made of grass.  
 (a) hard core (b) hard court (c) hard pressed (d) hard cash
- Q8 The ..... dictator refused to grant clemency to his imprisoned political opponents.  
 (a) hard-hearted (b) hard-pressed (c) hard-copy (d) hard-core
- Q9 Employees at the garment factory were forced to work twelve-hour shifts, as they were ..... for time to complete the order.  
 (a) hard bitten (b) hard headed (c) hard hearted (d) hard pressed
- Q10 James needed to go to the ..... store to purchase a new door for his holiday house.  
 (a) hard core (b) hardboard (c) hardware (d) hard court

*Compound words: 'head'*

- Q1 My wife will let me listen to classical music only if I agree to wear my .....  
 (a) headlamps (b) headphones (c) headdress (d) headlights
- Q2 My father lodged an insurance claim last week because he had an accident and broke one of the ..... on his car.  
 (a) headlights (b) headphones (c) headsets (d) headdress
- Q3 Jimmy wanted to go to the Halloween party in an Indian costume, but he was unable to find a ..... to complete his outfit.  
 (a) headphone (b) headset (c) headdress (d) headlight
- Q4 The flight from Sydney to Singapore will take two hours longer than usual this morning as the plane is flying into a strong .....  
 (a) headlong (b) headway (c) headwind (d) headland
- Q5 I was very surprised to read the ..... in the newspaper this morning regarding the incarceration of our country's former president.  
 (a) headlines (b) headlands (c) headlights (d) headrooms
- Q6 First-time entrants in this year's city marathon will be given a ten-minute ..... over the rest of the field.  
 (a) headland (b) head start (c) head off (d) headwind
- Q7 I was very disappointed to find out that the new car that I wanted to buy had insufficient .....  
 (a) headlight (b) headsets (c) headroom (d) headlamps
- Q8 All flights out of Sydney's new airport were delayed last Tuesday due to an extremely strong ..... that was blowing across the tarmac.  
 (a) headwind (b) headland (c) headroom (d) headlight
- Q9 Mixing spirits and beer is not a very good idea. I usually wake up with a very bad ..... the next morning.  
 (a) headset (b) headlight (c) headache (d) headland
- Q10 We were extremely upset when we arrived at the cemetery and discovered that my late grandfather's ..... had been destroyed by vandals.  
 (a) headset (b) headstone (c) headphone (d) headlight

*Phrasal Verbs (C)*

- Q1 The couple ..... of the hotel early this morning.  
(a) checked out (b) checked in (c) checked about
- Q2 Randy always tried to ..... on rainy days.  
(a) cheer everyone on (b) cheer everyone up (c) cheer everyone
- Q3 Most of the kids at school thought he was scared and that he would ..... of the race.  
(a) chicken out (b) chicken (c) chicken in
- Q4 The supervisor asked everyone to ..... for the manager's birthday present.  
(a) chip (b) chip over (c) chip in
- Q5 He ..... when the police officers started to question him about the robbery.  
(a) clammed (b) clammed up (c) clammed about
- Q6 He wants to ..... as a mean boss so his employees will work hard for him.  
(a) come in (b) come across (c) come about
- Q7 Rick ..... a terrible cold this week.  
(a) came up with (b) came about with (c) came down with
- Q8 Lisa was ..... her friends to help her move.  
(a) counting down (b) counting about (c) counting on
- Q9 The new police chief is trying to ..... on the current drug problem in the city.  
(a) crack down (b) crack over (c) crack
- Q10 Lawrence is trying to ..... on fatty foods.  
(a) cut down (b) cut up (c) cut about

*Phrasal Verbs (D to F)*

- Q1 The custody battle ..... for many months.  
 (a) dragged down (b) dragged on (c) dragged in
- Q2 The architect ..... some blueprints for you last week.  
 (a) drew on (b) drew up (c) drew down
- Q3 I ..... on my friend yesterday to surprise her.  
 (a) dropped (b) dropped over (c) dropped in
- Q4 Cathy ..... her mother's house for a visit this past week.  
 (a) dropped (b) dropped in (c) dropped by
- Q5 Bruce ..... of school when he was only fifteen years old and then took on a job.  
 (a) dropped (b) dropped out (c) dropped by
- Q6 After a lot of fuss, Rose ..... liking the new dish very much.  
 (a) ended up (b) ended (c) ended in
- Q7 The manager was very afraid the multi-million dollar deal would .....  
 (a) fall up (b) fall down (c) fall through
- Q8 The children tried to ..... a way of getting to the concert on their own.  
 (a) figure out (b) figure about (c) figure up
- Q9 Karen had to ..... for Dave while he was away on vacation.  
 (a) fill up (b) fill (c) fill in
- Q10 The couple ..... many forms before they could immigrate to England.  
 (a) filled (b) filled about (c) filled out

*Phrasal Verbs (G to H)*

Q1 Rick's father and mother didn't ..... with his grandparents and were always having disagreements.

- (a) get about (b) get along (c) get

Q2 They rented a car so it would be easier to ..... the new city.

- (a) get on (b) get around (c) get

Q3 Lucy was so busy that she didn't ..... fixing the stereo.

- (a) get around (b) get around to (c) get with

Q4 His salary is low so he's just ..... right now.

- (a) getting in (b) getting about (c) getting by

Q5 He worked hard to ..... to Berkeley last year.

- (a) get with (b) get in (c) get by

Q6 The criminal tried to ..... the evidence quickly.

- (a) get rid of (b) get rid about (c) get rid on

Q7 The students ..... when the teacher left the room.

- (a) goofed up (b) goofed off (c) goofed on

Q8 You'll need to ..... your assignments by Friday.

- (a) hand by (b) hand (c) hand in

Q9 Beth's father is too proud to ask for .....

- (a) handoffs (b) handovers (c) handouts

Q10 Laurie decided to ..... after the fourth ring.

- (a) hang up (b) hang down (c) hang over

*Phrasal Verbs (H to L)*

- Q1 Two men staged a ..... at the bank across the street from us yesterday afternoon.  
(a) holdup (b) holdover (c) holdfast
- Q2 We still have to ..... the finer details about our upcoming trip to Scotland.  
(a) iron in (b) iron on (c) iron out
- Q3 Most of the service stations decided to ..... their gas prices after the gas war between them.  
(a) jack in (b) jack out (c) jack up
- Q4 Kevin ..... the great opportunity to be the floor manager.  
(a) jumped all over (b) jumped in (c) jumped over
- Q5 Even though he was exhausted, he .....  
(a) kept going (b) kept out (c) kept in
- Q6 Trent was ..... of school for bad behavior.  
(a) kicked in (b) kicked over (c) kicked out
- Q7 Just look at that gorgeous girl — She's a .....  
(a) knockup (b) knockover (c) knockout
- Q8 When I hit my head on the cupboard, I almost .....  
(a) knocked myself out (b) knocked myself in (c) knocked myself
- Q9 The company was experiencing financial problems, so they had to ..... fifty employees.  
(a) lay on (b) lay off (c) lay out
- Q10 Karen didn't want to ....., so she went over the wedding list one more time.  
(a) leave anyone in (b) leave anyone out (c) leave anyone over

*Phrasal Verbs (L)*

- Q1 Jeff felt as if he had been ..... when he lost his job.  
 (a) let on (b) let down (c) let over
- Q2 At long last the storm is starting to look like it's going to .....  
 (a) let in (b) let down (c) let up
- Q3 He started to ..... his life and then decided to take another trip.  
 (a) look back on (b) look back in (c) look back down
- Q4 The rich families ..... poor people in this area.  
 (a) look down in (b) look down on (c) look down back
- Q5 She started to ..... the upcoming trip.  
 (a) look forward to (b) look forward about (c) look forward over
- Q6 Norma promised she would ..... Cara's children while she was away on a business trip.  
 (a) look in over (b) look in on (c) look down on
- Q7 The sheriff said he would ..... the crime a bit more thoroughly.  
 (a) look down (b) look on (c) look into
- Q8 You can't tell them apart — Elena ..... her mother.  
 (a) looks just alike (b) looks just like (c) looks just over
- Q9 Before Sheila died from a long battle with cancer, she asked her sister to ..... her children.  
 (a) look down (b) look after (c) look in
- Q10 Ray hadn't seen his friend in years, but he decided to ..... anyway.  
 (a) look him up (b) look him down (c) look him in

*Phrasal Verbs (L to P)*

- Q1 I hardly ever gamble, but I was ..... at the casino yesterday.  
 (a) lucky (b) lucked (c) lucked out
- Q2 He is different, so many children ..... him.  
 (a) made fun at (b) made fun over (c) make fun of
- Q3 The couple decided to kiss and ..... after the day-long argument.  
 (a) make out (b) make on (c) make up
- Q4 Even though she squinted, she couldn't ..... what he had written.  
 (a) make out (b) make over (c) make about
- Q5 He decided to ..... his past mistakes by doing some good in his community.  
 (a) make up about (b) make up for (c) make up over
- Q6 The department store has ..... its prices since the last time I was here.  
 (a) marked over (b) marked up (c) marked about
- Q7 The items are ..... because the manager wants to make more room for the incoming spring line.  
 (a) marked under (b) marked down (c) marked over
- Q8 Everyone laughed at the ..... between the twin brothers at the party.  
 (a) mix-in (b) mix-up (c) mix-over
- Q9 Billy was so tired that he was ..... in class.  
 (a) nodding in (b) nodding on (c) nodding off
- Q10 Her father ..... when she was just a kid.  
 (a) passed over (b) passed away (c) passed down



*Phrasal Verbs (P to R)*

- Q1 Emily ..... when she saw the burglar suddenly enter her home.  
(a) passed out (b) passed in (c) passed over
- Q2 Ken ..... the best fruit at the supermarket.  
(a) picked in (b) picked down (c) picked out
- Q3 Steve was always trying to ..... girls at the nightclub.  
(a) pick down (b) pick up (c) pick by
- Q4 The kids ..... Trent because he is different.  
(a) pick on (b) pick over (c) pick down
- Q5 The whole community ..... to make the playground safe and aesthetic.  
(a) pitched on (b) pitched in (c) pitched over
- Q6 After weeks of planning the escape, Sue finally started to believe they could .....  
(a) pull it off (b) pull it forward (c) pull it up
- Q7 Jeremy didn't want to ..... the wedding any longer.  
(a) put over (b) put by (c) put off
- Q8 Kathleen felt like she had to ..... with a lot from her family.  
(a) put up (b) put over (c) put
- Q9 That store is really expensive. It's a .....  
(a) rip-down (b) rip-off (c) rip-over
- Q10 If you ..... the numbers, it will be easier to calculate the estimate.  
(a) round with (b) round over (c) round off

*Phrasal Verbs (R to T)*

|     |                                                                        |                   |                 |                  |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Q1  | Heidi ..... an old friend while she was shopping last week.            | (a) ran over      | (b) ran down    | (c) ran into     |
| Q2  | The little corner store often ..... bread near the end of the week.    | (a) runs out over | (b) runs out of | (c) runs down on |
| Q3  | The night before the play, the crew ..... the stage.                   | (a) set up        | (b) set down    | (c) set in       |
| Q4  | The assembly line problem was a minor ..... for the company last week. | (a) setoff        | (b) setdown     | (c) setback      |
| Q5  | The girl with the purple hair wants to ..... from the group.           | (a) stand out     | (b) stand in    | (c) stand over   |
| Q6  | Bob's father taught him to be firm and to ..... for what he believes.  | (a) stand down    | (b) stand up    | (c) stand in     |
| Q7  | People are getting tired of Seth because he always ..... late.         | (a) shows         | (b) shows up    | (c) shows over   |
| Q8  | The 'T' in the acronym ..... 'Time'.                                   | (a) stands about  | (b) stands over | (c) stands for   |
| Q9  | Kelly ..... her mother. They have many of the same interests.          | (a) takes after   | (b) takes over  | (c) takes on     |
| Q10 | Leslie decided to ..... early from the party.                          | (a) take in       | (b) take off    | (c) take on      |

*Phrasal Verbs (T)*

- Q1 I decided to ..... organic cooking.  
 (a) take up (b) take over (c) take about
- Q2 Kristie was ..... at Matt because of the things he said to her last week.  
 (a) ticked on (b) ticked about (c) ticked off
- Q3 Marg wanted to ..... the old sofa, but her husband couldn't part with it.  
 (a) throw out (b) throw up (c) throw down
- Q4 Leila was feeling blue, so she went shopping to ..... some new outfits.  
 (a) try at (b) try on (c) try in
- Q5 Samantha was late for the basketball .....  
 (a) tryout (b) try-on (c) try-up
- Q6 Bryan tapped Pauline on the shoulder so she would ..... and see the parade approaching behind them.  
 (a) turn in (b) turn over (c) turn around
- Q7 The teacher asked her students to ..... the assignments by Friday at noon.  
 (a) turn on (b) turn in (c) turn with
- Q8 John tried to ask Cara out on a date, but she .....  
 (a) turned him over (b) turned him through (c) turned him down
- Q9 Keira can't bear people who can't make up their minds and is ..... by procrastinators.  
 (a) turned in (b) turned up (c) turned off
- Q10 Chris thinks dark hair is a real .....  
 (a) turn-on (b) turn-out (c) turn-up

*Phrasal Verbs (T to W)*

Q1 Kevin ..... all of the information and then gave the note to his wife so she could put it into a computer file.

- (a) took on (b) took down (c) took over

Q2 Ethan asked his girlfriend to ..... the music so he could hear it clearly in the car.

- (a) turn over (b) turn up (c) turn in

Q3 Krista ..... her ill husband all day long.

- (a) waited on (b) waited in (c) waited down

Q4 Neil liked to ..... early on Saturdays.

- (a) wake on (b) wake up (c) wake over

Q5 Rayleen ..... her little brother all the time.

- (a) watched out for (b) watched out about (c) watched out

Q6 Chris was afraid the inexpensive tires would ..... quickly.

- (a) wear on (b) wear over (c) wear out

Q7 Lilly likes to ..... early in the morning so that she's fit for work.

- (a) work on (b) work over (c) work out

Q8 Rob looks ..... because he's working two jobs at the same time.

- (a) worn on (b) worn in (c) worn out

Q9 We are getting close to ..... the meeting, so are there any final questions or concerns?

- (a) wrapping down (b) wrapping over (c) wrapping up

Q10 Jim didn't have much time to ..... the contract.

- (a) write about (b) write over (c) write up

*Idioms about Animals*

- Q1 Beth is so afraid of flying. I think she should stop being such a .....  
(a) freaky cat (b) scaredy cat (c) afraid bird
- Q2 My parents ..... when my teacher called them and told them about my poor grades.  
(a) had a cow (b) had a pig (c) had a bird
- Q3 Everyone told me I'd be ..... if I took that job on Wall Street.  
(a) swimming like a jellyfish (b) swimming with sharks  
(c) swimming with fish
- Q4 A ..... told me it is your anniversary today. How many years is it now for you two?  
(a) talking parrot (b) little birdie (c) hummingbird
- Q5 During the monsoon season, it rains ..... for nearly one whole month.  
(a) birds and bees (b) cats and dogs (c) pigs and horses
- Q6 The suave salesman looked nice, but when he told us about the 0% financing, the deal seemed a little .....  
(a) fishy (b) doggy (c) foxy
- Q7 Hollywood is so competitive that it seems like a ..... world, doesn't it?  
(a) shark eat shark (b) wolf eat wolf (c) dog eat dog
- Q8 He's so hesitant. I wish for once he'd stop being such a .....  
(a) fish (b) rabbit (c) chicken
- Q9 My little girl copies everything I say. She's like a little .....  
(a) parrot (b) budgie (c) chicken
- Q10 Everyone notices Rob's wife when she walks into a room. She's really .....  
(a) fox like (b) foxy (c) vulpine

*Idioms about Food*

- Q1 Ethan's teachers told him he is the 'cream of the crop' of his graduating class. What does 'cream of the crop' mean? .....  
 (a) Good (b) The best (c) Not so good
- Q2 His drama coach 'egged him on' so he'd go onto the stage and perform as well as he did during the rehearsals. What does "egged him on" mean? .....  
 (a) To discourage someone (b) To encourage someone  
 (c) To tell them they should be embarrassed
- Q3 Keira felt like tennis was 'her cup of tea'. What does 'her cup of tea' mean? .....  
 (a) That it's not the right thing for her (b) That it's a perfect match for her  
 (c) That she should practice more
- Q4 Ray was as 'cool as a cucumber' about his exam because he studied all week for it. What does 'cool as a cucumber' mean? .....  
 (a) To be scared and cold about something (b) To be very embarrassed about something  
 (c) To be very calm and relaxed about something
- Q5 Everyone knew that the politician had his 'finger in the pie' of many businesses around the city. What does 'finger in the pie' mean? .....  
 (a) To be involved in something (b) To be uninterested in something  
 (c) Wanting to get out of something
- Q6 Most of Kim's teachers wanted her to 'use her noodle' more when it came to exam time. What does 'use her noodle' mean? .....  
 (a) To act up more (b) To think more (c) To try more
- Q7 " 'In a nutshell', the problem was caused by a faulty wire," said the experienced electrician. What does 'in a nutshell' mean? .....  
 (a) To be blunt about something (b) To be concise about something  
 (c) To be long and exhaustive about something
- Q8 The trial turned out to be 'a hot potato' that everyone at the table was talking about. What does 'a hot potato' mean? .....  
 (a) A topic that is very controversial (b) A topic that is easy to answer/solve  
 (c) A topic that people are indifferent about
- Q9 The king was so rich, arrogant and mean that when he was overthrown by his people, most of his subjects thought it was about time he 'ate humble pie.' What does to 'eat humble pie' mean? .....  
 (a) To get upset/angry about something (b) To be vengeful  
 (c) To accept shame
- Q10 Mary was going through a rough time and her family felt like they had to 'walk on eggshells' around her. What does to 'walk on eggshells' mean? .....  
 (a) To be very messy (b) To be very loud  
 (c) To be very cautious and/or sensitive about something

*Prepositions of Time and Date (1)*

Q1 I wouldn't want his shift — he has to wake up ..... 3 am every day.

- (a) (none) (b) on (c) at

Q2 Mandy can't wait for snow because she wants to go skiing ..... the winter.

- (a) in (b) at (c) (none)

Q3 I don't know what time they'll be back ..... this evening, if at all. It all depends on the road conditions today.

- (a) for (b) in (c) (none)

Q4 We hope there won't be much snow ..... this year, but you never know.

- (a) about (b) (none) (c) on

Q5 ..... last year, the weather was really bad. The forecast is better for this year.

- (a) In (b) (none) (c) About

Q6 I have to go for a check-up ..... next week. I go for a check-up once a year.

- (a) about (b) on (c) (none)

Q7 I called in to make an appointment and I can see the doctor ..... 3 pm. Can you come with me?

- (a) (none) (b) on (c) at

Q8 I'm meeting an old friend for lunch ..... noon. I haven't seen her for a long time.

- (a) on (b) in (c) at

Q9 I don't have any plans ..... Thanksgiving Day because my entire family lives overseas.

- (a) for (b) in (c) about

Q10 I'm going to my parents' house in Maine. What are you doing ..... Christmas Day?

- (a) on (b) in (c) with

*Prepositions of Time and Date (2)*

- Q1 ..... yesterday, I went shopping and found some great outfits for spring.  
(a) On (b) In (c) (none)
- Q2 The meeting is ..... Monday morning at 9:30 sharp. Don't be late.  
(a) in (b) with (c) on
- Q3 My birthday is ..... April. Can you come to my birthday party?  
(a) on (b) (none) (c) in
- Q4 I love swimming ..... the summer months. I usually swim at an outdoor pool as much as I can, and sometimes we go to the lake.  
(a) about (b) (none) (c) in
- Q5 I'm going hiking ..... the weekend. Do you want to come?  
(a) in (b) on (c) about
- Q6 After our hiking trip, I'm going to be really sore ..... Monday morning.  
(a) about (b) in (c) on
- Q7 ..... three weeks, I'm going on a camping trip. We're going to a really scenic spot.  
(a) On (b) In (c) (none)
- Q8 ..... the day after tomorrow, I'm going to Bora Bora. I can't wait!  
(a) In (b) At (c) (none)
- Q9 ..... 2002, I got a promotion, and I'm hoping for another one this year.  
(a) On (b) (none) (c) In
- Q10 Someday ..... the future, we're going to build the house of our dreams.  
(a) on (b) about (c) in



*Prepositions of Time and Date (3)*

- Q1 ..... yesterday, we went to the Royal Alberta Museum. They had some really interesting exhibits.  
(a) On (b) For (c) (none)
- Q2 We're going to the Botanical Gardens, and ..... tomorrow we're planning to see some more sights this city has to offer.  
(a) in (b) (none) (c) on
- Q3 ..... two weeks, the project should be complete. I hope our clients approve of the new format.  
(a) On (b) In (c) About
- Q4 I finished a very important project ..... two months ago. It was really intense because of the cutting-edge technology we used.  
(a) on (b) (none) (c) in
- Q5 My vacation starts ..... July 3rd. Wendy will fill in for me while I'm gone.  
(a) on (b) at (c) in
- Q6 I like to eat breakfast ..... the morning, but today I had to skip it because I had an early meeting with the Board of Directors.  
(a) on (b) in (c) about
- Q7 I love going for walks ..... the spring. Everything is so fresh and beautiful.  
(a) about (b) (none) (c) in
- Q8 I'm going to finish reading this great book ..... today — it's really captivating.  
(a) in (b) on (c) (none)
- Q9 ..... 2004, I'm getting a raise so we'll be able to afford more things, like tropical vacations.  
(a) On (b) (none) (c) In
- Q10 We're going for dinner at a great Italian restaurant ..... tonight. It's not far from here.  
(a) (none) (b) on (c) about

*Prepositions of Time and Date (4)*

- Q1 ..... the seventeenth century, artwork in Europe was quite different from what you see today.  
(a) (none) (b) In (c) On
- Q2 ..... Valentine's Day, I'm taking my girlfriend to a wonderful spot. It's really remote and romantic. I hope she likes it.  
(a) On (b) In (c) About
- Q3 ..... one week ago, she was told she couldn't have any more time off.  
(a) For (b) (none) (c) In
- Q4 ..... next month, I'm expecting my family to visit from the Virgin Islands.  
(a) On (b) (none) (c) In
- Q5 ..... Saturday night, we went to a great movie and then had supper with the Johnsons.  
(a) For (b) On (c) In
- Q6 ..... Independence Day, we always go to the fair and watch the fireworks at 11 pm.  
(a) About (b) On (c) At
- Q7 ..... Wednesday night, I'm going to take the staff out for dinner.  
(a) About (b) In (c) On
- Q8 ..... tomorrow evening, we're going to have a surprise birthday party for Mitch.  
(a) (none) (b) About (c) In
- Q9 ..... midnight, the tradition is to sing an old song to ring in the New Year.  
(a) On (b) At (c) In
- Q10 ..... 2005, I finished my degree, and now I'm working with a small accounting firm.  
(a) On (b) In (c) At

*What Comes Next? (1)*

- Q1 What I'll do now is .....  
 (a) up to me (b) through me (c) across me (d) on to me
- Q2 I'm very tired so I think I'll .....  
 (a) go out (b) turn off (c) turn in (d) turn over
- Q3 It must be at least a year since .....  
 (a) you are here (b) you will be here (c) you were here (d) you had been here
- Q4 I just don't follow a single word — I'm afraid it's all .....  
 (a) Spanish to me (b) German to me (c) Welsh to me (d) Greek to me
- Q5 I'm desperate. All I need really is someone to .....  
 (a) take me a hand (b) put me a hand (c) give me a hand (d) show me a hand
- Q6 I'm sorry that's not fair. It's no good .....  
 (a) blaming me (b) betraying me (c) believing me (d) beholding me
- Q7 As far as I'm concerned they can all go .....  
 (a) jump in the oven (b) jump in the bin (c) jump in the field (d) jump in the lake
- Q8 If you must talk, do it quietly .....  
 (a) I trust you (b) I beg you (c) I follow you (d) I demand you
- Q9 Did you hear that noise? I'm sure there must be .....  
 (a) a bugler in the house (b) a bungler  
 (c) a burglar in the house (d) a bowler in the house
- Q10 All I ask is that you .....  
 (a) give me just one last chance (b) give me just one last occasion  
 (c) give me just one last time (d) give me just one last series

*What Comes Next? (2)*

- Q1 I can't make head nor tail of this — .....  
 (a) it's utter destruction (b) it's utter paperwork  
 (c) it's utter rubbish (d) it's utter cheese
- Q2 I don't know about you but I'm so hungry .....  
 (a) I could eat a mountain (b) I could eat the table  
 (c) I could eat a cow (d) I could eat a horse
- Q3 You don't have to shout .....  
 (a) I'm not that daft (b) I'm not that deaf (c) I'm not that dead (d) I'm not that dumb
- Q4 I have tried, honestly but .....  
 (a) I just can't get across to her (b) I just can't get up to her  
 (c) I just can't get in between her (d) I just can't get through to her
- Q5 If I had the chances you have, .....  
 (a) I'd simply grab them (b) I'd simply control them  
 (c) I'd simply hold them (d) I'd simply manage them
- Q6 If you can't get this right, then .....  
 (a) there's no sense for you (b) there's no thought for you  
 (c) there's no hope for you (d) there's no idea for you
- Q7 If the situation's that bad I suggest .....  
 (a) you sell in (b) you sell up (c) you sell on (d) you sell off
- Q8 They realised that the police had them cornered and .....  
 (a) they gave themselves up (b) they gave themselves under  
 (c) they gave them selves to (d) they gave themselves over
- Q9 There's no rush for an answer so just .....  
 (a) spend your time (b) give your time (c) waste your time (d) take your time
- Q10 We can safely say that the business is now concluded so .....  
 (a) that's him (b) that's us (c) that's it (d) that's them

*What Comes Next? (3)*

Q1 I wouldn't hesitate to accept that offer. If it were me .....

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (a) I'd bite his head off | (b) I'd bite his hand off   |
| (c) I'd bite his nose off | (d) I'd bite his finger off |

Q2 There are several ways of looking at this and .....

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| (a) you'll have to opt    | (b) you'll have to take   |
| (c) you'll have to choose | (d) you'll have to accept |

Q3 Nobody's going to call me names and .....

- |                    |                    |                      |                      |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| (a) get on with it | (b) get up with it | (c) get away from it | (d) get away with it |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|

Q4 You can't agree with both of them .....

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| (a) make your opinion up | (b) make your mind up     |
| (c) make your brain up   | (d) make your thoughts up |

Q5 Don't worry about not getting enough support .....

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| (a) I'm with you all the way  | (b) I'm with you the whole route |
| (c) I'm with you all the path | (d) I'm with you the whole road  |

Q6 If you could be serious for just one moment .....

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|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| (a) I'd accept it | (b) I'd believe it | (c) I'd appreciate it | (d) I'd understand it |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|

Q7 Nobody ever got in his way .....

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| (a) he'd just stride all over them | (b) he'd just stroll all over them |
| (c) he'd just hop all over them    | (d) he'd just walk all over them   |

Q8 You're not telling me you didn't laugh once .....

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|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| (a) I bet you will | (b) I bet you did | (c) I bet you have | (d) I bet you do |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|

Q9 Don't worry what other people think .....

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| (a) just take no note of them | (b) just take no sign of them   |
| (c) just take no hint of them | (d) just take no notice of them |

Q10 We're having a barbecue next week, .....

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|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| (a) will you come | (b) did you come | (c) do you come | (d) were you coming |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|

*What Comes Next? (4)*

|     |                                                                              |                                       |                                         |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Q1  | It's getting very late .....                                                 | (a) I'll have to speed you            | (b) I'll have to accelerate you         |
|     |                                                                              | (c) I'll have to hurry                | (d) I'll have to push you               |
| Q2  | If we leave it any longer, .....                                             | (a) we'll catch the bus               | (b) we'll miss the train                |
|     |                                                                              | (c) we'll lose the train              | (d) we'll loose the bus                 |
| Q3  | There is a deadline, I'm afraid, .....                                       | (a) so you mustn't dither             | (b) so you mustn't doodle               |
|     |                                                                              | (c) so you mustn't dabble             | (d) so you mustn't diddle               |
| Q4  | We should have been there 2 hours ago, .....                                 | (a) so we're well back                | (b) so we're well off                   |
|     |                                                                              | (c) so we're well backward            | (d) so we're well behind                |
| Q5  | If we leave this minute, .....                                               | (a) I'm sure we'll make it            | (b) I'm sure we'll take it              |
|     |                                                                              | (c) I'm sure we'll get it             | (d) I'm sure we'll turn it              |
| Q6  | They arrived in the middle of the night .....                                | (a) because their flight was detained | (b) because their flight was despatched |
|     |                                                                              | (c) because their flight was delayed  | (d) because their flight was defused    |
| Q7  | As the old saying goes: .....                                                | (a) He who hesitates is found         | (b) He who hesitates is lost            |
|     |                                                                              | (c) He who hesitates is late          | (d) He who hesitates is long            |
| Q8  | They should have arrived by now. I wonder .....                              | (a) what has kept them                | (b) what has held them                  |
|     |                                                                              | (c) what has got them                 | (d) what has done them                  |
| Q9  | I'm being as quick as I can. Just don't .....                                | (a) hug me                            | (b) tug me                              |
|     |                                                                              | (c) lug me                            | (d) bug me                              |
| Q10 | I'm giving you your last warning. If you're not ready in five minutes, ..... | (a) you're on your self               | (b) you're on your own                  |
|     |                                                                              | (c) you're on your side               | (d) you're on your turn                 |

*What Comes Next? (5)*

- Q1 Do you mind repeating that? I didn't quite .....  
 (a) grab it the first time (b) snatch it the first time  
 (c) seize it the first time (d) grasp it the first time
- Q2 Did you follow all that? Answer: .....  
 (a) No, my mind's a complete blank (b) No, my mind's a complete hole  
 (c) No, my mind's a complete space (d) No, my mind's a complete void
- Q3 Did you get that? Answer: Well, not really. ....?  
 (a) Could you float that past me once more (b) Could you run that past me once more  
 (c) Could you fly that past me once more (d) Could you walk that past me once more
- Q4 I don't know about you but I can't make sense of this at all. Answer: .....  
 (a) Me too, I'm just out of my height (b) Me too, I'm just out of my length  
 (c) Me too, I'm just out of my depth (d) Me too, I'm just out of my size
- Q5 You look a little confused. Do you know .....?  
 (a) what I'm on about (b) what I'm off about  
 (c) what I'm under about (d) what I'm in about
- Q6 I hope it's all clear now, isn't it? Answer: No, .....  
 (a) you've left me there (b) you've dropped me there  
 (c) you've hit me there (d) you've lost me there
- Q7 If you want us to follow your argument I suggest you .....  
 (a) use less conspicuous words (b) use less complicated words  
 (c) use less confused words (d) use less concerned words
- Q8 Promise me that at least you'll try this exercise, won't you? Answer: .....  
 (a) I'll have an effort (b) I'll have a trial (c) I'll have a go (d) I'll have a trial
- Q9 What do you make of this test? Answer: It's quite .....  
 (a) beyond me (b) below me (c) behind me (d) beside me
- Q10 If you can't actually say the words then why don't you try .....  
 (a) sing them (b) singing them (c) to have sung them (d) having sung them

**Quickies**

|     |                                                                        |                         |                      |                        |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Q1  | If you live abroad, do you live .....?                                 |                         |                      |                        |
|     | (a) in another country                                                 | (b) in your own country | (c) in a big country | (d) in a small country |
| Q2  | If you are absent are you .....?                                       |                         |                      |                        |
|     | (a) here                                                               | (b) there               | (c) not here         | (d) not sure           |
| Q3  | When you accept something, do you .....?                               |                         |                      |                        |
|     | (a) let it                                                             | (b) take it             | (c) drop it          | (d) hold it            |
| Q4  | If you have your own accommodation, do you .....?                      |                         |                      |                        |
|     | (a) travel there                                                       | (b) leave there         | (c) work there       | (d) live there         |
| Q5  | If someone gives you an account, do you .....?                         |                         |                      |                        |
|     | (a) pay it                                                             | (b) describe it         | (c) wash it          | (d) lend it            |
| Q6  | If you have an ache, is it .....?                                      |                         |                      |                        |
|     | (a) pleasant                                                           | (b) unpleasant          | (c) pleasing         | (d) placid             |
| Q7  | If you want to perform in the theatre, do you want to become an .....? |                         |                      |                        |
|     | (a) engineer                                                           | (b) auctioneer          | (c) actor            | (d) entrepreneur       |
| Q8  | If you want to get to the other side of a bridge, do you .....?        |                         |                      |                        |
|     | (a) cross it                                                           | (b) jump it             | (c) leap it          | (d) throw it           |
| Q9  | If it's a genuine picture, is it .....?                                |                         |                      |                        |
|     | (a) perfect                                                            | (b) real                | (c) false            | (d) copied             |
| Q10 | If you adjust something, do you .....?                                 |                         |                      |                        |
|     | (a) finish it                                                          | (b) buy it              | (c) change it        | (d) choose it          |



*What comes next (the bill)*

|     |                                                                               |                        |                                                     |                         |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Q1  | This is most embarrassing. I can't pay the bill for my meal. I'm afraid ..... |                        |                                                     |                         |
|     | (a) I've forgotten my wallet at home                                          |                        | (b) I've left my wallet at home                     |                         |
|     | (c) I've abandoned my wallet at home                                          |                        | (d) I've quit my wallet at home                     |                         |
| Q2  | I would be most obliged if you .....                                          |                        |                                                     |                         |
|     | (a) let me to pay later                                                       |                        | (b) permit me pay later                             |                         |
|     | (c) allow me to pay later                                                     |                        | (d) grant me to pay later                           |                         |
| Q3  | The other thing I could do is .....                                           |                        |                                                     |                         |
|     | (a) leave my watch as a present                                               |                        | (b) leave my watch as a token                       |                         |
|     | (c) leave my watch as a gift                                                  |                        | (d) leave my watch as a deposit                     |                         |
| Q4  | I can see by the expression on your face .....                                |                        |                                                     |                         |
|     | (a) you don't really like the thought                                         |                        | (b) you don't really like the concept               |                         |
|     | (c) you don't really like the idea                                            |                        | (d) you don't really like the belief                |                         |
| Q5  | I could phone someone to .....                                                |                        |                                                     |                         |
|     | (a) take me the money                                                         | (b) bring me the money | (c) carry me the money                              | (d) gain me the money   |
| Q6  | I see. So what you are saying is .....                                        |                        |                                                     |                         |
|     | (a) I'm holding up your trade                                                 |                        | (b) I'm holding off your trade                      |                         |
|     | (c) I'm holding on your trade                                                 |                        | (d) I'm holding in your trade                       |                         |
| Q7  | Well, I did say I was sorry and I think .....                                 |                        |                                                     |                         |
|     | (a) you're being very indistinct                                              |                        | (b) you're being very unclear                       |                         |
|     | (c) you're being very unfavourable                                            |                        | (d) you're being very unreasonable                  |                         |
| Q8  | You say you have no choice but to .....                                       |                        |                                                     |                         |
|     | (a) collect the manager                                                       | (b) call the manager   | (c) deliver the manager                             | (d) present the manager |
| Q9  | That sounds a good idea. I'm sure he'll .....                                 |                        |                                                     |                         |
|     | (a) symbolise                                                                 | (b) energise           | (c) sympathise                                      | (d) eulogise            |
| Q10 | All right, all right Mr manager. Just as you say, .....                       |                        |                                                     |                         |
|     | (a) of course I'll wash the dishes in the kitchen                             |                        | (b) inevitably I'll wash the dishes in the kitchen  |                         |
|     | (c) understandably I'll wash the dishes in the kitchen                        |                        | (d) indubitably I'll wash the dishes in the kitchen |                         |

*What comes next (the letter)*

- Q1 I know I'm a very bad letter writer but .....  
 (a) I was thinking for you the other day (b) I was thinking on you the other day  
 (c) I was thinking of you the other day (d) I was thinking to you the other day
- Q2 And that's what .....  
 (a) has deduced me to write this letter (b) has prompted me to write this letter  
 (c) has made me to write this letter (d) has concluded me to write this letter
- Q3 Do you remember the last time .....?  
 (a) we actually met (b) we really met (c) we factually met (d) we finally met
- Q4 I remember it as if it .....  
 (a) is yesterday (b) would be yesterday (c) could be yesterday (d) was yesterday
- Q5 I believe we met for lunch in an expensive restaurant and you .....  
 (a) opted the priciest item on the menu (b) tested the priciest item on the menu  
 (c) chose the priciest item on the menu (d) entered the priciest item on the menu
- Q6 And you must know why this fact .....  
 (a) has fixed in my mind (b) has adhered in my mind  
 (c) has fastened in my mind (d) has stuck in my mind
- Q7 I only had a .....  
 (a) a very modest plate (b) a very modest number  
 (c) a very modest dish (d) a very modest bowl
- Q8 This was just as well in view of what .....  
 (a) happened (b) appeared (c) transferred (d) interposed
- Q9 You haven't forgotten, .....?  
 (a) certainly (b) surely (c) clearly (d) naturally
- Q10 I had to pay for you. So isn't it .....?  
 (a) on time you paid me back (b) in time you paid me back  
 (c) about time you paid me back (d) over time you paid me back

**Antonyms (1)**

|     |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Q1  | Lou approved of the behavior his respectful sons displayed during the church service this week. What is an antonym of 'approve'? .....                                                                    |
|     | (a) commend (b) support (c) reject (d) like                                                                                                                                                               |
| Q2  | Nancy concurred with her boss about the new direction the company was taking. What is an antonym of 'concur'? .....                                                                                       |
|     | (a) disagree (b) agree (c) surrender (d) confess                                                                                                                                                          |
| Q3  | Robert's amiable mother was always trying to help people, and she volunteered for many community services on a regular basis. What is an antonym of 'amiable'? .....                                      |
|     | (a) friendly (b) generous (c) disagreeable (d) likeable                                                                                                                                                   |
| Q4  | No one understood why Kevin decided to revoke the agreement, but they went along with him anyway. What is an antonym of 'revoke'? .....                                                                   |
|     | (a) cancel (b) withdraw (c) keep (d) revolt                                                                                                                                                               |
| Q5  | Environmentalists around the world fight to preserve the world's natural beauty and resources for future generations. What is an antonym of 'preserve'? .....                                             |
|     | (a) destroy (b) protect (c) conserve (d) consider                                                                                                                                                         |
| Q6  | Henry hoped that his sons would someday take over his retail business and maintain the high level of customer service and satisfaction that Henry valued so much. What is an antonym of 'maintain'? ..... |
|     | (a) uphold (b) continue (c) eliminate (d) connect                                                                                                                                                         |
| Q7  | Mary's jovial uncle was always funny and she loved it when he came over to visit. What is an antonym of 'jovial'? .....                                                                                   |
|     | (a) cheerful (b) miserable (c) jolly (d) happy                                                                                                                                                            |
| Q8  | Maureen usually felt depressed on Mondays, because she never got enough sleep on the weekends. What is an antonym of 'depressed'? .....                                                                   |
|     | (a) unhappy (b) cheerful (c) glum (d) understanding                                                                                                                                                       |
| Q9  | Child welfare deals with parents or caregivers who abuse or neglect their children. What is an antonym of 'neglect'? .....                                                                                |
|     | (a) abandon (b) mistreat (c) nurture (d) delegate                                                                                                                                                         |
| Q10 | Steven was stationed so long in Iraq that he often yearned to see his wife and children again. What is an antonym of 'yearn'? .....                                                                       |
|     | (a) desire (b) abhor (c) long (d) unite                                                                                                                                                                   |

**Antonyms (2)**

- Q1 When the plane crashed near the Arctic Circle, the survivors were able to withstand the cold and harsh elements because they met native Eskimos who taught them much-needed survival skills. What is an antonym of 'withstand'? .....
- (a) endure (b) survive (c) succumb (d) possess
- Q2 Melanie thought the issue at hand was not morally just, and consequently she would never endorse the petition circulating throughout her neighborhood. What is an antonym of 'endorse'? .....
- (a) support (b) oppose (c) approve (d) create
- Q3 At the managers' meeting, the group decided against the new project as a viable option and decided on another direction to ensure success for the company's fall line. What is an antonym of 'viable'? .....
- (a) impractical (b) feasible (c) practical (d) positive
- Q4 After many months of grueling work and painful injuries to her shoulder and back, Susan realized that her dream of swimming the English Channel was unattainable. What is an antonym of 'unattainable'? .....
- (a) impossible (b) unachievable (c) realistic (d) confused
- Q5 The couple tried to converse in the busy restaurant, but they couldn't hear themselves speak so they went elsewhere. What is an antonym of 'converse'? .....
- (a) talk (b) stop talking (c) chat (d) communicate
- Q6 After a grueling and busy week at work, the stillness of the pond reminded Lara of the silence she'd been searching for since Monday. What is an antonym of 'stillness'? .....
- (a) uproar (b) tranquility (c) serenity (d) tameness
- Q7 The dim lights made it hard to see, so Ben squinted to make out the stranger's face in the distance. What is an antonym of 'dim'? .....
- (a) faint (b) muted (c) strong (d) weak
- Q8 As the wood wolves howled, Gloria and Steven found it difficult to see in the gloomy forest. What is an antonym of 'gloomy'? .....
- (a) bright (b) ominous (c) dark (d) dreadful
- Q9 The merry wedding ceremony took place outdoors. It was beautiful and picturesque! What is an antonym of 'picturesque'? .....
- (a) ugly (b) scenic (c) pretty (d) aesthetic
- Q10 The graphic movie is for adults only because most of the scenes are unsuitable for children. What is an antonym of 'graphic'? .....
- (a) detailed (b) explicit (c) implicit (d) clear

*American English Idioms*

- Q1 Even though Tom was afraid of heights, he was determined to face up to it, so he slowly pulled himself up the ladder. What is the meaning of 'face up to something'? .....
- (a) deal with a problem or fear (b) run away from a problem or fear  
(c) create a problem or fear (d) hide the truth
- Q2 Ryan hit the nail on the head when he said the government spending is outrageous and unethical. What is the meaning of 'to hit the nail on the head'? .....
- (a) to say something that is accurate (b) to say something that is incorrect  
(c) to say something that is pretentious (d) to say something that is stupid
- Q3 The O'Riley sisters don't get along and they never see eye to eye on any issue. What is the meaning of 'to see eye to eye'? .....
- (a) to disagree (b) to see things the same way  
(c) to abandon an idea (d) to surrender
- Q4 I know there is a lot of biology material to cover, but if you want to pass the exam, you have to learn it by heart. What is the meaning of 'learn it by heart'? .....
- (a) fail to remember (b) commit to memory  
(c) put out of one's mind (d) eliminate a thought or idea
- Q5 Mr. Taylor is a great mentor because he's really nice and an old hand at teaching. What is the meaning of 'an old hand'? .....
- (a) an inexperienced person (b) an experienced person  
(c) a novice (d) a positive person
- Q6 The deal did not seem honest, so Ron did not want to stick out his neck and risk everything until he was sure about every last detail. What is the meaning of 'to stick out one's neck'? .....
- (a) to make oneself vulnerable (b) to make oneself unbeatable  
(c) to pry into other people's business (d) to comprehend an idea
- Q7 The reason why Aurora is dressed to the nines is because she's got a date tonight. What is the meaning of 'dressed to the nines'? .....
- (a) dressed too casually for the occasion (b) dressed up and looking great  
(c) dressed in a size nine (d) dressed in a plain-looking suit
- Q8 Tommy got into real trouble at school today. He used a four-letter word in the classroom. What is the meaning of 'used a four letter word'? .....
- (a) pledged to be a good boy (b) used bad language  
(c) didn't keep his promise (d) didn't follow his teacher's instructions
- Q9 Ronson realized by putting two and two together that the salesman was trying to trick him into buying the used car. What is the meaning of 'put two and two together'? .....
- (a) renounce an idea (b) figure out what is going on  
(c) detain two people (d) do some arithmetic
- Q10 He rarely cares about anyone but himself; he's always looking out for number one. What is the meaning of 'to look out for number one'? .....
- (a) to only care about oneself (b) to care about others  
(c) to worry about what others think (d) to be sympathetic about others' feelings

*Confusing Words test (1)*

- Q1 How much of an ..... did World War II have on Europe?  
(a) affect (b) effect (c) effects (d) affects
- Q2 The World War was devastating ..... many countries.  
(a) fore (b) for (c) four (d) floor
- Q3 Lynn and Mike were ecstatic about the ..... of their first child this year.  
(a) birth (b) berth (c) birch (d) births
- Q4 ..... that, they were also happy about the purchase of their new home.  
(a) Beside (b) Among (c) Besides (d) Between
- Q5 The weather on the coast is really wet and cloudy — it rains .....  
(a) allot (b) a lot (c) lot (d) allotment
- Q6 The ..... point is that you'll have to seek counsel about the crisis you're facing.  
(a) principal (b) principle (c) principals (d) principles
- Q7 After a year of continual turmoil, Kevin decided to move to a place with ..... political upheaval.  
(a) fewer (b) less (c) lesser (d) few
- Q8 The army was led by a famous general ..... was known for his tactical and strategic raids.  
(a) whose (b) who's (c) that (d) who
- Q9 There are many ..... and unfortunate people in every country around the world.  
(a) pour (b) pore (c) poor (d) poured
- Q10 Some charity groups are working to lower the ..... of poor people around the world.  
(a) group (b) herds (c) flocks (d) number

*Confusing Words test (2)*

- Q1 Kevin's dream of creating a perfect world is only an ..... because there is no such thing as a perfect world.  
 (a) allusion (b) illusion (c) allusions (d) illusions
- Q2 I think Kevin's heart is in the right place because we should always strive for world .....  
 (a) pieces (b) peak (c) peace (d) piece
- Q3 On most evenings just before dusk, the farmer loves to sit on his porch and look out onto the ..... pasture.  
 (a) quite (b) quit (c) quits (d) quiet
- Q4 The farmer often says that a peaceful, natural life is the only ..... for him.  
 (a) way (b) weigh (c) whey (d) ways
- Q5 Sometimes, there is a lot of animosity between friends. This will certainly cause those ..... relationships to fail.  
 (a) personnel (b) personification (c) personal (d) personality
- Q6 Tim's grandparents suffered ..... the Great Depression.  
 (a) through (b) trough (c) threw (d) thorough
- Q7 Afterwards, they had to deal with some major and ..... wars as well.  
 (a) miner (b) minor (c) mining (d) miners
- Q8 ..... lifestyle is really hectic and unhealthy.  
 (a) Their (b) They're (c) There (d) They
- Q9 First, Mandy said she wanted ..... pieces of candy, and then she asked for three.  
 (a) to (b) two (c) too (d) tow
- Q10 At the ..... of the crime, police officers interviewed eyewitnesses and gathered evidence.  
 (a) seen (b) seem (c) scene (d) scenic

*Confusing Words test (3)*

|     |                                                                                                                                                   |                  |                |                |                  |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Q1  | Can you imagine what ..... world would be like if there weren't any cars?                                                                         | (a) our          | (b) hour       | (c) are        | (d) hours        |
| Q2  | The fierce wind ..... all night long. It was intolerable!                                                                                         | (a) blown        | (b) blues      | (c) blew       | (d) blue         |
| Q3  | Mathematics is about concepts and practice, and you must ..... the basics if you are going to pass your exam.                                     | (a) learned      | (b) learn      | (c) lean       | (d) loan         |
| Q4  | I don't care where we go. It's up to you. I ate .....                                                                                             | (a) all ready    | (b) ready      | (c) already    | (d) readiness    |
| Q5  | George ..... her on her speech and she politely thanked him as she walked past the crowd of reporters.                                            | (a) complemented | (b) compliment | (c) complement | (d) complimented |
| Q6  | Every night after supper, Lawrence lies down on the sofa with a good book. Lawrence needs a magnifying glass to read because his ..... is so bad. | (a) site         | (b) sight      | (c) soot       | (d) sights       |
| Q7  | Thomas really likes the nursing home his children chose for him because his personal ..... is nice and competent.                                 | (a) aids         | (b) aid        | (c) aide       | (d) add          |
| Q8  | Cindy realized the ..... was crisp and clean, and she breathed in deeply to soak up the night's natural charm.                                    | (a) heir         | (b) are        | (c) err        | (d) air          |
| Q9  | The little girl ..... when her mother told her she couldn't have the toy she saw in the department store.                                         | (a) bald         | (b) balled     | (c) bawled     | (d) bowled       |
| Q10 | After retirement, the elderly couple decided it was time to ..... their large home and move into something smaller.                               | (a) cell         | (b) sell       | (c) seal       | (d) seller       |



*Confusing Words test (4)*

- Q1 The Internet company ..... me for the items I ordered last week.  
(a) build (b) billed (c) bailed (d) built
- Q2 Carrie was tired and soon became ..... with the activity her teacher had assigned.  
(a) border (b) board (c) bored (d) bowed
- Q3 Joy tied a decorative ..... in the ribbon so the Christmas package would look beautiful when she sent it to her parents.  
(a) knot (b) naught (c) not (d) knock
- Q4 The adult falcon ..... on smaller birds, mammals and reptiles.  
(a) praise (b) prays (c) prayed (d) preys
- Q5 The ..... came down all night, but in the morning the sun shone and we were able to have a beautiful, dry picnic in the afternoon.  
(a) rein (b) reign (c) rain (d) ramp
- Q6 Dorothy carefully ..... all of the Christmas gifts, and then she filled all of the stockings with small gifts and goodies.  
(a) rapt (b) rapped (c) roped (d) wrapped
- Q7 Joey asked his father to ..... him a bedtime story. His favorite book is 'Green Eggs and Ham' by Doctor Seuss.  
(a) read (b) reed (c) reel (d) rid
- Q8 In each question, the students were asked to choose the ..... word from a list of possibilities.  
(a) right (b) write (c) rite (d) wrote
- Q9 The ..... was long and looked like a ribbon laid out across the hills of the prairies.  
(a) road (b) rode (c) rowed (d) rod
- Q10 She sewed a strong ..... to finish off the dress she was making for her granddaughter's birthday.  
(a) seem (b) seen (c) seam (d) scene

*Confusing Words test (5)*

- Q1 The cat chased his ..... until he fell over from dizziness.  
(a) tale (b) tail (c) tall (d) teal
- Q2 The warm breeze and starry sky made that particular ..... the perfect setting for a romantic dinner.  
(a) knot (b) knight (c) neat (d) night
- Q3 As the chocolate chip cookies baked in the oven, a delicious ..... filled the entire house.  
(a) cent (b) scent (c) sent (d) send
- Q4 As Johnny walked up to the plate, the opposing team prayed for a strike or a ..... ball.  
(a) fowl (b) fall (c) follow (d) foul
- Q5 I can ..... the Pacific Ocean and many marine animals, such as seagulls and porpoises, from my bedroom window every day.  
(a) see (b) sea (c) saw (d) seen
- Q6 Tyler ..... that the team was in trouble, so he tried harder than usual to strike out the batter.  
(a) now (b) new (c) know (d) knew
- Q7 The ..... affair made everyone uncomfortable. Most wished the ordeal would end very soon.  
(a) haul (b) hole (c) hail (d) whole
- Q8 Tom is a talented and innovative carpenter. He uses many different types of ..... in his work.  
(a) wood (b) wad (c) would (d) wade
- Q9 The ..... was eating from a berry bush when he was suddenly startled by the scent of the approaching but unsuspecting hikers.  
(a) beer (b) bore (c) bear (d) bare
- Q10 Tree frogs usually drink moisture from the ..... on trees and leaves in the mornings.  
(a) due (b) do (c) dew (d) does

*Confusing Words test (6)*

|     |                                                                                                                                                        |            |             |           |           |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Q1  | The skating ..... performed very well in both the short and long programs.                                                                             | (a) pare   | (b) pear    | (c) poor  | (d) pair  |
| Q2  | I want you to ..... the restaurant tonight. I always decide and I'm tired of trying to find new and interesting places to eat.                         | (a) choose | (b) chose   | (c) chew  | (d) chews |
| Q3  | Joanne told her young daughter that it is impolite to ..... at people.                                                                                 | (a) stare  | (b) stair   | (c) store | (d) star  |
| Q4  | Rebecca is very nervous because later this afternoon she has to ..... with the executive vice-president of the firm.                                   | (a) might  | (b) meet    | (c) meat  | (d) mitt  |
| Q5  | Thomas tried to give blood this past week, but the new nurse said she couldn't draw a sample. She was unable to find a suitable ..... in Thomas's arm. | (a) vane   | (b) vein    | (c) vain  | (d) van   |
| Q6  | Bears' diets consist mainly of fish and .....                                                                                                          | (a) buries | (b) berries | (c) bars  | (d) beer  |
| Q7  | Carson felt ..... and nauseous. He wondered if he'd gotten food poisoning from the seafood restaurant he'd dined in earlier in the evening.            | (a) week   | (b) weak    | (c) woke  | (d) wake  |
| Q8  | In the summer months, the ..... usually rises at 5 am and sets at about 9 pm.                                                                          | (a) sum    | (b) some    | (c) sun   | (d) son   |
| Q9  | The bus driver was issued a new ..... He thought it would be a nice change, because it was in a quieter area of the city.                              | (a) route  | (b) root    | (c) rot   | (d) wrote |
| Q10 | The heavy rain fell hard against the window ..... all day long. By nightfall, the streets and sewers were overflowing with excess water.               | (a) panes  | (b) pants   | (c) pans  | (d) pains |

*Confusing Words test (7)*

- Q1 At school this week, Jonathan ..... his mother a beautiful gift for her birthday.  
(a) made (b) maid (c) mad (d) make
- Q2 Sandra loves her drama class, so she decided to audition for the lead ..... in the school play.  
(a) roll (b) rail (c) rule (d) role
- Q3 ..... of canola fields in the prairies make the whole earth look like a golden blanket.  
(a) Roams (b) Rose (c) Rows (d) Raids
- Q4 The Johnsons live very close to the ocean, and their three daughters love to go to the ..... in the summer. They look forward to it every year.  
(a) birch (b) beach (c) beech (d) batch
- Q5 The ..... factory produces much-needed products, but it also pollutes the air and water supply.  
(a) stall (b) steel (c) stole (d) steal
- Q6 ..... are part of the elk, caribou and moose family.  
(a) Deer (b) Deem (c) Dear (d) Dirt
- Q7 At the South Pole, ..... Emperor penguins stay with their female mates' eggs until their chick hatches. They endure long periods of cold and hunger during this time.  
(a) mail (b) male (c) man (d) moan
- Q8 Shelley's ..... is very long. It almost touches the floor.  
(a) here (b) hair (c) hare (d) hear
- Q9 Johnny looked ..... and felt nauseous when he saw his father eat a raw oyster for the first time.  
(a) pail (b) pan (c) pain (d) pale
- Q10 Raymond is a mathematician. He just ..... an award for his work in the field of quantum physics.  
(a) one (b) won (c) wand (d) wan

**Confusing Words test (8)**

- Q1 Thomas doesn't like a lot of seafood. For example, he doesn't like clams, shrimp or .....  
(a) muscles (b) mantles (c) monsoons (d) mussels
- Q2 The flight attendant walked up and down the ..... to make sure all of the passengers had enough to eat and drink on the long flight to Australia.  
(a) I'll (b) isle (c) aisle (d) owl
- Q3 Rebecca called a plumber because she has a loud and annoying ..... in the bathroom that keeps her up some nights.  
(a) leap (b) lime (c) leek (d) leak
- Q4 The soldier received the ..... of Honor for his bravery during WWII.  
(a) Meddle (b) Metal (c) Medal (d) Mantle
- Q5 Connie is self-conscious about her ..... so she always wears really baggy, oversized clothing.  
(a) weight (b) wait (c) way (d) wade
- Q6 During the play, the actor forgot his lines. There was a long ..... in the audience until he remembered the next line, and then the show continued.  
(a) paws (b) pose (c) post (d) pause
- Q7 There was a huge thunderstorm in the Midwest last week. ..... as big as baseballs fell from the sky and damaged many vehicles and homes.  
(a) Halestones (b) Holestones (c) Hailstones (d) Wholestones
- Q8 The successful advertising company is not really worried about ..... this fiscal year because they are doing so well.  
(a) prophets (b) profits (c) puppets (d) profiles
- Q9 The ..... on Henry's shoes are worn, so he took them to the shoe repair shop.  
(a) seals (b) soles (c) souls (d) soaps
- Q10 Kathy bought a beautiful ..... to go with her gorgeous wedding dress.  
(a) veil (b) vole (c) vale (d) vain

*Confusing Words test (9)*

- Q1 Wild ..... are native across much of Central Europe, the Mediterranean Region and much of Asia as far south as Indonesia, and have been introduced elsewhere.  
(a) boors (b) bores (c) boars (d) bowls
- Q2 The Sahara ..... is a very hot and dry place. However, in spite of the harsh climate, certain plants and animals continue to prosper there.  
(a) Desert (b) Dessert (c) Desk (d) Discern
- Q3 Paul loves to hike early in the morning because everything is so crisp and fresh at that time. The morning dew and ..... makes the world look dreamy.  
(a) mass (b) mast (c) mist (d) missed
- Q4 Shiana, a beautiful Arabian mare, has a long, sleek ..... Her owner bathes and grooms her on a regular basis.  
(a) mein (b) mane (c) main (d) man
- Q5 The church choir sings the most beautiful ..... every Sunday! I wish I could sing that well.  
(a) hymns (b) hims (c) hams (d) hominies
- Q6 The contractor took the couple to the ..... of their new home. He wanted to discuss details of the dimensions and geological issues they will have to address before construction can begin.  
(a) cite (b) site (c) sight (d) soot
- Q7 Normally, Robert likes his ..... medium rare, but his wife, on the other hand, likes hers well-done.  
(a) stake (b) stain (c) steak (d) stoke
- Q8 To improve Taylor's reading skills, his teacher told his mother that he should read his English assignments ..... at home every night.  
(a) aloft (b) allot (c) aloud (d) allowed
- Q9 Richard got his finger caught in the doorjamb and it was ..... for two days afterwards.  
(a) soar (b) sear (c) sire (d) sore
- Q10 I use rosemary, marjoram and ..... in an old-fashioned roast chicken recipe my mother gave me.  
(a) tune (b) thumb (c) time (d) thyme

**Confusing Words test (10)**

- Q1 The window latch broke earlier in the day. By nightfall, the wind was blowing harder than ever, and there was a noticeable ..... in the apartment.  
 (a) drought (b) draft (c) drift (d) daft
- Q2 There is a great deli around the corner. Tom orders corned beef on ..... bread for lunch every day.  
 (a) root (b) reed (c) wry (d) rye
- Q3 Jeffrey decided to take some night classes. He really enjoys the first-year English ..... he attends every Tuesday and Thursday evening at the college.  
 (a) coarse (b) cord (c) curse (d) course
- Q4 The sun's ..... are enjoyable in the summertime. However, sunbathers should wear sunscreen in order to prevent sunburn and skin damage.  
 (a) raze (b) raise (c) rays (d) rave
- Q5 The little ..... loves to horse around and play in the backyard with his dog, Skippy.  
 (a) bay (b) boy (c) buoy (d) buy
- Q6 People should always make sure they dispose of their ..... products in an environmentally friendly way.  
 (a) waist (b) waste (c) haste (d) wait
- Q7 Tracy decided to join the Peace ..... in the fall and help people in other countries. She wants to make a difference in the world.  
 (a) Cores (b) Cords (c) Corps (d) Core
- Q8 There is a terrible ..... bug going around. Everyone at work is sick and the clinics are full of patients who want to get better before Christmas.  
 (a) flu (b) flew (c) fluke (d) flame
- Q9 Dogs are not considered full-..... until they are about three years old.  
 (a) groomed (b) grown (c) groan (d) growl
- Q10 At the office, the telephone must ..... four times before the answering machine picks up the call.  
 (a) wrong (b) wring (c) ring (d) rang

*Confusing Words test (11)*

- Q1 The eyewitness caught only a ..... glimpse of the armed robber. As a result, she couldn't identify the thief in a police lineup.  
 (a) feint (b) fan (c) faint (d) fain
- Q2 In a court of law, every person who is accused of a crime is entitled to a ..... trial.  
 (a) feign (b) fair (c) fare (d) fame
- Q3 Larry warned his friend about the pyramid scheme. Those schemes are usually based on a ..... system that is unfair to those on the bottom.  
 (a) tear (b) tier (c) tear (d) teak
- Q4 Every Sunday, we can hear the church ..... from where we live.  
 (a) belle (b) bail (c) beam (d) bell
- Q5 The judge set the accused's ..... It was a large sum because the crime was so violent.  
 (a) ball (b) bale (c) bail (d) bales
- Q6 In the morning, Sally loves to eat organic ..... because it's made with oats. She feels that gives her a healthy start every day.  
 (a) cereal (b) serum (c) serial (d) sealer
- Q7 The bank across the street offered us a very good interest rate on a personal ..... this month.  
 (a) lone (b) loan (c) loaf (d) line
- Q8 Norma made a beautiful and delicious chocolate ..... cake for her grandson's birthday this weekend.  
 (a) lame (b) layer (c) lair (d) leer
- Q9 Jennifer and Cameron went out for a candlelit dinner. Then they went to the ..... to take in the romantic setting of the oceanfront.  
 (a) peel (b) pier (c) pear (d) peer
- Q10 The house is very large, and the most impressive part of it is the vaulted .....  
 (a) searing (b) ceiling (c) sealing (d) seeming



*Confusing Words test (12)*

- Q1 In order to make the training manuals stand out, the company used specialty cardstock rather than ..... paper for the front and back covers.  
(a) pane (b) pain (c) plain (d) plane
- Q2 Casey asked her mother to ..... her a mountain bike for her 14th birthday next month.  
(a) by (b) boy (c) bye (d) buy
- Q3 The affluent family had an impressive wine ..... in their mansion prior to the stock market crash.  
(a) cellar (b) sell (c) sealer (d) seller
- Q4 Laurie loves trips to the ocean because she gets to swim in the sea and watch the ..... come in every evening.  
(a) tiered (b) tide (c) tied (d) toad
- Q5 Lance drew up the blueprints. He decided that the house would be about 1500 square ..... when construction was complete.  
(a) foot (b) feat (c) feet (d) fat
- Q6 The large ..... of cattle was difficult to move. The rancher used Border Collies to help him round them up in the fall.  
(a) herd (b) heard (c) herder (d) heed
- Q7 The couple had not been able to afford an elaborate honeymoon, so for their 10th wedding anniversary, they went on a ..... in the Bahamas.  
(a) crews (b) cruise (c) crumb (d) crew
- Q8 Every year before Christmas, there are huge ..... on all kinds of Christmas wrapping paper, ornaments and decorations.  
(a) sails (b) sales (c) stalls (d) seals
- Q9 For Christians around the world, Sunday is a ..... day. In the past, many people didn't work on Sundays. Nowadays, however, a lot of people do.  
(a) holy (b) wholly (c) holly (d) hole
- Q10 Surrounding the estate is a huge metal fence with a large ..... at the front of the mansion. Security people and trained dogs guard the estate on a 24-hour basis.  
(a) gate (b) gait (c) got (d) gain

*Airport Terminology (1)*

- Q1 Most people don't like ..... seats on airplanes. They usually prefer window seats.  
 (a) terminal (b) aisle (c) isle (d) corridor
- Q2 Cindy was very frustrated with the ..... because her suitcases were lost.  
 (a) baggage claim area (b) seating (c) lavatory (d) cockpit
- Q3 Flight attendants must see everyone's ..... before they are allowed to get onto the plane.  
 (a) life jacket (b) metal detector (c) boarding pass (d) oxygen mask
- Q4 With most airlines, passengers are allowed to bring one piece of ..... luggage with them.  
 (a) carry-on (b) carry (c) boarding (d) designer
- Q5 Pilots and co-pilots usually sit in and control the flight from the ..... of an airplane.  
 (a) window (b) nose (c) cockpit (d) back
- Q6 Right before takeoff, the ..... instructed the passengers on what to do in case of an emergency and where all the emergency exits are located.  
 (a) flight attendant (b) waitress (c) passenger (d) baggage handler
- Q7 Ben had to run for five minutes after his plane landed, because his connecting flight's ..... was so far away.  
 (a) runway (b) cockpit (c) tray table (d) gate
- Q8 Bette quickly looked around for the ..... on the plane because her little girl wasn't feeling well.  
 (a) lavatory (b) cockpit (c) window (d) terminal
- Q9 Sandra had to go through the airport's ..... in the security area three times because she had so many hairpins in her hair.  
 (a) boarding pass (b) baggage claim area (c) metal detector (d) lavatory
- Q10 Jack put his carry-on baggage under his seat because the ..... was full.  
 (a) shelf (b) cupboard  
 (c) seat (d) overhead compartment

**Bank Terminology (1)**

- Q1 Mandy is going to buy ..... because she doesn't want to carry cash when she goes to Europe.  
 (a) a line of credit (b) traveler's checks (c) a roll of quarters (d) a pen
- Q2 Christina wants to ..... her check because she needs the money right away.  
 (a) rent (b) buy (c) cash (d) exchange
- Q3 Robert ..... a check this past week. Now, he must pay two NSF charges because of it.  
 (a) hopped (b) skipped (c) bounced (d) threw
- Q4 ..... charges are high and cause a lot of problems for people who write checks for more than they have in their account.  
 (a) NSF (non-sufficient funds) (b) NEF (not-enough funds)  
 (c) CAN (check not acceptable) (d) CP (check problem)
- Q5 Raymond wants to ..... his account balance because he is afraid that there isn't enough money to cover an upcoming payment.  
 (a) check (b) withdraw (c) exchange (d) open
- Q6 Every two weeks, Sandy's salary is ..... directly into her bank account. It usually goes in before midnight on Fridays.  
 (a) filled (b) deposited (c) exchanged (d) opened
- Q7 Laurie has a lot of foreign currency that she wants to ..... into local currency.  
 (a) open (b) change (c) fill (d) review
- Q8 Rose went into the bank today to ..... a new checking account.  
 (a) exchange (b) withdraw (c) open (d) fill
- Q9 In the past, all customers ..... out withdrawal slips in order to withdraw funds from their accounts. Nowadays, many banks are paperless and customers can withdraw the funds electronically.  
 (a) opened (b) exchanged (c) reviewed (d) filled
- Q10 Whenever customers open a new checking account, the bank allows them to ..... personalized checks.  
 (a) rent (b) take out (c) borrow (d) order

**Bank Terminology (2)**

- Q1 Ben and Jen needed money to redecorate their home, so they asked a loan officer if they qualified for a ..... instead of a second mortgage on their house.  
 (a) deposit slip (b) line of credit (c) debit card (d) bill
- Q2 Nowadays, bank customers have more options. For example, they can pay their bills over the telephone or they can pay them .....  
 (a) online (b) over the phone  
 (c) with a safety deposit box (d) with a bank teller
- Q3 Some people rent a ..... in order to keep important papers and items safe.  
 (a) deposit slip (b) safety deposit box (c) debit card (d) bank statement
- Q4 Almost all customers have a(n) ..... card so they don't have to go into the bank to withdraw money. They can also use their cards to purchase goods in stores.  
 (a) export (b) debit (c) withdrawal (d) loan
- Q5 Laurie has two accounts. She can ..... funds from her checking account into her savings account right over the phone.  
 (a) loan (b) order (c) transfer (d) rent
- Q6 Every month, Kevin ..... his bank statement in order to balance his checkbook.  
 (a) fills out (b) exchanges (c) withdraws (d) reviews
- Q7 Mary has an appointment with a loan ..... because she wants to buy a new car and needs \$3000 to complete the purchase.  
 (a) teller (b) secretary (c) taker (d) officer
- Q8 Karen learned how to ..... her checkbook at an early age. Her father thought it was important.  
 (a) balance (b) pay-off (c) exchange (d) withdraw
- Q9 Rose and Tom want to get approved for a ..... because they want to buy a house this year.  
 (a) check (b) safety deposit box (c) mortgage (d) savings account
- Q10 Normally, people get ..... for a mortgage before they go house hunting so they know what kind of house they can afford to buy.  
 (a) pre-approved (b) withdrawal slips (c) an order (d) traveler's checks

*Common Phrases and Responses (1)*

- Q1 That looks heavy. Can I give you a hand with it? .....
- (a) Normally, I don't like that kind of thing. (b) Sure, that would be great.  
(c) My hands are wet. (d) I don't like to hold hands.
- Q2 Are you going to call in sick tomorrow? .....
- (a) I get a coffee break at ten in the morning. (b) My wife isn't feeling well.  
(c) I think so. I don't feel well. (d) It's my turn to go first.
- Q3 Do you think we should put the meeting off until tomorrow? .....
- (a) It was nice meeting you. (b) She doesn't like me very much.  
(c) I know, he normally calls by now. (d) Yes, tomorrow's fine with me.
- Q4 Kristine's working a lot. Are you tied up this week? .....
- (a) Yes, I look forward to it. (b) Yes, I believe you.  
(c) Yes, I'm really busy. (d) Yes, I'm really tired.
- Q5 This training session is difficult. I had a really hard time reading that training manual. ....
- (a) I agree. Her speech was really well done. (b) I am going to the meeting soon.  
(c) I'm going to write it down again for you. (d) Me too. It was very intensive.
- Q6 What's on your agenda for the holidays? .....
- (a) Possibly. I'll eat out tonight. (b) I need a coffee break.  
(c) We'll discuss that during the meeting tomorrow. (d) I think we're going to visit my parents in Vermont.
- Q7 Carrie pointed out that you're having some problems adjusting to your new job. ....
- (a) Sure, if possible. (b) I like Carrie.  
(c) I liked my old job a lot. (d) I hope so.
- Q8 Are you fed up with your job? .....
- (a) Actually, I ate really well yesterday. (b) Somewhat, but I can't quit right now.  
(c) I liked the speaker today. (d) I fed the dog this morning.
- Q9 What are your plans for the weekend? .....
- (a) We're going skiing in Montana. (b) I like ice fishing.  
(c) Cold weather is hard to deal with sometimes. (d) I don't have a schedule printed out yet.
- Q10 When did you settle on a name for the baby? .....
- (a) We haven't talked about the upcoming deal yet. (b) Last week. We decided on Liam for a boy.  
(c) We should go out tonight. (d) That sounds great.

*Phrasal Verbs used with Criminal Activity*

- Q1 Our neighbor's home insurance went up last week because they had a ..... last month.  
 (a) break-down (b) break-up (c) break-in (d) break-out
- Q2 The thieves managed to ..... with a lot of money, but a year later, they were apprehended and sentenced to 50 years in prison.  
 (a) pick up (b) make up (c) get away (d) pick away
- Q3 After one year, Ben decided to ..... He couldn't live with the guilt any longer.  
 (a) turn himself in (b) turn himself off (c) turn down (d) turn over
- Q4 The bank robber stole \$1000 in the ..... downtown but was caught a week later.  
 (a) hold down (b) hold up (c) hold out (d) hold
- Q5 Jamie is quite bitter lately because her last boyfriend ..... with all of her savings.  
 (a) ran up (b) kept up (c) left off (d) ran off
- Q6 Gang life is very unforgiving. If the rules aren't followed, gang members will ..... with people they don't like.  
 (a) stay away (b) lure away (c) do away (d) keep away
- Q7 After a one-hour high-speed chase, the police finally ..... the criminal.  
 (a) put over (b) pulled over (c) beat over (d) kept up
- Q8 Terrorists often use bombs to ..... buildings and other kinds of property.  
 (a) blow in (b) blow up (c) push (d) fall over
- Q9 At first, the young couple didn't realize they were talking to dangerous criminals. Once they realized who they were, they ..... to police.  
 (a) turned them in (b) turned over (c) turned them down (d) turned them up
- Q10 The public is outraged by the violence committed by this known criminal. They want to ..... for good.  
 (a) put him away (b) put him off (c) turn him over (d) turn him down

*Phrasal Verbs and Traveling*

- Q1 After you buy an airplane ticket, you must ..... once you arrive at the airport in order to confirm the flight and get a seat on the aircraft.  
 (a) check over (b) check in (c) check out (d) check off
- Q2 Sue is stressed out lately. I think she needs to ..... for a while. I suggested a cruise in the Bahamas.  
 (a) get away (b) go off (c) get in (d) get over
- Q3 Sally is wondering what time her husband's plane will ..... It was delayed in Colorado by a blizzard.  
 (a) get up (b) get in (c) get over (d) get on
- Q4 Ellie had to ..... in order to make the green light. She's usually a pretty good driver.  
 (a) speed up (b) speed in (c) speed on (d) sped up
- Q5 Randy was very nervous during his first flight lesson. Afterwards, he told me the best part was at the beginning, during .....  
 (a) take over (b) take in (c) take out (d) take off
- Q6 The stranded crew ..... for the long journey at 5 am. They needed as much natural light as they could get.  
 (a) set off (b) set by (c) set in (d) set over
- Q7 Headed into the city, the newlyweds thought they would ..... an old hangout for a quick drink because it was on the way.  
 (a) stop on (b) stop out (c) stop by (d) stop down
- Q8 Helen went to Italy this spring. Before she left the country, she decided to ..... in Tuscany for a while. She hasn't returned yet, because she likes it so much.  
 (a) stop off (b) stop about (c) stop down (d) stop on
- Q9 We drove to Canada this past summer. We had to ..... only four times on the way. We got pretty good gas mileage.  
 (a) fill out (b) ran out (c) fill up (d) fill in
- Q10 Adriana has to ..... because her flight is leaving in ten minutes.  
 (a) fill up (b) run up (c) run out (d) hurry up

*Common Phrases and Responses (2)*

- Q1 Do you want to hang out tonight? .....
- (a) I need a vacation. (b) I think we should hang it up to dry.  
(c) Sure, let's watch a movie together. (d) My hands are full right now.
- Q2 I have to check. Can you hold a moment? .....
- (a) Yes, I'll hang on. (b) Don't let go of me.  
(c) I have to hold onto my puppy or she'll run away. (d) Surely, I'll take that.
- Q3 Can you expand on that? .....
- (a) Yes, I need more room. (b) Yes, I feel we should focus on globalization more.  
(c) I hope so. (d) I'd appreciate that.
- Q4 Are Cindy and Max breaking up? .....
- (a) They had a break-in last week. (b) Yes, they're so cute together.  
(c) Yes, they're getting married. (d) Yes, unfortunately, they can't fix their problems.
- Q5 When did you come across that project? .....
- (a) It was very difficult to read that training manual. (b) Last week when I was reading the bulletin board.  
(c) I drove across a beautiful bridge yesterday. (d) I went to the barbeque yesterday.
- Q6 Who will give the bride away at her wedding? .....
- (a) I'm going to give them new, designer towels. (b) Her fiance, I think.  
(c) Her father, of course. (d) She's going to wear white.
- Q7 Don't worry about it. You can count on me. ....
- (a) Math is my favorite subject. (b) I'd appreciate that, thanks.  
(c) I don't want to do inventory this week. (d) I hate using cash registers.
- Q8 Did he go against his father's wishes? .....
- (a) Yes, he decided to buy the house anyway. (b) Yes, his parents are very happy.  
(c) Sure, go ahead. (d) He'd like that a lot.
- Q9 How did you manage to come by this great job? .....
- (a) You should stop in after work. (b) It's possible that I left it at work.  
(c) I'm ready for a change. (d) I answered an advertisement in the paper.
- Q10 Did you have some friends over last night? .....
- (a) Yes, I'd like that. (b) Maybe, if possible.  
(c) Yes, Ron and Sue stopped by. (d) Yes, they're coming over at 6 pm.



*Common Phrases and Responses (3)*

Q1 I picked up the basket and it came apart in my hands. ....

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| (a) I love that craft store.                   | (b) If you have your receipt, you can return it. |
| (c) You should give it to Haley for Christmas. | (d) You should buy it. It's in great shape.      |

Q2 Randy's mother is amazing. She's 93 years old and still fends for herself. ....

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| (a) I know. She's very healthy.                                         | (b) I know. They're going to put her in a nursing home. |
| (c) I know. She lives with her son and he takes care of her every need. | (d) I know. She's confined to her bed.                  |

Q3 When did Microsoft come out with a new version of that software? ....

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| (a) Yes, I like it a lot.           | (b) Last week. Isn't it great?           |
| (c) They developed the new product. | (d) Microsoft creates software products. |

Q4 If my knee starts acting up, I'll have to miss the marathon tomorrow. ....

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| (a) I know. It'll have to stop acting up or it'll get in trouble. | (b) Yes, I feel really good and strong right now.          |
| (c) I know. I'm going to see my doctor today.                     | (d) You should see your doctor today to make sure it's OK. |

Q5 Do you think the thunderstorm will blow over soon? ....

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| (a) I know. The weather is great. | (b) I hope so.                         |
| (c) Sure, we can.                 | (d) Yes, the explosion was very scary. |

Q6 What are you doing to build up your endurance for the marathon? ....

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|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| (a) I'm building a new house this year.                       | (b) They just finished building the cabin.   |
| (c) I'm jogging and doing other physical exercises every day. | (d) I don't need endurance to run marathons. |

Q7 How does one o'clock sound? ....

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| (a) Yes, thank you.               | (b) Surely you don't mean that?       |
| (c) Great. I'll see you at three. | (d) Sounds good. I'll meet you there. |

Q8 I haven't seen you for a long time. Let's get together and catch up. ....

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|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| (a) I caught a cold last week too.          | (b) I really like your new boss. |
| (c) I'd love to! I want to know everything. | (d) It's nice to meet you.       |

Q9 Let's sit down and hash out an agreement tomorrow. ....

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| (a) Sure, let's meet at 10 am.    | (b) No, I don't like hash browns. |
| (c) I don't need a chair, thanks. | (d) Oh, they're great.            |

Q10 I can't stand her! ....

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| (a) I'd like a chair too, please. | (b) I don't like her either.                   |
| (c) My legs are weak.             | (d) That's great! I knew you'd like her a lot. |

*Question Tags Test (1)*

|     |                                                      |                |                  |                   |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Q1  | Laurie can come by tomorrow, .....?                  | (a) could she  | (b) can't she    | (c) is she        |
| Q2  | She's from Korea, .....?                             | (a) was she    | (b) isn't she    | (c) could she     |
| Q3  | He's meeting me at 10 am, .....?                     | (a) isn't he   | (b) could he     | (c) has he        |
| Q4  | Kathy's never impolite, .....?                       | (a) isn't she  | (b) is she       | (c) shouldn't she |
| Q5  | The children don't have to come in right now, .....? | (a) don't they | (b) do they      | (c) doesn't it    |
| Q6  | You still want to meet with him, .....?              | (a) won't you  | (b) does you     | (c) don't you     |
| Q7  | There aren't many guests here yet, .....?            | (a) are they   | (b) aren't there | (c) are there     |
| Q8  | We can't ask her again, .....?                       | (a) can't we   | (b) could they   | (c) can we        |
| Q9  | The checks haven't been sent, .....?                 | (a) do they    | (b) have they    | (c) haven't they  |
| Q10 | We didn't receive many calls this month, .....?      | (a) didn't we  | (b) should we    | (c) did we        |

*Confusing Words test (13)*

- Q1 Children often like ..... and ketchup on their hotdogs.  
(a) mustered (b) moose (c) mustard
- Q2 The gang didn't like Simon, so after school they confronted him and ..... him up.  
(a) beet (b) beat (c) bit
- Q3 Don't worry about her. She has a ..... of her own.  
(a) mind (b) mined (c) mince
- Q4 The garden was made up of a lot of high hedges in perfect rows. It looked like a ..... from above.  
(a) maize (b) maid (c) maze
- Q5 In Canada, there are many different types of wild animals, including large mammals such as .....  
(a) moose (b) mousse (c) mice
- Q6 There are also wild feline creatures such as cougars and .....  
(a) links (b) lynx (c) likes
- Q7 Jeremy had a bad cold last week. He blew his ..... all day long.  
(a) nose (b) knees (c) knows
- Q8 Thomas went to church yesterday and met a really nice .....  
(a) none (b) noon (c) nun
- Q9 Kevin was very tired and he ..... loudly when his teacher began reciting the play.  
(a) side (b) sighed (c) site
- Q10 Many teachers say that you must have a lot of ..... in order to teach middle school students effectively.  
(a) patience (b) prints (c) patients

**Confusing Words test (14)**

- Q1 All children love to open ..... on Christmas morning.  
 (a) presence (b) presents (c) prince
- Q2 A new animal was discovered in Laos. It looked very strange and many people didn't believe it was ..... at first.  
 (a) reel (b) roll (c) real
- Q3 Sharon normally takes her film to the nearby shop to get her negatives developed and ..... made.  
 (a) prints (b) prince (c) poles
- Q4 The rare and beautiful eagle ..... above the mountain top. It was an outstanding sight.  
 (a) sword (b) spayed (c) soared
- Q5 After the lay-off announcement, most of the workers were in a ..... They couldn't believe they had all lost their jobs.  
 (a) days (b) dice (c) daze
- Q6 On Saturday night, Clay and Cindy are going to a concert at the local auditorium. The new ..... received good reviews in the paper last week.  
 (a) banned (b) band (c) bond
- Q7 Many years ago, most working dogs were ..... to train for certain tasks well.  
 (a) bred (b) brood (c) bread
- Q8 The farmer frantically called the veterinarian when he realized his cows broke into the grain ..... His whole herd could die because too much grain at one time is bad for cows.  
 (a) been (b) bin (c) bone
- Q9 While the family was camping, they heard a loud growl in the bushes. They were afraid that it might be a bear because they were camping in ..... country.  
 (a) grisly (b) gruesome (c) grizzly
- Q10 You ..... to get your car fixed. I'm tired of driving you around!  
 (a) halve (b) half (c) have

*Confusing Words test (15)*

- Q1 The ..... in the play had long, dark hair and beautiful eyes and she played the part very well. I think she's going to go far in her career.  
(a) heroine (b) heroin (c) hero
- Q2 During the tumultuous war, Isaac decided he and his family should ..... their country.  
(a) flea (b) flee (c) flew
- Q3 Karen bought beautiful shoes for the wedding, but they didn't fit right so she got blisters on the ..... of both her feet.  
(a) heals (b) heels (c) holes
- Q4 Every morning, the children play together as they ..... for the school bus to arrive. Sometimes, however, the weather is really bad, so they huddle together in the bus shelter.  
(a) wait (b) weight (c) want
- Q5 When the weather is cold and wet, some of the children ..... a lot until the school bus arrives.  
(a) wine (b) wind (c) whine
- Q6 There are many kinds of frogs and ..... in the world. In fact, there are more than 5,000 species.  
(a) towed (b) toads (c) toes
- Q7 After the inappropriate outburst, everyone seemed ..... at the meeting.  
(a) tents (b) teas (c) tense
- Q8 A jogger immediately called the wildlife department on her cell phone when she saw the beached .....  
(a) wail (b) while (c) whale
- Q9 The king was not a nice man, but he did look very regal when he sat on his .....  
(a) throne (b) thrown (c) threw
- Q10 The honeymooners rented the penthouse ..... at the gorgeous hotel with the stunning ocean-front views.  
(a) sweet (b) sweat (c) suite

*A Sticky Moment*

- Q1 Andrew was terrified on the first day in his new job and he wondered how he would stick it .....  
(a) on (b) in (c) out (d) across
- Q2 His girlfriend advised him not to let everyone boss him around and begged him to stick ..... for himself.  
(a) over (b) up (c) under (d) through
- Q3 With this in mind and for his own self-respect he was determined to stick ..... it.  
(a) at (b) to (c) by (d) into
- Q4 He made a good friend that first day who advised him to stick ..... him and ignore what anyone said.  
(a) from (b) across (c) down (d) by
- Q5 A sudden moment of drama occurred when a man rushed into the office and told everyone to stick their hands .....  
(a) in (b) for (c) up (d) over
- Q6 He was rather sticking his neck ..... because Andrew had in fact once been a police officer.  
(a) through (b) over (c) to (d) out
- Q7 At that precise moment Andrew thought it wasn't a very good idea to stick his oar ..... and interfere.  
(a) across (b) in (c) along (d) about
- Q8 But it soon became clear to everyone that he had trained in this type of work as it stuck ..... a mile.  
(a) out (b) into (c) beneath (d) above
- Q9 He calmly approached the gunman and told him to stick his gun ..... The latter did as he was told and handed Andrew the gun.  
(a) under (b) away (c) without (d) underneath
- Q10 Understandably Andrew was cheered by everyone and since that day has been stuck ..... a reputation for being very brave.  
(a) at (b) by (c) out (d) with

*Confusing Words test (16)*

- Q1 A-frame houses are great. I love the ..... at the front of the house and the vaulted ceilings on the inside.  
(a) peek (b) peak (c) pique
- Q2 The teacher did not extend the essay's due date despite her students' .....  
(a) pleas (b) please (c) pleats
- Q3 A single ..... fell from her eyes when she heard about the fire.  
(a) tare (b) tier (c) tear
- Q4 The left-wing government decided to take an opinion ..... to find out whether or not the people agreed with the upcoming laws.  
(a) poll (b) pole (c) paw
- Q5 Steven broke his big toe, but doctors don't usually put ..... on toes, so he should be really careful until it heals.  
(a) castes (b) casts (c) costs
- Q6 At the ..... of the painting, beautiful colors were used to depict water.  
(a) bass (b) bees (c) base
- Q7 The raccoon ..... the little squirrel around the backyard for nearly 20 minutes.  
(a) chased (b) chaste (c) caste
- Q8 The ..... party met at 8 pm for the wedding rehearsal and afterwards for the rehearsal dinner.  
(a) bridle (b) bridal (c) brittle
- Q9 The ..... reef in Australia is beautiful. We went scuba diving and saw some of the underwater natural beauty.  
(a) choral (b) coral (c) corral
- Q10 During the boring play, Isaiah began to ..... off. His head fell onto his mother's shoulder.  
(a) does (b) don (c) doze

*Confusing Words test (17)*

- Q1 The ..... on the little boy's bicycle needs to be replaced so he can safely ride his bike around the neighborhood.  
(a) peddle (b) pedal (c) puddle
- Q2 Josephine told her best friend Olivia to ..... the moment, so Olivia is going to Europe this summer.  
(a) seas (b) sees (c) seize
- Q3 Katherine felt like doing something different, so she decided to pierce her ..... this week.  
(a) navel (b) naval (c) novice
- Q4 Sandra loves to sit on her porch and drink coffee in the .....  
(a) mourning (b) morning (c) mowing
- Q5 You must ..... the garlic cloves in order to use them in this recipe.  
(a) mice (b) mints (c) mince
- Q6 You have to ..... a coat today because it's been snowing all night long. It's so cold!  
(a) where (b) wear (c) ware
- Q7 Children all over the world are studying ..... arts such as karate, kung-fu and tae-kwon-do.  
(a) martial (b) marshall (c) masher
- Q8 The shopping ..... is so crowded because today is Christmas Eve.  
(a) mall (b) maul (c) mole
- Q9 Don't forget to ..... the window. There was a terrible draft in here when I came home yesterday.  
(a) clothes (b) clause (c) close
- Q10 Did you read the cancellation ..... in the contract? You should, because it's an important section of the document.  
(a) clause (b) claws (c) clothes



*Confusing Words test (18)*

- Q1 The ..... has a lot of difficult decisions to make including whether he should proceed with the raid tonight.  
(a) kernel (b) colonel (c) carnal
- Q2 We had a delicious picnic on the bank of the small ..... last weekend.  
(a) creek (b) creak (c) crock
- Q3 Ms Simpson ..... the lesson on geometry yesterday, so you need to get the notes from one of your classmates as soon as possible.  
(a) taut (b) tote (c) taught
- Q4 Scientists have uncovered many of the mysteries regarding DNA strands and .....  
(a) jeans (b) genes (c) gin
- Q5 Sarah rides her Arabian ..... every weekend.  
(a) hoarse (b) horse (c) hoax
- Q6 Don't forget to put the water ..... away once you've finished watering the lawn.  
(a) hose (b) hoes (c) highs
- Q7 The ..... is large and has a Victorian flavor to it. We stayed there for two days.  
(a) in (b) e'en (c) inn
- Q8 Before you buy that used car, you should check with the Motor Vehicles Department to make sure the car is free of any .....  
(a) liens (b) leans (c) lone
- Q9 I bought a small ..... of scented lavender oil yesterday.  
(a) vile (b) veil (c) vial
- Q10 The painting had beautiful colors in it, but the content was a little .....  
(a) odd (b) awed (c) ode

**Confusing Words test (19)**

- Q1 Every December, the children pray for snow because they love going on ..... rides on Christmas Eve.  
(a) slay (b) sleigh (c) slough
- Q2 If you want to fight your speeding ticket, you must appear in traffic ..... to defend your position on the 15th of the month.  
(a) quart (b) court (c) curt
- Q3 Parents are constantly reminding their children to eat ..... of their vegetables at supper time.  
(a) all (b) awl (c) ale
- Q4 Can you please ..... about a cup of cheese right away so we can put it on the pizza?  
(a) great (b) grate (c) grit
- Q5 In the past, people used ..... for soap-making. Nowadays, many people feel that it's too strong and harsh, so they opt for more gentle substances.  
(a) lye (b) lie (c) lay
- Q6 ..... is used as a main ingredient in many baked products.  
(a) Flower (b) Friar (c) Flour
- Q7 If you want to make southern fried chicken, you should use a deep ..... because you will need a lot of peanut oil.  
(a) friar (b) fryer (c) flour
- Q8 The personnel department has interviewed many possible candidates for the job. They want to ..... someone by the end of the month.  
(a) hire (b) higher (c) hare
- Q9 The couple decided to go with the larger ..... because they are going to have about 250 guests attending their wedding reception in June.  
(a) hail (b) haul (c) hall
- Q10 As the raft went down the river rapids, the guide lost an .....  
(a) or (b) ore (c) oar

*Confusing Words test (20)*

- Q1 The robbers were ..... about an hour after the bank robbery took place.  
(a) cot (b) caught (c) coat
- Q2 Every second Friday, Isaiah goes to the bank to ..... his paycheck.  
(a) cache (b) clash (c) cash
- Q3 Often, state governments will implement a sales ..... in order to collect more funds for various purposes.  
(a) tax (b) tacks (c) ticks
- Q4 Coffee is delicious. However, there are also many different kinds of delicious ..... to choose from these days.  
(a) tees (b) toes (c) teas
- Q5 I pulled the plant out of the garden because I thought it was only a ..... It turns out it was an herb that I could have used in my cooking.  
(a) weed (b) we'd (c) wed
- Q6 I have to buy a ..... because I want to grow a productive vegetable garden this spring.  
(a) spayed (b) sped (c) spade
- Q7 The garden table was made of black ..... iron. It looks great with the other outdoor furniture on the patio.  
(a) rote (b) rot (c) wrought
- Q8 You will need a passport if you want to cross the ..... They just changed the law this year.  
(a) border (b) boarder (c) bidder
- Q9 After the huge feast, Tim's stomach ached because he ..... so much delicious food at one time.  
(a) eight (b) ail (c) ate
- Q10 I asked my husband to ..... my purse while I put on my winter coat.  
(a) hold (b) holed (c) hailed

*'Enough', 'a lot' and 'too' (1)*

- Q1 It's such a beautiful day and it's not ..... far, so I'm going to walk to the bus stop today. Thanks for offering me a ride though.  
(a) enough (b) a lot (c) too
- Q2 Stuntmen are trained to do things that are ..... dangerous for average people.  
(a) enough (b) a lot (c) too
- Q3 You seem a little cranky today. Did you get ..... sleep last night?  
(a) enough (b) a lot (c) too
- Q4 We love going to the beach when there aren't ..... many people there.  
(a) enough (b) a lot (c) too
- Q5 Don't worry. If you don't have ..... money to close the deal on the house, I'll lend you the down payment.  
(a) enough (b) a lot (c) too
- Q6 Jamie really loved the dinette set, but it was ..... expensive so she didn't buy it.  
(a) enough (b) a lot (c) too
- Q7 That job is ..... difficult for me. Besides that, my boss is so domineering.  
(a) enough (b) a lot (c) too
- Q8 I don't have ..... of reports to do today, so I should be home by supper time.  
(a) enough (b) a lot (c) too
- Q9 Karen was depressed, so she ate ..... of chocolate this past weekend.  
(a) enough (b) a lot (c) too
- Q10 I'm exhausted because I've really been worried about finances lately. I didn't get ..... sleep last night or the night before that.  
(a) enough (b) a lot (c) too

*'Few', 'a little' and 'some' (1)*

- Q1 This meal is so good! Do you think I could have a ..... more beef, please?  
(a) few (b) little (c) some
- Q2 Would you like ..... cream in your coffee?  
(a) few (b) little (c) some
- Q3 I love Thailand. I've already been there a ..... times and I plan to go back this summer.  
(a) few (b) little (c) some
- Q4 I can't go right now because I still have a ..... orders to fill by 5 o'clock.  
(a) few (b) little (c) some
- Q5 Since I started my new job, it seems like I've got very ..... time to do the things I enjoy.  
(a) few (b) little (c) some
- Q6 Do you want ..... more potato chips? There's another bag in the cupboard if you do.  
(a) few (b) little (c) some
- Q7 I love coffee in the morning, but I only take a ..... milk and two teaspoons of sugar in it.  
(a) few (b) little (c) some
- Q8 I need a ..... help with my homework. Do you have time to help me?  
(a) few (b) little (c) some
- Q9 Despite their marketing efforts, the promoters only managed to sell a ..... CDs for the band this past year.  
(a) few (b) little (c) some
- Q10 My boss is very particular about everything, and he has very ..... tolerance for silly mistakes.  
(a) few (b) little (c) some

*'Today', 'yesterday' and 'tomorrow' (1)*

- Q1 I love that restaurant. In fact, I'm going there ..... night.  
 (a) today (b) yesterday (c) tomorrow
- Q2 I saw Canada Geese flying south on my way to work ..... morning.  
 (a) today (b) yesterday (c) tomorrow
- Q3 I can fit you in ..... morning. Does that work for you?  
 (a) today (b) yesterday (c) tomorrow
- Q4 I don't know where Pamela is right now. I haven't seen her since .....  
 (a) today (b) yesterday (c) tomorrow
- Q5 My boss wants me to finish the project first thing ..... morning.  
 (a) today (b) yesterday (c) tomorrow
- Q6 I can't help you today, but I can give you a hand .....  
 (a) today (b) yesterday (c) tomorrow
- Q7 I don't think Cora has come in yet, because I haven't seen her at all .....  
 (a) today (b) yesterday (c) tomorrow
- Q8 We're celebrating our wedding anniversary ..... We'll have been married for exactly 25 years.  
 (a) today (b) yesterday (c) tomorrow
- Q9 When are you stopping by — ..... or tomorrow?  
 (a) today (b) yesterday (c) tomorrow
- Q10 Before you go home ....., I need you to stop by my office. I have to speak with you immediately.  
 (a) today (b) yesterday (c) tomorrow

*Polite Indirect Questions & Statements Test (1)*

- Q1 I had a great time at your house this past weekend. .... to come to dinner this evening?  
(a) Want you (b) Would you like (c) Do you like
- Q2 It seems like a lot of flights are delayed today. .... when flight 673 arrives.  
(a) I want (b) I wondering (c) I wonder
- Q3 I'm new to this city and I'm lost. .... tell me where 5th Street is?  
(a) You (b) Can you (c) You will
- Q4 New York is such a big city. .... where the subway station is?  
(a) Do you happen to know (b) You tell me (c) You know
- Q5 .... where Kevin is today. He wasn't here yesterday either.  
(a) I didn't sure (b) I'm not know (c) I don't know
- Q6 .... some change for the bus please. Thank you.  
(a) You give me (b) I have (c) I would like
- Q7 .... any idea where Laurie is? I've been looking for her all morning.  
(a) Have you (b) You know (c) Is there
- Q8 We have an urgent meeting this morning. .... when Carrie usually arrives?  
(a) I would like (b) Do you know (c) Have you
- Q9 I don't know my way around yet. .... show me the way to the bus station?  
(a) You can (b) I want you (c) Do you think you could
- Q10 .... repeat that please? The street noise is very loud, so I didn't hear you the first time.  
(a) Could you possibly (b) You need to (c) You should maybe

*Travel Arrangements Test (1)*

- Q1 I would like a ..... from Phoenix to New York on Friday, please.  
(a) passport (b) ticket (c) boarding pass
- Q2 I need to be in Dallas on Friday. Do you have any ..... left on the early flight then?  
(a) passengers (b) checks (c) seats
- Q3 Yes, I have one seat on the Friday ..... that departs at 9 am.  
(a) seat (b) flight (c) direct
- Q4 Oh, my goodness! That's very early. What's the check-in .....?  
(a) flight (b) time (c) seat
- Q5 There's a ..... flight to New York that leaves at 11:30 am. Would you like to book that flight?  
(a) direct (b) time (c) check-in
- Q6 I don't want a seat in economy class. Do you have any ..... class seats left?  
(a) direct (b) business (c) higher
- Q7 Do I need an updated ..... to fly within the same country?  
(a) passport (b) business class (c) seat
- Q8 No, but the flight attendant at Gate 77 will need to see your ticket and ..... before you can board the aircraft.  
(a) boarding pass (b) seat (c) flight
- Q9 Normally, I don't ..... any luggage because I travel light. Is that going to be a problem?  
(a) board (b) check (c) reserve
- Q10 No, that's not a problem. You're allowed one piece of ..... luggage.  
(a) check-in (b) reserved (c) carry-on



*Good, Well and Okay Test (1)*

- Q1 We should strive for world peace for the ..... of mankind.  
(a) good (b) well (c) okay
- Q2 I hope Dorothy gets away soon. I think a relaxing vacation will do her a world of .....  
(a) good (b) well (c) okay
- Q3 Tom lived in Japan for 10 years. He speaks Japanese very .....  
(a) good (b) well (c) okay
- Q4 You look great! That new outfit looks very ..... on you.  
(a) good (b) well (c) okay
- Q5 I know she's going through a rough time right now, but I think she'll be ..... in time.  
(a) good (b) well (c) okay
- Q6 You've already completed a lot of work for him. That's ..... enough for today.  
(a) good (b) well (c) okay
- Q7 When you're training a dog, you should always use phrases such as "..... dog!" to show praise for good behavior.  
(a) Good (b) Well (c) Okay
- Q8 Hockey players must be able to skate extremely ..... in order to make it to the National Hockey League.  
(a) good (b) well (c) okay
- Q9 Is she going to be .....? She slipped on some ice last night and I'm worried about her.  
(a) good (b) well (c) okay
- Q10 James was upset because he didn't do very ..... on his chemistry exam last week.  
(a) good (b) well (c) okay

*Irregular Verbs Test (2)*

- Q1 I ..... studying when my rude neighbors interrupted me with their loud music.  
(a) be (b) was (c) been
- Q2 Samantha ..... her promise, so her sister doesn't trust her as much anymore.  
(a) break (b) broken (c) broke
- Q3 Laura has ..... her own hair for the past 15 years. It usually looks great.  
(a) cut (b) cuts (c) cutting
- Q4 I need you to ..... me to work today. My car isn't running.  
(a) drive (b) drove (c) driven
- Q5 Carrie has a stressful job and she always has a lot of work to ..... on the weekends.  
(a) do (b) does (c) did
- Q6 Last year, Mrs. Simon volunteered at the local hospital. She used to ..... treats for the patients on Mondays.  
(a) brought (b) bring (c) brings
- Q7 Rose was surprised when she stepped into the kitchen because someone had ..... all of the pies.  
(a) ate (b) eat (c) eaten
- Q8 Tim ..... his wife a beautiful diamond ring for their 25th wedding anniversary.  
(a) given (b) gave (c) give
- Q9 I'm sorry. I'm really busy today, so I have to ..... I'll call you later.  
(a) go (b) went (c) gone
- Q10 Raymond ..... a lot about gardening and environmental issues. You should ask him about the large garden you want to put into your backyard.  
(a) know (b) knows (c) known

*Irregular Verbs Test (3)*

- Q1 Sarah ..... Spanish really well. She lived in Mexico for 5 years.  
(a) speak (b) speaks (c) spoken
- Q2 Microsoft just ..... out with a new software program. It's on sale at that office supply store down the road.  
(a) came (b) come (c) comes
- Q3 Do you ..... a lot of work to do tonight? I was hoping we could go out to dinner at about 6 pm.  
(a) has (b) have (c) had
- Q4 I just ..... about the business venture. Give me some time to think about it and I'll get back to you with a decision this week.  
(a) heard (b) hear (c) hears
- Q5 I ..... the baby until the storm passed because she wouldn't stop crying.  
(a) holds (b) holding (c) held
- Q6 I know that dresser is old, but I want to ..... it because it belonged to my grandmother.  
(a) kept (b) keeps (c) keep
- Q7 Kathy ..... how to change the oil in her car last weekend.  
(a) learn (b) learned (c) learning
- Q8 I ..... lemon chicken two weeks ago. I think I want that for supper again today.  
(a) make (b) makes (c) made
- Q9 I ..... into an old friend yesterday. I haven't seen her since middle school.  
(a) runs (b) run (c) ran
- Q10 Mr. Benson ..... you wanted to see me. Can we meet in an hour, because I'm really busy right now?  
(a) say (b) said (c) saying

*Irregular Verbs Test (4)*

- Q1 I ..... you should quit your job and find a career that you enjoy.  
(a) think (b) thinks (c) thought
- Q2 Currently, Brady ..... every morning. He's in really good shape and he's very dedicated.  
(a) swam (b) swims (c) swim
- Q3 I cooked some fish yesterday, so the whole kitchen ..... like seafood for three hours.  
(a) stank (b) stink (c) stinking
- Q4 The armed robber ..... three thousand dollars from the West Valley Bank last Monday.  
(a) stolen (b) steal (c) stole
- Q5 David ..... increasingly upset because he couldn't get his point across.  
(a) become (b) became (c) becoming
- Q6 He ..... to laugh out loud when he heard the joke's punch line.  
(a) begin (b) beginning (c) began
- Q7 Please don't ..... that booklet I gave you, because I want to keep it for future reference.  
(a) bent (b) bends (c) bend
- Q8 As soon as I ..... into the sandwich, I knew something was wrong. Then I noticed that the beef patty was undercooked.  
(a) bite (b) bites (c) bit
- Q9 When I cut my finger, it ..... for a long time, so I went to the hospital.  
(a) bled (b) bleeding (c) bleed
- Q10 The wind ..... and howled all night long.  
(a) blowing (b) blew (c) blow

*Irregular Verbs Test (5)*

- Q1 The two ropes were ..... together, so it was difficult to get them apart.  
(a) bind (b) bound (c) binds
- Q2 Shirley ..... German Shepherd dogs. I always go visit her when she has a new litter of puppies.  
(a) breeds (b) breed (c) breeding
- Q3 My father ..... our home in 1990, and he designed it as well.  
(a) builds (b) built (c) building
- Q4 Thomas's workplace ..... down last week. Now, he's out of a job because the owner didn't have insurance.  
(a) burn (b) burns (c) burned
- Q5 My mom ..... five bass on our family fishing trip last year.  
(a) caught (b) catch (c) catches
- Q6 The little boy, who was scared of Santa Claus, ..... to his mother's arm when he saw the man in the red suit for the first time.  
(a) clings (b) clung (c) cling
- Q7 Tory slowly ..... around the corner because she wanted to scare her younger brother.  
(a) crept (b) creep (c) creeping
- Q8 Carrie has to ..... with a lot of issues at work because her boss is often ruthless.  
(a) dealt (b) deals (c) deal
- Q9 My puppy ..... a huge hole in the backyard last night. Today, we have to fill the hole because it doesn't look good.  
(a) dig (b) digging (c) dug
- Q10 David's mother nervously watched as her young son ..... into the swimming pool for the first time.  
(a) dive (b) dove (c) diving

*Irregular Verbs Test (6)*

- Q1 Timothy ..... a picture for his mother at school today.  
(a) draw (b) drew (c) drawn
- Q2 Last week, I ..... that you lived in Europe and I came to visit you.  
(a) dream (b) dreaming (c) dreamt
- Q3 You have to ..... a lot of water in this part of the country on hot days in the summer months or you could dehydrate.  
(a) drink (b) drank (c) drunk
- Q4 The little puppy ..... down when he tried to climb the stairs for the first time.  
(a) fall (b) fell (c) fallen
- Q5 Don't forget to ..... the dog. He's hungry!  
(a) feed (b) fed (c) feeds
- Q6 I don't ..... well. I think I got food-poisoning at that restaurant we went to this afternoon.  
(a) felt (b) feel (c) feels
- Q7 Robert and Kevin ..... at school today. I don't know why. They usually get along so well.  
(a) fight (b) fought (c) fighting
- Q8 David was beginning to get a little worried about his dwindling finances, but he just ..... a new job yesterday. His first day is Monday.  
(a) find (b) found (c) finds
- Q9 The refugees ..... the war-torn country last week. Now, there are a lot of hungry people south of the border.  
(a) flee (b) flees (c) fled
- Q10 Bailey ..... the Frisbee into the air. Rob caught it and threw it back to her.  
(a) fling (b) flinging (c) flung

*Irregular Verbs Test (7)*

- Q1 Every year, Canada Geese ..... south for the winter, so they must have a lot of endurance.  
(a) fly (b) flies (c) flown
- Q2 I know I have to get my oil changed, but I ..... to do it today.  
(a) forget (b) forgot (c) forgotten
- Q3 I forgot her birthday, but she readily ..... me because I told her about my busy schedule.  
(a) forgive (b) forgave (c) forgiven
- Q4 All of my tropical plants ..... because of the snowstorm last night.  
(a) frozen (b) froze (c) freeze
- Q5 I like to buy whole-bean coffee so I can ..... the beans when I get home. It seems to taste better that way.  
(a) ground (b) grind (c) grinds
- Q6 I ..... a beautiful framed photograph on my living room wall this past weekend. I just love it!  
(a) hang (b) hung (c) hanged
- Q7 Taylor loves to play .....-and-seek with her friends from school.  
(a) hid (b) hides (c) hide
- Q8 At the little league baseball game on Sunday, John ..... a home run and everyone cheered.  
(a) hit (b) hits (c) hitting
- Q9 Every night, Sarah ..... down beside her bed to pray.  
(a) kneel (b) kneeling (c) kneels
- Q10 Sandra doesn't feel well, so I told her to ..... down for a little while.  
(a) lie (b) lay (c) lied

*Irregular Verbs Test (8)*

- Q1 Curt ..... down his pencil because he was so frustrated with the difficulty of the intensive exam.  
(a) laid (b) lie (c) lied
- Q2 The tree frog ..... right onto my shoulder. Tree frogs are pretty docile creatures.  
(a) leap (b) leaped (c) leaping
- Q3 The teacher ..... her students down the hallway and into the gymnasium.  
(a) lead (b) led (c) leading
- Q4 I ..... my good friend \$50 this past weekend. I know he will pay me back as soon as he can.  
(a) lends (b) lent (c) lending
- Q5 Every time the family goes shopping, Trish ..... her son push the cart in the grocery store.  
(a) let (b) letting (c) lets
- Q6 It was very dark when the lights went out, so my husband ..... a handy candle.  
(a) light (b) lit (c) lights
- Q7 We ..... in France, but now we live in Florida.  
(a) meets (b) met (c) meet
- Q8 Karen ..... one word in the spelling bee last week, but her teacher still wants to nominate her for the state competition next month.  
(a) misspell (b) misspelled (c) misspelling
- Q9 I ..... Gina for her sister at the wedding. They look like twins sometimes.  
(a) mistaked (b) mistook (c) mistakes
- Q10 My husband ..... the lawn today. I'm so happy, because it looks clean and manicured now.  
(a) mow (b) mowed (c) mown



*Irregular Verbs Test (9)*

- Q1 I ..... my purse in San Francisco last year. I had to cancel all of my credit cards. It was such a hassle!  
(a) lose (b) lost (c) losing
- Q2 Tim had a lot of hurdles to ..... throughout his childhood because he used to have a lot of epileptic seizures.  
(a) overcome (b) overcame (c) overcomes
- Q3 I like most of the redecorating Sally did in her house, but I think she ..... it because it looks cluttered.  
(a) overdo (b) overdid (c) overdone
- Q4 A few government officials plan to ..... the current leader and system.  
(a) overthrow (b) overthrew (c) overthrown
- Q5 Californians can now ..... for their gasoline right at the pump with their credit or debit cards. It's a very convenient system.  
(a) pay (b) paid (c) pays
- Q6 Sue ..... her case at the hearing. Now, she must wait for a decision.  
(a) pleads (b) pled (c) pleading
- Q7 The defense lawyer must ..... that the defendant didn't commit the violent crime.  
(a) prove (b) proved (c) proves
- Q8 I have to go downtown today anyway. Why don't you ..... with me?  
(a) ride (b) rode (c) rides
- Q9 The phone ..... in the middle of the night, so Ron jumped out of bed to answer it.  
(a) ring (b) rang (c) rings
- Q10 I left my house at 5 am yesterday because I wanted to watch the sun .....  
(a) rise (b) rose (c) risen

*Irregular Verbs Test (10)*

- Q1 I ..... a great movie on Friday night. I think it's still playing. You should go see it soon.  
(a) see (b) saw (c) seeing
- Q2 James ..... adventure in his life, so he's never satisfied with regular activities.  
(a) seeks (b) sought (c) seeking
- Q3 My husband and I ..... our dining room set, and with the money we bought another one that suits our style more.  
(a) sell (b) sold (c) selling
- Q4 I ..... my mother a birthday package. I hope it arrives on time.  
(a) send (b) sent (c) sending
- Q5 I like to ..... Last month, I made those drapes in the bedroom.  
(a) sew (b) sewed (c) sewn
- Q6 The wind was fierce last night. It ..... the entire house and blew down some trees outside.  
(a) shake (b) shook (c) shakes
- Q7 Ken ..... every other day.  
(a) shave (b) shaves (c) shaven
- Q8 The farmer must ..... his flock twice a year.  
(a) shear (b) shore (c) shears
- Q9 My dog usually ..... her winter coat in the spring. During that time, I have to brush her twice or three times a day.  
(a) shed (b) sheds (c) shedding
- Q10 In Mediterranean countries, the sun ..... all day long in the summer and it rains in the winter.  
(a) shine (b) shines (c) shining

*Irregular Verbs Test (11)*

|     |                                                                                                                                          |            |              |               |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Q1  | Thomas regularly ..... at targets at the nearby firing range.                                                                            | (a) shots  | (b) shoots   | (c) shooting  |
| Q2  | Frank ..... me his garden. He spends a lot of time outdoors.                                                                             | (a) show   | (b) showed   | (c) showing   |
| Q3  | The puppy looked like he was ..... when his owner scolded him for chewing the red slippers.                                              | (a) shrink | (b) shrinks  | (c) shrinking |
| Q4  | Currently, Sam ..... in the church choir. He's really good.                                                                              | (a) sung   | (b) sings    | (c) sang      |
| Q5  | On his first day of school, Ben ..... in the middle row.                                                                                 | (a) sit    | (b) sat      | (c) sitting   |
| Q6  | I ..... for 12 hours yesterday. I was exhausted!                                                                                         | (a) sleeps | (b) sleeping | (c) slept     |
| Q7  | The hero in the children's story ..... the horrible dragon.                                                                              | (a) slay   | (b) slew     | (c) slaying   |
| Q8  | The farmer decided to ..... five acres of barley this year.                                                                              | (a) sowed  | (b) sown     | (c) sow       |
| Q9  | We went tobogganing at Christmas time. My children ..... down the hills over and over again in wonderment. I like it when they're happy. | (a) slide  | (b) sliding  | (c) slid      |
| Q10 | The soldier ..... the heavy backpack over his shoulder.                                                                                  | (a) sling  | (b) slung    | (c) slinging  |

*Irregular Verbs Test (12)*

- Q1 The large vessel ..... in the Atlantic Ocean more than 200 years ago.  
(a) sink (b) sinking (c) sank
- Q2 Henry ..... around the whole course in the golf cart we rented last week.  
(a) speed (b) sped (c) speeding
- Q3 We ..... too much money when we went to Hawaii last year. This year, we're going to the Napa Valley.  
(a) spend (b) spending (c) spent
- Q4 Christie ..... her milk all over the kitchen table. She's very clumsy sometimes.  
(a) spill (b) spilling (c) spilled
- Q5 Samuel is very stressed out. His head is ..... because he has to make so many serious decisions within a short time.  
(a) spin (b) spun (c) spinning
- Q6 Yesterday, Carrie ..... out her peas when she tried them for the first time. She's a very picky eater.  
(a) spitting (b) spat (c) spits
- Q7 The little frog ..... from the pond at once. He scared us all at first.  
(a) spring (b) sprung (c) springing
- Q8 Mrs. Montgomery told Shawn to ..... in the corner. She didn't approve of his behavior in class that day.  
(a) stand (b) stood (c) standing
- Q9 I know it's hard, but you have to ..... with it. You'll graduate soon.  
(a) stick (b) stuck (c) sticking
- Q10 I got ..... by a bee last summer. It hurt a lot.  
(a) sting (b) stung (c) stinging

*Irregular Verbs Test (13)*

- Q1 Jason ..... into the room with ease. He feels very comfortable in front of large groups.  
(a) stride (b) strode (c) stridden
- Q2 Randy ..... out at the baseball game last night. He's still angry about it!  
(a) strike (b) struck (c) striking
- Q3 Most people ..... for success, but they must remember to do what they enjoy as well.  
(a) strive (b) strove (c) striven
- Q4 Johnny ..... that he'd never steal again.  
(a) swear (b) swore (c) sworn
- Q5 Yesterday, I ..... my entire house. I also did the dishes and washed the floors.  
(a) sweep (b) swept (c) sweeping
- Q6 After I accidentally slammed my finger in the car door, it ..... up and turned blue.  
(a) swell (b) swelled (c) swollen
- Q7 He ..... the baseball bat as hard as he could, but he still missed the fast ball.  
(a) swing (b) swung (c) swinging
- Q8 This year, Mrs. Switzer will ..... high school mathematics. She's really nice, and she's smart, too.  
(a) taught (b) teach (c) teaches
- Q9 I usually ..... up my old bills and other financial information before I put them into the garbage can. I'm going to buy a paper shredder soon.  
(a) tear (b) tore (c) torn
- Q10 Bailey ..... me a secret. I won't tell anyone about it because it's quite serious.  
(a) tell (b) told (c) telling

*Irregular Verbs Test (14)*

- Q1 Cactus and succulents ..... in dry, hot climates.  
(a) thrive (b) thrived (c) thriving
- Q2 Every time I get the mail, I ..... away a lot of junk mail. It's such a waste of paper.  
(a) throw (b) threw (c) thrown
- Q3 The teachers at your school must ..... the rules set out by the state.  
(a) uphold (b) upheld (c) upholding
- Q4 I ..... up late today. I was so tired.  
(a) wakes (b) woke (c) waking
- Q5 My grandmother ..... the wool for a beautiful blanket that she knitted. I still have it today.  
(a) weave (b) wove (c) woven
- Q6 At the wedding, the mother of the bride ..... because she was so happy for her daughter.  
(a) weep (b) weeping (c) wept
- Q7 Our hometown football team just ..... the final game of the season!  
(a) win (b) won (c) winning
- Q8 David ..... information during the criminal investigation, so the police charged him as well.  
(a) withhold (b) withheld (c) withholding
- Q9 Some animals have to ..... harsh weather conditions in northern Canada.  
(a) withstand (b) withstood (c) withstanding
- Q10 You have to ..... the water out of those wet clothes before you hang them up to dry.  
(a) wring (b) wrung (c) wringing

*Irregular Verbs Test (15)*

- Q1 Matt slowly ..... along the diving board and peered into the water below.  
(a) trod (b) tread (c) trodden
- Q2 Kathy ..... the garden hose around its reel and then put it into the shed.  
(a) wind (b) wound (c) winding
- Q3 Many trees in California ..... fruit in the summer and autumn months. There is also a lot of year-round gardening that takes place.  
(a) bear (b) bore (c) bearing
- Q4 Jack's mother ..... him to go to the store alone. She will allow him to go when he's ten years old.  
(a) forbids (b) forbidded (c) forbidding
- Q5 Due to her terrible actions last month, Karen's friends have ..... her. They won't even take her calls anymore.  
(a) forsake (b) forsakes (c) forsaken
- Q6 The football game on Sunday is very important, so the boys are nervous because they don't want to .....  
(a) lose (b) lost (c) losing
- Q7 Susan is competitive, and she ..... to win the swimming competition next week.  
(a) mean (b) means (c) meaning
- Q8 In the long-distance race yesterday, the second runner ..... the leader at the last minute and won.  
(a) overtake (b) overtook (c) overtaken
- Q9 In the Dark Ages, some areas of Europe were ..... by plagues.  
(a) smite (b) smote (c) smitten
- Q10 Vienna can't ..... her thoughts together in front of large groups because she gets really nervous.  
(a) string (b) strung (c) stringing

*Eating Idioms*

- Q1 I could eat a horse — means: I .....  
 (a) don't like horses (b) have a very big mouth  
 (c) am very hungry (d) can eat anything
- Q2 You'll have to eat your words, I'm afraid — means: You'll have to .....  
 (a) repeat what you said (b) explain what you said  
 (c) speak more slowly (d) apologise for what you said
- Q3 You can't have your cake and eat it — means: You can't .....  
 (a) have another piece of cake (b) have everything you want  
 (c) take the cake home (d) possibly eat any more cake
- Q4 Well, I'll eat my hat! — means: I don't .....  
 (a) trust it (b) understand it (c) believe it (d) accept it
- Q5 You'll have to eat humble pie — means: You'll have to .....  
 (a) admit you're wrong (b) say that again (c) swallow it quickly (d) eat it again
- Q6 What's eating you? — means: What's making you .....?  
 (a) hungry (b) ill (c) forgetful (d) irritable
- Q7 He's eating his heart out for his ex-girlfriend — means: He wishes .....  
 (a) he could be back with his ex-girlfriend (b) his ex-girlfriend would go away  
 (c) he could help his ex-girlfriend (d) he could understand his ex-girlfriend
- Q8 She had them all eating out of her hand — means: She was able to .....  
 (a) feed them all (b) charm them all (c) spoil them all (d) please them all
- Q9 It's a dog eat dog environment — means: It's an environment where .....  
 (a) animals run wild (b) everybody is very rude to one another  
 (c) everybody is very cruel to one another (d) everyone is very competitive with one another
- Q10 We're going to eat out tonight — means: We're going to eat in .....  
 (a) the kitchen tonight (b) the garden tonight  
 (c) a restaurant tonight (d) in the moonlight tonight



*Literary Terms (1)*

- Q1 When a writer says one thing but actually means or signifies the opposite, it's called .....  
(a) irony (b) imagery (c) action
- Q2 A humorous piece of writing that usually makes fun of foolish or evil behavior is called a(n) .....  
(a) metaphor (b) satire (c) exaggeration
- Q3 When a writer makes something out to be more than it is, it's called a(n) .....  
(a) exaggeration (b) simile (c) metaphor
- Q4 "Jonathan was like an eager puppy — always willing to have fun and make people smile." This sentence includes an example of a .....  
(a) metaphor (b) simile (c) satire
- Q5 "Her heart erupted with goutts of scorching anguish when she recalled the incident" is an example of a .....  
(a) simile (b) metaphor (c) satire
- Q6 The sequence of events or actions that take place in a story is called the .....  
(a) plot (b) satire (c) metaphor
- Q7 The look or appearance, with regard to time and place, of a story is called the .....  
(a) setting (b) sketch (c) sonnet
- Q8 An idea or saying that has been overused is called a .....  
(a) cliché (b) climax (c) symbol
- Q9 The ..... tells the story to the readers.  
(a) narrator (b) symbol (c) genre
- Q10 In a story, a person, place or thing that stands for or represents an idea or concept is a .....  
(a) symbol (b) setting (c) plot

*Literary Terms (2)*

- Q1 A(n) ..... is a story in which a person writes about themselves.  
(a) biography (b) autobiography (c) play
- Q2 When someone writes another person's life story, the written work is called a(n) .....  
(a) biography (b) autobiography (c) play
- Q3 When an editor or journalist writes a personal opinion about an event or idea, the column is called a(n) .....  
(a) personal tragedy (b) editorial (c) speech
- Q4 A piece of writing that is supposed to be read aloud for others to hear is called a .....  
(a) rhythm (b) speech (c) sonnet
- Q5 The ..... of a piece of literature is the kind or type of literature it is.  
(a) genre (b) action (c) plot
- Q6 A ..... story usually covers the facts of an event that have taken place.  
(a) news (b) detective (c) sad
- Q7 A ..... movie or book is based on real events or ideas that have taken place in history.  
(a) non-fictional (b) fictional (c) funny
- Q8 The main idea of any piece of writing is called the .....  
(a) theme (b) stanza (c) biography
- Q9 The writer or author of a drama is called a .....  
(a) poet (b) playwright (c) biographer
- Q10 A writer's manner or way of writing is called his/her .....  
(a) stereotype (b) style (c) action

*Literary Terms (3)*

Q1 A play or movie that is supposed to make us laugh and does not have a tragic ending is called a(n) .....

- (a) comedy (b) tragedy (c) action

Q2 The writer or author of verses is called a .....

- (a) playwright (b) novelist (c) poet

Q3 A technique involving clues that a writer gives the readers about what will happen later in a novel or short story is known as .....

- (a) imagery (b) foreshadowing (c) understating

Q4 A literary technique that evokes or stimulates the senses is known as .....

- (a) imagery (b) foreshadowing (c) satire

Q5 When a writer gives non-human creatures or objects human characteristics and qualities, the technique is called .....

- (a) characterization (b) personification (c) symbolism

Q6 A person who writes extended works of fiction is called a .....

- (a) novelist (b) playwright (c) poet

Q7 The ..... in a play, novel or short story consists of the conversations that the characters have with one another.

- (a) dialogue (b) dialect (c) conflict

Q8 Imaginative writing that is created for entertainment purposes is called .....

- (a) non-fiction (b) figurative language (c) fiction

Q9 A person who gathers facts, interviews people and writes articles about the news for the public is called a .....

- (a) poet (b) novelist (c) journalist

Q10 The ..... of a story is an important message that the readers are supposed to receive and understand.

- (a) action (b) moral (c) dialect

*Literary Terms (4)*

- Q1 ..... is a type of literature that deals with places and events that don't and can't exist in the world as we know it.  
(a) Science fiction (b) Historical drama (c) Documentary drama
- Q2 ..... is writing that tries to deal with and describe real-life situations.  
(a) Science fiction (b) Documentary drama (c) Fantasy drama
- Q3 A ..... is a personal record or journal about the writer's intimate feelings and opinions.  
(a) dialogue (b) diary (c) dialect
- Q4 A(n) ..... is a story that is passed down from one generation to the next.  
(a) poem (b) essay (c) folktale
- Q5 An author who writes funny stories is called a .....  
(a) dramatist (b) humorist (c) poet
- Q6 A ..... is a false or fictional name that a writer uses instead of his/her real name.  
(a) pen name (b) nickname (c) pamphlet
- Q7 A ..... story is about an experience or event that changes a character's life in a significant way.  
(a) turning point (b) science fiction (c) dramatic
- Q8 The ..... is the main character in a story, play, etc.  
(a) antagonist (b) protagonist (c) humorist
- Q9 The ..... is a character who struggles with or works against the main character in a story, play, etc.  
(a) antagonist (b) protagonist (c) humorist
- Q10 In a ..... story, the main character solves some sort of crime that was committed.  
(a) detective (b) dramatic (c) humorous

*When do you say this?*

- Q1 I say "Are you all right?" when I am .....  
 (a) concerned about someone (b) tired with someone (c) happy with someone
- Q2 I say "I am fed up" when I .....  
 (a) am angry (b) have eaten too much (c) have had enough
- Q3 I say "I could eat a horse" when I am .....  
 (a) lazy (b) hungry (c) late
- Q4 I say "I haven't a clue" when I .....  
 (a) am curious (b) understand nothing (c) am apologetic
- Q5 I say "I've got to go now" when I am .....  
 (a) waiting (b) curious (c) late
- Q6 I say "My feet are killing me" when I have .....  
 (a) walked a lot (b) worked a lot (c) eaten a lot
- Q7 I say "You can count on me" when I .....  
 (a) trust someone (b) support someone (c) dislike someone
- Q8 I say "They lost" when I tell someone the .....  
 (a) truth (b) answer (c) result
- Q9 I say "Your lips must be sealed" when I .....  
 (a) tell someone to be quiet (b) want someone to keep a secret  
 (c) want someone to stop eating
- Q10 I say "I haven't a minute to spare" when I .....  
 (a) have plenty of time (b) am waiting for someone (c) am very busy

*Reaching agreement*

|     |                                                                                                                                                                  |               |              |                  |                |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|
| Q1  | Some people always like to agree with everyone because they can always see the other person's ..... of view.                                                     | (a) purpose   | (b) place    | (c) point        | (d) proposal   |
| Q2  | For them it's very difficult to decide and make their ..... up at times like general elections.                                                                  | (a) ideas     | (b) thoughts | (c) beliefs      | (d) minds      |
| Q3  | They listen to one speaker and then to another and they never know who to ..... for when the election time comes around.                                         | (a) vote      | (b) choose   | (c) elect        | (d) select     |
| Q4  | The difficulty is that they always agree with the person they've last listened to and for them that is a real .....                                              | (a) hardship  | (b) hazard   | (c) difficulty   | (d) task       |
| Q5  | You see, they watch one political party on TV and believe they are reasonable and talk ..... but then they watch another party and they seem reasonable, too.    | (a) carefully | (b) sensibly | (c) considerably | (d) cautiously |
| Q6  | We have a word for these people and call them ..... voters because their views are always in the air.                                                            | (a) flitting  | (b) flowing  | (c) flying       | (d) floating   |
| Q7  | Of course once you are inside the building where you have to put your cross against the name of the candidate you choose, there is no time to ..... or hesitate. | (a) dither    | (b) distract | (c) digress      | (d) differ     |
| Q8  | Sometimes the politicians we elect all have to agree and make very serious decisions as it could be a matter of ..... or death.                                  | (a) living    | (b) life     | (c) live         | (d) livid      |
| Q9  | Fortunately for most of us such a situation doesn't happen often and so the problem doesn't .....                                                                | (a) raise     | (b) rise     | (c) arise        | (d) ride       |
| Q10 | Probably the easiest solution if you can't agree on one thing or another is to ..... a coin in the air and see which side it lands on.                           | (a) throw     | (b) move     | (c) lift         | (d) place      |

*The holiday of a lifetime*

- Q1 Sue had been saving ..... her money for a long time because she wanted to go on a round the world cruise.  
(a) in (b) on (c) up (d) off
- Q2 This had been a dream of ..... since she was a child.  
(a) hers (b) she (c) her (d) she's
- Q3 And now at last it was a reality and her dream was about to be .....  
(a) finished (b) fulfilled (c) completed (d) done
- Q4 She had paid a ....., a sum of money that would guarantee her cabin on the cruise.  
(a) disposal (b) dispensary (c) deposition (d) deposit
- Q5 She had also decided that she would buy herself some new luggage, a ..... of cases that cost a lot of money.  
(a) pack (b) set (c) pile (d) group
- Q6 But she didn't really care how much she paid because she simply wasn't ..... about the expense.  
(a) distracted (b) disturbed (c) bothered (d) considered
- Q7 After all as far as she was concerned the cruise was going to be a journey of a .....  
(a) lifetime (b) lifelong (c) lifestyle (d) lifeline
- Q8 The night before the start of her holiday she ..... the night in a luxurious hotel very near the airport.  
(a) expended (b) spent (c) endured (d) waited
- Q9 She didn't sleep very well, not because of the noise of the planes, since the airport seemed very quiet, but because she was so ..... at the thought of the cruise.  
(a) elevated (b) extended (c) expectant (d) excited
- Q10 It was only when she had finished her breakfast that she realised why the airport had seemed so quiet- everyone had stopped work and gone on .....!  
(a) hit (b) knock (c) fall (d) strike

*If memory serves me right*

|     |                                                                                                                                           |               |               |                  |               |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| Q1  | Mary: Why are you ..... so worried?                                                                                                       | (a) appearing | (b) seeming   | (c) seeing       | (d) looking   |
| Q2  | Pete: I'm not really worried. It's just that for ..... I've been trying to remember the name of that actor in the first ever colour film. | (a) times     | (b) ages      | (c) periods      | (d) lengths   |
| Q3  | Mary: Do you know what the film was .....?                                                                                                | (a) named     | (b) described | (c) called       | (d) labelled  |
| Q4  | Pete: No, that's just it. It's completely gone out of my .....                                                                            | (a) head      | (b) brain     | (c) intelligence | (d) knowledge |
| Q5  | Mary: At least tell me what the actor looked .....                                                                                        | (a) as        | (b) same      | (c) similar      | (d) like      |
| Q6  | Pete: Well, he was tall and spoke with a very English .....                                                                               | (a) tone      | (b) sound     | (c) accent       | (d) noise     |
| Q7  | Mary: When was the film actually .....?                                                                                                   | (a) done      | (b) made      | (c) created      | (d) formed    |
| Q8  | Pete: It ..... have been some time in 1947, I'm sure of that.                                                                             | (a) could     | (b) would     | (c) must         | (d) may       |
| Q9  | Mary: Why are you so keen to find ..... who it was?                                                                                       | (a) out       | (b) in        | (c) through      | (d) on        |
| Q10 | Pete: To tell you the ....., I've forgotten that, too!                                                                                    | (a) true      | (b) truly     | (c) truthful     | (d) truth     |



*My computer and me*

- Q1 I just don't get on with computers ..... all.  
(a) by (b) at (c) in (d) with
- Q2 They always go ..... with me and break down.  
(a) incorrect (b) false (c) wrong (d) inaccurate
- Q3 As a result of this I find I have to call ..... experts to come and help me.  
(a) out (b) over (c) about (d) up
- Q4 When they come to my house, these experts, they show me what I ..... do.  
(a) should (b) ought (c) might (d) may
- Q5 As I watch them, everything becomes very ..... and I understand everything.  
(a) correct (b) clear (c) light (d) lighted
- Q6 The trouble is that as soon as they leave, I tend to ..... everything they have told me.  
(a) ignore (b) erase (c) forget (d) deny
- Q7 The best piece of ..... someone gave me when the computer doesn't work was to turn the computer off, have a cup of coffee and then turn it on again.  
(a) counsel (b) council (c) recommendation (d) advice
- Q8 The first time I ..... this, everything was fine for five minutes and then it stopped working again.  
(a) tried (b) endeavoured (c) experimented (d) experienced
- Q9 I have now bought a new computer which is perfect because it's very small and so doesn't take up much .....  
(a) area (b) position (c) room (d) place
- Q10 It looks very smart and modern but I do have one ..... problem and that's because I don't know how to switch it on.  
(a) spacious (b) major (c) size (d) significant

*Work and job expressions*

- Q1 The one day that most people hate is Monday because that's when they have to go back to their ..... of work.  
 (a) scene (b) situation (c) place (d) part
- Q2 The one day that many people love is Friday because that is when they can think about their time ..... at the weekend.  
 (a) by (b) off (c) in (d) over
- Q3 Usually Saturday and Sunday just ..... by more quickly than the other 5 days of the week.  
 (a) flow (b) fly (c) flee (d) follow
- Q4 But then what would ..... to us if we didn't do any work?  
 (a) happen (b) arrive (c) occur (d) come
- Q5 In the first place we'd have no money to buy food and we'd probably .....  
 (a) hunger (b) decrease (c) starve (d) degrade
- Q6 Mind you it could be a way of ..... weight and becoming slimmer.  
 (a) loosening (b) losing (c) lacking (d) avoiding
- Q7 But in the end we would probably find that doing nothing all day could be very uninteresting and .....  
 (a) boring (b) fading (c) dreading (d) hurting
- Q8 So let's not complain too much about it because we simply have to accept it as a ..... fact of life.  
 (a) required (b) demanded (c) needful (d) necessary
- Q9 Just remember and never ..... that some people aren't able to work even when they want to.  
 (a) foretell (b) forget (c) forfeit (d) forecast
- Q10 One way is to ....., even if it's not true, and tell yourself that the new name for Monday is Friday!  
 (a) prepare (b) predict (c) prefer (d) pretend

*English Slang Idioms (1)*

- Q1 I could try to describe it for you, but it would be easier to draw it, since a picture ..... a thousand words.  
 (a) frames (b) defines (c) paints (d) obscures
- Q2 The wall we were building fell over; I guess we're back to ..... one.  
 (a) fact (b) platform (c) piece (d) square
- Q3 I spoil my grandson because he's the apple of my .....  
 (a) orchard (b) heart (c) yard (d) eye
- Q4 That is nowhere near the answer. You're ..... up the wrong tree.  
 (a) cutting (b) barking (c) digging (d) painting
- Q5 "Mom is going to be so mad! You are going to be in the ..... house tonight," Tina said to her little brother.  
 (a) bad (b) dog (c) out (d) bird
- Q6 Jim and I ..... heads when we first met, but we are good friends now.  
 (a) rubbed (b) slapped (c) butted (d) covered
- Q7 That car is the nicest one on the market. It's the cat's ....., alright!  
 (a) purr (b) paw (c) meow (d) nip
- Q8 "We're past the worst of it. I think it will be all smooth ..... from here," Jim said, as less snow was appearing on the road.  
 (a) gliding (b) rolling (c) cruising (d) sailing
- Q9 "I don't think we will hear that song on the radio as often anymore. It is kind of on the ..... out," his buddy said to him.  
 (a) close (b) shut (c) way (d) put
- Q10 He seems to have a sixth ..... when it comes to predicting fashion trends.  
 (a) sense (b) grade (c) place (d) limb

*English Slang Idioms (2)*

- Q1 "Keep your shirt ..... We'll figure it out. There's no cause for alarm," Jimmy told his boss when the computers stopped working suddenly.  
(a) out (b) down (c) on (d) off
- Q2 No one likes being the ..... of the joke.  
(a) clown (b) end (c) laughter (d) butt
- Q3 Since the man was rather inexperienced, I took his advice with a grain of .....  
(a) sand (b) wood (c) salt (d) sugar
- Q4 Most bosses won't send you out on a job until you get your feet .....  
(a) dry (b) wet (c) green (d) hot
- Q5 He had to pull his car over to sleep. He was too punch-..... with fatigue to drive safely.  
(a) happy (b) affected (c) slappy (d) drunk
- Q6 Soldiers can't ..... their posts while on guard duty without getting into big trouble.  
(a) lose (b) jump (c) desert (d) throw
- Q7 His hair looked like he had stuck his ..... in a light socket.  
(a) comb (b) finger (c) bulb (d) plug
- Q8 "You are speeding, James. Do you have a ..... foot, or something?" Jane asked her husband.  
(a) fake (b) wooden (c) club (d) lead
- Q9 I hate his unpredictable mean temper. I always have to walk on ..... around him.  
(a) eggshells (b) bottle caps (c) glass (d) dry twigs
- Q10 Mike hasn't paid his rent in three months. It looks like he's waiting for his landlord to ..... him out.  
(a) pull (b) lead (c) kick (d) drown

*English Slang Idioms (3)*

- Q1 "Quit telling me what to do! Back seat ..... are very annoying!" James said, as he swerved to avoid the pedestrian.  
(a) managers (b) drivers (c) cushions (d) oracles
- Q2 "Don't be such a ..... Thomas. It will work. There will be no problems," Mary said to her husband as she tried to convince him to buy laminate flooring for the back bedroom.  
(a) doubting (b) quirky (c) mistrusting (d) wavering
- Q3 "You'd better talk to your wife and work out your problems, John, because a house divided against itself cannot .....,," he thought to himself.  
(a) sleep (b) sell (c) fall (d) stand
- Q4 "I can't go drinking with you guys. The ball and ..... won't let me. She wants me to stay home tonight," Ted told his friends.  
(a) hammer (b) bat (c) goal posts (d) chain
- Q5 Our whole class failed our last statistics exam and now we're back to the ..... again.  
(a) basics (b) future (c) front (d) manuals
- Q6 Ethel is such an annoying, nosy neighbor. She always watches everything we do. She needs to mind her own .....  
(a) garden (b) abode (c) beeswax (d) gig
- Q7 I can't believe I made it up that hill on my dirt bike! I was at full throttle the whole way and going balls to the .....  
(a) court (b) chain (c) bat (d) wall
- Q8 The little boy asked his mother why a baker's ..... was thirteen. She replied that it comes from the former custom among bakers of adding an extra roll as a safeguard against the possibility of 12 weighing light.  
(a) dozen (b) product (c) quantity (d) delivery
- Q9 I don't like to drink alcohol often — just every once in a ..... moon with my friends.  
(a) full (b) new (c) half (d) blue
- Q10 He went ..... after his boss fired him. Now he's in jail.  
(a) done (b) fraught (c) ballooned (d) berserk

*English Slang Idioms (4)*

- Q1 The reason that Sarah had been divulging company secrets was that she was being ..... The CEO of her competitor's firm said that if she didn't reveal the information, he would tell Sarah's husband that she was having an affair.  
 (a) pushed (b) blackmailed (c) asked (d) smeared
- Q2 John booked his trip to New York. It had been over nine years since he had been to the Big .....  
 (a) Apple (b) City (c) Squalor (d) Circus
- Q3 The manager decided to send in a new pitcher. He sent the starter, who had pitched the first five innings, back to the .....  
 (a) stands (b) bullpen (c) minors (d) beginning
- Q4 The hard part of the transition was over. It would be all blue ..... from here.  
 (a) moon (b) lagoons (c) grasses (d) skies
- Q5 When Helen began looking for a job after college, she found that she couldn't get one without work experience. She wondered how she could get any experience without getting a job. She found this to be a major ..... in modern society.  
 (a) idiosyncrasy (b) circus (c) catch-22 (d) game
- Q6 I am good at science and English, but mathematics is definitely not my strong .....  
 (a) suit (b) arm (c) bond (d) hold
- Q7 When his wife filed for divorce with no prior warning and sued for half of his assets, he felt that she ..... him in the worst way.  
 (a) employed (b) broadsided (c) breached (d) erased
- Q8 Steve had been ..... by the used-car salesman. The car broke down a week after he bought it.  
 (a) heckled (b) obstructed (c) manhandled (d) bamboozled
- Q9 Unexpectedly, the prosecutors came up with evidence revealing that Matt had forged documents for his company. They caught him with his ..... down.  
 (a) pants (b) windows (c) volume (d) wits
- Q10 Serena had to stop swimming. The ..... horse in her leg was too painful to keep going.  
 (a) quarter (b) miniature (c) crazy (d) charley

*English Slang Idioms (5)*

- Q1 Mark is always eager to argue about how this business should be run. He seems to have a real ..... on his shoulder about it.  
 (a) head (b) chip (c) sore (d) bluebird
- Q2 I obviously still don't understand the concepts we've been discussing in class. Every time I answer the teacher's questions, she says "Close, but no ....."  
 (a) cigar (b) coupon (c) prize (d) purpose
- Q3 The lawyer didn't believe the story given by the defendant at all. It was just another one of his ..... and bull stories.  
 (a) cowboy (b) horse (c) hunter (d) cock
- Q4 You don't know anything about accounting. Did you get your degree out of a ..... box?  
 (a) soap (b) toy (c) crackerjack (d) mail
- Q5 Billy could not fully wake up without at least one cup of ..... every morning.  
 (a) sugar (b) joe (c) noodles (d) cake
- Q6 The judge was getting bored as the witness rattled on and on. She wished the witness would just ..... to the chase.  
 (a) run (b) step (c) jump (d) cut
- Q7 He is a(n) ..... ringer for Brad Pitt. He looks exactly like him!  
 (a) dead (b) bell (c) ear (d) bull
- Q8 Journalists are under constant pressure to meet their .....  
 (a) interviewers (b) makers (c) deadlines (d) targets
- Q9 Jennifer decided to play the devil's ..... in order to add another perspective to the one-sided conversation.  
 (a) buddy (b) helper (c) favorite (d) advocate
- Q10 I think he's a ..... in the rough. He needs training, but I see his potential and natural talent.  
 (a) cowboy (b) diamond (c) draft (d) painting

*English Slang Idioms (6)*

- Q1 Tim Jesden can't afford that! He's ..... poor.  
 (a) mud (b) sod (c) dirt (d) soot
- Q2 After telling his grandmother that he wished she had bought him two Super Nintendo games instead of one, his parents said that he shouldn't look a gift horse in the .....  
 (a) shoes (b) hocks (c) eyes (d) mouth
- Q3 Jenny thought that the last problem on the test was a real ..... It was much harder and more complex than any of the previous problems.  
 (a) doozy (b) whooper (c) carp (d) Snafu
- Q4 The way the administration handled the oil spill was another one of their many ..... No one had any idea of what they were doing or what should be done.  
 (a) accidents (b) barricades (c) snafus (d) achievements
- Q5 The judge decided that in his opinion the new lawyer didn't know which ..... was up. He made several rookie mistakes and didn't seem to know what to do next.  
 (a) end (b) game (c) stock (d) trend
- Q6 That ..... is too dumb to do anything right.  
 (a) genius (b) pig (c) dope (d) opinion
- Q7 I used to be kind of a ..... when I was little, but I lost most of the weight in my teenage years.  
 (a) runt (b) beanpole (c) doughboy (d) punk
- Q8 Are you going to the drag ..... this weekend? It should be fun, because there will be a lot of cars out there!  
 (a) races (b) queens (c) nets (d) boats
- Q9 He wasn't invited to very many parties, since he ..... like a fish and got argumentative every time.  
 (a) swam (b) flopped (c) tasted (d) drank
- Q10 They decided to do a dry ..... before they had to give the presentation to the board of directors.  
 (a) ice (b) run (c) up (d) desert



*English Slang Idioms (7)*

- Q1 A tree fell on his house right after his car broke down. This was a double ..... that he could not afford.  
 (a) header (b) scoop (c) mint (d) whammy
- Q2 "Before we get down to business, let's eat, drink and be ....., " the CEO said after everyone had arrived.  
 (a) drunk (b) merry (c) ready (d) satiated
- Q3 "You are not going to get your tongue pierced no matter how much you argue-- ..... of story," the father said to his rebellious 13-year-old.  
 (a) end (b) talk (c) regard (d) beginning
- Q4 "You'll have to pardon my ....., " the lady said, "but I hate this damn city!"  
 (a) ignorance (b) atrocity (c) English (d) French
- Q5 After he crashed his parents' van, he knew that he would have to go home and ..... the music.  
 (a) play (b) write (c) face (d) make
- Q6 We were so hungry that the minute we walked through the door of the all-you-can-eat buffet restaurant, the feeding ..... began.  
 (a) frenzy (b) cattle (c) cycle (d) system
- Q7 Once the media find out that the movie star was drinking and driving, they are going to have a ..... day with this information.  
 (a) grass (b) land (c) field (d) lawn
- Q8 "Wow, Margy, you're a very good cook. These chicken wings are finger-..... good!"  
 (a) grabbing (b) poking (c) licking (d) biting
- Q9 He had found that there were a lot of good deals on used tools and furniture at the local ..... market.  
 (a) pharmacy (b) farmers (c) meat (d) flea
- Q10 She felt uncomfortable going to the local bar by herself. It had the reputation of being a ..... market.  
 (a) flea (b) meat (c) free (d) corner

*English Slang Idioms (8)*

- Q1 After finding out that he had a son, Ray had to find him. He was bothered that his own flesh and ..... was out there somewhere and Ray didn't even know him.  
(a) body (b) creation (c) bones (d) blood
- Q2 I like the idea, but I don't think it's going to ..... because there isn't enough funding for the start-up fees.  
(a) fly (b) throw (c) swim (d) shoot
- Q3 I wish I could hear what they are saying in that meeting. If only I were a ..... on the wall for a little while!  
(a) mark (b) fly (c) molding (d) picture
- Q4 "You have no case," the lawyer told her client. "I know you want to sue them because they have a lot of money, but you're chasing fool's ..... here."  
(a) goals (b) treasure (c) markets (d) gold
- Q5 The mail carrier was shocked when the man went to get his mail without his clothes — he was in the full .....  
(a) body (b) picture (c) monty (d) tank
- Q6 "No, that's everything, Mr. Jones. That's the whole ....., " the waiter said when questioned whether any more food was coming.  
(a) shebang (b) forte (c) facade (d) nadir
- Q7 Our manager has been acting erratic lately. If she gets any crazier, we're going to have to send her to the ..... farm.  
(a) animal (b) free-range (c) funny (d) training
- Q8 Serge could do mathematics if he had to, but the subject was definitely not his .....  
(a) goal (b) forte (c) friend (d) buddy
- Q9 "Our manager sounds angry today. He must have got up on the wrong ..... of the bed today," the secretary told her coworker.  
(a) placement (b) angle (c) aspect (d) side
- Q10 "I don't believe in sticking my ..... out for anybody. It's better to worry about yourself and not look for trouble," he thought.  
(a) hand (b) neck (c) product (d) opinion

*English Slang Idioms (9)*

- Q1 She decided that she was not going to go out on a ..... for anyone anymore. She was sick of trying to help people who weren't appreciative.  
(a) limb (b) date (c) tip (d) patrol
- Q2 He always found that when he went the extra ..... for his customers, it paid off and they eventually became return clients.  
(a) step (b) block (c) appointment (d) mile
- Q3 The ..... Samaritan who stopped at the accident scene to help the family after their car crash was on the front page of the daily paper on Monday.  
(a) quick (b) honest (c) good (d) old
- Q4 "I know I didn't meet my goals last month," the computer programmer said to the manager, "but I've got my ..... working again and I've surpassed all of the goals this month."  
(a) mojo (b) style (c) trademark (d) bus
- Q5 Life is so much better now that I work during the day instead of the ..... shift.  
(a) gear (b) position (c) graveyard (d) monkey
- Q6 My manager is very ..... about my idea for the new product, and he has made it the first priority in our department.  
(a) gung-ho (b) apathetic (c) disappointed (d) bored
- Q7 He saw the ..... on the wall. Without a miracle, the business he had worked so hard to create would be broke within the next year.  
(a) picture (b) writing (c) blotch (d) molding
- Q8 Steve must have a(n) ..... to grind with the billing department. He criticizes or insults them in every meeting we have.  
(a) ax (b) tool (c) saw (d) nail
- Q9 After getting the promotion he had been waiting for, he gave each one of his friends in the department a high .....  
(a) handshake (b) slap (c) five (d) opinion
- Q10 If he made as much money this year as he did last year, he can afford to live pretty high on the .....  
(a) scale (b) list (c) apartment (d) hog

*English Slang Idioms (10)*

- Q1 He was very tired after a long day at work and decided to ..... the hay as soon as he got home.  
 (a) plant (b) bail (c) hit (d) sweep
- Q2 When he explained the problem to his coworkers, they all agreed that he knew what he was talking about. He really hit the nail on the .....  
 (a) board (b) metal (c) head (d) hand
- Q3 "Hold your ....., young man! There's no reason to speed!" the grandmother said to her grandson as he spun his tires out of the driveway.  
 (a) hand (b) hose (c) horses (d) tongue
- Q4 "Houston, we have a(n) ....., " a construction worker said as the wall that they just put up fell down.  
 (a) winner (b) problem (c) issue (d) bust
- Q5 "I'll have his ..... on a platter!" the enraged boss said when he found evidence that revealed one of his employees was stealing from him.  
 (a) horse (b) food (c) goose (d) head
- Q6 When the soccer player kicked yet another goal near the very end of the game, he knew that the game was in the .....  
 (a) bag (b) bed (c) sock (d) toilet
- Q7 The artist struggled to paint the naked lady posing in front of him. It was the first painting of a person in the ..... that he had ever attempted.  
 (a) rye (b) natural (c) buff (d) heat
- Q8 His was the winning basket. "In your .....!" the boy yelled to the other basketball team.  
 (a) head (b) face (c) court (d) world
- Q9 "He was driving like a ..... out of hell! He was going 140 MPH when I pulled him over!" the policeman said.  
 (a) bat (b) devil (c) car (d) greyhound
- Q10 John is 89 years old, and he was really surprised when the policeman actually wrote him a ticket for .....  
 (a) street dancing (b) power-walking (c) breakdancing (d) jaywalking

*English Slang Idioms (11)*

- Q1 He didn't want to think about getting a perfect score before his next exam because he was afraid he would ..... himself.  
 (a) karma (b) trip (c) jinx (d) bad
- Q2 "Don't get mad at Tommy's joking around. He is just ..... you," Billy said to his friend Joey.  
 (a) joshing (b) picking (c) bothering (d) conversing
- Q3 Everyone was waiting for Grandpa Joe to kick the ..... He had cancer for many years and the doctor said that he only had a year to live.  
 (a) mule (b) bucket (c) farm (d) cat
- Q4 He apologized for losing his temper after his wife told him that she had spent a lot of money. It was just a knee-jerk ..... He hadn't planned it and he now regretted it.  
 (a) movement (b) motion (c) reaction (d) meditation
- Q5 He thought he would get the promotion on Monday. "Knock on .....", he said to himself.  
 (a) doors (b) head (c) down (d) wood
- Q6 Everyone agreed that Jim was too arrogant, and they wanted to knock him down a .....  
 (a) well (b) peg (c) hill (d) head
- Q7 "Once you know the ..... better, we will give you more responsibility," the boss said to the new trainee.  
 (a) lines (b) slips (c) straps (d) ropes
- Q8 Before he made a decision, the army sergeant wanted to see which way the wind was ..... at the command headquarters.  
 (a) gusting (b) disappearing (c) blowing (d) funneling
- Q9 "Last but not ....., Rebecca!" the emcee said as he introduced the final contestant of the evening.  
 (a) least (b) forgotten (c) worst (d) eliminated
- Q10 It took a lot of money to run the presidential campaign, but the third-party candidate thought he could win if he could only level the playing ..... However, he couldn't get as much media exposure as the richer candidates.  
 (a) lot (b) game (c) rule (d) field

*English Slang Idioms (12)*

- Q1 The kids had too much sugar today. They are all running around like ..... with their heads cut off.  
(a) cows (b) nails (c) pennies (d) chickens
- Q2 For years Joe betrayed confidences to get ahead in his job, so he shouldn't be surprised that it happened to him. If you live by the ....., you die by the sword.  
(a) knife (b) sword (c) night (d) lie
- Q3 The dogs looked very relaxed as they ..... in the sun.  
(a) ran (b) fought (c) lollygagged (d) barked
- Q4 I am not surprised that the Sergeant Major couldn't complete the brigade. He will probably retire soon. He is getting a little ..... in the tooth for all this.  
(a) long (b) gray (c) short (d) weak
- Q5 "I don't think I'll go out drinking with James again. He is too much of a ..... cannon when he gets drunk," Leah said to Josie.  
(a) rusty (b) loose (c) tight (d) big
- Q6 Kara is acting like a snob lately. Yesterday, she ..... me off completely.  
(a) blew (b) darned (c) kicked (d) shocked
- Q7 Julie completely flipped out during her performance evaluation. She's as mad as a .....!  
(a) hare (b) boxer (c) patient (d) hatter
- Q8 "Make no ..... about it. He won't last a month," Sergeant Price told his partner.  
(a) bones (b) crud (c) mess (d) thoughts
- Q9 "It's always a horrible thing when a cop turns bad. Well, ..... is the root of all evil," the internal investigator told his boss.  
(a) Nature (b) good (c) money (d) temptation
- Q10 He fell asleep during the lecture. Too much technological mumbo ..... always bores him.  
(a) jumbo (b) junk (c) speak (d) sambo

*English Slang Idioms (13)*

- Q1 Steve just bought a new pair of front tires, but as he leaving, he ran over a nail that popped his back tire and the tire shop couldn't repair it. If that isn't Murphy's ....., I don't know what is!
- (a) Rule (b) Case (c) Law (d) Tale
- Q2 The boss asked Bill where his coworker was. Bill responded that he was not his brother's .....
- (a) jailer (b) keeper (c) copper (d) monitor
- Q3 "My brother is a ..... He spends all of his time on computers or reading science books," Allison told her new friend Mary.
- (a) tool (b) frank (c) nerd (d) wimp
- Q4 He has no friends because he's the new kid on the .....
- (a) block (b) bus (c) house (d) corner
- Q5 He knew it would take a hot ..... to get his paperwork processed by the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- (a) time (b) day (c) potato (d) minute
- Q6 "Can you work for me this weekend?" Kerry asked Elliot. "Sorry, no .....,," Elliot responded, "I have other plans."
- (a) dice (b) plant (c) point (d) dispute
- Q7 He knew he couldn't make that decision until he had more information. He knew he wasn't ..... with a full deck of cards.
- (a) shuffling (b) gambling (c) playing (d) building
- Q8 "How do you know the merger will make us money?" the CEO asked the presenter. The presenter said, "I don't know for sure. Nothing is certain but death and ..... -- but the idea makes sense."
- (a) taxes (b) burial (c) birth (d) destruction
- Q9 His secretary reminded him about the speech, but he had no time to prepare for it. He would just have to give it ..... the cuff.
- (a) on (b) at (c) from (d) off
- Q10 The police officer wasn't willing to tell the reporter anything unless it was off the .....
- (a) tape (b) record (c) limelight (d) public

*English Slang Idioms (14)*

- Q1 He had to go next door to watch the game. His TV was on the ..... again.  
 (a) blank (b) fritz (c) weiner (d) recliner
- Q2 He decided to flag down the waitress and order one for the .....  
 (a) road (b) post (c) head (d) cuff
- Q3 The new boss was a stickler for details, so the employee knew he would have to mind his p's and .....  
 (a) i's (b) t's (c) q's (d) g's
- Q4 His girlfriend got mad at him when he said she should stop supporting her lazy brother, that we all need to ..... our own canoe.  
 (a) steer (b) control (c) row (d) paddle
- Q5 She was known to duck responsibility whenever possible, but when she tried to pass the ..... on the tax error, she went too far.  
 (a) buck (b) problem (c) screw (d) tab
- Q6 He decided that he could probably make it to Portland, Oregon in six hours if he drove with the pedal to the .....  
 (a) tread (b) metal (c) carpet (d) plastic
- Q7 She called the police immediately after she saw the ..... Tom outside her window.  
 (a) staring (b) sneaking (c) peering (d) peeping
- Q8 He knew that it was a pipe ..... to believe that his invention would make any money without hiring someone who knew how to market the product effectively.  
 (a) down (b) smoke (c) dream (d) line
- Q9 "That raise you want is just a(n) ..... in the sky, James. It's not going to happen," Jill said.  
 (a) angel (b) pie (c) dream (d) cloud
- Q10 She would have to keep her work to herself until it was finished. Otherwise, other people would try to ..... on her idea and take credit for her work.  
 (a) hog (b) giraffe (c) rubberneck (d) piggyback



*English Slang Idioms (15)*

- Q1 He got mad at his parents after they told him to ..... down while they watched TV.  
 (a) shut (b) close (c) pipe (d) kneel
- Q2 Since there was no agenda for the day, the team leader decided to play it by ..... and deal with issues as they came up.  
 (a) rote (b) ear (c) number (d) book
- Q3 He couldn't wait to show his girlfriend his ..... new condo; it was one of the newest interior decorating styles.  
 (a) faded (b) chintzy (c) ugly (d) posh
- Q4 The police chief decided to pull out all the ..... on the investigation. He really needed to catch the dangerous wanted criminal quickly.  
 (a) gates (b) stops (c) pegs (d) bars
- Q5 The government decided to pull the ..... on the research funding because the scientists weren't working very hard on the project.  
 (a) stops (b) supports (c) plug (d) chain
- Q6 Bryan knew that his partner was trying to put one ..... on him, so he quickly dissolved the partnership.  
 (a) over (b) under (c) new (d) away
- Q7 The parents knew that their kids were trying to pull the ..... over their eyes with their long drawn-out story.  
 (a) sheets (b) hair (c) wool (d) blankets
- Q8 She knew that she was really pushing the ..... by putting that racy picture of a girl in a skimpy bikini on the front page of the local paper.  
 (a) levers (b) envelope (c) perimeter (d) buttons
- Q9 After the reporter implied that the police officer might have been involved in some illegitimate deals, the officer told the reporter to put a ..... in it.  
 (a) sock (b) paper (c) boot (d) fist
- Q10 He knew he would have to put on his ..... cap and start studying for the test soon.  
 (a) brain (b) smart (c) crazy (d) thinking

*English Slang Idioms (16)*

- Q1 She told him that they needed to spend more ..... time together.  
 (a) cheap (b) entertaining (c) quality (d) long
- Q2 He didn't want to go outside until the rain stopped coming down so hard. It was really raining ..... and dogs out there.  
 (a) birds (b) bats (c) pups (d) cats
- Q3 "Hey, I am going to have to take a rain ..... on going to that movie with you today. I just found out I have to work tonight," Jenny told Craig.  
 (a) jacket (b) hat (c) check (d) gutter
- Q4 "Your daddy is going to ..... Cain when he finds out you got detention again," Tommy said to Will.  
 (a) start (b) call (c) raise (d) stop
- Q5 Politicians often use a red ..... to divert the public's attention from a subject they don't want to talk about.  
 (a) October (b) sky (c) rose (d) herring
- Q6 The store manager caught the kid ..... His pockets were bulging with stolen goods.  
 (a) red-handed (b) besotted (c) panhandled (d) off-guarded
- Q7 His friend was kind of a .....: he wore a cowboy hat, cowboy boots and a big belt buckle, and he used vulgar language in mixed company.  
 (a) leatherneck (b) redneck (c) beatnik (d) yuppie
- Q8 The judge admonished the vulgar defendant for repeatedly using ..... language in the courtroom.  
 (a) beautiful (b) mundane (c) colorful (d) regular
- Q9 His alarm went off. It was time to ..... and shine.  
 (a) spit (b) polish (c) refine (d) rise
- Q10 A general rule of ..... in business is that it is better to be over-prepared than under-prepared.  
 (a) metrics (b) measurement (c) thumb (d) subject

*English Slang Idioms (17)*

- Q1 "I had to get some more coffee during my afternoon break. I was starting to ..... out of steam," Laurie said to Linda.  
(a) blow (b) run (c) let (d) burn
- Q2 Jack knew that he should go for a run. Running helped him blow off ..... after an aggravating day in the office.  
(a) pounds (b) balloons (c) steam (d) sweat
- Q3 Sally knew that Hank had ..... her project by giving her incorrect statistics underestimating the expenses the firm would incur in getting it started.  
(a) sabotaged (b) eradicated (c) helped (d) erased
- Q4 I really messed with his ..... cow when I said that guns should not be sold or owned anywhere in America.  
(a) milk (b) brown (c) sacred (d) Hereford
- Q5 Just two more minutes and he'd be ..... by the bell. Then he wouldn't have to hand in his report until next Monday.  
(a) rung (b) out (c) led (d) saved
- Q6 It is considered important by many in America to teach teenagers about ..... sex.  
(a) safe (b) gratuitous (c) graphic (d) public
- Q7 I know the company wants to find a ....., but I had nothing to do with that project at all. They will obviously have to find someone else.  
(a) billy goat (b) scapegoat (c) boar (d) sheep
- Q8 "Break a ....."! John said as his sister went up the stairs to give her performance.  
(a) bone (b) line (c) leg (d) board
- Q9 He knew that investigating Jim was a shot in the ....., but he had to try something.  
(a) dark (b) woods (c) butt (d) glass
- Q10 The lawyer took a cheap ..... at the defendant, hoping that it would make him mad enough to blurt out what she wanted to know.  
(a) trick (b) price (c) aim (d) shot

*English Slang Idioms (18)*

- Q1 "Do you really think you need every available accessory for your new cellphone? Don't you think that's a bit .....?" Deborah asked her husband.  
 (a) extensive (b) large (c) much (d) technological
- Q2 Steve decided to do performance evaluations in order to make sure that everyone on his team was working hard. He would fire the worst member. After all, a chain is only as strong as its weakest .....  
 (a) loop (b) link (c) clip (d) grip
- Q3 "The job was filled two weeks ago, and notice was published on our website. You're a day late and a dollar ....., " the receptionist told the job applicant.  
 (a) down (b) poorer (c) lost (d) short
- Q4 His friend spent half of his winnings on drinks despite the fact that he couldn't pay his rent. "Well," he thought, "a fool and his ..... are soon parted."  
 (a) thoughts (b) brain (c) sense (d) money
- Q5 "Can you believe that he spent his kids' college fund again on another new car? Well, a fool at 40 is a fool ....., " Gina gossiped to her friend Laura.  
 (a) forever (b) at 50 (c) indeed (d) tomorrow
- Q6 "What's the matter, Fred? Do you have a ..... in your giddyup? You look tired and a little sick," Gill asked his friend.  
 (a) wrench (b) hitch (c) cinch (d) thorn
- Q7 Steve decided not to give any more alcohol to Jack. He was starting to look a little green around the .....  
 (a) gills (b) jaws (c) eyes (d) face
- Q8 He knew the new guy had given his second assignment a mere lick and a ..... It was thrown together and about only two-thirds finished when he turned it in.  
 (a) stamp (b) wave (c) promise (d) kiss
- Q9 The police chief flippantly replied to the reporter's question about the tip he received that broke the case, "A little ..... told me."  
 (a) mole (b) voice (c) boy (d) bird
- Q10 "A little learning is a ..... thing. He told me that he had taken a carpentry class and had the skills to fix my deck, but by the time I paid a contractor to fix all his mistakes, I was out \$4000," Angie said.  
 (a) silly (b) dangerous (c) fulfilling (d) weird

*English Slang Idioms (19)*

- Q1 That new employee is sure a lost ball in high ..... He doesn't know anything about his job and has managed to mess up every project so far.  
 (a) stands (b) drugs (c) costs (d) weeds
- Q2 "A penny for your ....., " Grace said as a contemplative look came across Laura's face.  
 (a) ponderings (b) voice (c) feelings (d) thoughts
- Q3 My grandmother always told me that a penny saved is a penny .....  
 (a) spent (b) lost (c) earned (d) wasted
- Q4 Some people consider the drug "crank" to be a poor ..... cocaine.  
 (a) man's (b) jerk's (c) folks' (d) loser's
- Q5 He knew that the beautiful sports car he was looking at must have cost a ..... penny.  
 (a) pretty (b) big (c) bent (d) shiny
- Q6 His mother told him that she was glad he confided in her. She reminded him that a problem shared was a problem .....  
 (a) lost (b) solved (c) halved (d) aggravated
- Q7 She was glad that her friend Beth came over to help her. With both of them working on it, the yard would be clean in less than two hours. She believed that many ..... make light work.  
 (a) faces (b) laws (c) friends (d) hands
- Q8 Now that he had the right tools for the job, he would get it done in no .....  
 (a) season (b) time (c) pain (d) problem
- Q9 The politician told the citizens that her tax cut would put more money in their wallets; it was like a rising ..... that lifts all boats.  
 (a) oar (b) anchor (c) tide (d) rope
- Q10 His parents told him that as long as he was continuously working to better himself, he would be sure to succeed in life. They said that a rolling stone gathers no .....  
 (a) grass (b) dirt (c) moss (d) water

*English Slang Idioms (20)*

|     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Q1  | When he dented the rear fender, his friend said, "Your car is so banged up, no one will ever notice that little mark. A slice off a cut ..... is never missed."                                                                                             |
|     | (a) cheese (b) loaf (c) lettuce (d) bread                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Q2  | He decided to buy the guitar even though he was kind of broke. At the price it was listed for, it was a .....                                                                                                                                               |
|     | (a) pile (b) rip-off (c) steal (d) beauty                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Q3  | She asked her friend not to tell anyone about the bargain she found in the paper because loose ..... sink ships.                                                                                                                                            |
|     | (a) moorings (b) knots (c) ropes (d) lips                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Q4  | Ben felt like an idiot after blathering on to his friends about mechanics when he didn't know anything about that subject. His wife cautioned, "If you don't know, people will think you are smarter if you say nothing. A still tongue keeps a wise ....." |
|     | (a) tooth (b) thought (c) head (d) mouth                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Q5  | He knew that he should just find something else to do while the program scanned his computer for viruses. After all, a watched ..... never boils.                                                                                                           |
|     | (a) pot (b) water (c) jug (d) bucket                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Q6  | He thought that doing math problems was about as much fun as watching ..... dry.                                                                                                                                                                            |
|     | (a) water (b) paint (c) glue (d) caulk                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Q7  | Bill complimented his friend on the ..... quality wood he purchased to build his deck.                                                                                                                                                                      |
|     | (a) B-grade (b) mediocre (c) A1 (d) cheap                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Q8  | He didn't feel like going camping with his friends that weekend, but his father said, "You can't let your buddies down like that after you promised. You made your decision, now you have to ..... by it."                                                  |
|     | (a) stay (b) give (c) abide (d) leave                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Q9  | Eric found that the glue he was using was as useless as a ..... teapot.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|     | (a) copper (b) wooden (c) chocolate (d) plaster                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Q10 | His boss pulled an abrupt ..... and decided that employees could indeed listen to the radio at work.                                                                                                                                                        |
|     | (a) changeover (b) about-face (c) make-up (d) slapstick                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

*English Slang Idioms (21)*

|     |                                                                                                                                                              |             |            |              |             |
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| Q1  | He was sick of working for companies that weren't above..... in their business practices. Too many of them had cut illegal or unethical corners.             | (a) board   | (b) grade  | (c) level    | (d) ideal   |
| Q2  | He wanted to be with his wife and didn't want to hear one more soldier with him in Iraq say, "Absence makes the ..... grow fonder."                          | (a) soul    | (b) sense  | (c) brain    | (d) heart   |
| Q3  | He was the clumsiest kid she had ever seen — a definite ..... just waiting to happen.                                                                        | (a) fall    | (b) idiot  | (c) accident | (d) bump    |
| Q4  | She hadn't lost the election yet, so she never even let on that she had an ace in the .....                                                                  | (a) deck    | (b) sky    | (c) hole     | (d) spades  |
| Q5  | "Why are you smiling?" Jim asked. "You're about to lose this match; do you have an ..... up your sleeve or something?"                                       | (a) arm     | (b) ace    | (c) eye      | (d) ear     |
| Q6  | He knew that his opponent had a weakness; he just had to find her Achilles' .....                                                                            | (a) foot    | (b) armor  | (c) heel     | (d) opening |
| Q7  | He knew that his competitors had a chink in their ..... somewhere. He just had to locate it.                                                                 | (a) armor   | (b) tank   | (c) game     | (d) plan    |
| Q8  | He performed an ..... test on the business he wanted to invest in and saw that it was in a good position to pay its current liabilities.                     | (a) outcome | (b) income | (c) acid     | (d) input   |
| Q9  | There have been many across-the-..... changes in the Army since Tim was an active soldier. Everything is different now.                                      | (a) sea     | (b) wood   | (c) land     | (d) board   |
| Q10 | "Don't feel bad, Derek. You couldn't stop the tree from falling on your sister's car after you borrowed it from her. It's an ..... of God," his mother said. | (a) ax      | (b) order  | (c) art      | (d) act     |

*English Slang Idioms (22)*

- Q1 She didn't believe that he would ever change. He said he would, but actions speak louder than .....  
 (a) thoughts (b) intentions (c) words (d) concepts
- Q2 He had never had much luck with women. He was underweight and had a very prominent Adam's .....  
 (a) rib (b) apple (c) hair-do (d) mouth
- Q3 When he stayed out drinking all night, he was just adding ..... to the fire. His girlfriend was already mad at him and she wouldn't be happy that he had stood her up last night.  
 (a) fuel (b) water (c) bricks (d) rubber
- Q4 "Oh, he likes swimming, too? He's a man after my own ....., " Jen said to Craig.  
 (a) standard (b) heart (c) blood (d) image
- Q5 He was racing against the ..... now; he wasn't sure he would meet his deadline this time.  
 (a) boss (b) tide (c) cheetah (d) clock
- Q6 "Why would you rub it in her face that you got a better score than she did on the exam, Steve? Don't you think that's adding ..... to injury?" Beth asked.  
 (a) pain (b) extra (c) insult (d) anger
- Q7 She knew that piercing her eyebrow was going against the ....., but she liked the way it looked and didn't care what the rest of the office thought.  
 (a) grain (b) tide (c) ethics (d) popularity
- Q8 "Why don't you bowl first, Christine? Age before .....,!" her friend joked.  
 (a) experience (b) idiots (c) beauty (d) depravity
- Q9 She is such an agony .....! I can't stand her listening in on everyone's conversations hoping they will divulge a personal problem so she can tell them how to fix it.  
 (a) monger (b) witch (c) aunt (d) nut
- Q10 He was hoping that if he bought the textbook early, he would be ahead of the ..... once school started.  
 (a) pack (b) herd (c) flock (d) gaggle



*English Slang Idioms (23)*

- Q1 "You are ahead of ....., Jim. The meeting doesn't start for another 30 minutes," Jack said.  
 (a) pack (b) class (c) time (d) game
- Q2 He knew that if he got caught cheating, he would have an ..... around his neck for the rest of his college career.  
 (a) ax (b) ox (c) albatross (d) ape
- Q3 He knew that he shouldn't be that mad about his car breaking down. At 80 years old, he should be content with just being alive and .....  
 (a) able (b) thinking (c) blinking (d) kicking
- Q4 He had known all ..... about her affair with that other guy, but he didn't know what to say to her or how to bring it up.  
 (a) description (b) along (c) ahead (d) information
- Q5 "Oh, don't worry about Chris. He won't beat you up. He's all ..... and no bite," Julie told Bart.  
 (a) teeth (b) scare (c) strut (d) bark
- Q6 If she didn't deliver on her end of the bargain, she knew that all ..... would be off and her best client would find another company.  
 (a) facades (b) promises (c) bets (d) hats
- Q7 He knew that he fit the category of being all ..... up with nowhere to go, but he couldn't let go of his dream — even though it probably wouldn't happen.  
 (a) messed (b) dirtied (c) psyched (d) dressed
- Q8 He knew that he had an "all ..... on me" approach to social situations. People told him that he always tried to steal the limelight in order to be the focus of attention.  
 (a) hands (b) thoughts (c) actions (d) eyes
- Q9 Sure, he drives a nice truck, but he's all ..... and no cattle. He lives with his mom and has no other assets.  
 (a) brand (b) grass (c) land (d) hat
- Q10 When asked what he thought about Private Jones, the First Sergeant said, "That guy is a great soldier. He's all ....."  
 (a) bite (b) bark (c) head (d) heart

*English Slang Idioms (24)*

- Q1 His friend decided to push the police officer who was questioning him, and all ..... broke loose.  
 (a) hats (b) hell (c) ropes (d) cows
- Q2 She got sent to detention for ..... off to the teacher.  
 (a) digging (b) flailing (c) mouthing (d) grabbing
- Q3 Oh, he says he will get that new job, but he is all hat and no ..... He isn't qualified, but he thinks that he is likeable enough to charm anyone into anything.  
 (a) trousers (b) rain (c) purpose (d) bolts
- Q4 "Well, I'm not familiar with that method and a different one was suggested in school, but all ..... lead to Rome, I suppose," Gina told Emma.  
 (a) nuts (b) cities (c) efforts (d) roads
- Q5 "Your car is done, sir. We fixed the radiator and transmission and replaced the sparkplugs. You're all ..... to go," the mechanic told John.  
 (a) flexed (b) broke (c) good (d) mad
- Q6 When her father finds out that she went on a date with Dan, he'll be as angry as a ..... with a sore paw.  
 (a) pig (b) boar (c) deer (d) bear
- Q7 Berry's son will get himself out of trouble; he's as ..... as a fox.  
 (a) quick (b) clever (c) hairy (d) forward
- Q8 "Why can't you ever sit still in church, Chris? Do you have ..... in your pants?" His grandma asked.  
 (a) silk (b) eggs (c) ants (d) ticks
- Q9 "I know it's not an ideal solution to the problem, but we're out of time and it'll work. You know what they say — any ..... in a storm," Jack said to his boss.  
 (a) port (b) sea (c) chip (d) cloud
- Q10 "He thinks he's so special, but any Tom, Dick, or ..... could do his job better than he can!" Jane exclaimed.  
 (a) John (b) Will (c) Mark (d) Harry

*English Slang Idioms (25)*

- Q1 "I can't stand that arrogant Maxwell. He thinks he's God's ..... to women or something," Beth told Jessica.  
(a) curse (b) creation (c) hint (d) gift
- Q2 "It's too bad Derek can't go camping with us. I'm not surprised, though. His new girlfriend's got him tied to her ..... strings," Kyle told Johnny.  
(a) shoe (b) apron (c) potato (d) kite
- Q3 "When we went out on patrol in Vietnam, we were always armed to the ....., " Hector reminisced.  
(a) gills (b) tank (c) teeth (d) mind
- Q4 "I can't stand Wes. He's such an armchair ..... He's always giving out unwanted advice, but he can't even do his own job right," Amber complained to Will.  
(a) critic (b) avenger (c) soldier (d) imposter
- Q5 He knew he would be tired for at least the next week. He had already worked around the ..... and still had more work to do before he went home.  
(a) bar (b) block (c) obstacle (d) clock
- Q6 Don't give up yet, Jack. Alyssa has an arrow in her ..... that might just get us out of this.  
(a) bundle (b) quiver (c) pack (d) rucksack
- Q7 He knew that, as a ....., people usually try to do the right thing, but he was uncomfortable trusting an acquaintance that he barely knew.  
(a) stool (b) gender (c) rule (d) thought
- Q8 Buddy, you are out of luck. You can try to explain to her why you missed work, but she is not going to care. She is as cold as .....  
(a) ocean (b) soda (c) hail (d) ice
- Q9 "I feel uncomfortable around Alex. He freaks out too often. In my opinion, he's as mad as a ....., " Chris said to Kelso.  
(a) hatter (b) hare (c) wigwam (d) nest
- Q10 "Your car is fixed now and is as ..... as new," the mechanic informed him.  
(a) finished (b) furnished (c) burnished (d) good

*English Slang Idioms (26)*

- Q1 "Wow, that cheap drill you bought is about as useful as a handbrake on a ....., " Weston said.  
 (a) bike (b) scooter (c) canoe (d) bus
- Q2 The military formation moved as one .....  
 (a) man (b) boat (c) thought (d) goose
- Q3 She thought her niece was as cute as a .....  
 (a) rail (b) button (c) bee (d) dog
- Q4 He knew that the beach was only about five miles as the ..... flies, but was about 25 miles away by a lot of curvy roads.  
 (a) goose (b) chicken (c) bee (d) crow
- Q5 "He got in a lot of trouble on Monday. He has had it coming for a long time. You reap what you ....., " Linda said to Tom.  
 (a) cut (b) prune (c) sow (d) mow
- Q6 "I'm sorry that I messed up on that paperwork on Monday. I guess I was just ..... at the switch," Matt said to his boss.  
 (a) asleep (b) ignorant (c) crossed (d) watching
- Q7 Don't mess with Callie. She will chew you out at the drop of a .....  
 (a) cap (b) bucket (c) dime (d) phone
- Q8 He did everything at a ..... pace, but he never made mistakes.  
 (a) goose's (b) sloth's (c) cat's (d) snail's
- Q9 He wasn't the most friendly of employees. He kept everyone, including people he had worked with for years, at arm's .....  
 (a) punch (b) width (c) length (d) clench
- Q10 "I know we usually work at cross ....., but I still think we can work together in this case," Jane told Melissa, her main competitor.  
 (a) buns (b) purposes (c) hairs (d) signs

*English Slang Idioms (27)*

- Q1 "Alright, sir. You've paid your bill in full. We're all ..... now," the representative told Jim.  
 (a) square (b) round (c) exact (d) important
- Q2 Bell-bottom pants are all the ..... in my hometown.  
 (a) mess (b) rage (c) wear (d) trade
- Q3 "Don't believe that this DVD player is a good one just because of its high price tag. All that glitters is not ....., " Will said to Han.  
 (a) diamond (b) gold (c) sparkle (d) sequins
- Q4 He didn't care how much the drug lord offered him to do the job. He wouldn't do it for all the ..... in China.  
 (a) noodles (b) rice (c) opium (d) tea
- Q5 She knew that some people in the company would be mad at her for laying off some of its employees, but she thinks all's fair in love and .....  
 (a) money (b) war (c) sex (d) dinner
- Q6 He wanted to introduce his best friend Tom to his new girlfriend, since Tom was kind of his ..... ego, but he wasn't sure that she'd like him very much.  
 (a) other (b) inflated (c) alter (d) forlorn
- Q7 I feel uncomfortable about being in Susan's wedding party. Everyone I know is married but me. You know what they say — "always a bridesmaid, never a ....."  
 (a) wife (b) groom (c) partner (d) bride
- Q8 He detested lawyers and thought that even the expensive ones were glorified ..... chasers.  
 (a) money (b) profit (c) ambulance (d) fame
- Q9 He was trying to eat healthier these days and people noticed. When asked about whether he was dieting, he always replied, "An apple a day keeps the ..... away."  
 (a) doctor (b) problems (c) fat (d) devil
- Q10 He knew that he could wait and see what happened before doing anything, but he was a strong believer in the saying, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of ....."  
 (a) hindsight (b) clean up (c) contingency (d) cure

*English Slang Idioms (28)*

- Q1 "I have to buy paper, a binder, books, a new backpack and all that ....., " Matt told his folks.  
 (a) accessories (b) things (c) jazz (d) much
- Q2 Suzy knew how mad her boss would be when he found out that Suzy had completely dropped the ..... on their new advertising campaign.  
 (a) hint (b) potato (c) baby (d) ball
- Q3 "Wow, Lynn! I knew your father was sick, but he looks like he's at death's .....!" Martha exclaimed.  
 (a) floor (b) gate (c) door (d) house
- Q4 Shelly's kids had been at each other's ..... all day, and she was sick of dealing with them.  
 (a) buttons (b) throats (c) nerves (d) arms
- Q5 Now that he had his morning coffee, he would be working at full ..... in no time.  
 (a) tilt (b) bore (c) monty (d) flood
- Q6 She didn't think the police would ever catch the burglar who broke into her house. He had been at ..... for fifteen months now.  
 (a) large (b) escape (c) throat (d) crime
- Q7 The FBI and CIA have been at ..... over several issues for a long time now.  
 (a) conflict (b) issue (c) appointment (d) loggerheads
- Q8 I don't like leaving any loose ..... before going on vacation. I'm going to work overtime to make sure that everything is how it should be.  
 (a) ties (b) exits (c) ends (d) bolts
- Q9 "Wow, I studied the chapter on Macroeconomics, and I must admit I'm lost in the .....! I can't figure any of it out," Jake told Will.  
 (a) bog (b) stew (c) mud (d) sauce
- Q10 She knew that she would have to start at the bottom of the ..... pole at the bank because she doesn't have any prior experience or a college degree.  
 (a) telephone (b) north (c) totem (d) bean

*English Slang Idioms (29)*

- Q1 He liked being a policeman, but he didn't like leaving his house at the drop of a ..... anytime he was needed.  
 (a) penny (b) hat (c) hint (d) current
- Q2 He was bored at work, but at the end of the ..... he was happy to be helping people — even if it wasn't much fun.  
 (a) day (b) week (c) ride (d) show
- Q3 "I feel like I am at the end of my ..... now that I've lost my job and my sister in the same month," a depressed Sam told his wife.  
 (a) life (b) ride (c) rope (d) butt
- Q4 He had to shout at the top of his ..... to get his wife to notice him when she was in the garden.  
 (a) mouth (b) guts (c) head (d) lungs
- Q5 "Don't worry. I'll have the project ready for you today. It's at the top of my .....", Medford told his boss.  
 (a) mind (b) morning (c) label (d) list
- Q6 He knew he would be able to excel in his job. An average ..... could do any of the required duties.  
 (a) cat (b) joe (c) tool (d) machine
- Q7 "I tell you, Joe-- the receptionist is away with the ..... today. I've asked her to give me the number to corporate three times today, but she keeps forgetting", Wes told Max.  
 (a) fairies (b) geese (c) gnomes (d) ogres
- Q8 His manager is a regular ..... in arms. She looks like she is in her early 20's, and that seems extremely young for this position.  
 (a) lamb (b) kid (c) babe (d) gal
- Q9 I think we have another babe in the ..... here, Jack. I don't know why they keep sending inexperienced employees our way.  
 (a) crib (b) arms (c) basket (d) woods
- Q10 Analysts say that it is a good idea to invest in retirement housing now that the baby ..... are all retiring.  
 (a) boomers (b) makers (c) risers (d) burglars

*English Slang Idioms (30)*

- Q1 His boss made him put his regular work on the back ..... so that he could complete yet another special project.  
(a) pack (b) support (c) burner (d) court
- Q2 I think the committee is backing the wrong ..... on this one. Jack's idea failed in the past, but Nathan's idea is new and seems more feasible to me.  
(a) horse (b) store (c) camel (d) answer
- Q3 His day was very busy. He answered ..... to back phone calls from disgruntled customers.  
(a) front (b) side (c) back (d) foot
- Q4 "None of the ideas we came up with at the last meeting have worked. I guess we're back to the drawing .....," the manager informed her team.  
(a) room (b) paper (c) medium (d) board
- Q5 "Well, my break is up. Back to the salt ..... It was good seeing you!" Bill said to George.  
(a) flats (b) mines (c) water (d) and pepper
- Q6 Zack got into a fight at school, because he felt his ..... was up against the wall. The other boys kept yelling in his face even when he tried to walk away.  
(a) back (b) head (c) spine (d) heel
- Q7 My wife is a reformed backseat ..... She used to tell me to slow down every time we went out in the car, but she doesn't do that anymore.  
(a) instructor (b) oracle (c) driver (d) bother
- Q8 He tried using both a comb and a brush, but resigned himself to the fact that he was having a bad ..... day, so he wore a hat to school.  
(a) style (b) hat (c) hair (d) look
- Q9 His parents were mad at him for bad ..... his teacher at school.  
(a) looking (b) smacking (c) mouthing (d) trashing
- Q10 He knew he was in bad ..... when he checked his temperature and found that he had a high fever.  
(a) shape (b) size (c) stance (d) results



*Warehouse and Logistics*

- Q1 A swap body is .....  
 (a) an empty container (b) a tool to load and unload containers  
 (c) a type of container that can easily be transferred from one means to another (d) a tool to secure cargo during transportation
- Q2 The following Incoterm is the most favourable for the buyer: .....  
 (a) FOB (b) DDU (c) EXW (d) CPT
- Q3 Tank containers for foodstuffs must be labelled as ".....".  
 (a) Only For Drinks (b) Potable Liquids  
 (c) Drinks Inside (d) Potable Liquids Only
- Q4 The abbreviation "DHL" stands for: .....  
 (a) Deutsche Handels Linie (b) Dalsey, Hillblom and Lynn  
 (c) Department of High Logistics (d) Dow Howard Line
- Q5 The following abbreviation does NOT stand for a big logistics company: .....  
 (a) TNT (b) DHL (c) NBC (d) UPS
- Q6 The following task is NOT performed by a warehouse worker: .....  
 (a) packing (b) ticking (c) checking (d) picking
- Q7 The acronym "FIFO" stands for: .....  
 (a) Final Instructions For Others (b) Find In Forthcoming Order  
 (c) Fear In Face Of (d) First In First Out
- Q8 Fragile goods must be handled with .....  
 (a) respect (b) love (c) care (d) sympathy
- Q9 The concept of a lift truck's "Stability Pyramid" describes how .....  
 (a) a lift truck is kept upright (b) a lift truck is kept safe and dry  
 (c) a lift truck is maintained (d) a lift truck is sold
- Q10 When a lift truck tips over, it .....  
 (a) leaks fuel (b) loses its balance (c) doesn't start (d) stops abruptly

*English Slang Idioms (31)*

- Q1 When his girlfriend broke up with him, it broke his .....  
 (a) wallet (b) head (c) heart (d) will
- Q2 We have different views on how this project should be run, but I think we can bridge the ..... and work together.  
 (a) gap (b) hole (c) valley (d) canyon
- Q3 My boss has been breathing down my ..... today to get the expense sheet done.  
 (a) bones (b) neck (c) shirt (d) back
- Q4 He decided that he would breathe some fresh ..... into the garden. It was overgrown now and shoddy, but he believed that he could make it nice again.  
 (a) wind (b) air (c) breath (d) soul
- Q5 My grandfather is very, very sick. He seems to be breathing his .....  
 (a) last (b) soul (c) life (d) end
- Q6 He liked the color of her new car. It had a bright and ..... look to it.  
 (a) breezy (b) brittle (c) life (d) light
- Q7 "I want you kids down here bright-eyed and bushy-..... at 8 o'clock," their dad said.  
 (a) coated (b) footed (c) built (d) tailed
- Q8 "It sure ..... up my day to see those flowers blooming outside," Katy said.  
 (a) uses (b) passes (c) brightens (d) heightens
- Q9 "The guy's debate speech was so ill-prepared and ineffectual that it was like bringing a ..... to a gunfight," Elliot remarked.  
 (a) spoon (b) fork (c) slingshot (d) knife
- Q10 Now that his wife had gone to Italy, it was up to him to bring home the ..... so that they could pay their bills.  
 (a) bread (b) bacon (c) fat (d) ham

*English Slang Idioms (32)*

- Q1 The manager looked at the applicant's resume and saw that she had a lot to bring to the ..... She had considerable experience and many accomplishments.  
(a) bacon (b) site (c) arena (d) table
- Q2 "Can you describe the plan in broad ....., just to give us an overall idea of what you want to do?" Jim asked the presenter.  
(a) strokes (b) sides (c) daylight (d) view
- Q3 He told them that he couldn't afford to go to the concert. He had just paid for car repairs and he was now broke as a .....  
(a) bun (b) tool (c) bear (d) joke
- Q4 Jim is such a brown-.....! He spends most of his time hanging around the boss and telling her how smart she is and how all of her ideas are the best he's ever heard.  
(a) study (b) betty (c) cow (d) noser
- Q5 "Your idea is very good and is sure to score you some ..... points with the boss," Candy told Ernie.  
(a) happy (b) high-five (c) tip-top (d) brownie
- Q6 "Don't try to brush it under the ....., young man. Did you think I wouldn't find out that you failed the test?" his mother asked.  
(a) deck (b) carpet (c) doily (d) couch
- Q7 His investment consultant told him that he should cash in his bonds and buy stocks since it was a(n) ..... market now and the recession had passed.  
(a) option (b) swap (c) bull (d) bear
- Q8 "Don't be bull-..... about it, Jim. Just listen to what the man has to say. He seems to have some very good points that even you might agree with," his wife said.  
(a) bellied (b) penned (c) headed (d) horned
- Q9 "We will have to plan a baby shower for Jennifer. Oh, you didn't hear? She has a bun in the .....,," Kathy said to Lisa.  
(a) oven (b) fridge (c) burner (d) pan
- Q10 After hearing a tapping on her window late at night, she couldn't go back to sleep. The next day, she was a bundle of .....  
(a) joy (b) kindling (c) nerves (d) hay

*English Slang Idioms (33)*

- Q1 The cable company has been a real ..... under my saddle. I've called them three times this month and I am sick of it.  
(a) buckle (b) burr (c) blanket (d) boot
- Q2 "We are going to have to burn ..... to get there on time. If we drive as fast as possible, we might make it," Matt said to Brian.  
(a) rubber (b) leather (c) firewood (d) exhaust
- Q3 Steve is sure burning the ..... at both ends. With all that money he has been spending on drinking late at the bar, he'll be broke and sick in no time.  
(a) rubber (b) wood (c) torch (d) candle
- Q4 "I had to burn the ..... oil to get the paper done on time. I think I finished at four in the morning," Ben said.  
(a) motor (b) vegetable (c) crude (d) midnight
- Q5 "You really ..... your fingers this time, Matt. I bet you won't smash people's mailboxes anymore after working all summer to pay the neighbors for your pranks," his sister said.  
(a) burned (b) sucked (c) oiled (d) rubbed
- Q6 "Will we get laid off? That is the ..... question," Pam said to Jim.  
(a) blaring (b) burning (c) beaming (d) beating
- Q7 He was glad that he and his wife had finally buried the ..... concerning the cat. They had fought too long about it and he was glad to move on.  
(a) bullet (b) hatchet (c) hammer (d) bucket
- Q8 "You can't avoid completing your expense sheet by burying your ..... in the sand," Maggie said to Earl.  
(a) hand (b) head (c) body (d) trunk
- Q9 "My week off was a busman's ..... My wife insisted that I finish building our patio deck," the construction worker complained to his co-worker.  
(a) holiday (b) vehicle (c) trip (d) event
- Q10 Don't bust my ..... about the project. It's not my fault that it was late.  
(a) bolts (b) toes (c) vase (d) chops

*English Slang Idioms (34)*

- Q1 That car I was going to buy turned out to be a ..... flush. The owner didn't put it in the advertisement, but the car needs over \$2000 in repairs.  
(a) straight (b) radiator (c) busted (d) toilet
- Q2 You must have been as busy as a ..... to get all this done! Your yard is raked, the stairs are painted and the woodpile is tidied.  
(a) fox (b) sloth (c) cat (d) beaver
- Q3 He had been as busy as a ..... from the moment he got to work and was now exhausted.  
(a) flower (b) wood pile (c) bee (d) hive
- Q4 He turned down the invitation to join the company baseball team, since he didn't want his girlfriend to see that he was a(n) ..... He was never good at catching a ball.  
(a) butterfingers (b) outfielder (c) receiver (d) juggler
- Q5 It was five minutes until her performance, and she had butterflies in her ..... She hoped that her nervousness wouldn't cause her to mess up.  
(a) net (b) hair (c) stomach (d) head
- Q6 He was glad that he buttoned his ..... when the boss yelled at him. A secretary had just got fired last week for talking back to him.  
(a) face (b) jaw (c) lip (d) ears
- Q7 His grandfather bought the ..... last Tuesday. He wasn't surprised; his grandfather was eighty years old and had been sick for years. The old man passed away in his sleep.  
(a) store (b) farm (c) car (d) boat
- Q8 The van just missed his car by a hair's .....  
(a) length (b) width (c) height (d) breadth
- Q9 He managed to beat the top runner in the race by a .....  
(a) knot (b) shot (c) paw (d) whisker
- Q10 It took him a long time to learn to play the song by .....  
(a) hand (b) heart (c) head (d) thought

*English Slang Idioms (35)*

- Q1 "I think Steve should get the promotion. He has a great service record and has a reputation for always going by the ....., " Arnold said to Craig.  
 (a) shop (b) clock (c) book (d) board
- Q2 When his team asked him how to perform their processing duties, he told them they should go by the ..... to reduce the chance of errors.  
 (a) numbers (b) example (c) project (d) values
- Q3 "If the office does well, his speeches are full of praise, but by the same ....., he ought to be more understanding when things get messed up," Elsa told Tina.  
 (a) token (b) mirror (c) example (d) book
- Q4 "Wow, I barely made it to work on time today, and I just met my deadline. I'm flying by the seat of my ..... today, I guess," Max told Donna.  
 (a) troubles (b) bench (c) desk (d) pants
- Q5 "Yes, you could spend the money to put new appliances in your mobile home, but in my opinion, that cake is not worth the ....., " the real estate agent said.  
 (a) eating (b) purchase (c) cutting (d) candle
- Q6 He decided to shave his head because he had a cow..... at the back that stuck out no matter what he did to try to control it.  
 (a) pie (b) milk (c) boy (d) lick
- Q7 "I know you like that car and want to fix it up, but it's a piece of junk, Jim. Your money would be better spent on a new one. Sorry, but I have to call a spade a ....., " Tex told him.  
 (a) spade (b) card (c) winner (d) shovel
- Q8 "I know I screwed up, Kim. I'm expecting to get called on the ..... any moment now," Corky told her.  
 (a) carpet (b) floor (c) rug (d) mat
- Q9 "Detective, you know I'm innocent. We've worked together for 25 years. Call your ..... off and go after the guilty party," Eric said.  
 (a) cows (b) ticks (c) hyenas (d) dogs
- Q10 "I'm being promoted and transferred to Tennessee, Gloria. You'll be calling the ..... here from now on," her supervisor told her.  
 (a) shots (b) dogs (c) employees (d) cows

*English Slang Idioms (36)*

- Q1 He decided to retire. He had been calling the ..... at his company for more years than he could remember, and it was now time to relax.  
(a) song (b) melody (c) tune (d) music
- Q2 The calm before the ..... was just about to end, and they would be arguing again soon. On average, he had about 15 minutes of peace after he got home from work.  
(a) wind (b) storm (c) waves (d) sand
- Q3 "Well, I might as well clean out my closet now, since I can't dance and it's too wet to ....., " Kathy jokingly said to Greta.  
(a) plow (b) build (c) rake (d) sweep
- Q4 "He won't get the project done right. He couldn't do it for ....., " Mike said.  
(a) cans (b) toffee (c) paint (d) snuff
- Q5 "I think that the Black& Decker drill is pretty good, but it can't hold a(n) ..... to the Dewalt drill," Arnie said to Adam.  
(a) advantage (b) bond (c) candle (d) rope
- Q6 That's the problem with a lot of department managers: they're good at improving their own department, but often it's at the expense of the organization as a whole. They can't see the ..... for the trees.  
(a) prairie (b) view (c) forest (d) route
- Q7 "I think that lawyer's a ....., and I would never hire him. He doesn't care about what happens to the company or making things right; he only cares about his fees," Maggie said.  
(a) snitch (b) weakling (c) carpetbagger (d) liar
- Q8 "I love that guy. He's like a ..... in a coal mine: he can spot trouble coming in the market from a mile away," the manager said.  
(a) shovel (b) wind (c) canary (d) genie
- Q9 "I think that the carrot-and-..... method works well in an office environment: the workers do what you want them to do," the boss opined.  
(a) rod (b) corn (c) peas (d) stick
- Q10 "I'm not going to ..... the can for you, Kyle. You're going to have to tell Dad what you did and own up to it," Mathew said.  
(a) carry (b) kick (c) recycle (d) sell

*English Slang Idioms (37)*

- Q1 He knew there wasn't one rule for deciding which clients a lawyer should try to help. It should be on a case-by-..... basis, dependent on the merit of the situation.  
(a) rate (b) book (c) idea (d) case
- Q2 The employees' angry reaction to the blanket fine they all received was a case in ..... for why mass punishment should not be used.  
(a) case (b) point (c) law (d) view
- Q3 Everyone told him that the stock market would crash soon and that he should sell his stock. Now it had crashed, and he was broke. He should have cashed in his ..... last week.  
(a) hand (b) paper (c) position (d) chips
- Q4 Her father had cast a long ..... as head of the CIA for 20 years, and she wasn't sure anyone would believe that she could get a promotion in that organization without her father's help.  
(a) shadow (b) glance (c) net (d) line
- Q5 I don't know if the defendant committed the crime or not. His attorney cast ..... on the main witness's story once he proved that she was lying about having seen him at the crime scene.  
(a) net (b) shadow (c) spells (d) doubt
- Q6 He thought his son must have a ..... iron stomach when he saw him eating the spicy Thai curry.  
(a) wrought (b) faux (c) plate (d) cast
- Q7 "Giving him that painting is like casting ..... before swine. He has no appreciation for art," Kelly's sister said to her mom.  
(a) slop (b) troughs (c) corn (d) pearls
- Q8 Everyone waited for the vote ..... to see what would happen. The board members couldn't get a majority on either side of the issue, so they had to call in the CEO to break the tie.  
(a) counting (b) casting (c) posturing (d) minority
- Q9 He tried to ..... his mind back to the day when his wife was killed, but he couldn't conjure up any details that would help the police.  
(a) cast (b) wind (c) throw (d) toss
- Q10 "I'm not sure what market would want to buy our product, so I'm going to cast my ..... widely and hope for some takers," Murphy said.  
(a) mind (b) pearls (c) net (d) shadow



*English Slang Idioms (38)*

- Q1 "Your offer is just a pipe ..... I haven't sold a home for that price since 1983," the real estate agent told the couple.  
(a) dream (b) line (c) scheme (d) time
- Q2 "They are going to transfer Tim to that department? That's sure putting a cat among the ..... Everyone there hates that guy," Maxine said to her friend.  
(a) boxes (b) string (c) pigeons (d) posts
- Q3 They've been living a cat and ..... life for years. They can't even get along during one dinner engagement!  
(a) litter (b) meow (c) dog (d) kittens
- Q4 "Did you hear that they finally caught the cat ..... yesterday that has been breaking in around our neighborhood?" Willy asked Percy.  
(a) nipper (b) burglar (c) bagger (d) napper
- Q5 When John didn't answer his grandmother's question about whether he liked her cooking, she asked him if the cat had got his .....  
(a) mouth (b) tongue (c) wit (d) fish
- Q6 She decided to take a cat ..... at lunchtime instead of going to the restaurant with her friends.  
(a) nap (b) paw (c) box (d) bath
- Q7 "The sirloin at that restaurant is the cat's ....., " Hal said to Harry.  
(a) paws (b) nip (c) bandana (d) pajamas
- Q8 "I think that the new Ford Mustang is the cat's ....., " Jake said.  
(a) whiskers (b) barbels (c) claws (d) tail
- Q9 He knew that he shouldn't judge his friend by what kind of clients he took at his law office. Times were hard and one needed a catch as ..... can attitude toward business.  
(a) match (b) catch (c) they (d) cat
- Q10 She knew that if she didn't get home in 15 minutes, she would catch ..... from her dad.  
(a) smack (b) fire (c) Christmas (d) hell

*English Slang Idioms (39)*

- Q1 I don't see how they manage married life. Those two are as different as chalk and .....  
 (a) tires (b) cheese (c) pens (d) checkers
- Q2 "I think that this class of police cadets will do very well. They are all chomping at the ..... to get out there and fight crime," the instructor said to the captain.  
 (a) carrot (b) food (c) wood (d) bit
- Q3 "No wonder she gets fed up with him so often. He spends money like it was water. He has a champagne taste on a ..... budget," Nicole said to Sabine.  
 (a) beer (b) mushroom (c) juice (d) chips
- Q4 The current representative was mediocre, but she had been with the case since the beginning and he thought that changing ..... midstream would do more damage than keeping her.  
 (a) ships (b) horses (c) gears (d) oars
- Q5 He had had a change of ..... and did not want to buy the boat any longer.  
 (a) heart (b) mind (c) mouth (d) dream
- Q6 She decided to change ..... at work because what she was doing now was not resulting in any improvement.  
 (a) color (b) focus (c) mind (d) tack
- Q7 "I questioned the chief on a tactic he used during the last case and he quoted me the part of the manual that describes that same situation chapter and ....., " a surprised Jason told his buddy.  
 (a) volume (b) series (c) verse (d) standard
- Q8 "When I yelled at him for lying, he immediately ..... his tune and told me the whole story," his mom told her friend.  
 (a) hummed (b) wrote (c) dropped (d) changed
- Q9 She was insulted when the telemarketer accused her of being too greedy to give to charity and told him that she believes charity begins in the .....  
 (a) home (b) neighborhood (c) precinct (d) heavens
- Q10 Senator Merthy is ..... rainbows again. He is running for president for the third time. Doesn't he know that no one will vote for him?  
 (a) casting (b) shooting (c) chasing (d) painting

*English Slang Idioms (40)*

- Q1 His father was a legend in the company, and he wasn't sure if he was big enough to ..... his father's shoes.  
 (a) fill (b) buy (c) shine (d) polish
- Q2 "Are you going to stop chasing your ..... and get to work?" his boss asked.  
 (a) friends (b) thoughts (c) tail (d) tongue
- Q3 He decided to buy the plant since it was offered at such a good price-- it was as ..... as chips.  
 (a) common (b) cheap (c) chopped (d) plentiful
- Q4 The fire department said that I really ..... death. Most people who inhale that much smoke would either be dead or in a coma for life.  
 (a) cheated (b) checked (c) entered (d) pushed
- Q5 He and his buddy were ..... by jowl. They did everything together and were rarely seen apart.  
 (a) teeth (b) cheek (c) jaw (d) head
- Q6 "I don't know what to think about that problem yet. Let me ..... on it for awhile and I'll get back to you this afternoon," Melissa replied.  
 (a) bite (b) suck (c) sniff (d) chew
- Q7 I don't agree with Mark's analysis. He often cherry-..... his information, so you know that there is more to the story that he is not telling us.  
 (a) trees (b) pies (c) blossoms (d) picks
- Q8 She decided that she would have to chew the ..... on it for awhile. It was an important subject and she hadn't really thought about it enough to make a decision yet.  
 (a) cherry (b) gum (c) cud (d) bone
- Q9 "I won't work at that mill, Joe. They pay their workers ..... for the work they do," Kendall said.  
 (a) soup bones (b) trash (c) chicken feed (d) garbage
- Q10 She decided to quit her job. She felt like she had been worked to death at the end of every day and was getting paid ..... change for her efforts.  
 (a) chump (b) small (c) little (d) petty

*English Slang Idioms (41)*

- Q1 "The Chief put the Chinese ..... up on me when I asked who would be in charge of interviewing the victims. He said that I didn't need to know and wouldn't say anything more about the case.  
(a) Tong (b) Press (c) Smile (d) Wall
- Q2 He was glad that his son liked the same things he did, especially fishing. His kid was a regular ..... off the old block.  
(a) sock (b) half (c) chip (d) copy
- Q3 "This place is all about ..... and change. You'll be told to do it one way one day and the exact opposite the next. The computer programs change fast as well," Christian said to the new girl.  
(a) mix (b) chop (c) match (d) chip
- Q4 The two girls were so close you couldn't get a cigarette ..... in between them.  
(a) paper (b) butt (c) label (d) pack
- Q5 "We have to stop the killers. In order to do that, we have to ..... the wagons and get all the departments working together," Sergeant Jennings said.  
(a) drive (b) round (c) circle (d) roll
- Q6 Business was looking up. With their top competitor ..... the drain, there was nothing to stop them from making some serious money.  
(a) circling (b) cleaning (c) building (d) plugging
- Q7 "That guy is a class ..... I've been watching his show for years and I've never been disappointed," Megan told Kurt.  
(a) act (b) president (c) himself (d) action
- Q8 Now that her doctor had given her a(n) ..... bill of health, she could return to work and finish her project.  
(a) big (b) clean (c) extensive (d) murky
- Q9 He made a clean ..... from the gang and was now in college and had a good part-time job.  
(a) sweep (b) break (c) start (d) breast
- Q10 "I am not worried about the investigators checking me out," he said. "My ..... are clean."  
(a) toes (b) feet (c) fingers (d) hands

*English Slang Idioms (42)*

- Q1 We can call John in for an interview. I did a background check on him and he has a ..... sheet-- not even a parking ticket.  
(a) long (b) rap (c) bed (d) clean
- Q2 "Your orders are as ..... as a bell," the private responded when asked if he understood what he was supposed to do.  
(a) loud (b) sweet (c) high (d) clear
- Q3 She thought her boss was bad at communicating tasks. All of his instructions were about as clear as ..... and he always added twice as much information as was needed.  
(a) mud (b) sand (c) dye (d) dirt
- Q4 The state election was a ..... and no one would know who had won until the last little town's votes were in.  
(a) pushover (b) loser (c) sweeper (d) cliffhanger
- Q5 "I've been waiting for you to climb on the ..... and come to that show. Now we can all watch it together!" His girlfriend told him in front of her group of friends.  
(a) cart (b) mainliner (c) bandwagon (d) bus
- Q6 He had been clinging for months to the ..... that he would find his lost dog, but he now thought that he wouldn't see the dog again.  
(a) logic (b) image (c) hope (d) pride
- Q7 With graduation ..... at hand, she knew that she had better start looking for a job and new living arrangements.  
(a) close (b) fist (c) glove (d) hand
- Q8 He had had another close ..... with the boss. He knew he would get fired eventually, but he hoped that he would be able to work there for a few more weeks.  
(a) encounter (b) call (c) breeze (d) word
- Q9 He knew he was lucky he hadn't hit that bicyclist with his car; it had been an extremely close .....  
(a) feeling (b) fit (c) cut (d) call
- Q10 Counseling is not going to help now. That's like shutting the ..... after the horse has bolted. It might have helped a couple of months ago, but the feeling is now gone.  
(a) saddle (b) hatch (c) stable (d) circuit

*English Slang Idioms (43)*

- Q1 "I don't like that old car he's working on, but it's ..... to his heart, so I put up with it," Lisa said.  
(a) close (b) nearby (c) in (d) beside
- Q2 "Chemistry is a closed ..... to me. I'll never understand it and don't even want to try anymore," his roommate told him.  
(a) time (b) subject (c) book (d) shed
- Q3 "What's the matter? Do you have ..... ears or something?" His mom asked when she found out that he had forgotten to take out the trash after being asked.  
(a) corn (b) closed (c) crepe (d) cloth
- Q4 He felt that she was living in ..... cuckoo land. It was not realistic, in his opinion, to believe one could make a lot of money by selling hand-copied poetry of great artists.  
(a) clock (b) cloud (c) weird (d) castle
- Q5 He asked me to dinner on Friday. I am so happy! I am on cloud .....!  
(a) sky (b) bank (c) heaven (d) nine
- Q6 The cabinet member resigned and left under a ..... of suspicion.  
(a) hint (b) climate (c) cloud (d) rumor
- Q7 The company was doing well, but Steve could see clouds on the ..... and wasn't sure how to avoid the problems.  
(a) horizon (b) sky (c) ceiling (d) mountain
- Q8 "You are clutching at ..... here, Mike. You are going to get fired and there is nothing you can do about it," Zack said.  
(a) footholds (b) straws (c) air (d) hands
- Q9 The defense's witness's testimony was the clutch ..... for the case. After the testimony, there was no doubt in anyone's mind that the defendant was innocent.  
(a) lever (b) shift (c) play (d) slip
- Q10 That's like bringing ..... to Newcastle. It's a waste of time and money. It's totally unnecessary and will just make the boss even angrier.  
(a) beer (b) stones (c) nuts (d) coals

*English Slang Idioms (44)*

- Q1 "Come on! The ..... is clear!" Tommy said to his younger brother, who was sneaking out through their bedroom window.  
(a) coast (b) sky (c) way (d) glass
- Q2 "There's going to be a real ..... in the henhouse now. Teresa hired a very attractive guy to work here!" Lynn said to Glenda.  
(a) fox (b) chick (c) cock (d) chicken
- Q3 "The boss said that we'd get a bonus soon? Don't count on it. It'll be a ..... day in hell before he gives us one," Rod said to Nate.  
(a) warm (b) cold (c) deep (d) long
- Q4 "I am not surprised that you're having second thoughts, Joanne. Many people get cold ..... just before they get married," Sally said.  
(a) feet (b) feelings (c) hearts (d) shivers
- Q5 "I am glad you're finally seeing this in the cold ..... of day, Jack. She doesn't have anything in common with you," Will said.  
(a) wind (b) sky (c) dawn (d) light
- Q6 Quitting smoking is very hard. I quit a year ago, cold .....: no patch, no gum, nothing — and it was horrible.  
(a) shoulder (b) turkey (c) cuts (d) breeze
- Q7 "The explosion was just collateral ..... It didn't start the fire — it was caused by it," the fireman told the press.  
(a) damage (b) effect (c) logic (d) deposit
- Q8 He knew it was time to sell his guitar. It had been collecting ..... in the corner for too long. There just wasn't time to play anymore.  
(a) glances (b) offers (c) value (d) dust
- Q9 He was going to graduate come hell or high ..... and prove to his folks that he wasn't lazy.  
(a) heat (b) hopes (c) water (d) cost
- Q10 "You can't watch horror movies until you come of ....., Billy," his mom said.  
(a) height (b) old (c) years (d) age

*English Slang Idioms (45)*

- Q1 He had been assigned to guard their best player, but despite coming on ..... the whole game, he had still been bested by the guy.  
(a) quick (b) tough (c) hard (d) blunt
- Q2 "It would be hard to win over the crowd after coming on the ..... of a band that was that good," she thought.  
(a) heels (b) tails (c) shoes (d) back
- Q3 "Don't worry about the bad mark on the quiz, Boris. It's only a small part of your overall grade. It'll all come out in the ....., " his instructor said with a wink.  
(a) rain (b) cycle (c) end (d) wash
- Q4 He didn't know why, but whenever there was a car show in town, all of the weird people came out of the .....  
(a) ground (b) bridge (c) woodwork (d) closet
- Q5 She was a lot smarter than she let on, and she was starting to come out of her ..... and talk to him.  
(a) closet (b) element (c) shell (d) cell
- Q6 "The boat show? Sure! I'll be there, come rain or ....., " the sailor said.  
(a) sun (b) snow (c) shine (d) war
- Q7 He heard the clergyman coming to ..... and decided to pretend that he wasn't home.  
(a) door (b) ring (c) meet (d) call
- Q8 He finally came to ..... with his drinking problem and started attending AA meetings.  
(a) face (b) grips (c) reality (d) end
- Q9 "If I get that scholarship, my finances will finally be coming up ....., " Wally thought to himself.  
(a) plants (b) roses (c) smiles (d) numbers
- Q10 "We checked him out, Chief, but he came up ..... of roses," the policeman said.  
(a) smelling (b) planting (c) selling (d) giving



*English Slang Idioms (46)*

- Q1 "I had to buy the tree. It would be cheap at ..... the price. I got it for way less than it would have cost in a store," Doug said.  
(a) twice (b) half (c) over (d) less
- Q2 I have wanted to go to that concert for months. Come what ....., I will be there.  
(a) weather (b) can (c) may (d) event
- Q3 "My accounting class is boring and a lot of work. I guess that just comes with the ....., " Louise said to Kurt.  
(a) occasion (b) textbook (c) territory (d) property
- Q4 I was afraid of changing jobs to one that requires talking to people for most of the day. That is a little outside of my comfort .....  
(a) place (b) zone (c) pillow (d) room
- Q5 "Grandma will never be sick or weak when she is old. She has the ..... of an ox," Beth said to Leah.  
(a) size (b) resolution (c) look (d) constitution
- Q6 Several large US companies have gone bankrupt because management was embezzling funds. They hired accountants that would ..... the books and make the company look better than it really was.  
(a) erase (b) paint (c) burn (d) cook
- Q7 "I can't wait to go to Grandma's for dinner! I'm hungry, and that woman can cook up a(n) ....., " Kathy said to her sister.  
(a) storm (b) army (c) buffet (d) horse
- Q8 "If Mom catches you using her hairdryer, your ..... 'll be cooked," Willy said to Billy.  
(a) roast (b) goose (c) can (d) kit
- Q9 "Did you see Ian's hostage negotiation? It was touchy at times, but he acted as cool as a ..... the whole time," Sergeant Wilkins said to Lieutenant Calahan.  
(a) goose (b) stove (c) cat (d) book
- Q10 Where have you been? You left me cooling my ..... for the past 20 minutes!  
(a) ears (b) heels (c) toes (d) fists

*English Slang Idioms (47)*

- Q1 That guy gets angry and talks back to the boss way too much. He'd better cool his ..... before he gets fired!  
 (a) toes (b) fan (c) jets (d) head
- Q2 "Going bowling sounds great! I haven't gone bowling in a coon's ....., " Nathan said to Ken.  
 (a) age (b) skin (c) year (d) time
- Q3 Do you realize that if that patent goes through, we will be the only company with a product that cures that type of cancer? We'll corner the .....!  
 (a) store (b) medicine (c) triangle (d) market
- Q4 "I haven't eaten since noon. I'm so hungry I could eat a ....., " Mattie said to Mark.  
 (a) mouse (b) goose (c) moose (d) horse
- Q5 I don't like either candidate. I don't give two ..... about who wins the election.  
 (a) boots (b) hoots (c) shoots (d) toots
- Q6 "Did you do anything in the warehouse, Ned? Or were you just back there counting ..... until your shift was over?" his boss asked. He had caught him sleeping on the job last week and was still mad about it.  
 (a) geese (b) toes (c) sheep (d) clouds
- Q7 "Your teenage life isn't that bad, Chris. You should just ..... your blessings that you don't have to work full-time like your grandpa," his grandmother said.  
 (a) thank (b) keep (c) say (d) count
- Q8 Remember that if someone tells you how far away something is, it's in ..... miles. It is always farther away than people around here say it is.  
 (a) city (b) casual (c) country (d) crow
- Q9 "Makes sure that you cover all of your ..... when you arrest the senator and read him his rights, Jack," the police chief said.  
 (a) bases (b) areas (c) manuals (d) regulations
- Q10 "He used these huge bolts on his project when little screws would have worked just fine. That's like cracking a nut with a .....!" the contractor joked.  
 (a) nutcracker (b) sledgehammer (c) screwdriver (d) crowbar

*English Slang Idioms (48)*

- Q1 He knew that he would have to cross ..... with his boss about the budget. They didn't see eye to eye on the issues, but he knew he was right and would have to argue it out with her.  
(a) buns (b) paths (c) swords (d) purposes
- Q2 He was worried about passing his final exam, but it was only the third week into the semester now, so he'd cross that ..... when he came to it.  
(a) river (b) bridge (c) bun (d) wire
- Q3 "My brother always shows up out of the blue and expects me to give him a place to stay and food to eat. It's very annoying, but I guess that's just my ..... to bear," Ella said to Grace.  
(a) cross (b) trial (c) crime (d) load
- Q4 If you knowingly enter false information into the accounting program, you are going to be ..... the Rubicon -- you won't be able to go back and fix it.  
(a) fording (b) crossing (c) wading (d) swimming
- Q5 His job had been pretty lax of late, but with Inventory coming up very soon, it was now ..... time.  
(a) squash (b) quality (c) saving (d) crunch
- Q6 When Tommy told his parents that he was afraid he would get into a fight at school, they didn't believe him. He had cried ..... too many times on that same subject.  
(a) baby (b) help (c) wolf (d) out
- Q7 When his mother found him, he was crying his eyes ....., though he rarely cried. She immediately gave him a hug and asked him what was wrong.  
(a) over (b) out (c) off (d) (none)
- Q8 The kids at school teased him relentlessly for crying after he fell down on the basketball court. They called him a cry..... and a wimp.  
(a) baby (b) mommy (c) barrel (d) bucket
- Q9 "Wes, we've got a(n) ..... in the nest. All of the computers just went down and our customer service team can't work," Bill said.  
(a) goose (b) owl (c) egg (d) cuckoo
- Q10 Mitch just got caught listening in on the boss's telephone conversations. I'll bet he gets fired. You know what they say: curiosity killed the .....  
(a) cat (b) kitty (c) monkey (d) ape

*English Slang Idioms (49)*

- Q1 He was trying to curry ..... with his boss by being the first one in the office every day.  
 (a) chicken (b) load (c) favor (d) comb
- Q2 "I love to go with George to bars that play country dance music. He sure can cut a ....., " Jessica told Helen.  
 (a) rug (b) hole (c) tape (d) step
- Q3 I bought a Japanese-made car because I believe that they are a ..... above their American-made counterparts.  
 (a) rise (b) cut (c) step (d) hit
- Q4 For Jim, the issue was pretty cut and .....: "Cooking the books is stealing, no matter how you put it".  
 (a) pasted (b) taped (c) run (d) dried
- Q5 The boss didn't think too highly of the new employee. He was lazy and cut ..... whenever possible.  
 (a) borders (b) edges (c) corners (d) effort
- Q6 "Wow, Jim, you'd better start working on your articles sooner. You cut your deadline pretty ..... this week," Emma said.  
 (a) fine (b) dry (c) deep (d) fair
- Q7 The deadline's too near to include all the boss's statistics, but if I'm late on my project I will get in trouble too. It's like cutting off my nose to spite my .....  
 (a) mirror (b) ears (c) face (d) wife
- Q8 "I wish my boss would cut me some ..... I already have too much work to do and I even take work home — but it's never enough," Mary complained to Chris.  
 (a) slack (b) rope (c) space (d) line
- Q9 "Good job, Chris. You really cut the Gordian ..... with your solution. You solved a complex problem with a simple, easy fix," his boss said.  
 (a) slate (b) slip (c) chain (d) knot
- Q10 I bought a Harbor Freight electric drill, but it just doesn't cut the ..... It doesn't have enough power, and the battery dies quickly.  
 (a) cheese (b) run (c) spread (d) mustard

*English Slang Idioms (50)*

- Q1 "Most high-school students have old cars, Kyle. You can buy a better one later, when you're making money yourself. You have to cut your ..... according to your cloth," his dad said.  
 (a) pants (b) coat (c) cushion (d) drapes
- Q2 "You're going to have to lay off that whole department and close it down. It's just not profitable. The company has to cut its ....., " the CEO told Max.  
 (a) tape (b) fabric (c) losses (d) mustard
- Q3 Every time Sam saw the child, he told her mother that she was just as cute as a .....  
 (a) bug (b) mouse (c) quilt (d) kitten
- Q4 "I know that you want to change that regulation, but your way of going about it cuts no ....., " the activist said.  
 (a) tape (b) rug (c) line (d) ice
- Q5 Doctors are using cutting ..... technology these days to cure disease and perform surgery.  
 (a) type (b) brim (c) edge (d) (none)
- Q6 Every time he looks at me, I feel like someone is dancing on my ..... He gives me the creeps.  
 (a) floor (b) head (c) toes (d) grave
- Q7 She thought she might be attracted to him because he was kind of a dark ..... He wasn't easy to read, but he seemed to have an interesting past.  
 (a) horse (b) shadow (c) knight (d) heart
- Q8 "We have to find a new captain. The ship went down and its captain is in Davey Jones' ....., " the commodore told the admiral.  
 (a) caboose (b) dungeon (c) locker (d) treasure
- Q9 He was OK with the fact that his wife received her promotion before he got one. He was a good employee and knew that he would have his day in the .....  
 (a) hay (b) news (c) sun (d) chips
- Q10 The salary you've got now is ..... robbery — they surely don't pay you enough for the hard work you do.  
 (a) moonlight (b) daylight (c) flashlight (d) red light

*English Slang Idioms (51)*

- Q1 Their conversation lagged, so he racked his brain trying to figure out something to talk about that would fill the ..... air.  
(a) damp (b) dead (c) dumb (d) dull
- Q2 She couldn't believe that he was bringing up last month's finances again. She thought that they had worked it out and that the issue was dead and .....  
(a) buried (b) over (c) mouldy (d) done
- Q3 The project ran into a lot of problems at at the design stage, and then its budget was cut way back. Now it's as dead as a .....  
(a) donut (b) dumbbell (c) dodo (d) door
- Q4 He tried each of his flashlights and none worked. Their batteries were as dead as a .....  
(a) doorsill (b) doornail (c) doormat (d) doorbell
- Q5 It was a very exciting game. The Superbowl was in the fourth quarter and both teams were dead .....  
(a) even (b) meat (c) heat (d) gone
- Q6 I don't know why Jay doesn't fire Ted. That guy is dead from the ..... up. He can't even get the simplest tasks done.  
(a) ground (b) pick (c) brain (d) neck
- Q7 He couldn't decide who deserved the Employee-of-the-Month award more. The two front runners finished the month off in a dead ..... Their stats were exactly the same.  
(a) heat (b) line (c) test (d) wire
- Q8 "I don't think I should go out drinking with you guys during the week anymore. It's only 11 a.m., and I'm already dead in the ....., " Maxine told her friends.  
(a) saddle (b) bucket (c) water (d) pot
- Q9 "I know I'm late turning in my project. This is the first time I've used that computer program, but I did my dead level ..... to get it to you on time," Jay said.  
(a) deal (b) best (c) effort (d) crunch
- Q10 "Did you hear that Tim got caught falsifying documents to save time? The boss is going to flip out. Tim is a dead man ..... for sure," Christie said to George.  
(a) lying (b) going (c) passing (d) walking

*English Slang Idioms (52)*

- Q1 He knew that once his father found out that he was in detention again at school, he would be dead .....  
 (a) fish (b) meat (c) set (d) head
- Q2 He knew that the only way to get his next promotion would be to wear dead man's ..... His boss was showing no signs of wanting to retire.  
 (a) hopes (b) clothes (c) shrouds (d) shoes
- Q3 Even though the boss didn't agree, he was not going to back down. He knew that he was dead .....  
 (a) ahead (b) right (c) done (d) mad
- Q4 He tried to wake up his daughter, but she had stayed up very late the night before, so she was dead to the .....  
 (a) bed (b) day (c) max (d) world
- Q5 "I know you think that I was out late partying, but you're dead .....," Chris told his wife. "I was really working."  
 (a) wrong (b) on (c) crazy (d) away
- Q6 "I've been calling your name for five minutes! I swear you're as deaf as a ....., " Grace told Paul.  
 (a) post (b) dwarf (c) frog (d) hammer
- Q7 He received a Dear ..... letter from his fiancée. They had been together for four years, but he had been in Iraq for over a year now and she had met someone else.  
 (a) Jack (b) Bill (c) Bob (d) John
- Q8 His car broke down, his roof leaked and he owed more income tax than he expected. He felt like he was experiencing the death by a thousand .....  
 (a) needles (b) cuts (c) burns (d) knives
- Q9 "You should go home, Gina. You're too sick to be here. You look like death ..... over," Willis said.  
 (a) all (b) come (c) brought (d) warmed
- Q10 "Boys, let's go to the bar. I'm ..... the mahogany. I just made a big sale!" Mitch said to his fellow salesmen.  
 (a) shining (b) decorating (c) polishing (d) carving

*English Slang Idioms (53)*

|     |                                                                                                                                                                                              |              |            |               |                |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------|---------------|----------------|
| Q1  | He has a lot of money, but he's got deep pockets and ..... arms. He hasn't given one dollar to charity or research.                                                                          | (a) shallow  | (b) strong | (c) short     | (d) stiff      |
| Q2  | I asked her to make a spreadsheet of our expenses, but she just looked at me like a deer in the ..... She listed Microsoft Excel on her resume, but I am not so sure she's familiar with it. | (a) forest   | (b) zoo    | (c) slaughter | (d) headlights |
| Q3  | "I asked Frank if he'd be able to get the support from his team to make this happen, and he promised that he could ..... the goods," Ned said to Clarissa.                                   | (a) deliver  | (b) make   | (c) cover     | (d) handle     |
| Q4  | He would give up the ..... weed soon. He had smoked cigarettes for 20 years, and they were killing him.                                                                                      | (a) rag      | (b) Indian | (c) demon     | (d) hated      |
| Q5  | I hope Paul finds a job this summer. It will keep him out of trouble. You know what they say: "Idle ..... are the devil's tools".                                                            | (a) thoughts | (b) brains | (c) hands     | (d) friends    |
| Q6  | "I know you aren't worried about typos on the forms, but the devil's in the ..... These mistakes can cost our customers a lot of money," the boss told the customer service team.            | (a) errors   | (b) works  | (c) system    | (d) details    |
| Q7  | He rides that dirt bike 'way too fast. His devil-may-..... attitude is going to get him hurt badly one day.                                                                                  | (a) care     | (b) die    | (c) stop      | (d) ride       |
| Q8  | "I know you don't like the decision, but the ..... is cast. You're just going to have to live with it," Melanie told Jeff.                                                                   | (a) ring     | (b) metal  | (c) die       | (d) mold       |
| Q9  | I did well in college algebra classes, but calculus is a whole different ..... of fish.                                                                                                      | (a) catch    | (b) kettle | (c) species   | (d) school     |
| Q10 | He didn't like how his neighbors had decorated their house. The colors were ugly, but "Different ..... for different folks," he thought.                                                     | (a) cloaks   | (b) jokes  | (c) strokes   | (d) yokes      |



*English Slang Idioms (54)*

- Q1 "I know you're mad at me now, but ..... way down deep — don't you feel anything for me anymore?" Matt pleaded with Jennifer.  
(a) dredge (b) dig (c) delve (d) dip
- Q2 You are just going to have to dig your ..... in and refuse to be persuaded out of your scheme. You have the best ideas in this place, even if your supervisor doesn't realize it.  
(a) heels (b) brakes (c) spikes (d) spurs
- Q3 "I want to rebuild a rare classic car. I'm not interested in Mustangs or Impalas — they're a dime-a(n)- ....., " Cassie said to Steve.  
(a) driver (b) model (c) engine (d) dozen
- Q4 You have to think about your successes, not this one failure. You have done a lot for this company. You don't need to dine on ..... all the time.  
(a) leftovers (b) handouts (c) ashes (d) regrets
- Q5 He wasn't sure if he would like Management, but he decided to dip his ..... in the water and take some night classes at the local college.  
(a) toes (b) legs (c) heels (d) elbows
- Q6 "I don't want to see you with that Wilkins boy anymore. He's got a reputation as a dirty ..... who sleeps with girls then leaves them," her father said.  
(a) bug (b) dog (c) ape (d) mole
- Q7 He knew that he would get the new analyst position. He had a reputation for having a ..... eye, and he had accomplished a lot since he started with the company.  
(a) seeing (b) prying (c) discerning (d) roving
- Q8 "Remember, men, discretion is the better part of ..... I don't want any of you trying to be heroes and running out there without thinking," the sergeant told his platoon.  
(a) success (b) action (c) valor (d) courage
- Q9 "Now that Jeff is making fun of you, you're angry. What's the matter? You can dish the ....., but you can't take it, eh?" Ella said to Zack.  
(a) dregs (b) dreck (c) dirt (d) dip
- Q10 The teens had to wash dishes for a week. They had been caught trying to dine-and- ....., and this was their punishment for trying to run off without paying for their meal.  
(a) duck (b) dodge (c) drive (d) dash

*English Slang Idioms (55)*

- Q1 "Remember, Tommy, do as you would be ..... by and you can't go wrong," his mother said.  
(a) done (b) come (c) had (d) told
- Q2 He knew that he had been hired to do the ..... work, but this did not bother him.  
(a) mad (b) dirty (c) under (d) lazy
- Q3 "Make sure you read the company manual so you are familiar with the ..... and don'ts around here," the trainer said to the new employee.  
(a) can'ts (b) does (c) do's (d) won'ts
- Q4 "I don't know how you manage to always dodge the ..... I get in trouble for everything I do," Jeff whined to his brother.  
(a) wrath (b) anger (c) bullet (d) mallet
- Q5 His commander told him that his platoon would be in a parade next month. He hated these parades because they were just dog and ..... shows.  
(a) cat (b) puppy (c) monkey (d) pony
- Q6 Now that the dog ..... were upon the town, all the kids wanted to go to the river and cool off.  
(a) howls (b) hairs (c) days (d) years
- Q7 Stockbrokers live in a dog-.....-dog world, and he didn't want to work under those stressful conditions.  
(a) eat (b) bite (c) chase (d) and
- Q8 "I can't wait until this shift is over so I can go home. I'm dog ....., " Linda said to Lucy.  
(a) done (b) tired (c) gone (d) mad
- Q9 He didn't think that the college bookstore would buy back his chemistry book. It was dog-..... on the corners and had some titration stains on it.  
(a) bent (b) eaten (c) bitten (d) eared
- Q10 "What's wrong with you? You look like you are in the ..... today. You always look so happy every other day," Helen said to Geraldine.  
(a) hen house (b) bullpens (c) circus (d) doldrums

*English Slang Idioms (56)*

- Q1 "I am sure that the team will back you. It's dollars to ..... that you'll get their support," Max said.  
(a) donuts (b) peanuts (c) dimes (d) nickels
- Q2 "You need to forgive your parents and end this stupid fight. I wish my parents gave me rent money. You shouldn't bite the hand that ..... you," Mikayla told Jackie.  
(a) pays (b) raises (c) feeds (d) gives
- Q3 "You think you're going to get hired at Denny's, but you should apply to other places just in case. Don't count your chickens before they're ....., " Melanie told her brother.  
(a) bought (b) laid (c) hatched (d) caught
- Q4 "I'm not going to look back and ..... over spilt milk; I'm going to go out and apply for a new job tomorrow," Lilly said to her buddy.  
(a) wipe (b) gasp (c) cry (d) beg
- Q5 "The shed you built will work, but it's crooked and kind of junky-looking. I don't think construction is your thing — don't give up your ..... job," Nathan said to Will.  
(a) full (b) day (c) base (d) pay
- Q6 "I'm not saying that Jed won't eventually buy your car. Just don't hold your ..... You haven't heard back from him in a month," his dad said.  
(a) breath (b) hands (c) horses (d) money
- Q7 "I know he looks unconventional with those dreadlocks, but don't judge a book by its ....., Jack. He's the best professor I've ever had," Clark said.  
(a) blurb (b) review (c) author (d) cover
- Q8 "He's very confused. He doesn't know whether to ..... a watch or bark at the moon," the boss told his assistant.  
(a) buy (b) check (c) add (d) wind
- Q9 "You'll like the summer camp, kids. They have all the ..... comforts — a pool, showers, heating and air-conditioning, and a sauna!" their dad told them.  
(a) modern (b) expensive (c) natural (d) creature
- Q10 "You always take so long to get out the door. Don't just stand there with ..... in your hair — let's get moving," Jennifer cried.  
(a) curlers (b) hands (c) braids (d) combs

*English Slang Idioms (57)*

- Q1 "You're doing a good job, Todd. You've made some minor mistakes, but don't ..... the small stuff," his boss said.  
(a) suffer (b) seize (c) sweat (d) sense
- Q2 "You know he's going to try to take advantage of you. Don't take any ..... nickels, Jane — we didn't raise a fool," her father said.  
(a) wooden (b) rubber (c) copper (d) tin
- Q3 "That's just throwing stones when you live in a ..... house! You complain that she lies, but you've lied yourself to almost everyone here!" his assistant said.  
(a) glass (b) grass (c) straw (d) strong
- Q4 It was going fine and everyone was having fun until my alcoholic sister ..... the party and started a fight with one of my co-workers.  
(a) crushed (b) crashed (c) bashed (d) brushed
- Q5 "Don't upset the ..... The receiving department's procedures have always worked quite well. If you try to change how they do things, you'll just mess it up," Jeannie told Kurt.  
(a) apparatus (b) bandwagon (c) beast (d) applecart
- Q6 "I hate it when people wash their dirty ..... in public. I don't want to hear who or who slept with John. I don't want to hear any of their personal business!" Elise said to Pauline.  
(a) laundry (b) hands (c) clothing (d) boots
- Q7 He was sick of people telling the same old joke at work. The joke had been done to ..... and hadn't been that funny in the first place.  
(a) everyone (b) charcoal (c) death (d) boredom
- Q8 She knew it would take ..... 's years for her boss to retire. She wished he would move or quit.  
(a) deer (b) dog (c) duck (d) donkey
- Q9 "You Harvard graduates are the ..... of the crop," the job interviewer told Jessie.  
(a) honey (b) grain (c) bulk (d) cream
- Q10 He told his grandfather that he had improved his school grades from a C to an A average, and his grandpa replied, " See? I told you ..... always rises to the surface."  
(a) cream (b) bubbling (c) wood (d) syrup

*English Slang Idioms (58)*

- Q1 He did a double ..... when he saw her walking by. He hadn't seen her for over 15 years, but she still looked the same.  
(a) look (b) take (c) thought (d) switch
- Q2 Restructuring a company is a double-edged ..... You can get rid of an unprofitable part of your business, but you might get very bad press for laying off the workers in that department.  
(a) plate (b) tool (c) sword (d) sheet
- Q3 "My best friend's not doing well. She's down and ....., so I'm going to let her stay with me until things get better for her," Tia said to Lonnie.  
(a) dumb (b) low (c) broke (d) out
- Q4 "Those are just ..... tears. She never liked that guy anyway, but she just doesn't want to look bad at his funeral," Elsie told Jessica.  
(a) tinsel (b) crocodile (c) deer (d) river
- Q5 "I can't come in to work today. I've been fighting this cold for about a week, and now I'm ..... for the count," Pedro said.  
(a) done (b) down (c) aboard (d) away
- Q6 "You better hurry up if you want to go to that movie. It is 2 o'clock now and it starts at 2:20. We're getting down to the ....., " Luke said to Lewis.  
(a) bait (b) gritty (c) wire (d) edge
- Q7 You need to stop dragging your ..... and start working; otherwise we'll be here until midnight.  
(a) pack (b) hands (c) feet (d) plow
- Q8 "I just can't seem to get motivated today. I've been ..... my heels since I got here and now I'm more behind than ever," Matt said to Derek.  
(a) tapping (b) rubbing (c) scratching (d) dragging
- Q9 "I'm trying to remember the person you are talking about, but I'm drawing a(n) ....., " Angie admitted to Kyle.  
(a) picture (b) absence (c) blank (d) image
- Q10 "I'm drawing a(n) ..... in the sand, my boy. You can stay out until midnight when you're 16 years old, but not until then. This is non-negotiable!" his father pronounced.  
(a) line (b) box (c) rule (d) order

*English Slang Idioms (59)*

- Q1 "Let me ..... a line here. You can date when you are 15 years old. Now you have my answer," her mother told her.  
 (a) cross (b) draw (c) make (d) define
- Q2 He drew the ..... straw again and had to work the weekend shift.  
 (a) longest (b) thickest (c) skiniest (d) shortest
- Q3 He was still mad about being dressed ..... in front of the company by the first sergeant.  
 (a) up (b) above (c) down (d) under
- Q4 "Where are you going tonight all dressed to .....? I haven't seen you that dressed up for a long time," her roommate said.  
 (a) win (b) match (c) kill (d) bedazzle
- Q5 She knew that he wouldn't be able to resist her tonight. She had got a new hair cut and was ..... to the nines.  
 (a) looked (b) dressed (c) danced (d) drove
- Q6 He was still mad at his best friend for driving a ..... between him and his girlfriend. He hoped he and his girlfriend could get through it but she was still angry.  
 (a) wedge (b) put (c) nail (d) board
- Q7 "I hope that going to the hospital drove ..... for you how dangerous riding motorcycles is," his mother told him.  
 (a) away (b) nail (c) thoughts (d) home
- Q8 He had to leave. His seven-year-old brother was ..... him up the wall.  
 (a) shoving (b) forcing (c) driving (d) drinking
- Q9 "That kid sure can talk. You can't shut him up. It's like his mouth is driven by a ....., " Kim said to Rob.  
 (a) motor (b) horse (c) train (d) engine
- Q10 "My mom just dropped a ..... on me. She is moving to Bolivia with some people from her church!" Lilly told Beth.  
 (a) hint (b) surprise (c) gift (d) bombshell

*English Slang Idioms (60)*

- Q1 "The kid's birthday present was a drop in the ..... compared to how much his tuition, car, and books cost," Greg told Alex.  
(a) well (b) coffer (c) market (d) bucket
- Q2 "Some of you have been worried about how the increasing cost of electricity will affect our business. I can assure you that it is a ..... in the ocean compared to some of our other costs and is nothing to worry about," the spokesman told the people at the press conference.  
(a) shell (b) water (c) drop (d) dart
- Q3 "I couldn't find a job for weeks and then all of a sudden, the perfect job dropped into my ....., " Kari said to Liz.  
(a) lap (b) life (c) horizon (d) market
- Q4 The men in the Army formation were starting to drop like ..... in the Texas summer heat.  
(a) bats (b) rain (c) temperature (d) flies
- Q5 It had been a while since she had called her best friend and she vowed to drop her a ..... as soon as she got off work.  
(a) present (b) scrap (c) line (d) movie
- Q6 He tried handing the summons to his boss but his boss dropped it like it was a hot .....  
(a) potato (b) rock (c) dish (d) stove
- Q7 She hoped that it would rain soon. They were experiencing a dry ..... for too long and she was getting worried about the possibility of a forest fire.  
(a) dirt (b) towel (c) season (d) spell
- Q8 "Oh, that job is duck ..... I thought you were going to give me something difficult to do today, boss!" Adam said.  
(a) dish (b) roast (c) soup (d) fillet
- Q9 "I wasn't sure how well Brian was going to do in college but he's taken to it like a duck to ....., " Brian's dad told his relatives.  
(a) water (b) roast (c) flock (d) oil
- Q10 "I am not ready to give the proposal yet. I just want to double-check everything to make sure all my ducks are in a ....., " Selma said to Cotton.  
(a) flock (b) pond (c) sanctuary (d) row

*English Slang Idioms (61)*

- Q1 "I didn't like that movie we went to see. It was as ..... as ditch-water," Anna said to Jacob.  
 (a) dark (b) clean (c) clear (d) dull
- Q2 "That kid shouldn't be in this class. It's too advanced for him and he's as ..... as a rock," Kyle said to Joel.  
 (a) dumb (b) thick (c) dirty (d) fast
- Q3 He wanted to fire Roy. Roy just cost him money and was as dumb as a sack of .....  
 (a) rocks (b) hammers (c) screwdrivers (d) leaves
- Q4 "I think it was the Dutch ..... that made him try to climb the wall. No one sober would have tried that at night and in the rain," Karen said to Bill.  
 (a) humor (b) platitude (c) tenacity (d) courage
- Q5 He had asked her out and, at first, she said "No." But when he said that they could go ..... and pay their own bills, she agreed. She is a liberated woman.  
 (a) Dutch (b) sideways (c) American (d) separate
- Q6 "I know you didn't get the grades you wanted last semester. Just try harder this time and try not to ..... on the past," Christian told Pete.  
 (a) follow (b) listen (c) deem (d) dwell
- Q7 He wouldn't vote for the Democrat even though he was a better candidate. He was a dyed-in-the- ..... Republican and proud of it.  
 (a) vine (b) woods (c) wool (d) waste
- Q8 "I wouldn't have built that shed in that way. I don't like the way the supports are set up but to each to their .....," Luke said to Harry.  
 (a) views (b) opinions (c) own (d) sight
- Q9 She liked Dawn but Dawn was too much of an eager ..... in the morning. She always wanted to start work before the sun was up and she never seemed tired.  
 (a) barber (b) weasel (c) sample (d) beaver
- Q10 "If we go paintball shooting on Saturday, I want Jim Bedford on my side. He's a good shot and has eagle .....," Sean said to his friends.  
 (a) eyes (b) talons (c) strength (d) courage



*English Slang Idioms (62)*

- Q1 He really liked Sally. She had the same work ethic as he did. She was always the first one in the office and he believed that the early bird gets the .....
- (a) seeds (b) sun (c) worm (d) wind
- Q2 He went to bed early even when he was in college. His grandma always told him "Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and .....", and he tried to model this saying in life.
- (a) strong (b) successful (c) weak (d) wise
- Q3 Her mother kept nagging at her to go to college. She said that a college education is the best way for her to get into a job that would ..... a living.
- (a) earn (b) get (c) win (d) share
- Q4 All of his friends told him that he would get a good grade in his Accounting class since he was smart. "Easier said than .....", he thought to himself.
- (a) completed (b) executed (c) done (d) won
- Q5 When Sharon asked her if the last exam in Business Statistics was hard or easy, she replied, "It's as ..... as ABC."
- (a) complex (b) easy (c) hard (d) technical
- Q6 In his opinion, constructing a subfloor for a shed was as easy as .....
- (a) birds (b) beans (c) bees (d) fruit
- Q7 Getting the job, with his extensive qualifications and experience, was as easy as .....
- (a) cake (b) pie (c) vanilla (d) chocolate
- Q8 "Easy come easy ....." is a popular saying that relates to gamblers and their views about money.
- (a) go (b) had (c) gained (d) lost
- Q9 "Is it hard to use the Word Processing program here?" Wilma asked Maude. Maude replied, "No, not at all. Using it is ..... peasy."
- (a) hard (b) early (c) easy (d) eager
- Q10 "All this time, you have been telling Greg that he isn't following the correct procedures when handling customer accounts. Now, it turns out that he has been right all along. Guess you are going to have to ..... some crow," Lisa told Jack.
- (a) cook (b) eat (c) catch (d) give

*English Slang Idioms (63)*

- Q1 "When the boss finds out that you are having a problem with the project, he is going to be angry. Especially after you have told him, repeatedly, that you don't need any help and are ahead of schedule. You are going to have to eat ..... pie when he finds out — if you want to keep your job" Melissa told Joe.  
(a) feather (b) shy (c) nice (d) humble
- Q2 "I am never going to take Grace to an all-you-can-eat buffet again. She said that she could eat a lot of food but when we went, she ate like a ..... She only had one plate of food!" Craig said to his friend.  
(a) pig (b) goat (c) bird (d) mouse
- Q3 He loved Thanksgiving at his mother's house. She was a good cook and didn't yell at him when he ate like a ..... every year. He ate at least three times as much as everyone else.  
(a) pig (b) chef (c) bird (d) crow
- Q4 "Everyone knows I am the fastest runner on the team. If Chris can beat me in a race, I'll ..... my hat!" Matt said to the team.  
(a) wear (b) sell (c) eat (d) buy
- Q5 "He is a good wrestler but I am much better. I would eat him ..... if he wrestled me!" Warren said to Nathan.  
(a) alive (b) fast (c) dead (d) away
- Q6 "I told you that I would get the best grade in the class. Eat your ..... out, Neil," Max said.  
(a) plate (b) hat (c) heart (d) brain
- Q7 "That stain will come off, Gina. You just have to use a little elbow ....., " Gracie said.  
(a) grease (b) strength (c) force (d) rub
- Q8 "I can get the project done if you give me a little ..... room. You all are crowding around too much and I don't have enough space to work!" Steve yelled at the spectators.  
(a) stomping (b) bed (c) elbow (d) yellow
- Q9 He felt uncomfortable having dinner at their place. They breached their contract with him last week and they didn't mention it all during dinner. It seemed like neither party wanted to be the first to bring up the ..... in the room.  
(a) ghost (b) blemish (c) monster (d) elephant
- Q10 "Whew. I just handed in my report. I completed it at the ..... hour and then found that my car had a flat tire. I called a cab and got to the classroom two minutes before class started. It has been a long day," Christie said to Larissa.  
(a) eleventh (b) late (c) fifth (d) ending

*English Slang Idioms (64)*

- Q1 "I can't stand Gina. She just talks and talks but she has nothing of substance or intelligence to say. You know what they say — Empty vessels make the most .....,," Cathy said to Frank.  
(a) speed (b) trouble (c) noise (d) money
- Q2 "For all that talk about how good of an idea he had, the idea sure didn't produce any results. I am not surprised; most of his ideas end in .....,," Kristen said to Elsie.  
(a) books (b) smoke (c) lots (d) obstruction
- Q3 "Well, Jim, you finally did something right. Don't let it go to your head, though. Even a blind ..... finds a nut once in a while," his boss told him.  
(a) cow (b) whale (c) squirrel (d) bird
- Q4 "George thinks he is very smart because he got the right answer on the test. In my opinion, he ..... and fell into it. I think it was just random chance that he picked the right option," Irma said to Rafael.  
(a) ran (b) tripped (c) grasped (d) burned
- Q5 "Wow, Fred found the problem! He is an idiot, overall, though. That just goes to show that even a broken ..... is right twice a day," the boss told his assistant.  
(a) radio (b) train (c) man (d) clock
- Q6 He was glad that the embargo was over and the company was on even ..... again. It had been dicey for a while.  
(a) jacks (b) eye (c) level (d) keel
- Q7 "Thanks for paying me the five bucks you owed me for the plant. We are .....-steven now," Mark said to Kurt.  
(a) even (b) ahead (c) executed (d) complete
- Q8 "Jeff talked a lot about himself at our party last night. How much he has accomplished, how much money he makes and how many trips he takes. Well, every ass likes to hear himself ....., as you know," Ursula said to Catherine.  
(a) bray (b) run (c) grunt (d) snore
- Q9 "See? If you hadn't lost your job at the paper company, you never would have landed the job you have now. The hours are better and the pay is much better. It just goes to show that every ..... has a silver lining," Paul said to Lynn.  
(a) clod (b) cloud (c) car (d) puddle
- Q10 "Mom, you want to invite the Jones, the Williams and the Marehearts too? Too many people have been invited already! Do you have to invite everyone and their ..... too?" Melissa whined.  
(a) dogs (b) cars (c) companies (d) cats

*English Slang Idioms (65)*

- Q1 "What are we going to do now that our department is being shut down? Can you get me a transfer to another department?" Mark asked. Craig replied, "It's every ..... for himself now. I barely got a transfer to another department myself. You will have to find a job that is open."
- (a) man (b) goat (c) team (d) candidate
- Q2 When he arrested the accountant for fraud, he asked himself if he could ever be bribed to do something illegal. He wanted to think he was incorruptible but he knew that every man has his .....
- (a) escape (b) shortcomings (c) price (d) limit
- Q3 "Have you seen my wallet? I have looked in every nook and ..... in this place and I still can't find it," Jim said to Ellis.
- (a) cranny (b) pocket (c) crevice (d) mortise
- Q4 "I tried every trick in the ..... to get out of trouble but it was no use. Now, I'm grounded for a month!" Ernie told Billy.
- (a) manual (b) comic (c) book (d) history
- Q5 "Don't tell anyone at school about the party. If you do, everyone and their ..... will want to come," Phil told Tom.
- (a) cow (b) uncle (c) team (d) boss
- Q6 "Linda, we are only going stay over for one night. You have too many things packed. It looks like you brought everything but the kitchen ....., " her husband said.
- (a) utensils (b) pots (c) flowers (d) sink
- Q7 "Don't give up on passing your Accounting class until you have explored all ....., " his dad told him.
- (a) classes (b) instructors (c) grades (d) avenues
- Q8 "I don't think that you should hire Jill as our new secretary. She makes for some nice eye ..... but she doesn't have much experience and she is kind of rude," his assistant said.
- (a) candy (b) brows (c) colors (d) glasses
- Q9 "Sorry, Ted. You stole my idea so I stole yours — an eye for an ....., Ted," Bill said.
- (a) hand (b) idea (c) eye (d) crime
- Q10 "Don't get too many plates of food, Todd. Your ..... are bigger than your stomach," his mom said as they entered the all-you-can-eat buffet.
- (a) hands (b) thoughts (c) grasp (d) eyes

*English Slang Idioms (66)*

- Q1 "You better watch out for the boss today. You know she doesn't like you and she seems to be in a bad mood. I just saw her go into her office and her face is like ....., " Lilly said to Mary.  
 (a) ghost (b) thunder (c) mud (d) blemishes
- Q2 "I know we are supposed to act like all babies are cute but Pete and Paula's is not. Their baby has a face that only a mother could ....., " Wilson said to his wife.  
 (a) accept (b) eye (c) love (d) respect
- Q3 "Don't take that car at ..... value, Lewis. Take it to a mechanic and see what they think. There may be a lot of problems you don't know about," his brother said.  
 (a) face (b) absolute (c) market (d) peer
- Q4 He knew that the time had come to face his ..... and climb the telephone pole for his job. He had been afraid of heights for years and that fear was holding him back from moving ahead in the cable company.  
 (a) worries (b) demons (c) reflection (d) weak
- Q5 His daughter was turning twelve and he knew that he would have to talk to her about the facts of ..... soon. She was going to have a sex education class in school next month but he thought she should hear about sex education at home first.  
 (a) knowledge (b) education (c) life (d) bees
- Q6 "Don't give up on your business because it didn't make you any money yet. It takes time for a small business to become profitable and failure is the ..... of success anyway. Thomas Edison failed many times before inventing the light bulb," his friend told him.  
 (a) epitome (b) epitaph (c) mother (d) subsequent
- Q7 "You have to ask her to the dance if you want to go with her. Stop being so afraid. Faint ..... never won fair lady, Keenan," Wes told him.  
 (a) heart (b) gesture (c) notion (d) words
- Q8 "Pay me the ten dollars, Laurie. We had an agreement that whoever lost the race would pay the other ten dollars. So pay up because I beat you fair and ....., " Pauline told her.  
 (a) nice (b) skill (c) square (d) obtuse
- Q9 She didn't intend to talk to Maxie again. They spent a lot of time together in the past but as soon as she asked Maxie to hang out with her because she really needed a friend to talk to, Maxie told her that she felt kind of tired and wanted to go see a movie instead. She didn't need ..... friends like Maxie.  
 (a) imposter (b) imitation (c) fairweather (d) sunny
- Q10 She wanted to improve highschool education in America. Too many kids fell by the ..... and ended up without a diploma and a fair chance of success in society.  
 (a) standard (b) wayside (c) ladder (d) peel

*English Slang Idioms (67)*

- Q1 "Boy, after he messed up the accounting books, he sure fell from ..... The boss doesn't even seem to notice him anymore and he never gets any good projects. He used to be the boss's favorite," Lisa said to Shawna.  
(a) grace (b) eye (c) sky (d) race
- Q2 "You don't buy that lame story, do you? She is obviously lying to you. How can you not see that? Did you just fall off a turnip ....., or something?" His best friend asked.  
(a) pile (b) garden (c) shelf (d) truck
- Q3 She could tell that he had ..... off the wagon again. He smelled of whiskey and was obviously having a hard time keeping his balance.  
(a) let (b) fallen (c) jumped (d) sprung
- Q4 His best friend seemed to be close to losing his house but he had a history of falling on his ..... so he might be able to figure out a way to keep it.  
(a) head (b) buttocks (c) feet (d) luck
- Q5 "Well, Morgan resigned. He decided to fall on his ..... and resign rather than try to lie his way out of it. If he had lied, I would have called the police," the boss told her assistant.  
(a) honor (b) face (c) hands (d) sword
- Q6 "Why don't you come out drinking tonight, boss?" the customer service employee asked. "I am not going to go because a manager shouldn't hang out with his employees too much for many reasons. One is that familiarity breeds ....., " the boss replied.  
(a) friendship (b) popularity (c) contempt (d) duties
- Q7 "The chess team from the other school said that they will have no problem beating us on Friday. Famous ..... words!" The team captain said to the team.  
(a) first (b) last (c) lost (d) bad
- Q8 "The opponent came on fast and ..... but I was able to beat him in the last match," the badminton player told her coach.  
(a) furious (b) tough (c) quick (d) long
- Q9 "Did you read about that banker who got caught stealing at our competitor's bank? He was one of the fat ..... in the loans and mortgages department. I guess he was embezzling funds for quite some time," Mark said to Luke.  
(a) cows (b) schooners (c) cats (d) houses
- Q10 "He thinks he will beat me at chess this weekend? Well, ..... chance!" Adam told Ashley.  
(a) big (b) fat (c) lost (d) bad

*English Slang Idioms (68)*

- Q1 "I guess the fat has hit the ..... in the Democrats' campaign. It turns out that two of their candidates have been arrested for stock fraud. They are going to have a hard time overcoming that!" Miller said to Calvin.  
(a) ground (b) pan (c) belly (d) fire
- Q2 "So, he told you that you weren't very good at problem solving. What would he know? That ..... head isn't any good at problem solving or anything else for that matter," Sally said to Ken.  
(a) fat (b) big (c) empty (d) red
- Q3 He only had three more years until retirement and then he would be living off of the ..... of the land. He saved up a lot of money over the years for retirement and is set for life.  
(a) grain (b) price (c) contour (d) fat
- Q4 "I don't see how she could be going out with Elmer. In my opinion, that is a fate worse than .....!" Maddie said to Louise.  
(a) burglary (b) unemployment (c) death (d) injury
- Q5 "I don't think that we should throw a party this weekend, Justine. I don't like the feast today, ..... tomorrow thing. We should spread our money out more," his roommate said.  
(a) famine (b) recycle (c) party (d) work
- Q6 "If we get that grant that you applied for, that will be a major ..... in your cap. The boss is going to be very thankful," Linda said to Derek.  
(a) patch (b) update (c) button (d) feather
- Q7 "You are going away for a long time, Bob. I will personally make sure you get the worst sentence possible. I can't stand people who steal from charitable organizations to ..... their own nest," the cop said as he led him off in handcuffs.  
(a) feather (b) build (c) line (d) improve
- Q8 "I wouldn't go in there if I was you. They have been fighting for a while now and ..... are flying!" Matt told Jennifer as she was going to check on her friend Gina.  
(a) pillows (b) feathers (c) words (d) paintings
- Q9 "If the landlord doesn't fix our plumbing soon, I am going to report him to the city. I am fed up to the ..... teeth with how long it takes him to fix things around here," Beth said to Mike.  
(a) front (b) buck (c) sharp (d) back
- Q10 "Thank you for making me feel at ..... here. I had a great week staying with you two," Jacob said to Tim and Beth.  
(a) leisure (b) work (c) home (d) office

*English Slang Idioms (69)*

- Q1 "Can I get a cup of coffee from this machine?" Kevin asked Murphy. "Feel ....., " Murphy replied  
 (a) obligated (b) shame (c) sad (d) free
- Q2 "After I got out of the spa, I felt like a million ....., " Marcie said Shelly.  
 (a) pounds (b) dollars (c) people (d) cents
- Q3 "I can't go to dinner with you guys tonight. I have a bunch of bills coming up and I'm feeling the ....., " Lauren said to Rachel.  
 (a) pinch (b) grab (c) hold (d) spontaneity
- Q4 "What's wrong? You look like you are feeling a little ..... today," her dad asked her.  
 (a) yellow (b) red (c) blue (d) grey
- Q5 "You look surprised that the boss lost his temper. He has feet of ..... like the rest of us and he's a good guy," Irma told the new hire.  
 (a) sand (b) rock (c) clay (d) marble
- Q6 "I like your boyfriend. He seems to have his ..... on the ground and is a smart guy," her dad told her.  
 (a) feet (b) boat (c) rump (d) thoughts
- Q7 "Don't bother trying to figure out how Jack will vote on the proposal. He is a ..... sitter and only will make a decision once he sees how the majority votes," Kirsty told Allen.  
 (a) mound (b) centered (c) seat (d) fence
- Q8 "The boss seems to be ..... while Rome burns. He is going out to lunches, having meetings, talking about proposals as well as everything else he usually does. Meanwhile, the company is going bankrupt since we didn't keep up with the ever-changing technology," Laurie said to Morgan.  
 (a) building (b) sleeping (c) fiddling (d) eating
- Q9 "Are you sure you want me to come with you and your boyfriend to the lake? I don't want to be the third ....., " Megan said to Alice.  
 (a) horse (b) goat (c) element (d) wheel
- Q10 "I feel very strongly about this next bill. If you try to oppose it, I will fight you ..... and nail," the congressman from California said to the congressman from Texas.  
 (a) tooth (b) hammer (c) sand (d) saw



*English Slang Idioms (70)*

- Q1 "Studying chemistry is like fighting an ..... battle for me. I don't get it as fast as others and I have to constantly ask for help," Doug told his brother.  
 (a) winning (b) uphill (c) massive (d) downhill
- Q2 His professor told him that if he did all of the extra credit work, he would have a ..... chance of passing the course.  
 (a) building (b) losing (c) fighting (d) missing
- Q3 He thought that Sarah would be a great builder as soon as she found her ..... She had intelligence and skill; she just had to build her confidence.  
 (a) feet (b) thoughts (c) family (d) tools
- Q4 "How is the deck coming along, Larry?" "Fine and ....., " he replied.  
 (a) fast (b) obscure (c) rough (d) dandy
- Q5 "What did you think of my idea?" the assistant asked the boss. The boss replied, "I think it is great. It needs a little fine ..... but I think that we can implement it by next week."  
 (a) tuning (b) brushing (c) sanding (d) applying
- Q6 "That is great that you are planning on doing better in college than I did but fine ..... butter no parsnips," his sister reminded him.  
 (a) ideas (b) plans (c) words (d) actions
- Q7 "I am sorry. I know he's your brother but I can't give him a job with my construction company. The guy is smart but has no coordination. He's all fingers and ....., " Steve told him.  
 (a) gloves (b) tools (c) hands (d) thumbs
- Q8 "Can I ask you a personal question, Bill?" Mary asked. "..... away," he replied.  
 (a) Swing (b) Fire (c) Put (d) Push
- Q9 "How is your business doing?" his brother asked. "Well, we are finally firing on all ..... and we are starting to get more customers every day. So, not bad," he replied.  
 (a) grounds (b) employees (c) ranges (d) cylinders
- Q10 "Do I have to make an appointment or reservation," the customer asked. She informed him that their restaurant worked on a 'first come, first ..... basis' and that she would not have to do either.  
 (a) leave (b) took (c) served (d) listed

*English Slang Idioms (71)*

- Q1 "Thomas Edison was the first one out of the ..... to convert electricity into light in an economically-feasible manner," the junior high teacher told the class.  
(a) gate (b) class (c) prison (d) mud
- Q2 "Oh, did I tell you that I would drop off your order today? In that case, I will make you my first ..... of call and I am sorry I didn't call you to confirm the delivery," the delivery man said.  
(a) schedule (b) location (c) port (d) destination
- Q3 "I am kind of like a ..... out of water here, Jay. I know about structural engineering but not much about mechanical engineering, I'm afraid. I thought you needed a structural engineer," Curtis said.  
(a) plant (b) fish (c) salt (d) ship
- Q4 "Thank you for making such a big steak dinner. This is a meal fit for a .....!" Her husband said.  
(a) king (b) pig (c) vegetarian (d) magazine
- Q5 "He is just angry because the boss embarrassed him in front of the board by criticizing his plan. He is not mad at you; it's just a ..... of pique," Elly said to Carie.  
(a) mood (b) idea (c) passion (d) fit
- Q6 "That saw you have definitely fits the ..... That saw is the best I have ever seen and will work perfectly for what we are doing," Luke told Ernie.  
(a) cause (b) call (c) bill (d) person
- Q7 "Grandpa looks fit to be ..... I guess the mailman forgot to stop here again today," Melissa said.  
(a) had (b) hold (c) trained (d) tied
- Q8 Jack looked like he had a hard night. His clothes were rumpled, his hair wasn't combed and he had a noticeable five o'clock .....  
(a) schedule (b) shadow (c) appearance (d) appointment
- Q9 "A lot of these new musicians are flashes in the ..... They are popular now but no one will remember them in a few years," Frank told his daughter.  
(a) pan (b) news (c) lights (d) camera
- Q10 "I am ..... out disgusted with how this company treats it's employees," Garry remarked when he found out that the team's medical benefits were reduced.  
(a) flail (b) comb (c) flat (d) lash

*English Slang Idioms (72)*

- Q1 "George is much more fleet of ..... than I gave him credit for. I thought that the falling beam was sure to crush him but he moved faster than I have ever seen him move to avoid it," Tom told Ron.  
(a) back (b) foot (c) head (d) ships
- Q2 "The sermon was one of those ..... speeches that don't teach you anything of substance," Gracie told Silvia.  
(a) flowery (b) gratuitous (c) extra (d) certain
- Q3 "The rain was a major ..... in the ointment last Saturday. We had a nice picnic but then the rain came," Laurie told Jan.  
(a) fig (b) oil (c) seed (d) fly
- Q4 "That was no reason to fly off the ....., Jim. I know you wanted to go to the lake together but I can't go with you this weekend — I have to work," his wife said.  
(a) edge (b) handle (c) sandle (d) subject
- Q5 "Don't be mad at Chris. I also flew the ..... when I turned eighteen," his wife said.  
(a) coop (b) joint (c) lap (d) spot
- Q6 "I am glad you brought that up. It is definitely ..... for thought. I will think about it and let you know this week," the boss told Ernie.  
(a) stimulus (b) food (c) reaction (d) material
- Q7 "I just want to get my foot in the ..... at the mill. I know that I can advance once I get a job there," Zack said to his girlfriend.  
(a) pile (b) grill (c) room (d) door
- Q8 "If you all are willing to come to the bar with me tonight, I'll ..... the bill," Bill said to his friends.  
(a) shirk (b) welsh (c) foot (d) arm
- Q9 "I am so happy with this car. It works great and I got it for a ....., " Marcie told Will.  
(a) dance (b) link (c) part (d) song
- Q10 "Why don't we go down to the river like we used to — just for ....., " Kyle told Helen.  
(a) luck (b) kicks (c) looks (d) garden

*English Slang Idioms (73)*

- Q1 "Are they saying that they didn't receive my payment? I sent it two weeks ago for Pete's .....!" Jacob exclaimed.  
 (a) sake (b) job (c) orders (d) direction
- Q2 "I think that some technology is useful but all of these different options on my computer are for the ....., " Lisa said to Christian.  
 (a) birds (b) jerks (c) goals (d) dumps
- Q3 "I am working with Mr. Smith for the time ..... I am going to get another job but the job I have is alright for now," Alex told Karl.  
 (a) spent (b) clock (c) being (d) passing
- Q4 Did you hear that Pete is doing drugs again? I am not really surprised. He has always been into the forbidden ..... He always does the things he's not supposed to do," Matt told Nate.  
 (a) zone (b) items (c) fruit (d) area
- Q5 "My garden is a foregone ..... I went on a trip for three weeks and I didn't arrange to have a friend water it so almost everything is dead," Luke told Elsie.  
 (a) result (b) conclusion (c) location (d) part
- Q6 "I can't believe he turned the job down. Fortune knocks once on every man's ..... and I think he just missed it," his dad told his sister.  
 (a) head (b) car (c) door (d) wallet
- Q7 "Alex Wilson was found dead in his office at 42 years old. The police say foul ..... is suspected. If you have any information, the police ask that you contact them," the newswoman said.  
 (a) ball (b) birds (c) eggs (d) play
- Q8 "I swear that computers can be found on the four corners of the ..... They seem to be everywhere and unavoidable," his grandpa said.  
 (a) plate (b) field (c) earth (d) table
- Q9 "I have been a four-..... since I was in the third grade. The doctor told me I had to wear glasses a year before but I refused. As I got older, my vision got worse so I finally decided to wear them," Zack said to Lewis.  
 (a) eyes (b) corners (c) head (d) barrel
- Q10 "I think that you will do a great job as County Treasurer. You have my vote. I am .....-square behind you," her friend told her.  
 (a) three (b) tee (c) four (d) frame

*English Slang Idioms (74)*

- Q1 "I have to leave the office for about two hours. You have free ..... to conduct business until I get back," the boss told his assistant.  
(a) will (b) choice (c) reign (d) spirit
- Q2 "We had the Easter Egg Hunt organized so that the little kids would get one-half of the area and the big kids would get the other half. Each kid was supposed to get four eggs. We let them loose and it turned into a .....-for-all with kids running everywhere and grabbing up to eight eggs each!" Maude told Vern.  
(a) fudge (b) grab (c) justice (d) free
- Q3 "Come on in and get some rolls. They are ..... from the oven!" Lisa told her friends.  
(a) burned (b) fresh (c) bought (d) made
- Q4 "Well, you are on friendly ..... here. You have been here a year now and you are in the top ten percent of our employees," the boss told him during his performance evaluation.  
(a) marriage (b) footing (c) relations (d) ejection
- Q5 "Maybe we need to look at this problem from a different ..... We have tried everything using traditional methods now we need to try something new," the team leader told her team.  
(a) angle (b) location (c) sky (d) part
- Q6 "That guy just moves from pillar to ....., doesn't he? He is always losing a job, starting a job, moving away, moving back he needs to get it together," his dad said.  
(a) arch (b) roof (c) floor (d) post
- Q7 Several financial magazines published his story as a guy who went from ..... to riches. He had moved from Italy with two dollars in his pocket and now he is one of the richest men in Canada.  
(a) cans (b) rags (c) broke (d) investment
- Q8 "My law class has been a lot of work from the .....-go," Lewis told his friend.  
(a) get (b) shove (c) start (d) stop
- Q9 "That company used to make such good tools but they have gone from the sublime to the ..... The tools used to last for years but they now break within a job or to," Steve told the new employee.  
(a) asinine (b) ridiculous (c) mundane (d) crass
- Q10 "Wow, I think I ate too much. I had four bowls of mashed potatoes. I am full as a ..... " Kyle told Derek.  
(a) lark (b) elf (c) tick (d) boat

*English Slang Idioms (75)*

- Q1 "This company has come full ..... We started off broke, we got big and now we are broke again," the manager told his staff.  
(a) bore (b) circle (c) speed (d) force
- Q2 "That guy is full of ..... air. Every time I see him, he monopolizes my time by telling me how many great accomplishments he has achieved since he started at this company," Lilly told Jack.  
(a) hot (b) cold (c) rank (d) fresh
- Q3 "He is awfully ..... of himself today. He told me that thanks to him, this company was going to get rich and will get rich fast. I don't think that result will come about solely because of his work," Chris told Joe.  
(a) filled (b) full (c) enamored (d) regal
- Q4 "Let Wes do it. He is full of piss and ..... I used to be the same way when I was his age but we are getting too old for this stuff, Max," Les told his friend.  
(a) tomatoes (b) potatoes (c) vinegar (d) oil
- Q5 "You are awfully full of the ..... of spring today. What are you so happy about? Did you win the lottery or something?" He asked his daughter.  
(a) pollen (b) joys (c) sun (d) cleaning
- Q6 He was happy that the company he started was in full ..... and just started to turn a profit.  
(a) boat (b) force (c) price (d) swing
- Q7 "I will be there as soon as possible. I am going ..... throttle as we speak," the employee told his boss.  
(a) full (b) fake (c) slam (d) push
- Q8 "Don't worry, son. My house will be done in the ..... of time. I am not worried about how long it is taking. I can afford to wait," his father told him.  
(a) annoyance (b) fullness (c) duration (d) absence
- Q9 "He thinks that spending a lot of money shows others that he has class but he is a ..... coat and no knickers kind of guy. He is rude, crass and presents himself horribly," Candice told Bethany.  
(a) big (b) no (c) fur (d) plastic
- Q10 "I think that is ..... thinking, Jack. The idea sounds good but the facts don't back it up. There is no support for it and no history of it working," the analyst said.  
(a) grand (b) furry (c) fuzzy (d) illusive

*English Slang Idioms (76)*

- Q1 "You want to challenge me to a game of chess? Well, ..... on! I have a chess board right over here," Jackie told Matt.  
(a) fight (b) try (c) game (d) pay
- Q2 "Now that we have our list of chores, lets make a ..... plan. I want to be done as soon as possible so that I can go to the lake," Luke told his brother.  
(a) action (b) game (c) gang (d) tricky
- Q3 "I am sorry your speakers aren't working. I know the company that makes them uses really cheap, substandard parts to fabricate something that looks like a speaker. It is kind of a garbage in, ..... out kind of thing," Jed told Sarah.  
(a) genuine (b) good (c) garbage (d) quality
- Q4 "We are still too broke to go. I have been waiting for my company to ..... pace but it is taking longer than I expected," Helen told Laurie.  
(a) gather (b) grow (c) slow (d) sell
- Q5 "I think that support for my idea is beginning to gather ..... I think it will work so the more people that push for it, the better," Karly told Nathan.  
(a) flack (b) storm (c) steam (d) seeds
- Q6 His son and the next door neighbor have been getting along ..... ever since they found that they both love to play football.  
(a) notoriously (b) famously (c) nastily (d) gratuitously
- Q7 "I can't believe that the boy who broke the window is going to get away .....-free. The cops have a lot of evidence against him but I heard a rumor that his dad is a judge or something." Irma told Mike.  
(a) Scot (b) belly (c) rope (d) Jack
- Q8 "I don't want my son to hang out with the Jackson's boy anymore. There are no rules in their household. They let their son get away with ....., " Teresa told Mary.  
(a) shirking (b) melting (c) murder (d) curses
- Q9 "Don't tell anyone at school about the party, Norton. If everyone finds out then there will be too many freeloaders trying to get in on the ....., " Lewis said.  
(a) consumption (b) supplies (c) act (d) notoriety
- Q10 "Now is the time to invest in that company. They aren't popular yet but they will be soon. Now is the time to get in on the ..... floor while we still can. By next year, their stock price will be way higher than it is now if everything remains equal," Jim told Scott.  
(a) mud (b) brick (c) ground (d) grunt

*English Slang Idioms (77)*

- Q1 "Tom just told me about a lot of personal issues he's dealing with right now. He said that he didn't want advice — he just wanted to get some things off of his ....., " Larry said to Kim.  
 (a) land (b) chest (c) closet (d) cabinet
- Q2 "I think that you should update your resume and research your options — if you get my ....., " Wesley said to Kim when she asked if he thought she would get fired soon or not.  
 (a) work (b) reflex (c) drift (d) book
- Q3 He couldn't wait until his company got off the ..... and started turning a profit. He would then be able to quit his second job after his company started making a profit.  
 (a) caboose (b) mound (c) ground (d) ride
- Q4 "The new guy is starting to get on my ....., Every time I bump into him, he starts bragging about his car which isn't that nice," Millie said to Lauren.  
 (a) nerves (b) agenda (c) premonition (d) regret
- Q5 "Our Accounting professor got on his ..... again today about the importance of using ethics to preserve our financial system. He talked about it for at least an hour," Curt told Jake.  
 (a) donkey (b) steer (c) easel (d) soapbox
- Q6 "You sure got up on the ..... side of the bed today. You have been crabby since you got up and you keep picking fights with me," Jacob told his wife.  
 (a) right (b) dirty (c) wrong (d) back
- Q7 "I had to go back to work for the hospital. The funding for the research I was doing got the ..... due to government budget cuts," Dr. Shelly told her friend.  
 (a) jack (b) ax (c) heave (d) jail
- Q8 "Now that we have a plan of action, let's implement it and get the ..... rolling," the boss told his team.  
 (a) hail (b) rock (c) wheel (d) ball
- Q9 "I got the ..... light from my boss to start the research I have wanted to do for years. I am so happy!" Max said to Mike.  
 (a) green (b) bright (c) lime (d) red
- Q10 "I have been in drug rehabilitation for the past three months. I had a ..... on my back the last time you saw me but it is gone now," Lisa told Rick.  
 (a) shrew (b) glue (c) monkey (d) cat



*English Slang Idioms (78)*

- Q1 "I can't start the project until I get the ..... from my boss. He should have an answer for me later today," Mike told the client.  
(a) nod (b) noodle (c) show (d) glint
- Q2 "Come on! We have been waiting for you to start your presentation for twenty minutes! Let's get the ..... on the road!" A disgruntled member of the audience yelled at the presenter.  
(a) boat (b) cow (c) shed (d) show
- Q3 "You have to get a ..... on yourself, Mark. Getting drunk is not going to help. Losing your job isn't the end of the world. You will get another one soon," his wife told him.  
(a) mitt (b) glove (c) grip (d) mold
- Q4 "That guy has to get a hold of ..... I know that he was embarrassed in front of a client but cussing at the staff and locking himself in the bathroom is not acceptable," the boss told her assistant.  
(a) harm (b) world (c) himself (d) script
- Q5 "I like Sarah. She has a lot of get up and ..... She is always ready to start work when she gets here and is good at motivating people in the morning," the boss told her assistant.  
(a) stand (b) go (c) shout (d) sit
- Q6 "If you get ..... of any job opportunities in your department, forward an application onto me as soon as possible," Roger said. He was sick of working in his department and wanted a new challenge.  
(a) told (b) wind (c) caught (d) grabbed
- Q7 His wife got her ..... in a bunch at the party when John's wife told her that the weight she gained recently looked good on her. She immediately wanted to go home and vowed never to talk to John or his wife ever again.  
(a) ducks (b) ideas (c) bind (d) feathers
- Q8 "Don't let the bully get your ..... Don't let him make you angry. That's what he wants you to do," Billy told Neil.  
(a) Mom (b) flank (c) mood (d) goat
- Q9 Once he found out that members of the department were stealing, they pressured him to get his hands ..... as well. He thought they wanted this so that he wouldn't tell on them.  
(a) clean (b) dirty (c) wet (d) red
- Q10 "I am still trying to get my head ..... the fact that my best friend and his wife are getting a divorce. They have been together as long as I can remember and they always seemed so happy," Matt told his sister.  
(a) around (b) over (c) across (d) under

*English Slang Idioms (79)*

- Q1 "Once you sink your ..... into the accounting course, you might find that it is not as hard as you thought and you might even like it," his mom told him.  
(a) teeth (b) hands (c) feet (d) flanks
- Q2 "I don't have a ..... of a chance of getting the part in the upcoming school play. There are candidates trying out for the part who have way more experience and talent than I do," Marcie told Lindsay.  
(a) mark (b) ghost (c) fat (d) crow
- Q3 "I think that he will beat me in the upcoming debate. He has the ..... of gab. He can talk and talk and it is somehow all relevant to the topic," Chris told Matt.  
(a) learn (b) characteristic (c) match (d) gift
- Q4 "I feel sorry for her being stuck in that gilded ..... As soon as she leaves her mansion, she is constantly hounded by reporters. She can't go anywhere and be in peace," Mary said to her friend about the celebrity on television.  
(a) cottage (b) cage (c) coffer (d) mausoleum
- Q5 "Marcie got the highest monthly statistics this month and, in fact, no one in the history of the company has ever come close to beating her. Let's give her a big ....., " the boss said to the staff and they clapped long and hard.  
(a) gong (b) insult (c) hand (d) joke
- Q6 "I will give you twenty dollars to go to the movies, Bob, but what are you going to do for me in return? This is a give and ..... relationship," his father said when he asked for money.  
(a) receive (b) have (c) take (d) run
- Q7 "I think that Wes has a great chance of beating Alex at chess. He gives as good as he ..... He may lose a piece or two due to stupid mistakes but he has a knack for winning games that aren't going his way" Elsie said to Katie.  
(a) gets (b) throws (c) groans (d) takes
- Q8 "You got an A on your final exam? Great job! Give me ....., " his best friend said and they slapped hands.  
(a) hand (b) money (c) five (d) loan
- Q9 "I feel good about letting my friend stay here to save money. I gave him a ..... up and he is now doing well, has a good job and has a nice place of his own," Rick said to Nick.  
(a) stick (b) shut (c) mug (d) leg
- Q10 "The plumber left a huge mess in the front room after he was here. Next time I talk to him, I am going to give him a ..... of my mind," Misty said to Burt.  
(a) thought (b) smack (c) piece (d) force

*English Slang Idioms (80)*

- Q1 "I know Jack is a very good chess player. I am not too bad myself. I may not win but I'll definitely give him a ..... for his money," Kyle said to Bill.  
(a) rant (b) run (c) bilk (d) return
- Q2 "By not directly asking the defendant about his crimes and only asking him open-ended questions, I am giving him enough rope to ..... himself. He starts making himself look guilty by speaking without restraint," the lawyer told the plaintiff.  
(a) try (b) tie (c) hang (d) win
- Q3 "Did you hear that Jed died recently? He gave up the ..... last Tuesday," Mary said to Grace.  
(a) mess (b) fight (c) ghost (d) chance
- Q4 "I heard that Bill is selling his land by the lake. I would give my eye ..... to be able to afford it. It is beautiful," Mark said to Tim.  
(a) brows (b) glasses (c) sight (d) teeth
- Q5 "Women are able to achieve upward mobility these days; however, the top positions in companies, on average, are still held by men. While things are getting better, there is still a glass ..... preventing women from being promoted to top positions," the management professor told the class.  
(a) ceiling (b) bottle (c) window (d) door
- Q6 "Matt keeps challenging me to a game of pool. He also keeps taunting me so the ..... are off now. I am going to show him that he's not as good as I am," Elliot said to Jay.  
(a) gloves (b) mitts (c) hats (d) shirts
- Q7 "You know that 'Billy the Bully' always plays basketball on this court on Fridays yet you keep trying to play on Fridays when he is there. You know he is going to pick on you. You must be a ..... for punishment," Matt told Nate.  
(a) hero (b) crime (c) glutton (d) player
- Q8 "I can't stand how the boss always makes us do three things at once and then gets angry when one of the three has a mistake in it. It is obvious that we can only focus on one thing at a time since the tasks are very complex. His system really ..... my vitals," Kim said to Jessica.  
(a) enhances (b) builds (c) gnaws (d) encompasses
- Q9 "It was an easy day until something in the computers went ..... The whole system quit working and we are all behind at least two hours of work now," Lilly told Jason.  
(a) great (b) red (c) awry (d) timid
- Q10 "It's so cold — I should have worn some gloves today. My hands are starting to turn ....., " Maxie said to Bill.  
(a) green (b) grey (c) yellow (d) blue

*English Slang Idioms (81)*

- Q1 "Hi, Jake. What are you doing these days? I am working for a car dealership again. My auto shop went ..... so I had to go back there," Carl said.  
(a) dust (b) bust (c) out (d) put
- Q2 "I miss that old coffee shop in town. There is nowhere to get coffee now that the old coffee shop went ....., " Melissa told Jacob.  
(a) under (b) dump (c) fizzle (d) underground
- Q3 "Your idea to save the company money by cutting health insurance benefits is going to go down like a lead ..... with the boss. You know how much she cares about her employees," Melanie told grace.  
(a) boat (b) balloon (c) bullet (d) battery
- Q4 Even though he knew that he was going to lose the fight after school with 'Big Max,' he would not back down. If he was going to lose, he vowed to go down .....  
(a) fearing (b) singing (c) swinging (d) limping
- Q5 She knew the company ripped her off last month so she wanted to sue them as a matter of principle. She would not go down without a ..... either.  
(a) fight (b) try (c) lawyer (d) word
- Q6 "Quit calling me and go fly a ....., " Bill told the telemarketer.  
(a) can (b) kite (c) frisbee (d) kettle
- Q7 "I know that I don't have much money but I am a pretty good Blackjack player. I have a good hand and I am going to bet everything and go for ....., " he told his wife at the Blackjack table.  
(a) cards (b) wins (c) chance (d) broke
- Q8 "Go home, James. You are bugging us. Go fry an ....., " the mean kids yelled.  
(a) chicken (b) turkey (c) egg (d) pan
- Q9 "I love this combination in the morning. If you ask me, coffee and cigarettes go together hand in ....., " Mike said to his brother.  
(a) fist (b) mitt (c) hand (d) pot
- Q10 "Don't give the kids anymore chocolate, mom. They will go ..... and we'll never get them to take a nap," Marcie told her.  
(a) home (b) nuts (c) away (d) forward

*English Slang Idioms (82)*

- Q1 "This meeting is going to go by the schedule you all received. We barely have enough time to cover everything on the schedule, so we can't afford to go off on any ..... If anyone has any questions, we can address them at the end of the meeting," the boss told the staff.  
 (a) tangents (b) journeys (c) paths (d) trails
- Q2 "You kids have to leave me alone while I work. I need to concentrate. Instead of bothering me, why don't you go play in .....?" Sam said to his bothersome children.  
 (a) sand (b) field (c) traffic (d) lake
- Q3 "Here we are talking about this again. We have been over this point many times. We are just going around in ..... We have to find a way to make some progress," Lilly told Tim.  
 (a) squares (b) lines (c) pairs (d) circles
- Q4 He knew he would have to find another supplier for his company. The deal he had with his present supplier was rapidly going ..... The supplier already lost one of his payments and then accused him of not paying the invoice. Four deliveries were also very late this past month.  
 (a) south (b) dust (c) left (d) forward
- Q5 "I know you were out drinking. You smelled like alcohol this morning and there are several charges to our account from two local bars. That story about your car breaking down and you walking home for hours from work is a flat-out lie. Go tell it to the ....., " he told his girlfriend.  
 (a) fish (b) cats (c) snakes (d) birds
- Q6 "I know that it will be hard to solve this case but I will go the ..... I won't stop until I have arrested the perpetrator," the new cop told the police chief.  
 (a) route (b) distance (c) trip (d) plan
- Q7 "I am looking for someone who cares about people and will work hard to make sure they get the service they deserve. I am looking for someone who will do more than just go through the ..... to help our customers," the hiring manager told the job candidate.  
 (a) manuals (b) programs (c) systems (d) motions
- Q8 "I used to love that Chinese food restaurant but ever since the new owner took over, they whole establishment has ..... to seed," Marie told Jenny.  
 (a) sold (b) ran (c) planned (d) gone
- Q9 "You did a great job on Friday. Don't let the compliment go to your ....., though. You are still new, on probation and under close supervision," the gruff boss told the new employee.  
 (a) head (b) views (c) thoughts (d) armaments
- Q10 "I am not worried about what we do while we're here. I'll just ..... with the flow," Lisa told her best friend when asked what she wanted to do while in town.  
 (a) buck (b) fight (c) grow (d) go

*English Slang Idioms (83)*

- Q1 "Your computer is broken? Go see Lewis. He is our ..... guy here. He handles all of our technical issues," Beth said to the new girl.  
(a) broken (b) fixed (c) fallen (d) go-to
- Q2 "Our competitor managed to increase their market shares from 25 to 35 percent so taking back our competitive advantage is our going ..... right now. We need to increase our shares from 30 to at least 40 percent by next year," the boss said to her team.  
(a) plan (b) method (c) concern (d) grave
- Q3 "I know that you are mad at me for having lunch with that friend you don't like but don't you think avoiding my calls for two whole weeks is going a little .....?" He asked his girlfriend.  
(a) overboard (b) fast (c) aggressive (d) forceful
- Q4 "I couldn't fire him because I knew he would sue us or make life miserable for this company. He is the senator's son, you know. So, I gave him the ..... handshake. I offered him a whole year's salary if he would just leave and he took it," Mary told Jessie.  
(a) steel (b) buttered (c) lettered (d) golden
- Q5 "I really need to fix up my garden. I have been very busy lately and I have been neglecting it. You should see it now; it's gone to ....., " Maude told Bessie.  
(a) ground (b) pot (c) grain (d) basket
- Q6 "I went to see my old high school and it has sure gone to the ..... There is graffiti everywhere and the buildings look junky and need a new coat of paint badly. When I went to school there, it looked nice," Tom told Tina.  
(a) dogs (b) pets (c) fields (d) monkeys
- Q7 "If you want to know if there is something dirty going on in the accounting department so send Bill down to check it out. He has really ..... antennae for that sort of thing," Christy told Mike.  
(a) bent (b) broke (c) good (d) blunt
- Q8 "Tim? He is a good ..... He is really well-behaved and smart, too," Wesley told his wife when she asked if their son should spend the night at Tim's house.  
(a) dog (b) egg (c) bird (d) sample
- Q9 "I know that you are wondering if Jake is mean to Jenny but it isn't our business. Good fences make good ..... , Melissa," Tom replied.  
(a) neighbors (b) spaces (c) distances (d) fields
- Q10 "I would hire Matt. He seems to know everything and is dependable. He is a ..... hand to have around the workplace," Nate told his buddy.  
(a) gritty (b) left (c) good (d) back

*English Slang Idioms (84)*

- Q1 "Good job, team One! You have had a really good ..... this quarter. Keep this up and you can all look forward to a nice Christmas bonus," Sally told them.  
(a) magic (b) spell (c) cage (d) spill
- Q2 "We just passed Portland and we have only been on the road for four hours. I thought it would take us at least five. We are making really good ....., " Chris told Kyle.  
(a) travel (b) journey (c) drivers (d) time
- Q3 "I invited Sarah to the party on Saturday but she said that she wouldn't go because her parents don't approve of her drinking. What a ..... two-shoes," Willis said to Max.  
(a) dumb (b) scary (c) naive (d) goody
- Q4 "I know you are scared to use that circular saw I gave you but you have to cut those pieces and nail them to your shed before it rains. You are just going to have to grab the bull by it's ..... and overcome your fear. I would do it if I could but I am a thousand miles away," his father told him over the telephone.  
(a) legs (b) tail (c) horns (d) nose
- Q5 "When the boss yells at you, take it with a ..... of salt. He yells at everyone on Monday and doesn't even remember doing it later on that day. It's nothing to worry about," Jenna told the new employee.  
(a) shaker (b) plate (c) sea (d) grain
- Q6 "I know that you have been thinking about breaking up with your girlfriend in order to date Kate Wilson. I can't tell you whether that is the right answer or not but I can tell you that the grass may appear greener on the other side but it is just as hard to ....., " Willy told his 16-year-old son.  
(a) plant (b) water (c) observe (d) mow
- Q7 "Hi, Mom. What have I been up to? Well, I have recently become involved in a ..... roots activist group that is trying to save the old-growth redwoods from being cut down. I hope that through our efforts, our kids will be able to see these trees," Ken said.  
(a) tree (b) tap (c) grass (d) motor
- Q8 "I finally left Jamie because I was sick of being a grass ..... He didn't get home until 9 o'clock most nights and was often away on business. I wanted a husband I could see and spend time with," Mary told her best friend in Ohio.  
(a) cutter (b) widow (c) burner (d) root
- Q9 "My best friend is on the gravy ..... now. He wrote three best-selling novels and makes more on the royalties a year than I have in the past ten years," Tom told his parents.  
(a) line (b) train (c) diet (d) factory
- Q10 "I sure like this job. I get to use my brain much more than when I worked as a grease ..... at Joe's Automotive shop fixing cars," Willy told Gina.  
(a) monkey (b) investigator (c) maker (d) cover

*English Slang Idioms (85)*

- Q1 He had had to grease an official's ..... in order to get out of jail in that country. He still couldn't believe that one could be thrown in jail for exceeding the speed limit.  
(a) car (b) joint (c) palm (d) door
- Q2 "Are you still waiting to hear from the Curriculum Committee as to whether you can graduate on time without that class? I just started working with them about a month ago. Let me see if I can grease the ..... a bit and get you an answer soon," Jennifer told Bill.  
(a) skids (b) doors (c) sleds (d) skates
- Q3 "Did you see that running back for our school football team? He got a hold of the ball and moved down the field like greased .....!" Zack told Matt.  
(a) lightning (b) sheets (c) sleds (d) thunder
- Q4 "Did you see the arms on that private? I think he will do fine in the Army. He's got a great set of ..... on him," First Sergeant Smith told the Commander.  
(a) gaps (b) trunks (c) sleeves (d) guns
- Q5 "Great .....! You are paying 30 percent interest on your credit card? You need to pay that off and get a better one immediately!" Her father told her over the phone.  
(a) Brian (b) Matt (c) Scott (d) Mathew
- Q6 "Now that you are sixteen, it is time for you to join the ..... unwashed' like I did. Once you are eighteen, you can go to school if you want to. Then you can get a white collar job instead of a blue collar job like the ones I have had," his dad said to him.  
(a) gross (b) great (c) mad (d) gritty
- Q7 "I can't understand computers. When people try to explain them, I still don't get it. The computer language is all ..... to me," Lisa said to Brandon.  
(a) Greek (b) gnawed (c) smashed (d) scrambled
- Q8 "I got the green ..... from my wife to go camping with you guys. So, lets plan on leaving around eight in the morning," Bill told his friends.  
(a) thumbs (b) gills (c) light (d) paint
- Q9 "Both of my parents have a ..... thumb. They can grow anything and create a beautiful garden. I have killed every plant I've ever had," Bethany told Ashley.  
(a) missing (b) long (c) dirty (d) green
- Q10 "I showed that dress to Mary and she is green with ..... She told me that she was going to buy the same dress but I didn't know that when I bought it," Marcie told Kylie.  
(a) envy (b) talent (c) illness (d) judgement



*English Slang Idioms (86)*

- Q1 "Don't worry, Tom. I made the same mistake when I was a ..... like you. You won't make that mistake again and you will learn more when you get more experience," Matt said.  
(a) gnat (b) greenhorn (c) old-timer (d) idiot
- Q2 Building a website is very confusing — it's still a gray ..... for me but I think I'll understand it more once I finish my computer class this semester.  
(a) wall (b) color (c) paint (d) area
- Q3 "You need to pay more attention to what you are doing. Use your gray ..... for something other than figuring out how to get out of work," the boss told Nick.  
(a) area (b) matter (c) skin (d) clothes
- Q4 "I know that you don't like being on the telephone but the boss asked you to make the calls. If you want to keep your job, you are going to just have to grin and ..... it. This, too, shall pass," the secretary told Ian.  
(a) grind (b) mock (c) bear (d) leap
- Q5 When the boss told him he was going to get a raise, he gave him a grin like a Cheshire .....  
(a) dog (b) mouse (c) cat (d) elephant
- Q6 "I don't mind learning that computer program. It is just grist for the ..... It will add to my resume and make me more efficient on the job," Luke said to Adam.  
(a) mill (b) garage (c) lot (d) factory
- Q7 "We are going to try a new computer program at work but only Jonathon is going to use it for now — just until we see how it works. We have decided that Johnathon is going to be the ..... pig," the supervisor said during the Monday meeting.  
(a) pot-belly (b) pink (c) great (d) Guinea
- Q8 "I recommend using a little gun-boat ..... They won't listen to reason, won't respond to sanctions and don't care about what we think. If we send the Army in, they will start seeing things our way," the Senator from Mississippi said.  
(a) friendship (b) diplomacy (c) address (d) yacht
- Q9 "He is one of those hail-fellow-well-..... types. Friendly to everyone and willing to help whenever called upon," Matt replied when asked what he thought about Gary's personality.  
(a) met (b) thought (c) endowed (d) intentions
- Q10 "You are hungover too? Do you want a little hair of the ..... to help you out with that? I am mixing a Bloody Mary for myself," Evan said to Dwayne.  
(a) elk (b) ape (c) dog (d) wig

*English Slang Idioms (87)*

- Q1 "Wow, your grandpa is sure hale and ..... for an eighty-year-old," Maxine told Ian.  
 (a) young (b) seasoned (c) hearty (d) infirm
- Q2 "I can't believe how rude Jerry was the other night. I have half a ..... to call him and tell him not to come here ever again," Tina said to her husband.  
 (a) idea (b) dollar (c) mat (d) mind
- Q3 "Jed, get a regular job. These half-..... ideas never work out and never make you any money," his sister said.  
 (a) formed (b) accepted (c) dealt (d) baked
- Q4 "They make a great couple. They are hand in ..... and always seem to have a great time together," Elsie told Ernie.  
 (a) glove (b) wheel (c) ground (d) action
- Q5 "Traditionally, in a custody battle that involves young children, custody is awarded to the hand that ..... the cradle. The mother gets custody in almost all cases unless it can be proven that she is unfit for the job," the law professor told the class.  
 (a) builds (b) rocks (c) buys (d) tips
- Q6 "'The Office' is my favorite television show, hands ....., " Linda said to Lucy.  
 (a) up (b) between (c) out (d) down
- Q7 "You need to start typing your work, Micah. I can barely read your writing. You have handwriting like chicken ....., " his English professor told him.  
 (a) breast (b) wings (c) scratch (d) pest
- Q8 "I am just hanging by a ..... in that class. If I get anything less than an A on any assignment for the rest of the semester, I will fail the course," George told his girlfriend.  
 (a) wire (b) thread (c) tape (d) nail
- Q9 "The decision of who will be president of the United States is still hanging in the ....., We will have to wait until the last votes are counted," the newswoman said in her broadcast.  
 (a) thread (b) window (c) balance (d) web
- Q10 "Hey, thanks for ..... me out to dry, Derek. You told me that you would mow his lawn for me since I got called into work and you didn't. Now he won't ever hire me again," Ken said.  
 (a) lining (b) hanging (c) hitting (d) shoving

*English Slang Idioms (88)*

- Q1 "Wipe that ..... expression off your face, private! You can't leave the base this weekend due to the field exercise and that's it! Suck it up and drive on," the platoon sergeant said to a forlorn Private Gonzales.  
(a) excited (b) satiated (c) headstrong (d) hangdog
- Q2 "You want to go camping all weekend and I want to reorganize the house this weekend. Maybe we can find a happy ..... We can go camping for one day and organize the next day," his wife said.  
(a) foreclosure (b) ordeal (c) medium (d) position
- Q3 "I think we should ask Sergeant Maxwell to represent us on the Army boxing team. He is smart, experienced and hard as ....., " Sergeant Major Elkins said to Major McKutchins.  
(a) glass (b) nails (c) files (d) lead
- Q4 "I am sick of these ..... sell' tactics that salesmen and women are using these days. If I ask a simple question about how a product works, all of a sudden I am being told about what accessories I need to purchase for it," Bill complained to his wife.  
(a) heightened (b) first (c) taciturn (d) hard
- Q5 "To answer your question, succulent plants are very hard to ..... by around here since it is so cold. You might be able to order them on the internet," the nursery representative said to Chris.  
(a) come (b) grab (c) purchase (d) grow
- Q6 "I am sorry, Tommy. I will pay you back by the end of the week. I am a little hard ..... at the moment. My car broke down and I had to spend all of my money on repairs. I get paid on Friday, though," Max told him.  
(a) up (b) down (c) between (d) beside
- Q7 "I know you want to get this job done but you are going too fast. You have already ruined five good boards by not taking your time cutting them — ..... makes waste," the foreman told Luke.  
(a) rush (b) force (c) haste (d) hurry
- Q8 "After that ..... job on my family by the press, I have no chance of getting elected," the gubernatorial candidate told the political party.  
(a) makeup (b) shovel (c) hatchet (d) hammer
- Q9 "Nice hat ....., Josh. You have landed three major clients for this firm in a row. You are do for a promotion soon," the boss told him.  
(a) purchase (b) toss (c) shuffle (d) trick
- Q10 "You are going to have a ..... at the farmers' market this Saturday. There are going to be three booths selling succulent plants and I know that you have wanted to buy some for a while," his wife told him.  
(a) frolic (b) ball (c) chore (d) rage

*English Slang Idioms (89)*

- Q1 "I don't know if I'll be able to get that nail out of the floor since it is so close to the kitchen cabinets but I'll have a ..... at it," the carpenter told Alex.  
 (a) job (b) chore (c) bash (d) miss
- Q2 "Both of us have tried to get that board off of the deck and neither one of us can do it. Will you have a ..... at it, Jesse?" Bill asked him.  
 (a) ring (b) go (c) do (d) ride
- Q3 "You have to let me go, Dad. I have been sick for the past two weeks and I was grounded for a month before that. You know how much I have wanted to go to that concert. Have a ....., Dad," Rachel said.  
 (a) heart (b) thought (c) ham (d) switch
- Q4 "Come to the rodeo with us, Jack. You know we'll have a ..... of a time. When haven't we at a rodeo?" His best friend asked.  
 (a) job (b) chore (c) ripper (d) drag
- Q5 "I am going to win this chess game shortly — unless you have a ..... up your sleeve," Tim said to Jake.  
 (a) trick (b) trap (c) attack (d) defense
- Q6 "We have one more speaker tonight. I am pleased to introduce Jim Hodgekins. Jim, you have the ....., " the emcee said.  
 (a) audience (b) report (c) thought (d) floor
- Q7 "Zach, I challenge you to a boxing match — that is, if you have the ....., " Marshall said.  
 (a) brain (b) guts (c) will (d) ability
- Q8 "Did you hear about Fred? He had his ..... felt by the police last night. They arrested him for public drunkenness," Paul said to Adam.  
 (a) hat (b) shoes (c) gloves (d) collar
- Q9 "Thanks for the offer of seconds on chicken salad but I've had my ..... for tonight," Mike said to Sarah.  
 (a) beef (b) size (c) fill (d) tank
- Q10 "Wow, I destroyed you in that game of cards. You have had your ..... handed to you again," his grandpa told him.  
 (a) dreams (b) lunch (c) fate (d) chance

*English Slang Idioms (90)*

- Q1 "You did great on that presentation! You have a real knack for public speaking," Tom said to Louise. "Thank you. I have my .....,," she replied with a twinkle in her eye.  
 (a) movements (b) moments (c) gradients (d) graduations
- Q2 "I think that we will be able to finish ahead of schedule despite the setbacks and I am really looking forward to starting on the project right away," the team leader said. Bill whispered to his friend, "She sure has her ..... up today. She is too awake and motivated for a Monday morning."  
 (a) feet (b) hat (c) tail (d) sign
- Q3 The yard was overgrown with three-foot-tall weeds. When he bought the place, he wanted to clean up the garden and now it was time to start. As he looked at the weeds, he knew that he had his ..... cut out for him.  
 (a) servitude (b) work (c) goal (d) fix
- Q4 Her mom hated when her daughter said "hey" to anyone in public. She often remarked, "Hay is for .....". Her daughter retorted "What is the big deal with saying "hey" as opposed to "Hello?"  
 (a) rabbits (b) sheep (c) bread (d) horses
- Q5 "Wow, you have so many interesting stories and you sure know a lot about other countries," his date said. He replied, "He who travels far ..... much," with a grin.  
 (a) spends (b) sleeps (c) talks (d) knows
- Q6 "So what do you say about the new job, Tim? It does require moving, which I know you don't want to do, but it is a great opportunity to advance. You do have some time to think about it but I need to know soon. As they say in the Army, he who ..... is lost," Matt said.  
 (a) jumps (b) fires (c) hesitates (d) gambles
- Q7 "She tore my idea to bits in front of the boss instead of talking to me first and embarrassed me in front of everyone. She'll regret that. She'll rue the ..... she crossed me," Bill told Ellis.  
 (a) day (b) cow (c) experience (d) feeling
- Q8 "Mom knows that you stole five dollars from her purse. When Dad finds out, it will be over for you. You'd better ..... for the hills," his older brother told him.  
 (a) ride (b) hike (c) head (d) live
- Q9 "My son is an idiot. He moved to Hollywood to become an actor. If he thinks that anyone is going to put him in a movie when he has no experience or education, his head is in the .....,," Mike told his brother.  
 (a) clouds (b) navy (c) sand (d) closet
- Q10 "Can you help me assemble the kid's toy? I can't make ..... nor tail of these directions," Wes said to his friend who was a mechanic.  
 (a) cap (b) hoof (c) mane (d) head

*English Slang Idioms (91)*

- Q1 "Jack, I want to know who is stealing from this company. I want him caught and I want his head on a ....., " the Chief Financial Officer said.  
(a) spoke (b) spike (c) neck (d) bind
- Q2 "Jim, you have to tell them that it was you who lost the paperwork. My ..... is on the block for this," Rob implored his friend.  
(a) head (b) hand (c) foot (d) ride
- Q3 He had heard rumors that some errors had been made in the company's accounting department. His boss was an honest guy, and if someone was deliberately making those errors, ..... would roll.  
(a) heads (b) dough (c) bread (d) jobs
- Q4 "I want to give you all a .....-up the test is going to be next week on Tuesday," the professor told the class.  
(a) looks (b) heads (c) eye (d) grab
- Q5 "I am sorry that I came across a little ..... last night. I should have been more open to discussion and compromise," she told her boyfriend.  
(a) rasp (b) stingy (c) massive (d) headstrong
- Q6 "Of course I can help you move. I may be 68-years-old but I am as healthy as a ....., " Chris's grandpa told him.  
(a) horse (b) pig (c) crow (d) cow
- Q7 "I know that you want to have some say in how this project is run. However, it's my neck on the ..... if something goes wrong. For that reason, you can help with the project but not from a leadership position," Mark told Elsa.  
(a) map (b) shoulder (c) line (d) sights
- Q8 "You should have come to work today. Max started yelling at Tim, saying that he treated Max badly because he was gay. It was such a surprise who would have thought he was gay? Everyone was so shocked at what had happened they were speechless. The office was so quiet, you could have heard a ..... drop after the yelling," Rachel told Jim.  
(a) plate (b) pin (c) ball (d) stock
- Q9 "I heard on the ..... that we will all get a bonus soon. Our stats were very good this month," Zack told Will.  
(a) Pony Express (b) smoke signals (c) grapevine (d) morse code
- Q10 "I know that he was rude to you, but he is always that way. Aside from that, he is a nice guy. He has helped a lot of my older friends move for free. At least his ..... in the right place," Maude told Bette.  
(a) career's (b) head's (c) strength's (d) heart's

*English Slang Idioms (92)*

- Q1 "Next Tuesday, we are going to have a white ..... party for the Christmas season. We'll assign names on Thursday and there is a twenty dollar limit," Jan told the staff.  
 (a) elephant (b) rhino (c) horse (d) heron
- Q2 "What are you so sad about, Christian? You look like your heart's in your ....., " Matt said.  
 (a) chest (b) head (c) hands (d) boots
- Q3 He knew that he should quit his job and try another field. His ..... just wasn't in it anymore. The customers needed someone who would do more than just go through the motions.  
 (a) ideas (b) interests (c) feelings (d) heart
- Q4 "I was so scared before giving that speech. My heart was in my ..... the whole time," Natalie told Amy.  
 (a) thoughts (b) speech (c) trunk (d) mouth
- Q5 "I didn't see it coming. There were no signs. My heart skipped a ..... when he said you're fired' and I just walked out," Helen said to Ella.  
 (a) pump (b) beat (c) squeeze (d) person
- Q6 "It was really productive. We had a heart-to-..... talk and I was able to see where she was coming from. We are back together now," Steve told his mom.  
 (a) head (b) mouth (c) hand (d) heart
- Q7 Heaven only ..... why he kept going to work day after day. He hated the work and didn't like the people.  
 (a) stated (b) questioned (c) knew (d) decided
- Q8 He knew that he had been a little .....-handed with Tina. He shouldn't have fired her for something as little as losing too many office supplies. He decided to call her and ask her to come back to work tomorrow, he thought.  
 (a) red (b) heavy (c) hard (d) slap
- Q9 "I have put in offers on three different houses. I hope, by hedging my ....., one of the places will come through and my wife will be happy," Nathan told Jack.  
 (a) shrubs (b) dice (c) accounts (d) bets
- Q10 He knew that he would have to run hell-for ..... to school to make it on time. This was the third time this month that he missed the bus and he didn't want his parents to find out.  
 (a) steel (b) rubber (c) leather (d) iron

*English Slang Idioms (93)*

- Q1 "This neighborhood is going to ..... in a handcart. When I moved in here, it was nice. Now, there is graffiti, broken glass everywhere and thugs standing around on the streets," Gladice told Emma.  
(a) pits (b) garbage (c) nature (d) hell
- Q2 "Getting a whole class of junior-high school students into and out of a gymnasium in an orderly manner is about as easy as herding ....., " Melissa told David.  
(a) cats (b) sheep (c) cattle (d) dogs
- Q3 "I can't go to the movies with you. I already spent the majority of my paycheck," Jay said. Tommy replied, "Isn't that the way of it? Paychecks are here today, ..... tomorrow. I can never seem to save any money."  
(a) gone (b) owed (c) paid (d) earned
- Q4 "Why didn't you show up to help me move like you said you would do? You left me high and ..... I had to hire the next-door neighbor to help," Randy said to Bert.  
(a) broke (b) tired (c) dry (d) wet
- Q5 He hated his boss. Anytime he asked her for help, she would get all high and ..... and either treat him like a little kid or an idiot.  
(a) dry (b) classy (c) superior (d) mighty
- Q6 "I am sorry if I acted like an idiot at the bar the other night. I don't usually drink and I was as high as a ....., " Ronald said to Nancy  
(a) kite (b) castle (c) bird (d) skyscraper
- Q7 He felt bad about how he treated Maureen at work. He acted all high- ..... with her when she voiced her concern about who would pay for her gas on the company trip. He implied that it was her fault she couldn't afford it.  
(a) finance (b) handed (c) held (d) stood
- Q8 "Let's find a plan that has a good chance of working. Tim's idea requires too much of a high-wire ..... The costs of failing are too high," Rick said to the team.  
(a) art (b) balance (c) act (d) picnic
- Q9 "Our main competitor committed the worst Himalayan ..... that I have ever seen. They committed all their resources to producing kitchen tables with television sets built into the tops. No one wants them and our competitors may go out of business," Tim told his coworker.  
(a) experiments (b) acts (c) blunders (d) trips
- Q10 "Don't worry about it, Tina. It was hard to see what the right answer was at the time. It is easy to see what someone else should have done after the fact. Hindsight is always ....., " Jay said.  
(a) clearer (b) easier (c) twenty-twenty (d) faster



*English Slang Idioms (94)*

- Q1 "I asked her how her mom was doing and I must have hit a ..... unintentionally. She grimaced and was withdrawn for the rest of the night," Maxie said to Ellis.  
(a) scar (b) scab (c) cut (d) nerve
- Q2 "That channel is pretty much hit and ..... Sometimes there are good movies on there, but not often enough," Johnny said to Paul.  
(a) miss (b) stick (c) error (d) push
- Q3 "Alright, professor. I am ready to answer your questions. .... me with your best shot," Alexis said after her presentation was complete.  
(a) Throw (b) Hit (c) Nab (d) Confuse
- Q4 He knew that he had hit rock ..... His wife had left him, he had lost his job, and now he was in trouble with the police for drinking and driving.  
(a) wall (b) quarry (c) work (d) bottom
- Q5 "My wife and I have hit rough ..... lately. We've received lots of unexpected bills and both of us have had deaths in the family," John told Brian.  
(a) paper (b) patches (c) weather (d) turbulence
- Q6 "As soon as the story of his corruption hits the ....., he will be done. You will win by a landslide," the politician's advisor told her.  
(a) airwaves (b) fire (c) board (d) proletariat
- Q7 He couldn't wait for the semester to be over. He had been hitting the ..... for the past week to prepare for the upcoming final exams and was sick of even looking at his text books.  
(a) bricks (b) books (c) walls (d) gas
- Q8 He had always been a better shot than his best friend. He had won another twenty dollars from his friend when he had hit the bull's-..... three times out of five at the firing range.  
(a) rump (b) horns (c) tail (d) eye
- Q9 "I hope I don't get fired. I told the boss that I was going to be late getting my project done and she hit the ..... This is the third time this week I have done something to make her mad," Tom said to Christian.  
(a) ceiling (b) books (c) dirt (d) skids
- Q10 "The stuff is about to ..... the fan. Our boss just got arrested for fraud and I have heard that his boss is next. I hope that the company can survive all this," Shirley told Dave.  
(a) push (b) throw (c) run (d) hit

*English Slang Idioms (95)*

- Q1 He would never forget his first night in Army Basic Training with the others. They had hit the ground ..... as soon as they had arrived on the base. It hadn't mattered that it was 2 o'clock in the morning.  
(a) yelling (b) grabbing (c) flailing (d) running
- Q2 He knew that he had ..... the mark when he asked the politician where she got her campaign money. He knew that there was a story there after the politician failed to give a good explanation.  
(a) missed (b) described (c) hit (d) drawn
- Q3 Camping with his best friend had been fun. He knew that he better pack up and ..... the road soon if he was to get to work on time.  
(a) ride (b) hit (c) burn (d) pave
- Q4 "When they first got here, they were undisciplined and couldn't work together as a team. Now they are like a hive of worker ..... they function together as a single unit," the First Sergeant told the Commander at the Basic Training site.  
(a) ants (b) bees (c) termites (d) ladybugs
- Q5 "Some people believe that a woman's choice to have cosmetic surgery is more of a Hobson's ..... than an exercise of free will since there is so much pressure on women in our society to look beautiful," the professor said to the class.  
(a) fate (b) decision (c) experiment (d) choice
- Q6 "So, you got hoisted on your ..... I was wondering when you were going to get fired. No offense, but you are lazy, you call in sick too often, and you don't care enough," her mother told her.  
(a) car (b) petard (c) resume (d) feet
- Q7 "I don't know if we will be able to defeat the other side. They have more troops and supplies. They also have better intelligence. They seem to be holding all the ....., " the sergeant told the sergeant major.  
(a) maces (b) tools (c) surprises (d) aces
- Q8 "Thanks, you guys, for not doing any work on the group project. You left me holding the ..... and I am never going to work with any of you again," Steve told the others.  
(a) bag (b) weight (c) trash (d) cards
- Q9 He was still mad at his friends. They had all promised Miss Grady that they would help her build a shed and he was the only one that had shown up. In addition to being mad about being stuck holding the ....., he had a sore back.  
(a) barbell (b) baby (c) food (d) luggage
- Q10 "I have to go get more food and drinks for the party. Will you ..... the fort until I get back and make sure that nothing gets broken?" Todd asked his roommate.  
(a) build (b) patrol (c) fire (d) hold

*English Slang Idioms (96)*

- Q1 "Why haven't you gone on any dates in the past six months? Don't tell me that you are still holding a ..... for Steve. He doesn't even live in this area anymore," Lisa said to her roommate.  
(a) shamrock (b) shower (c) torch (d) locket
- Q2 "I can't believe Joe's holier-than-..... attitude toward people who live together before they are married. He shouldn't be so judgmental of other people," Maggie said to Elisa.  
(a) thou (b) church (c) saint (d) pope
- Q3 She was sure that her best friend had a ..... leg. She could eat and eat and was still as skinny as a rail.  
(a) fat (b) restricted (c) hollow (d) multipurpose
- Q4 She had made a scene in front of the dinner party when she had yelled at her boyfriend in front of everyone for not allowing her have a cat. He had agreed to let her get a cat at dinner, but as it turned out, she had won kind of a ..... victory. Her friends made excuses when she asked them to do something with her and her boyfriend was still mad.  
(a) wishy-washy (b) fragile (c) booty (d) hollow
- Q5 "..... smoke! You charge one hundred dollars to change a head light? That is twice as much as anyone else around here!" Willie told the mechanic.  
(a) Billowing (b) Smelling (c) Holy (d) Cigar
- Q6 Gas was now over four dollars a gallon. He thought it was highway ..... since he had just read a report that the gas companies had made record profits that year.  
(a) robbery (b) mishap (c) construction (d) collisions
- Q7 He had been in Iraq for 15 months now and couldn't wait to get back to ..... and hearth.  
(a) home (b) yard (c) garden (d) shed
- Q8 He had come from Israel but now the United States felt more like home. He figured that whoever had coined the saying "home is where you lay your .....", must have had a similar background.  
(a) bed (b) boots (c) eggs (d) hat
- Q9 "Well, there are only two more weeks left in the semester. We are on the ..... stretch now," Morris said to Jackson.  
(a) long (b) big (c) home (d) barn
- Q10 He knew that he would be able to finish Basic Training and become a soldier. With only a week left to go in the program, he was on the final .....  
(a) frontier (b) stretch (c) match (d) path

*English Slang Idioms (97)*

- Q1 "This vacation has been great, but I am looking forward to getting back to our place. Oh! There it is! Home sweet ....., " Linda said to Chris.  
(a) site (b) place (c) home (d) bed
- Q2 "I had to work late again and that's the ..... truth. I know you think I was out with my friends but my boss will vouch for me if you will call him," her boyfriend said.  
(a) heinous (b) particular (c) deplorable (d) honest
- Q3 "Showing yet another case of honor among ....., ' it has now been proven that the Mafia kingpin arrested two years ago was innocent and was covering up for a best friend," the television blared in the bar.  
(a) gangsters (b) thugs (c) thieves (d) crooks
- Q4 "I told him that there was nothing wrong with the car and he bought it hook, ....., and sinker. I hope the car runs long enough for him to get home," the crooked used-car salesman told his friend.  
(a) bobber (b) pole (c) bait (d) line
- Q5 "Is there a grocery store around here?" Jed asked. The couple responded, "Yes, Jay's Groceries is just a ..... , skip, and a jump from here. Just go about a block up, turn right, and you can't miss it."  
(a) hop (b) run (c) trot (d) bump
- Q6 He was hoping against ..... that the loan for the house would come through. His credit wasn't the best and he didn't have many assets. In fact, he was quite in debt, but he still had to try for his kids.  
(a) pride (b) barriers (c) hope (d) logic
- Q7 He knew that he didn't have a ..... in hell of getting the promotion now that he had called his immediate boss an idiot.  
(a) probability (b) wish (c) hope (d) premonition
- Q8 "Wow, I didn't know I would be stirring up a hornets' ..... by suggesting that all of the departments eat together for the company picnic instead of by themselves," Bill told Pam.  
(a) nest (b) hive (c) house (d) meal
- Q9 "I am right on the ..... of a dilemma here, Jack. My wife's mother, who I can't stand, just lost her source of income. If I suggest that we put her in a retirement home, my wife will hate me. If I allow her to move in with us, she will make my life hell," William said.  
(a) horns (b) brink (c) cusp (d) penumbra
- Q10 "I am sorry, Bill. I know a lot about car mechanics, but fixing washing machines is a horse of a different ..... You had better call a professional," Todd told him.  
(a) stock (b) make (c) color (d) race

*English Slang Idioms (98)*

- Q1 "I just had to do some horse ..... with Chris. He is selling his business and we had to agree on terms. He is a tough character. He must have got me to make five concessions that I was not planning on to make," Brendan told his assistant.  
(a) riding (b) whipping (c) trading (d) bargaining
- Q2 "Well, it's horses for ..... Just because you like rap music doesn't mean that everyone in the office is going to like it. Everyone's got different tastes," his wife told him.  
(a) courses (b) pastures (c) herding (d) feeding
- Q3 "We were able to stave off a ..... takeover from our competitor over the weekend. Perhaps we should buy some of our outstanding stock to try to keep this from happening again," the manager told the board of directors.  
(a) benign (b) hostile (c) forcible (d) grievance
- Q4 "We must be heading for an early summer. It is as hot as blue ..... out here and it is only May!" Bette said to Wanda.  
(a) skies (b) seas (c) blazes (d) whales
- Q5 "Wow, I am sweating and it is only 7 o'clock in the morning. It is going to be as ..... as Hades today," Max told Jessie.  
(a) cold (b) brisk (c) frigid (d) hot
- Q6 What to do about immigration is a ..... topic in America at the moment.  
(a) hot (b) giant (c) talked (d) wasted
- Q7 "It is later than I thought. I am going to have to ..... foot it home so that I don't get grounded. I'll see you tomorrow!" Billy told Tommy as he turned to sprint away.  
(a) double (b) quick (c) hectare (d) hot
- Q8 "The Ipod is a very hot ..... in America today and has changed the medium in which music is stored and played back forever," Tommy told the class during his presentation.  
(a) rod (b) potato (c) ticket (d) day
- Q9 "Did you see Private Hayward? He must be hot to ..... to get out of here for the weekend. He could barely sit still and looked at his watch a couple of hundred times during a five-minute interval," Sergeant Gonzales told the First Sergeant.  
(a) run (b) walk (c) bolt (d) trot
- Q10 "I am sorry. We voted and the majority of the office wants the coffeepot to stay in the break room. Don't be such a ..... about it only two others voted the same way you did," the boss told Willy after he started shouting at a coworker for not voting his way.  
(a) hothead (b) cow (c) sloth (d) boar

*English Slang Idioms (99)*

- Q1 Larry knew that his wife wouldn't be happy that he told his best friend that he could stay with them until he found a place to live. He had to. His best friend had been there for him in his ..... of need and he would return the favor.  
(a) chapter (b) volume (c) minute (d) hour
- Q2 His friend's plan to start a business was like a house of ..... If any one of the multiple steps that it took to start a successful business failed, the whole plan would fall apart.  
(a) twigs (b) cards (c) mats (d) sand
- Q3 "How ..... Tommy got picked for the baseball team and I didn't? I am much better than he is and have been playing longer," Ricky asked the coach.  
(a) did (b) came (c) come (d) why
- Q4 "I got the highest score on the test and you got the second highest. How do you like them .....? I told you I would do better than you," Tim said to his best friend Kyle.  
(a) oranges (b) grapes (c) apples (d) watermelons
- Q5 "Hey, Bill. I haven't seen you in ages. How's .....?" Rod asked.  
(a) tricks (b) jobs (c) cash (d) cars
- Q6 He had decided that he would have a pool installed in his backyard, but with as little hue and ..... possible. He didn't want everyone he knew to be constantly coming over to use it.  
(a) cry (b) murmur (c) roar (d) rumor
- Q7 He decided to stop by the local restaurant. He hadn't eaten anything in over six hours and was as hungry as a .....  
(a) fox (b) bird (c) bear (d) frog
- Q8 She couldn't stand Jake he was a jerk. Even though he and her mother were all hunky ..... again, she remembered how he had acted toward his mother and what he had said that night.  
(a) grabby (b) peachy (c) lovely (d) dory
- Q9 He thought about what he would say to his boss tomorrow when he put in his two-weeks notice. He decided that he would start off by saying something to the effect of "I hereby give notice of my ..... to quit." He still had to figure out what he would say after that.  
(a) indifference (b) motion (c) yearn (d) intention
- Q10 "I know that I have to turn the darn key to turn the truck on. I may be daft, but I'm not ....., Dad!" His son said during his first driving lesson.  
(a) smart (b) cerebral (c) stupid (d) poor

*English Slang Idioms (100)*

- Q1 "I know the entrance exam for law school is difficult and takes a lot of preparation, but I'll cross that road when I ..... to it. I have at least two years before I can even apply to take it!" Marisa told her mom.  
(a) drive (b) walk (c) move (d) come
- Q2 He had to call his girlfriend and arrange to see her tonight. He had a ..... to pick with her about the party she threw in his place last night while he was away on business.  
(a) hair (b) bone (c) price (d) house
- Q3 "That's alright. You can lie to me if you want to right now, but I've got your ..... Now that I know what you are doing, I just have to figure out how you are doing it and then I am calling the police," the boss told Jeremy.  
(a) address (b) motive (c) nature (d) number
- Q4 "I could handle him drinking too much, but cheating on me? That was the ..... on the cake. I threw him out and I don't regret it," Mattie told her mom.  
(a) stars (b) candles (c) sugar (d) icing
- Q5 "I made a mistake there myself the first time I did it. You have to keep at it though. If at first you don't ....., try try again," Nate told his son as he worked on building his first cabinet.  
(a) succeed (b) fail (c) chance (d) capture
- Q6 "If I had a ..... for every time that darn commercial came on TV, I'd be able to pay the cable company not to show commercials at all!" Joey said to his parents.  
(a) orange (b) soldier (c) nickel (d) cudgel
- Q7 "Look, we need to focus on the big problems here. We need to stop focusing on parts of the company that are functional and look at the parts that aren't making us money. Let's see what we can come up with, and remember, if it ain't ....., don't fix it," the boss told the team.  
(a) grievous (b) intermittent (c) short-cycling (d) broken
- Q8 "We had the church service at my house last night! It was so cool! The pastor knew I was sick and couldn't come, so he brought some of the congregation here and we had church. If Mohammed won't come to the ..... , then the (...) must come to Mohammed!" Jerry told her friend.  
(a) goose (b) mountain (c) boat (d) representative
- Q9 "I hate Joe, Grandpa. He called me a liar!" Morris said. "But you did lie to him! You told me! If the shoe fits, ..... it!" His grandpa replied.  
(a) sell (b) hide (c) throw (d) wear
- Q10 "I wish I had a Ford Mustang," Jill told her friend. "Well, if wishes were horses, beggars would .....,," her friend replied with a laugh.  
(a) steal (b) work (c) ride (d) ranch

*English Slang Idioms (101)*

- Q1 He hadn't heard from his son in months and it was his fault. When his son had voiced a legitimate concern about passing Basic Training he had told him "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the ....., " Not the most understanding thing to say.  
(a) kitchen (b) pool (c) forest (d) booth
- Q2 He knew his dad didn't like his friends since they had been in trouble with the law. His father told him "if you fly with the ....., you get shot with the (...)," but he just couldn't see how he would get in trouble just by hanging out with them.  
(a) planes (b) cranes (c) crows (d) herons
- Q3 He had been arrested as an accomplice to robbery simply because his friends, who he was going to a movie with at the time, had robbed someone earlier that day. He remembered what his grandma used to say about keeping company with the wrong sort: "if you lie down with the dogs, you get up with ....., "
- (a) hair (b) smell (c) drool (d) fleas
- Q4 "Let's just assume, for the purpose of this conversation, if you ....., that Mr. Jones did rob the store," the defense attorney said before starting his argument.  
(a) want (b) will (c) well (d) choose
- Q5 He felt ..... at ease every time he saw Mrs. Collins. She had once accused him of attacking her daughter and, even though the attacker had been caught, things had never been the same.  
(a) completely (b) rank (c) ill (d) left
- Q6 "If you are found guilty of dealing drugs or laundering money, the courts may take all of your assets if they believe that those assets were paid for with ill-gotten ....., " the Law professor told her class.  
(a) trading (b) methods (c) gains (d) debt
- Q7 "Hi, Bro. I need you to loan me one hundred dollars. I am really in a ..... I don't get paid until next week and I am short on my rent. I had to pay for my transmission to get fixed this week and had to pay the doctor I saw a month ago," Jake said to his brother.  
(a) job (b) fix (c) vacation (d) opportunity
- Q8 "My front tire popped, and in a ....., I was off the road in a ditch. Miraculously, I am fine and so is my car, other than the tire," Cat told her boyfriend.  
(a) flash (b) eternity (c) pinch (d) bind
- Q9 "I am sorry I messed up especially after you just told me what to do. I have been in a ..... all morning it won't happen again," John nervously said to his supervisor when she caught his mistake.  
(a) clear sky (b) distraction (c) intense mood (d) fog
- Q10 "You are at the hospital with Mom? I will be there in a ..... I am leaving work right now and am very close to the hospital," Derek said to Larissa.  
(a) week (b) fog (c) heartbeat (d) cloud



*English Slang Idioms (112)*

- Q1 He knew that he possessed a trait that every good manager should have: he had the ability to keep his ..... in very stressful situations.  
(a) job (b) head (c) thought (d) motives
- Q2 When she first started working for the company she had a hard time keeping her head above ..... She could barely cope with the workload and with learning all the different company regulations.  
(a) ground (b) water (c) criticisms (d) clouds
- Q3 He knew that to succeed in the job he had, one had to keep his or her nose to the ..... from the time he or she got to the door until close of business.  
(a) grindstone (b) face (c) mirror (d) booking
- Q4 He didn't know if he could quit smoking cigarettes. He had tried to ..... the habit several times before and had always gone back to smoking within a period of a month or two.  
(a) ended (b) eradicate (c) fuel (d) kick
- Q5 "Hi, Jim, it's your Dad. I hate to say it, but your mom and I have decided that we are going to stop paying for your car insurance. We are kicking away the ..... so that you learn how to make it on your own without assistance from anyone."  
(a) dirt (b) ladder (c) check (d) salsa
- Q6 His girlfriend showing up at work with his best friend to let him know that she was breaking up with him to marry his best friend was the worst kick in the ..... he had ever experienced.  
(a) pants (b) mule (c) teeth (d) start
- Q7 "We need to address this problem with our products. People could get hurt. We can't afford to kick the problem into the long ..... and pretend it doesn't exist," the manager told the staff.  
(a) waters (b) grass (c) sandbars (d) taste
- Q8 "I want you to leave this assignment in plain view on your desk until it is completed. If you see it, you will complete it. If you put it in your desk, it's out of sight, out of ..... and it may be forgotten," the supervisor said.  
(a) existence (b) universe (c) ballpark (d) mind
- Q9 He knew that as soon as his father kicked the ..... he would inherit the family farm. He wasn't sure whether it would be right to sell the farm after his father passed away and put all of the hands that worked there out on the street.  
(a) boards (b) lottery (c) the addiction (d) bucket
- Q10 "I don't have a specific job at a specific company in mind. When I get out of school, I am going to keep my ..... open and look for the job that pays the best," Luke told his parents over the phone.  
(a) windows (b) nose (c) options (d) banks

*English Slang Idioms (113)*

- Q1 At first, she had told her friends that she wouldn't go out with them that night. She then decided that it would probably do her some good to ..... her heels for a change.  
(a) dig in (b) come to (c) kick up (d) let go of
- Q2 He knew that he would have to handle the investigation of the senator's possible corruption with ..... If something went wrong, which it easily could, his career would be over.  
(a) drain plugs (b) willful malice  
(c) kid gloves (d) bull in a china shop
- Q3 The head Research and Development technician had been fired last week for radically changing the product design of the company's leading product at the last moment without permission. The change was not for the better. The last comment from the boss before the technician was lead out of the building was, "Thanks for killing the ..... that laid the golden egg."  
(a) cow (b) mongoose (c) goose (d) snake
- Q4 She first met Ellen at a conservation rally. They seemed to have everything in common and started spending a lot of time together. She was glad that she had found a kindred ..... in her new area.  
(a) ghost (b) idea (c) likeness (d) spirit
- Q5 "Jim, meet Dan. He is the ..... of the castle around here; the regional manager in charge of this office," Wesley said.  
(a) king (b) jester (c) parapet (d) stone
- Q6 "I sure love this car but it cost a king's ..... My wife is still mad that I spent as much as I did on it," Mike told his coworker.  
(a) stables (b) ransom (c) painting (d) clothing
- Q7 "I can't believe that you betrayed my confidence and told Irma that I was mad at her and why. I didn't figure you for someone who would ..... and tell. I thought I could trust you!" Rachel yelled at Jessica.  
(a) slap (b) sell (c) kiss (d) learn
- Q8 "We need to focus on selling a different product. As you know, the one we have been pushing was aimed at buyers from high society. Hanz Crankenborkel, as you know, has a lot of sway with the society types and he gave our product the ..... of death by saying, in front of the public dinner, that our product is too tawdry for his social status," Michael told the team.  
(a) bane (b) mark (c) kiss (d) tell
- Q9 "The whole lot of you failed to meet the standards this month. Every single one of you! You can ..... your performance bonus goodbye," the angry boss told his staff.  
(a) mail (b) trade (c) say (d) kiss
- Q10 "I am sorry that I punched you in the face when you walked through the door last night, Bill. It was just a knee-jerk ..... I wasn't expecting you you said you were going to be out of town. I heard the knob rattle at 12 o'clock at night. I went to check it out, the door opened, and I swung. I thought you were a burglar," Matt said.  
(a) reaction (b) match (c) dilemma (d) defense

*English Slang Idioms (114)*

- Q1 When Bill picked up the box that she could have easily picked up and then acted like if he hadn't been there she wouldn't have been able to get the box inside, she said sarcastically "What would I have ever have done without you. You are my ..... in shining armor."
- (a) armadillo (b) knight (c) tank (d) ship
- Q2 She asked him if he had any idea who would have slashed her tires. He ..... his brows, put his fist under his chin, and was silent for about a minute. He told her that he was sorry, but he couldn't think of anyone who would do that.
- (a) crossed (b) shaved (c) knit (d) cut
- Q3 "I am sorry that I missed your call. I was up drinking until late and was dead to the ..... until 10 o'clock this morning," Jimmy told Ernie.
- (a) family (b) job (c) rights (d) world
- Q4 "Are you ready for the interview? You are? Well, knock em ..... I am sure you will do great," her dad told her.
- (a) dead (b) sense (c) lame (d) geese
- Q5 "I kept getting calls during dinner asking me to donate to the Firemen's Union. I knocked that on the ..... I called the supervisor and told him to quit calling. He said he would," Chris told his wife.
- (a) books (b) head (c) flock (d) door
- Q6 "I am sorry that I ..... the pins out from under you on Friday. I know I said I would help you move, but I got called into work at 5 o'clock in the morning and didn't get a break until after you were done," Wallace told Steve.
- (a) put (b) placed (c) knocked (d) painted
- Q7 "I can't wait to show you the new product we've designed, Max. It will knock your ..... off," Lilly told him.
- (a) blocks (b) socks (c) chrome (d) mirror
- Q8 "I don't think we should rehire Mitch during the spring. He is an idiot. The guy doesn't know a ..... from a handsaw," Larry told Ellis.
- (a) car (b) hawk (c) handsaw (d) paper
- Q9 "I am sorry, Christian. I am going to have to take you to court. You knew full ..... that I was relying on your promise to sell me your wood and you sold it to someone else. Why? I am not sure," Bill told him.
- (a) information (b) well (c) handle (d) examination
- Q10 "I don't think this company will ever fire Kim. She has been here longer than anyone else and knows where the ..... are buried," Linus told Ben.
- (a) garden (b) seeds (c) bodies (d) trucks

*English Slang Idioms (115)*

- Q1 "Jack won't join the union. I told him not to and he'll listen. He knows which side his ..... is buttered on," Mr. Willis told the union representative.  
(a) beans (b) carrots (c) bread (d) corn
- Q2 "Jake is a good employee. That guy sure knows his ..... There isn't anything about how this place is ran that he doesn't know about," Marcie told Melissa.  
(a) onions (b) ideas (c) feelings (d) shoes
- Q3 "You all think that Jack is going to side with you against management, but he won't. He knows his ..... He knows that it is not his job to decide how things are ran around here and won't get involved," Mr. Willis told the union representative.  
(a) peas (b) place (c) size (d) format
- Q4 They had been maintaining a hobby farm for several years. They made a little money from it, but just enough to cover the costs. It was more a labor of ..... than anything else. They just really liked animals.  
(a) investment (b) love (c) grains (d) decision
- Q5 "Sorry, Wes can't come to the phone right now. He has gone to the ..... of nod. He fell asleep at about 8 PM. You'll have to try back tomorrow," Jake's wife said.  
(a) land (b) work (c) location (d) river
- Q6 His campaign manager had said that he would win by a nice amount but he hadn't planned on the ..... victory that he had won. He had won by a huge margin.  
(a) domination (b) wishy-washy (c) landslide (d) example
- Q7 "Tim is the manager's lap ..... He is always kissing up to him and doing favors for him. It makes me sick," Lillibeth said to Ellie.  
(a) blanket (b) dog (c) belt (d) dance
- Q8 He didn't want to seem like he was ..... up to the boss, but the boss had made a great maneuver that he felt was worth complimenting. He hoped that the others see it that way too.  
(a) glancing (b) making (c) riding (d) kissing
- Q9 He disliked people that whined about petty day-to-day problems that everyone in America faced. He felt that those who whined needed to ..... it up and handle the issues without bothering him.  
(a) run (b) cry (c) suck (d) plump
- Q10 His brother responded, "I have no idea if it will rain. That is in the lap of the ....., " and hung up on him in annoyance.  
(a) ducks (b) belts (c) whales (d) gods

*English Slang Idioms (116)*

- Q1 When Christopher Reeves died, many mourned the passing of a guy who seemed larger than .....  
 (a) normal (b) life (c) pictures (d) acceptable
- Q2 "Hey, Mike, it's Henry. The guys and I are going out for drinks as kind of a last ..... before shipping out to Iraq. Do you want to come?"  
 (a) stand (b) regrets (c) rights (d) hurrah
- Q3 "That hoodlum thinks that he got away with my car scott free. I'll have the last ..... though I'll see him in jail! I got a picture of him and the police think that they know who it is," Millie said to Geraldine.  
 (a) ride (b) laugh (c) last (d) act
- Q4 His last-..... effort to save his company had failed and he knew now that he would have to file for bankruptcy.  
 (a) crusade (b) day (c) check (d) ditch
- Q5 "I love hanging out with your brother. That guy is hilarious! He's a ..... a minute!" Jane told Roxanne.  
 (a) smile (b) jinx (c) laugh (d) downer
- Q6 "When I see Zack, I am going to smack him. He put my junior high school pictures on the internet. You know, when I had braces and blue hair? I'm now the laughing ..... of the whole school," Melissa told Stacey.  
 (a) class (b) picture (c) voice (d) stock
- Q7 "I am so glad that you came over and talked to me. I feel so much better. Laughing did me a lot of good," Percy told Lucy. "I have always believed that ..... is the best medicine," she replied.  
 (a) clenching muscles (b) laughter (c) distracting (d) sadness
- Q8 He saw Mr. Smitch and quickly ducked into the nearest store. Mr. Smitch was kind of a law unto ..... He had a tendency of telling people what they needed to hear, according to his opinion, no matter who it was or whether it may any sense at all. He had recently insulted some policeman by saying that they were corrupt even though they were not.  
 (a) jail (b) himself (c) mad (d) mistake
- Q9 "Sorry about that, Steve. I heard the kids fighting and had to go lay down the ..... They are behaving now," Millie told him.  
 (a) blanket (b) manual (c) law (d) norm
- Q10 "I feel bad for Maude. A used salesman led her up the ..... path and sold her a car. Unfortunately, all the good things he told her about the car weren't true. That car has been in the shop since she bought it," Lisa told Beth.  
 (a) less traveled (b) garden (c) putty (d) railed

*English Slang Idioms (117)*

- Q1 "I like Sergeant Caruso. He really leads with his ..... He says what needs to be said and does what needs to be done, no matter whether it gets him flack or not," Sergeant Lent told Sergeant O'Brian.  
(a) belt (b) chin (c) rubber (d) mat
- Q2 Barrack Obama's presidential campaign has caught a lot of ..... from people regarding his pastor's views.  
(a) knack (b) flog (c) regard (d) flack
- Q3 Wal-Mart is considered a lean and ..... organization by many due to the efficiency of their business and their ability to offer products at a lower cost than many competitors.  
(a) weak (b) bland (c) gigantic (d) mean
- Q4 "We have to find this killer and get him out of society before anyone else dies. I know no clues have been found, but you all need to search again. Leave no ..... unturned. We have to get this guy," the Chief of Police said.  
(a) lead (b) thought (c) stone (d) theory
- Q5 "You are going to have to leave. She already asked you twice not to bring up her not getting accepted into the college she wanted to go to. Can't you leave well enough .....?" her dad asked Jimmy.  
(a) voluntary (b) together (c) alone (d) gifts
- Q6 Sometimes it is hard for businesses to keep everything coordinated when they expand quickly. Business can be disrupted by departments not communicating and other examples of the left ..... not knowing what the right (...) is doing.  
(a) shoe (b) brain (c) wing (d) hand
- Q7 "Jim, you know I have equal seniority with the others here. Why am I not being invited to any of the meetings? I feel like I am being deliberately left in the ....., " Luke said.  
(a) dark (b) drawer (c) shelf (d) shed
- Q8 "What would I be doing? Well, if ..... to my own devices, I would be reading a book in the woods," Private Johnson told Specialist Bilby.  
(a) trapped (b) left (c) chained (d) partial
- Q9 "Hey, Paul, it's Chris. Do you have time to lend an .....? I have a problem that I think you might know how to deal with."  
(a) hand (b) dollar (c) specialist (d) ear
- Q10 "I am not surprised that your brother is in jail for drugs. He has always had that problem. I know he says he will change, but a leopard can't change its ....., Melanie," Misty said.  
(a) speed (b) height (c) spots (d) mass

*English Slang Idioms (118)*

- Q1 Some Americans believe that none of the presidential candidates they can choose from represent them. They feel that it is a choice between the lesser of the two .....
- (a) possibilities (b) votes (c) people (d) evils
- Q2 It is hard for many families to pay for college text books in America, let ..... pay the expensive tuition for school.
- (a) aside (b) alone (c) twice (d) enough
- Q3 He had tried to make up with his best friend for years but his best friend wouldn't talk to him. He wished that his friend would just let bygones be ..... and hang out with him again.
- (a) buried (b) left aside (c) changed (d) bygones
- Q4 "Jay, I don't know that you should take the promotion. You have told me many times that you have always wanted to be a lawyer. Why don't you go to law school? It's not too late. Don't let the best be the enemy of the ....., " Melissa told him.
- (a) law (b) intellectual (c) good (d) destined
- Q5 "I have decided that I don't care if I live in California or not. I have sent resumes to companies all over the world. I am going to see who calls first and let the chips ..... how they may," Randy said to Cathy.
- (a) arrange (b) fall (c) roll (d) organize
- Q6 "Don't worry about how Chris is doing at work. Just worry about how you are doing and ..... the devil take the hindmost. I know that is hard since he's your brother, though," the boss told Luke.
- (a) let (b) stop (c) force (d) fire
- Q7 "Great. Why did you ask Linda what time she was coming to her SURPRISE party, you idiot! You let the genie out of the ..... and now she knows all about the party," Rick said to Bill.
- (a) cave (b) room (c) tomb (d) bottle
- Q8 "Don't let the ..... grow around your feet. You have the time to clean your room, clean it up!" His mom said.
- (a) lint (b) food (c) grass (d) cat
- Q9 Many people hate dealing with the bureaucracy of the Department of Motor Vehicles. One criticism is that they refuse to listen to logic, or think outside the box, since they only follow the ..... the law.
- (a) number (b) letter (c) picture (d) image
- Q10 "I hate it when people lie but are very obvious about it. Like Mary she lies like a ..... Her voice changes, she won't look you in the eyes, and her stories don't hold up," Jerry said to Lilly.
- (a) sign (b) rug (c) rock (d) liar

*English Slang Idioms (119)*

|     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |            |                |               |              |
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| Q1  | "I can tell that you are lying through your ....., Cindy. Your friends all told me the real story so give it up," her mom said.                                                                                                            | (a) face   | (b) tongue     | (c) hair      | (d) teeth    |
| Q2  | I am always impressed by people who risk ..... and limb to help strangers in distress.                                                                                                                                                     | (a) tree   | (b) hand       | (c) foot      | (d) life     |
| Q3  | "How am I doing? I can't complain right now. Life is a ..... of cherries at the moment. How about you?" Tim asked John.                                                                                                                    | (a) tree   | (b) pie        | (c) bowl      | (d) hint     |
| Q4  | "I know that you are worried about college finals but there is light at the end of the ..... No matter what happens, you will be finished in two weeks. On top of that, will be only one semester away from graduation!" Her mom told her. | (a) tunnel | (b) flashlight | (c) sky       | (d) bulb     |
| Q5  | "Wow, I just had a light ..... moment! I finally understand now how to erase unwanted work in Microsoft Excel!" Brian told Brenda.                                                                                                         | (a) house  | (b) flash      | (c) bulb      | (d) bright   |
| Q6  | He knew that it would be hard to out-argue the other lawyer, Tom Gradinson. Mr. Gradinson was renowned for being ..... on his feet.                                                                                                        | (a) landed | (b) light      | (c) imbalance | (d) long     |
| Q7  | Every company that sells technology hopes to develop a product that is light ..... ahead of their competitors' products                                                                                                                    | (a) bulbs  | (b) houses     | (c) sources   | (d) years    |
| Q8  | "Dwayne is our local ..... rod. Before he started working here, the boss used to take out his anger on all of us. Now he just yells at Dwayne when he's mad," Candice told Adam.                                                           | (a) hot    | (b) lightening | (c) curtain   | (d) fishing  |
| Q9  | "After the car accident, I was trapped for four hours like a beached ....., " Carie told Marcie.                                                                                                                                           | (a) boat   | (b) whale      | (c) kelp      | (d) umbrella |
| Q10 | "You need to slow down and think about what it is you're doing. You are going about this like a ..... at the gate. You are going too fast and screwing up too much," Larry said to Luke.                                                   | (a) goose  | (b) robber     | (c) board     | (d) bull     |



*English Slang Idioms (122)*

- Q1 He hated the wait before a job interview; he felt as antsy as a cat on ..... bricks.  
(a) cold (b) wet (c) hot (d) rough
- Q2 "I just saw Steven leave the boss's office. It must have been good news. He looks as happy as the ..... that got the cream," Jenny told Rachel.  
(a) dog (b) boar (c) cat (d) elephant
- Q3 "I got another jury summons! I needed that right now about as much as a fish needs a ....., " James told his roommate.  
(a) tank (b) food (c) fin (d) bicycle
- Q4 He felt insulted. The proprietor of the store had been watching him like a ..... ever since he entered the store. He wasn't a thief.  
(a) fish (b) cat (c) hippopotamus (d) hawk
- Q5 He decided that he would jump off of the bridge and into the water even though it was potentially dangerous. He didn't want his friends to think he was a .....  
(a) chicken (b) goose (c) cash (d) snitch
- Q6 "My husband and I went to the classic car show this weekend. My husband had been looking forward to it for a long time. As soon as he entered into the event he looked as happy as a kid in a ..... store," Lisa told Ken and then laughed.  
(a) textbook (b) health food (c) candy (d) pottery
- Q7 Even though he had been in several serious motorcycle accidents, he still rode too fast. He was drawn to high speeds like a ..... to a flame  
(a) fish (b) moth (c) zebra (d) book
- Q8 The manager read the second letter of resignation she had received that day. Since the press release reporting that the company was in a lot of trouble had come out, employees had been leaving like rats deserting a ..... ship.  
(a) sailing (b) new (c) arriving (d) sinking
- Q9 Now that the new procedure had been implemented in the warehouse, packages were arriving, being stored, and were leaving like .....  
(a) soapbox (b) cereal (c) clockwork (d) wax
- Q10 "Marty's boy is doing extremely well so far as a banker. His old man was one of our best employees, so I am not surprised. Well, like ....., like son," Mr. Williams said to Mr. Todd.  
(a) relative (b) Descendent (c) father (d) moon

*English Slang Idioms (123)*

- Q1 "Hi, Adam. How are your hot pepper plants doing? Mine are growing like no one's ..... now that the weather is getting warmer," Chris said.  
(a) dreams (b) goals (c) business (d) yard
- Q2 "I am going to take my Honda in to the mechanic to change the timing belt. Changing a timing belt on a Honda is like pulling ..... It is so hard!" Adam said to Tom.  
(a) weeds (b) strings (c) tape (d) teeth
- Q3 "Passing the final Law exam was as easy as taking candy from a ..... I expected it to be much harder," Luke said to Kyle.  
(a) baby (b) goat (c) machine (d) store
- Q4 "I used to have a hard time playing that song on the guitar as well. I have played it so many times now that I know it like the back of my ....., " Chris replied in response to Kyle's question.  
(a) hand (b) shoe (c) head (d) car
- Q5 "Private McCan was so drunk last night. He kept ordering beers like there was no ....., " Sergeant Haze said to the platoon sergeant.  
(a) next weekend (b) tomorrow (c) more (d) scarcity
- Q6 "If private McCan is late to duty one more time, I am going to be on him like white on ....., " First Sergeant Wilson said to his squad leader.  
(a) wash (b) light (c) paint (d) rice
- Q7 The news of the boss's getting fired spread through the office like .....  
(a) weeds (b) spilled milk (c) wildfire (d) cold air
- Q8 Tim was suspended from school for fighting. When asked by his parents why he had gotten into a fight, he told them that another kid had called him a lily-..... coward for refusing to cut school.  
(a) plant (b) brained (c) looking (d) livered
- Q9 "I talked to the boss about adding medical benefits for the staff. She said that she would consider it and would hopefully add medical benefits to our compensation soon. I don't think she will though. I think her response was just ..... service. I think she just said that to get me to leave her office peacefully," Kim told Randy.  
(a) lip (b) tea (c) coffee (d) fool
- Q10 "I know that the job seems very difficult but it isn't really. It is made up of a bunch of little tasks, so just start in on one, then another, and soon the job will be done. Just remember, little strokes fell great ....., " the boss said to the worried employee.  
(a) pines (b) oaks (c) axes (d) people

*English Slang Idioms (124)*

- Q1 Tom Larrington was one of her favorite employees. The guy was a regular live ..... He was always full of energy and enthusiasm. He never ceased to motivate others who wanted to be motivated.  
(a) performance (b) animal (c) cable (d) wire
- Q2 There was a knock and the door and, lo and ....., it was the pizza man who was 45 minutes late.  
(a) mold (b) behold (c) beholding (d) held
- Q3 He knew he had a gambling problem, he just wished he admitted it to himself and got help before borrowing \$30,000.00 from a dangerous ..... shark. The money was due, plus 40% interest, two days from now and he didn't have it.  
(a) finance (b) fiancée (c) loan (d) capital
- Q4 He asked the manager if it would be possible to place him on a different work team. She had assigned him to the same team as Ricky. He and Ricky disagreed on everything and he knew that it would only be a matter of time before he and Ricky locked ..... about an issue if they were forced to work together.  
(a) doors (b) gates (c) horns (d) deals
- Q5 "Why the long ....., John? I would think that you would be happy now that your final exams are over and you are on summer vacation," his girlfriend said to him.  
(a) shirt (b) face (c) tail (d) hair
- Q6 She knew that she only had a ..... shot at graduating college after this semester now that she had flunked two of her four midterm exams.  
(a) short (b) mini (c) powder (d) long
- Q7 "Hi, Jack. Long time, no ..... How long has it been since we got together last? It must be at least a year," Ron said.  
(a) sight (b) sea (c) see (d) bonding
- Q8 "I am sorry that I applied and took the job you wanted, Steve. It was the only job being offered that I was qualified for and I had to ..... for number one," Cathy told him.  
(a) seek (b) block (c) flight (d) look
- Q9 His grandfather had always told him "look before you ....." and he had found time and time again that failing to contemplate the consequences of one's actions could get one in a lot of trouble.  
(a) sign (b) leap (c) buy (d) enter
- Q10 "I know that you really wanted to work in Nicaragua this summer and are sad that you won't be able to. Look at the ..... side, though. At least you will have more time to spend with me," Mike's girlfriend said to him.  
(a) long (b) white (c) bright (d) desirable

*English Slang Idioms (126)*

- Q1 She couldn't help snidely saying "look what the ..... dragged in" when the presenter finally arrived 30 minutes after he was supposed to.  
(a) cat (b) mouse (c) dog (d) police
- Q2 "I went to see the new horror movie with my boyfriend this weekend. It was so gory I almost lost my ..... I felt sick to my stomach for a good while after the film ended," Sally said to May.  
(a) incentive (b) motivation (c) lunch (d) sleepiness
- Q3 "My best friend recently spent five thousand dollars on clothes when she barely makes fifteen hundred dollars a month and is heavily in debt. That doesn't make any sense! I think she has ..... her marbles!" Justine told Carie.  
(a) played (b) sold (c) recycled (d) lost
- Q4 The professor informed the students before the exam that if they were unable solve the more complex equations they might still pass the test since there was plenty of low-hanging ..... on the test.  
(a) branches leading to the top of the tree (b) obstacles  
(c) objectives (d) fruit
- Q5 When examining the possibility of turning a profit from currency exchange transactions, he came to the conclusion that he could make a ..... if he could obtain sufficient capital to start business.  
(a) bank (b) dent (c) retirement (d) mint
- Q6 Earlier in the day, Jacob asked his dad to buy him a new Honda Accord for his 17th birthday. His father thought to himself, "what does the kid think? That I am made of .....?"  
(a) money (b) assets (c) currency (d) solutions
- Q7 Gina asked the insurance representative to update her on what was happening with her case. He informed her that some of her records were in another department and weren't immediately accessible. He then informed her that he would make an ..... and would call her back as soon as possible with the requested information  
(a) decision (b) opinion (c) inquiry (d) request
- Q8 Her mom said that she was going to go to the store to pick up some food for dinner. She asked her mom as her mom was leaving, "Can I make a .....? Can you buy my some Vanilla ice cream while you're there?"  
(a) order (b) list (c) plan (d) request
- Q9 "How did the auction go? Did you get any good deals?" Sally asked Tim. Tim replied, "I got three couches and a bed for the price of one couch. I made out like a ....."  
(a) buccaneer (b) poster child (c) bandit (d) teenager
- Q10 "I never figured Tom for someone who would make ..... around here. He seemed like the meeker type someone who would follow directions without complaint and who would accept the way things are around here," Luke said to Beth  
(a) bread (b) waves (c) rain (d) tradition

*English Slang Idioms (128)*

- Q1 The politician said to the audience, "Every man in the ..... wants the same things: to work hard, to make money, to get to keep most of the money, to get quality healthcare for his family, and to be able to vote on a candidate that mirrors his views."
- (a) plant (b) factory (c) sea (d) street
- Q2 "Kids, sometimes you are going to be tempted to do the wrong thing because you don't think that anyone will ever find out that you did the wrong thing. We, as your parents may not ever know what you did, but the man ..... knows," their dad told his son and daughter before bed.
- (a) downtown (b) in the closet (c) upstairs (d) inside
- Q3 "My dog is so loyal. Everywhere I go, he wants to go. Everything I tell him to do, he does. I guess that is why dogs are called "man's best .....,," Linda told James
- (a) characteristic (b) friend (c) possession (d) find
- Q4 "Steve? I don't think you would like Steve. He is kind of a man's ....., you know? He likes hunting, fishing, drinking beer, going to the races, those kinds of things. You don't like any of those things," Gina told her best friend.
- (a) example (b) partner (c) companion (d) man
- Q5 "Your plan sounds good, but have you given thought on how to implement it? There is many a ..... twixt cup and lip, you know," the boss told the head of the department
- (a) slip (b) achievement (c) fake (d) fumble
- Q6 The birthday card was simple. It only had one line that said "many happy ....." and a short message from his son, but it still meant a lot to him that his son remembered his birthday.
- (a) thoughts (b) returns (c) presents (d) sights
- Q7 "I don't think I am going to come tonight. Many ..... ago, I was a big drinker, but I don't like to get drunk anymore," Lilly told her friends when they asked her to go to the bar with them.
- (a) lifetime (b) moons (c) steps (d) segments
- Q8 "Steve is an interesting guy. He definitely marches to the beat of his own ....., He dresses eccentrically and uses obscure words in his speech. I like him because he is different," Sally told Joe.
- (a) bass (b) drum (c) sound (d) singing
- Q9 "I think that we should offer him police protection. After testifying against the gang, he is a ..... man. It is only matter of time before one of the gang members tries to kill him," the policeman told the chief
- (a) harmed (b) painted (c) disliked (d) marked
- Q10 "Can you send an ambulance right away? It is a matter of life and ....., There are people who are severely injured here and some are bleeding profusely," the man said over his cell phone at the scene of the car crash.
- (a) quality (b) limb (c) injury (d) death

*English Slang Idioms (129)*

- Q1 "Well, the meat and ..... of the issue is that our competitors are able to produce a similar product at much less cost due to their buying supplies from China," John told the other company members during his presentation  
(a) fork (b) potatoes (c) soda (d) salad
- Q2 "I hope that we can save our marriage. We are going to counseling, but so far it has not helped. If only my husband would meet me ..... on some of our issues, we might be able to make our marriage work," Tina told Jessica.  
(a) around the corner (b) all the way (c) on top (d) halfway
- Q3 "Did you here that Jim died? He went to meet his ..... last Thursday. We are taking his wife dinner this week. Would you care to come with us?" Maude asked Elizabeth.  
(a) marker (b) maker (c) manufacturer (d) molder
- Q4 "I enjoy playing chess with Derrick. I have finally met my ..... Usually, I beat my opponent easily, but it is always a challenge to beat him," Adam said to his wife.  
(a) acquaintance (b) challenger (c) winner (d) match
- Q5 "I went to watch Jay's band play and I didn't expect much. I didn't think that Jay would be able to sing, but he has a voice and lyrics that are guaranteed to melt your ....., " Tina said to Jacky.  
(a) emotion (b) heart (c) stomach (d) brain
- Q6 America has been described as a ..... pot. One reason for this is there are so many different cultures that live in close proximity to each other. The different cultures eventually have an effect on each other in which each incorporates aspects of the other.  
(a) melting (b) stew (c) stirring (d) clay
- Q7 "I like John, but he has a ..... like a sieve. He forgets everything I tell him within minutes of hearing the information," his boss told his assistant  
(a) countenance (b) storage (c) memory (d) focus
- Q8 "Steve and I have been able to finally mend our ..... We have been mad at each other for about a year over something stupid, but we have finally go the problem resolved. It is no good for neighbors to be mad at each other for long periods of time," Jack told Nick.  
(a) fortunes (b) stitches (c) clothing (d) fences
- Q9 "That kid that attacked Officer Jefferson has been put away for a long time. If he thought that he could get away with it, he was wrong. Some people are saying that the sentence he received is too long for someone that young, but if you mess with a bull, you get the ....., " Officer Mills told his wife.  
(a) tail (b) horns (c) back (d) hooves
- Q10 "Jim conducts business in a somewhat atypical and unconventional way, but there is a method to his ..... and he consistently gets more results than any of our other representatives," Bill told Jack.  
(a) odd (b) strangeness (c) madness (d) gravity

*English Slang Idioms (130)*

- Q1 They had been trying to negotiate the sale of their house for what seemed like an eternity. It didn't look like they were going to be able to sell it to the couple after all. After four hours of negotiation, the two couples were in a Mexican ..... The sellers wouldn't accept anything less than a hundred fifty thousand dollars and the other couple wouldn't go above one hundred twenty thousand dollars.  
(a) food (b) trade (c) standoff (d) give and take
- Q2 "Why are we paying Steve such a high salary? We are paying him that much because he has the Midas ..... Everything he has done for this company has resulted in more than expected profits. His ideas make us vastly more money than what we have to pay him," Jim told the board of directors.  
(a) brain (b) approach (c) touch (d) method
- Q3 "We had a great day on Saturday," Maxie said sarcastically. "We were driving to the river and then we popped a tire. We were in the middle of ..... when it happened and we didn't have our cellphone," she said to Grace.  
(a) woods (b) trouble (c) nowhere (d) lost
- Q4 The private had previously failed his running test. He vowed, ..... and main, that he would pass the next one so that he could stay in the army.  
(a) might (b) brunt (c) will (d) fortification
- Q5 His son was having trouble seeing how doing well in school would help him succeed in life. He explained to his son that success in life was the sum of many little achievements and that each little step counted. He told him "Mighty oaks, from little ..... grow."  
(a) acorns (b) twigs (c) little (d) root
- Q6 "This job is becoming a millstone around my ..... The longer I work here, the less chance I will have to go to school and land a career doing what I truly want to do," Matt told his coworker and friend.  
(a) socks (b) feet (c) neck (d) hat
- Q7 "Don't mince ....., Jeff. Tell me exactly what you think of my idea and don't worry about me getting angry," the boss said  
(a) tomatoes (b) perception (c) saying (d) words
- Q8 The army tries to instill will power in its new recruits. When privates get tired and want to quit running, they are encouraged to think "mind over ....." and keep going, which they often can.  
(a) mass (b) nature (c) aches (d) matter
- Q9 The train conductor told the passengers to mind the ..... when exiting the train since there was a space of about six inches between the train and the platform.  
(a) gap (b) divide (c) obstacle (d) misstep
- Q10 "Gina, quit asking Grace about what she exactly said to her husband when she found out he was cheating on her. .... your own beeswax!" Rachel told her.  
(a) Spin (b) Mind (c) Sell (d) Dig

*English Slang Idioms (131)*

- Q1 "We are going to your great aunt's house for dinner tonight. You better ..... your P's and Q's while we are there tonight. She is from an older generation and expects kids to act politely. You were both very rude last time we were there," Ben and Josie's grandma told them.  
(a) thank (b) mind (c) write (d) remember
- Q2 He was very happy with his purchase. He had bought a Ford Mustang that was in ..... condition for a very cheap price  
(a) factories (b) blemished (c) mint (d) refurbished
- Q3 "Don't pay attention to Jimmy's insults. He just has a case of the ..... guts. He is unhappy so he tries to make others unhappy," his grandpa told him when he came home from school hurt.  
(a) bad (b) petty (c) honesty (d) misery
- Q4 "There is no room for error on this project. A ..... is as good as a mile here since this is the first of many steps and each step hinges on the previous one," the boss told his staff.  
(a) bungle (b) miss (c) oversight (d) accident
- Q5 He liked to go to the mom and ..... coffee shop on the corner when he had spare time and wanted to read.  
(a) kids (b) friends (c) company (d) pop
- Q6 "Don't worry about what the Monday morning ..... say to you about your decisions. They don't understand that the right answer isn't always clear at the time and that sometimes there isn't adequate time to make a decision. They have the benefit of not having to make a decision and examining things after the fact. Just know that I understand why you decided to do what you did," the upper-level manager told the middle manager.  
(a) talkers (b) examiners (c) quarterbacks (d) players
- Q7 "What today's generation doesn't understand is that money doesn't grow on ..... They think that because they went to school, they should make more than someone who has worked their whole life," George complained to Max.  
(a) trees (b) fields (c) books (d) bottoms
- Q8 In America, money ..... is a major crime. Often the crime is committed to attempt to make drug money seem legitimate.  
(a) processing (b) converting (c) laundering (d) switching
- Q9 "I know that making money doesn't matter to you right now, but money makes many ..... Later in life, you are going to want a nice house, a car, some nice things, and the ability to travel. Money, or the lack of it, is a very important part of everyone's lives," George told his hippie, college-age kid.  
(a) decisions (b) marks (c) folks (d) things
- Q10 "We are going to behave and act our age while in the nice restaurant. I don't want any yelling or ..... business," Josie told her three kids  
(a) zany (b) crazy (c) monkey (d) hyper



*English Slang Idioms (132)*

- Q1 "Jim got caught stealing from the country store. I am not surprised since his brother had got caught earlier for the same thing. It's a case of monkey see, monkey ..... in my opinion," Jack told his wife when she brought up the neighbors' kids.  
(a) copy (b) do (c) perpetuate (d) learn
- Q2 "Why are we still arguing about the trim color on that house? We can't afford it now that you lost your job, so it's a ..... point," Jake said to Louise  
(a) negate (b) pointed (c) pointless (d) Moot
- Q3 In a moment of honesty, he admitted to himself that he did not have the moral ..... necessary to resist corruption that a police officer must have in order to be effective.  
(a) essence (b) backing (c) controller (d) fiber
- Q4 "I am going to take the moral ..... ground and stick to the issues rather than attack my opponent's past like he has done to me," the political candidate told the press  
(a) fore (b) high (c) upper (d) fair
- Q5 He made it a point to ensure that each new construction worker understood that it was better to take their time and reduce their mistakes than to hurry and do sloppy work. He told them "More ....., less speed" to explain that it took longer to correct mistakes made when going too fast than to take one's time and not make the mistakes in the first place.  
(a) haste (b) throttled (c) sluggish (d) care
- Q6 The manager's attempted explanation for why the products were failing and hurting people generated more ..... than light. He said, in the press release, that the company was not responsible since the products had been made in a different country. In many peoples' opinion, the company was responsible since they bought the products and put their name on them. Many were angry that the company wouldn't take any responsibility.  
(a) angry (b) pessimism (c) heat (d) fog
- Q7 "I asked him where he was on the night of the crime and he lied. His story had more holes in it than Swiss ....., " the police detective told his boss.  
(a) coffee (b) watches (c) cheese (d) alps
- Q8 "I don't think Steve gave us the whole story. I think there is more going on here than meets the ....., " Mark said to Lucy  
(a) mind (b) eye (c) person (d) objective
- Q9 "I heard that your brother lost his job. He shouldn't worry too much since he has more than one ..... to his bow. He has three different degrees, so finding a job in one of those fields shouldn't be difficult, especially with his employment record," Jan told him.  
(a) string (b) glove (c) frame (d) replacement
- Q10 "I also have to take Finance next semester. It's just one more mountain to ..... I also have to take Management Accounting, which is another difficult class," Max told his parents.  
(a) maneuver (b) drive around (c) pass by (d) climb

*English Slang Idioms (133)*

- Q1 When asked if he would continue the relationship with his girlfriend after she got deported, he replied, "Yes I will. I love her and I will move heaven and ..... to see her again."  
 (a) clouds (b) earth (c) angels (d) heck
- Q2 The strength of human will power can move .....  
 (a) housing (b) caterpillars (c) vehicles (d) mountains
- Q3 One of the problems he had with the Law class he was in was the teacher's propensity to move the ..... on the students. She would tell them what the standards and requirements were one week, then change them the next.  
 (a) dormitories (b) classrooms (c) goalposts (d) agendas
- Q4 When he was a kid, he had wanted to be one of the ..... and shakers in Washington, D.C. He wanted to be one of the people who created laws and changed society.  
 (a) blenders (b) stir (c) movers (d) challengers
- Q5 "People are so petty sometimes and make so much ado about ..... Today, a major argument broke out about whether the coffee filters should be stored in the drawers or the supply closet," Jenny told Maxine.  
 (a) everything (b) nothing (c) little (d) petty
- Q6 He decided to engage in a little ..... slinging and attack the other candidate's relationship with his wife and other women.  
 (a) mud (b) laundry (c) rock quarry (d) garbage dump
- Q7 "The fact that the Chief Executive Officer didn't know about the plan further muddies the ..... It is tough to know what to do when employees commit fraud. Is it fair to make the employer pay as well as the employees if the employer didn't know what is going on?" The Law professor asked her students.  
 (a) issue (b) pool (c) waters (d) food
- Q8 He had been suspended from school for fighting. Another kid had called him a "momma's ..... " and he had punched him.  
 (a) lackey (b) boy (c) slave (d) ideal
- Q9 "John is being investigated for possible accounting fraud. He may not get in trouble, but from what he has told me, he seems to be operating in pretty ..... waters. What he is doing seems, if not illegal, borderline illegal," Jay told his wife  
 (a) murky (b) salty (c) cold (d) vast
- Q10 "You will sell me your car? I have been waiting for months to hear you say that! Hearing that news is like ..... to my ears," James told Tim  
 (a) singing (b) pain (c) pleasure (d) music

*English Slang Idioms (134)*

- Q1 "I hate how being a bank teller requires one to stand on their feet all day. My dogs are always ..... after a day of standing on them for eight hours," Maxine told Stacy.  
(a) eating (b) running (c) barking (d) yelling
- Q2 "The newsman said the reason that gas is so expensive is that it is costing more to get it to the United States. My .....! It is so expensive because the gas companies are charging too much for it. They reported record profits last year," George grouched to his wife.  
(a) hair (b) hand (c) tongue (d) eye
- Q3 "Dina told me that she was late from the dance because her car got a flat tire. My .....! She still has the same tires on her car that she has had for months!" Her dad exclaimed to her mother.  
(a) foot (b) shoes (c) socks (d) ear
- Q4 "Can you bring the vacuum in with you? I would, but my hands are ..... as you can see," Jessie said to her husband.  
(a) occupied (b) full (c) weak (d) ties
- Q5 "Oh, you don't have enough money to buy both new clothes and go to Disneyland with your friends? My heart ..... for your plight," her dad said sarcastically.  
(a) pumps (b) constricts (c) lurks (d) bleeds
- Q6 "I would like you to stay on the investigation, but I can't let you. My ..... are tied. My superior already ordered me to remove you from the case," the lieutenant said to Jack.  
(a) foot (b) thoughts (c) needs (d) hands
- Q7 When Jill protested her dad's rule that required her to be in at 11 o'clock, he told her that as long as she was living with him she would follow his rules. He then caustically said, "My way or the .....", as a last comment.  
(a) highway (b) driveway (c) bus (d) train
- Q8 Showing up late for work after he had been warned to be timely was another nail in his ..... He had been warned about many other things lately and was close to being fired.  
(a) house (b) coffin (c) career (d) hands
- Q9 "Jacky is sick again? My heart goes ..... to your family. You have had such a rough time lately," Bill told his best friend George.  
(a) in (b) away (c) out (d) today
- Q10 "The game was a real nail-..... It was a tied game in the fourth quarter and went into overtime. Overtime went for five minutes until Oakland scored a touchdown," Lewis informed his friend who had to work during the football game.  
(a) hammer (b) bruiser (c) biter (d) breaker

*English Slang Idioms (135)*

- Q1 He knew that it would only be a matter of time before another criminal replaced the drug dealer he arrested last week. Nature abhors a .....
- (a) blank (b) space (c) vacuum (d) transition
- Q2 As the two lead runners rounded the last corner, they both ran even faster. As the runners approached the finish line, it seemed that the two runners were ..... and neck and no one knew who would win the race at that point.
- (a) neck (b) heel (c) dirt (d) hair
- Q3 The crowd was antsy because the band they paid to see was now over an hour late. A collective sigh of relief came from the audience as the emcee of the performance finally said, "This next band needs no ....."
- (a) description (b) introduction (c) definition (d) hello
- Q4 "I would like to tell you where a good swimming hole is but, unfortunately, there are none that I know of in my ..... of the woods. I am fairly new here so you might want to ask someone else who knows the area better," Tom said.
- (a) strip (b) square (c) knot (d) neck
- Q5 He dropped his cell phone somewhere in Disneyland. As he walked back into the park, he knew there was almost no chance of finding the phone in that huge park. It was like trying to find a needle in a .....
- (a) sewing kit (b) store (c) haystack (d) car
- Q6 "Jeremy is one of those neither fish nor ..... types. He is a loner and is kind of strange. He dresses in antique military clothing and he talks about strange things. The last time I heard him speak in class, he brought up an obscure fact about spiders and it was completely off-topic," Lisa told Jacky.
- (a) fungus (b) plant (c) fowl (d) animal
- Q7 "The fact that you owed someone else money for another product is neither here nor ..... You owed me the monthly payment for the car you bought from me and you still haven't paid it. The payment is past due so you can expect a late payment charge," Jack said to Jill.
- (a) there (b) elsewhere (c) abroad (d) everywhere
- Q8 "I don't like that huge metal thing, for lack of a better word, in Jenny's yard. It is neither use nor ..... She says it is a sculpture that she purchased in San Francisco but it doesn't look like art to me," Sally said to Beth.
- (a) function (b) selling feature (c) purpose (d) ornament
- Q9 "You should have seen the program on firefighters last night. They must have nerves of .....! I can't believe what they go through to save people," Max said to Jessica.
- (a) fiber (b) steel (c) glass (d) diamond
- Q10 "I guess my new boyfriend does have some faults. He got angry last night because I talked to my parents for five minutes on the telephone — he complained because he said I was ignoring him. That is the first time he got angry around me," Vanessa said. Emma replied, "Did you expect him to be perfect? Never a rose without a ....., you know."
- (a) prick (b) root (c) flower (d) spine

*English Slang Idioms (136)*

- Q1 "Get out of here, Jed! First you show up drunk, then you hit on my wife and then you insult my son. Get out of here and don't come back! Never darken my ..... again!" An irate Matt told him.  
 (a) house (b) property (c) doorway (d) lawn
- Q2 "Boy, does this town need some ..... blood! The businesses and houses all need a fresh coat of paint and the style is out-of-date it is at least fifty years old!" Linda said to Chris.  
 (a) bad (b) new (c) red (d) blue
- Q3 "After the car crash, I felt invigorated. Everything seems new and interesting. I feel like I have a new ..... on life," George told Melissa.  
 (a) mortgage (b) payment (c) plan (d) lease
- Q4 The new manager started off his first speech to the staff with, "There is a new ..... in town!" The staff knew that it was a lame attempt at humor and hoped that the speech would be quick.  
 (a) kid (b) sheriff (c) lead (d) shot caller
- Q5 "Within a New York ....., our business went from broke to profitable thanks to our biggest client, Mr. Wilson," Nate said to the employees.  
 (a) hot dog (b) building (c) subway (d) minute
- Q6 "I don't like these ..... TVs. There are a million buttons on them and they last for only two years or so. The old ones were better, if you ask me," Jed said to Louise.  
 (a) newfangled (b) revolutionary (c) technology (d) advanced
- Q7 "I just met our new neighbor, Mrs. Finch, and she is as nice as ..... She brought us dinner and said that if we ever need anything, not to hesitate and ask," Maude said to Bill  
 (a) grass (b) pie (c) flowers (d) picnics
- Q8 "It seems like all of the employees are nipping at the ..... to get started. It seems like the company morale is much higher now that we have offered a performance-based bonus," Steven told the middle manager.  
 (a) other (b) grass (c) bit (d) fence
- Q9 She thought that she looked great. The ..... and tuck procedure made her look younger and more fit. She felt that she looked much more attractive to her husband.  
 (a) roll (b) bend (c) fold (d) nip
- Q10 "Sally just refused to take out the trash, so she is grounded. We need to nip that kind of rebellious behavior in the ....., " Jenny told her husband when he came back into the house.  
 (a) rub (b) bud (c) ankles (d) beginnings

*English Slang Idioms (137)*

- Q1 "Well, now that we have been introduced, let's get down to the ..... We are interested in buying your house and we think the price is fair but we need to get a home inspection done on your place first. Will you agree not to sell it to anyone else until we can get the inspection done?" Nate asked Brad.  
(a) exchange (b) market (c) nitty gritty (d) ground
- Q2 "It will cost you about \$600.00 to get your timing belt changed on your car. Why is it that expensive? The reason it costs so much is that it is no ..... of roses to get to the belt to change it. You have to remove the motor — among other things," the mechanic told Tim.  
(a) bed (b) thorn (c) pot (d) root
- Q3 "Can I have your car done by today? No can ..... The job takes about six hours and we are booked up already today. I can have it done by Thursday — if that is acceptable," the mechanic said to Tim.  
(a) complete (b) execute (c) do (d) change
- Q4 "All but three of you passed the test. If you are one of the three that received a no ..... on your driving exam, please see Mrs. Skinnard after you get your test back," Mr. Willis said to the class.  
(a) drive (b) go (c) complete (d) obtain
- Q5 "I helped Max build his shed for three hours and would you believe that he got angry at me because I wasted one measly board? Well, no good deed goes ....., " Larry said to Kim.  
(a) unnoticed (b) unfounded (c) away (d) unpunished
- Q6 "Don't worry about the mistake you made on the paperwork on Mr. Ellis's case. We caught the mistake before it became a problem so no ....., no foul. Just double-check your work next time to make sure there are no errors," the boss told a worried employee.  
(a) consequence (b) harm (c) crime (d) destruction
- Q7 Detective Benson had a reputation for being a no ..... barred, tough cop. He did anything that was necessary to take down criminals and did not worry about political ramifications.  
(a) takes (b) grabs (c) methodology (d) holds
- Q8 "I want you to take out the trash and then you can go to the pool with your friends. You have to take out the trash first and I don't want to hear any ifs or ....., " his mom told him when he asked her if he could go out with his friends.  
(a) can't (b) buts (c) won't (d) later
- Q9 "What you boys did is no ..... matter. People could have been hurt. The window you broke will cost a lot of money and you will both work to pay for it," Steve told his two kids.  
(a) crying (b) angry (c) sinful (d) laughing
- Q10 "I just heard Zack and his father fighting and both were really mean to each other," Jenny said. Jacky replied, "There is definitely no ..... lost between the two of them. They have acted like strangers for at least the last ten years."  
(a) words (b) laughter (c) love (d) miss

*English Slang Idioms (138)*

- Q1 "Expect to be sore tomorrow. This has been a much longer run than you are probably used to but no pain, no .....,," the drill sergeant told the recruits.  
(a) increase (b) gain (c) strength (d) work out
- Q2 "The police are on their way. Once they get here, we will give them no ..... Am I clear?" The drug lord asked his cohorts.  
(a) pennies (b) footing (c) participate (d) quarter
- Q3 "There is no ..... that I want to buy a classic car but not at the expense of the company. I haven't stolen anything from them. I'm a loyal and honest employee," Matt told the cops.  
(a) question (b) smirk (c) ponder (d) debate
- Q4 He read the warranty agreement carefully and found that if he had a problem with the camera, he could return it and get a new one with no questions ..... Since the warranty indicated that the company would stand by their products, he decided to buy the camera.  
(a) noted (b) permitted (c) asked (d) denied
- Q5 He was reasonably certain that his next-door neighbor was selling illicit drugs. People came and went at all hours of the day and night and none stayed for longer than fifteen minutes. He knew that the traffic didn't necessarily make his neighbor a drug dealer but he believed that where there's ..... there's fire.  
(a) twigs (b) gas (c) powder (d) smoke
- Q6 "Will has absolutely no ..... The boss called Will into his office and yelled at him because his team is behind schedule. I don't know where the boss heard that but it isn't true we are right on track. Instead of standing up to the boss and telling him that, he apologized for our poor performance!" Gina told Lynn.  
(a) girth (b) fortitude (c) spine (d) image
- Q7 "You are getting old! You are already tired and we just began planting these flowers fifteen minutes ago!" Beth said to Gracie. Gracie replied, "You are no spring ..... yourself and let me remind you that just last week you had to cancel our card game to take a nap!"  
(a) rose (b) chicken (c) growth (d) sheep
- Q8 "For your birthday, I am going to sell you my car. I know you don't have the money so I am going to loan the money to you, interest free, with no ..... attached," his father's best friend told him on his seventeenth birthday.  
(a) red tape (b) forms (c) strings (d) duties
- Q9 "Ever since school started, I have no ..... to play the guitar. I really miss playing my guitar," Joey told Nate.  
(a) schedule (b) time (c) allocation (d) break
- Q10 "Hi, Jim. You asked if I could help you change your living room window. Let's go do it. There is no time like the .....,," Jacob said.  
(a) now (b) past (c) today (d) present

*English Slang Idioms (139)*

- Q1 "We should fire Todd. He is no use to ..... or beast. He doesn't know his trade and has a horrible work ethic," Luke said to Christian.  
(a) plant (b) mushroom (c) man (d) tool
- Q2 "I tried to explain to him that he will lose everything he owns by borrowing huge sums to gamble with but none are so ..... as those who will not see," Jake told Lewis.  
(a) distorted (b) unfocused (c) lame (d) blind
- Q3 "I hate hanging out with Marcie. She has her ..... in the air about almost everything we talk about. She acts like our problems or interests are too low class for her," Jenny said to Alison.  
(a) hand (b) nose (c) eye (d) hair
- Q4 "Steve is not all ..... — if you ask me. He talks to himself endlessly and spends hours sweeping his sidewalk, long after it is spotless," Nate told his friends.  
(a) focus (b) around (c) without (d) there
- Q5 "Sergeant Jones is a mean guy. I saw him send three privates to jail for questioning his orders without batting an ..... I heard what they said and it seemed like they were only asking question for clarification purposes," First Sergeant Williams said to Sergeant Price.  
(a) ankle (b) eye (c) brow (d) uniform
- Q6 "He tried to tell me that he wasn't drunk but rather exhausted. Like I was born .....! I could smell the alcohol from twenty feet away," Jack told his wife.  
(a) ten years ago (b) asleep (c) idiotic (d) yesterday
- Q7 "Joe told me that he wasn't actually stealing but that he was going to pay for the candy he put in his pocket but forgot. I told him that I was born at ..... but not last night and grounded him," Bill told his friend.  
(a) ease (b) night (c) knight (d) home
- Q8 "We are never going to stay in this hotel again. It is too small for adults, if you ask me. There isn't enough room to ..... a cat in here!" Jack said to Lucy.  
(a) swing (b) tame (c) feed (d) raise
- Q9 "I know that we decided not to sell our old car to Tommy but he came by and told me that his mother's car broke down and his new job is about 45 minutes away. I didn't have the ..... to tell him no," Kay said to Paul.  
(a) will (b) intelligence (c) heart (d) purpose
- Q10 If only his old friends could see him now. In high school and college, he didn't have two ..... to rub together but now he is a millionaire.  
(a) bolts (b) pairs of glasses (c) shoes (d) pennies



*English Slang Idioms (140)*

- Q1 "Why are you telling me how to work on my car? You don't know ..... about mechanics. You can't even change your own oil," Matt said to Ellis.  
 (a) books (b) beans (c) oil (d) belts
- Q2 "I always take my car in for service. Working on cars is not my cup of ....., " Chris said to Paul.  
 (a) milk (b) juice (c) soda (d) tea
- Q3 "We need to make sure that we follow the regulations so that the rapist doesn't get off on a technicality. We are not going to be the cause of a rapist going free to harm others. Not on my ....., " Chief of Police Watson said to the detectives.  
 (a) grounds (b) turf (c) orders (d) watch
- Q4 "I don't like watching soccer games on TV. Watching sports is not my ....., " Chris said to Derrick.  
 (a) bag (b) bottle (c) cup (d) plate
- Q5 "I dumped Carl after he stood me up last Friday. He acted surprised. I told him that he is not the only ..... on the beach and he left," Marcie told Jane.  
 (a) kelp (b) chair (c) pebble (d) wave
- Q6 "I am sorry that it didn't work out between you and Dina. Don't be too sad, though. There are plenty of other ..... in the sea," Mike's dad told him.  
 (a) salt (b) fish (c) boats (d) turtles
- Q7 He knew that he would have to do a lot of planning for the case. The lawyer for the defense was not to be ..... at. She had won more than 95 percent of her cases and had a lot of experience with this type of case.  
 (a) looked (b) talk (c) cried (d) sneezed
- Q8 "I think that you need to come up with a different plan. Your plan just won't ..... That idea has been looked at by management before and it costs too much to be viable," Jones told Elliot.  
 (a) product (b) laugh (c) wash (d) predict
- Q9 "In my opinion, the screwdrivers you are talking about aren't worth a red ..... They wear out after two or three jobs," Mike told Ben.  
 (a) cent (b) paint (c) eye (d) board
- Q10 "I made another huge sale after lunch. That's one more notch on my ....., " Dwight told Sally.  
 (a) glass (b) hat (c) baseboard (d) belt

*English Slang Idioms (141)*

- Q1 "I went to the new amusement park and in my opinion, it's nothing to ..... home about. The rides were very small and expensive, as was everything else. I wouldn't recommend going," Billy told Lewis.  
(a) write (b) mail (c) go (d) shell
- Q2 "I offered \$25,000 for Mitch's farm. He said that he wouldn't sell it for that cheap. I didn't think that he would but nothing ventured, nothing ....., " Pat told Sue.  
(a) lost (b) gambled (c) gained (d) bought
- Q3 He liked being able to take his canoe out on the lake every now and ..... It was a good way to relax and enjoy nature.  
(a) forever (b) then (c) tomorrow (d) now
- Q4 He called a plumber to fix his leaky sink. He knew a lot about construction but didn't have the ..... to fix a plumbing issue.  
(a) know-how (b) intelligent (c) motive (d) bananas
- Q5 "I just can't trust you to deliver on your promises, so I have found a different supplier. You can consider our business relationship ..... and void, Jack," Ken said.  
(a) closed (b) ended (c) erased (d) null
- Q6 "Your plan sounds good, Tom. Please write it up and we will submit it to the ..... crunchers to make sure that we have the money to implement it in our budget," Wilson told him.  
(a) symbol (b) idea (c) number (d) analysis
- Q7 "We are spending too much time talking about the petty details. We need to focus our discussion on the ..... and bolts of the issue," Susan told the other people in the meeting.  
(a) nuts (b) structures (c) boards (d) tools
- Q8 "Did you hear that mechanic? He is as nutty as a .....! He told me that my brakes are worn out but I just had them replaced with the top of the line brake pads two weeks ago," Miles told Sarah.  
(a) peanut (b) fruitcake (c) asylum (d) beer
- Q9 "I need to bring this up as an object ..... to all of you. If you are rude to a customer, for any reason, you will get fired. I just fired Luke because he insulted a customer," the manager told the staff.  
(a) teach (b) manual (c) lesson (d) example
- Q10 "Yes, I would like to participate in your yard sale next weekend. I have some old furniture and some odds and ..... in my garage that I've been meaning to get rid of for a long time," Rachel said to Ashley.  
(a) items (b) tools (c) evens (d) ends

*English Slang Idioms (143)*

- Q1 He was happy that he purchased the ..... of the line brakes for his car when his old ones needed replacing. When a deer jumped into the road in front of him, he was able to stop before hitting it.  
(a) bottom (b) top (c) end (d) beginning
- Q2 He felt quite embarrassed. He told an off-..... joke during dinner that did not go over well. No one laughed and he received some dirty looks from several of the people at the table.  
(a) color (b) break (c) white (d) loaded
- Q3 "We went to the newly-discovered waterfall this weekend and it is beautiful! It is off the ..... track a little bit but you can drive your car and it will be OK," Lisa told Bill and Jennifer.  
(a) oval (b) tank (c) beaten (d) fast
- Q4 "I wasn't sure if the new comedy show would go over well with the public. I just looked at our ratings and they are off the .....! The people love that show!" Mark said to Jeff.  
(a) charts (b) line (c) shelf (d) mark
- Q5 "Chief, we have to let the suspect go. He has an air-..... alibi when the crime was committed," Detective Bills said.  
(a) filled (b) bag (c) tight (d) shock
- Q6 With a heavy ....., Mel said the final words, "You're fired," to his wife's best friend.  
(a) heart (b) lid (c) eye (d) brick
- Q7 "No assembly is required to get everything in working order. The product comes ready to use right ..... the shelf," the salesman told the couple.  
(a) on (b) off (c) by (d) under
- Q8 "Is it alright to do the assignment by ..... or does it have to be typed?" Jan asked her professor.  
(a) writing (b) hand (c) letter (d) manual
- Q9 "Oh, my ..... You startled me! Knock next time," Sally told her friend who had just walked into her house without warning.  
(a) goodness (b) hat (c) owl (d) purpose
- Q10 "We have known each other for twenty years. I wouldn't trade our friendship for one hundred new friends. Old friends and old ..... are the best," Arthur said to his son.  
(a) candles (b) fences (c) ideas (d) wines

*English Slang Idioms (145)*

- Q1 "I am sorry, Sir. We have to put your case on ..... until we receive more information from the hospital," the customer service representative said.  
(a) freeze (b) hold (c) suspend (d) arrears
- Q2 "We have to put the plan to diversify our product line on ..... until we can find a reputable supplier," Max told Tim.  
(a) pause (b) ice (c) shelf (d) simmer
- Q3 "I am sick of worrying about your moods. I have to walk on ..... and needles until I know whether you are happy or angry," Gladice said to Will.  
(a) pins (b) nails (c) bolts (d) glass
- Q4 "Max used to be a below-average employee but not anymore. He is really on the ..... these days," Steve told Justice.  
(a) mend (b) ball (c) system (d) lamb
- Q5 "Jim, you are on the ..... Joe, you are on traffic duty," the chief told them  
(a) cask (b) inquiry (c) casket (d) case
- Q6 "Let's see if we can find any hotels on the way that are offering a good deal right now. I am trying to do this vacation on the ..... and I think that finding a hotel that is offering some kind of special rate is a good way to save money," Shelly told her husband.  
(a) low (b) inexpensive (c) cheap (d) tiny
- Q7 "He wants you here at 9 o'clock on the ....., " the secretary said to the job applicant.  
(a) period (b) dot (c) docket (d) clock
- Q8 He was a decent debater but his downside was his inability to address the ..... of his argument.  
(a) backside (b) front side (c) coin side (d) flip side
- Q9 "I am sorry, Tim. We aren't going to be able to go to the restaurant today for lunch. We have to be in Arcata, California in an hour and a half, so we have to eat on the ....., " Maureen told him.  
(a) fly (b) pavement (c) parking lot (d) line of duty
- Q10 "We should base our battle tactics from the information provided to us by our troops on the ..... instead of the analysts in the pentagon who aren't actually there," Colonel Price said to General Thomas  
(a) floor (b) ground (c) training field (d) locale

*English Slang Idioms (146)*

- Q1 He escaped from prison and had been on the ..... for two months now. Life on the run was hard.  
 (a) dodge (b) hide (c) lam (d) walk
- Q2 As the salesman pitched his product, Jerry got the uneasy feeling that the guy was not on the ..... He wouldn't look Jerry in the eye and the things he claimed the product could do seemed a little too good to be true.  
 (a) bevel (b) take (c) mantle (d) level
- Q3 He had to make his sales' quota this weekend. He missed his goals last month and management was understanding about it but he knew that his career was now on the .....  
 (a) list (b) line (c) tight rope (d) fence
- Q4 He really hoped to be the one to cure cancer and put his hometown on the .....  
 (a) globe (b) atlas (c) mat (d) map
- Q5 The impressed manager looked up at the clock on the wall. It was exactly 9 o'clock and he said, "Mr. Tims, you are certainly punctual and for that I am thankful. It is 9 o'clock on the ....."  
 (a) hand (b) tick (c) time (d) nose
- Q6 "I am not sure that I would date Sally right now. She just broke up with her fiance two days ago and she is obviously on the ..... You may run into a lot of problems if you go forward with this," Chris told Kyle.  
 (a) bounce (b) run (c) rebound (d) dive
- Q7 "We have been impressed with you ever since you joined the firm. You started off on the right ..... and have always met your goals on time. I am recommending that we give you a raise," Ms. Elkins told Bill.  
 (a) rote (b) foot (c) boat (d) line
- Q8 "I can't believe Jimmy beat me in chess. I had him on the ..... and somehow he managed to turn the game around," Lester told Bert.  
 (a) bounce (b) ropes (c) knock out (d) carpet
- Q9 The police were embarrassed. Their main suspect had been on the ..... for more than two months and they could not seem to track him down.  
 (a) sprint (b) jog (c) hoof (d) run
- Q10 "You think that we should try to think of a different plan? I do too. I am glad we are on the same ....., " the boss said to the leader of the work team.  
 (a) page (b) story (c) movie (d) line

*English Slang Idioms (150)*

- Q1 He asked his wife where she was all day. She replied, "Oh, I was ..... and about. I had some errands to run and I had to pick up my dry cleaning."  
(a) here (b) out (c) there (d) far
- Q2 His best friend moved out of the city about a month ago. He hated the location and hated driving down all the isolated, curvy, windy roads to his house. He wondered why anyone would move out of a big city where there was lots to do to a house out in the .....  
(a) grass (b) suburbs (c) sticks (d) desert
- Q3 He knew that his grandma was home when he heard a voice say, "Oops a ....." His grandma had a habit of saying that every time she dropped something. She was also in the habit of dropping things.  
(a) pine tree (b) rose (c) tomato (d) daisy
- Q4 His parents' divorce was bitter. He didn't like to bring it up because he could tell that it was opening old .....  
(a) wounds (b) boxes (c) memories (d) packages
- Q5 He had been advertising his car in the local paper for a month. He was about to give up on the idea of anyone buying it, when out of the ....., three people in two hours called and asked to come see it.  
(a) house (b) fly (c) blue (d) open
- Q6 The job posting said that the firm was looking for a creative person who could think out of the ..... He felt that he was good at solving problems using unconventional methods so he applied for the job.  
(a) pen (b) barn (c) house (d) box
- Q7 He became desperate as the rent was coming closer to being due. He didn't have the money to pay, so he decided to rob someone. He robbed a teenager for twenty dollars and found out later, while watching the news, that the boy he robbed was the police chief's son. He had definitely jumped out of the ..... and into the fire.  
(a) grill (b) smoke (c) frying pan (d) tree
- Q8 "I am really impressed with George. It is only his second week here and he already has the third highest sales' rating in this department. He really came out of the ..... running," Jack told the president of the company who was visiting.  
(a) house (b) gate (c) stampede (d) car
- Q9 "You should try Luigi's restaurant. The shrimp bowties are out of this .....", Sally said to Jennifer.  
(a) ocean (b) field (c) world (d) woods
- Q10 The manager was very relieved when the computers started working again. Without them, the customer service representatives couldn't help customers over the phone. He picked up the phone and heard his systems analyst, Jack. Jack said, "The computers are working but we are not out of the ..... yet. The phones, for some reason, aren't working now."  
(a) supplies (b) water (c) woods (d) mechanics

*English Slang Idioms (151)*

- Q1 The kids kept him busy on his day off with a constant barrage of questions. He just wished that they would get out of his ..... and go find something else to do.  
(a) hair (b) skin (c) head (d) agenda
- Q2 James told her that he did not have her lost bicycle. Unfortunately for him, the handlebars were just visible from around the corner right where she was standing. She yelled "James, that is an out and ..... lie!" and slapped him.  
(a) in (b) under (c) about (d) out
- Q3 People will often do desperate things when they find themselves ..... a barrel. For instance, some people commit murder when they are being blackmailed in order to keep the information from getting out.  
(a) over (b) around (c) down (d) in
- Q4 "This keeps happening. You are late and now we can't go to the movie. Last time we saw each other you told me over and ..... that you would be on time from now on," James told Beth.  
(a) above (b) under (c) over (d) arrived
- Q5 "Thank you for your hard work on my house. You have gone ..... and above what was necessary. I will recommend you to all of my friends," Matt told the contractor when she was finished.  
(a) high (b) ahead (c) below (d) over
- Q6 She was very happy that she found an over the ..... allergy medication that worked for her. She was sick of paying to go to the doctor just to get a prescription.  
(a) shelf (b) budget (c) counter (d) isle
- Q7 "You are not going to the races this weekend. Over my ..... body are you going to spend the last of our money on something like that," George's girlfriend informed him.  
(a) living (b) strong (c) livid (d) dead
- Q8 "Don't let my grandson fool you. I am perfectly capable of raking my own yard. I am not over the ..... yet," Walter told the church.  
(a) range (b) yard (c) moon (d) hill
- Q9 "I finally got to go to the local hot springs and read my book. I wanted to do that for months. I was in seventh ....., " Marcie told her friend  
(a) inning (b) heaven (c) place (d) class
- Q10 "We agreed to ride in Wes's car down to the concert. We didn't know that he had a small two-door car and there were five of us. We were packed in his car like ....., " Grace told Rachel.  
(a) apples (b) cereal (c) sardines (d) pencils

*English Slang Idioms (152)*

- Q1 "I planned on doing my paper two days before it was due. Now, I have an assignment due on the same date in three of my other classes. I've really ..... myself into a corner this time," Archie told Jim.  
 (a) swept (b) painted (c) moved (d) bought
- Q2 I decided to put new siding on the outside of my mobile home. I took off the old siding and found ants and rotten wood. I removed the rotten studs and found that some of the wiring was not in good shape either. I fear that by deciding to renovate my home, I have opened Pandora's .....  
 (a) chest (b) package (c) shed (d) box
- Q3 "You can't just paint those rotten boards on your deck to hide the fact that they need to be replaced. You can't just paper over ..... like that. People could get hurt," Jim said to Nick.  
 (a) cracks (b) knots (c) leaks (d) lies
- Q4 "Don't worry about Cindy and her comments. She acts like she has a lot of authority and sway around here but she is just a paper ..... She actually holds the same title as you!" Justine said to Meredith.  
 (a) ant (b) gnat (c) tiger (d) elephant
- Q5 "It took you about five hours to dig that hole? That is about ..... for the course due to the fact that the dirt has so much rock and clay in it. Don't worry about it," the teenager's boss told him.  
 (a) regular (b) ridiculous (c) par (d) standards
- Q6 "I am sorry, Duke. You are going to have to redo the railing on the porch. It is not going to ..... muster. If the boss sees it as uneven and crooked as it is right now, he is not going to be happy," Derrick said to him.  
 (a) pass (b) miss (c) stand (d) relieve
- Q7 "I know that you are broke but that doesn't give you the right to pass the ..... at my party. I didn't invite you here to bum off of the other guests," the college student said to an acquaintance.  
 (a) can (b) hat (c) word (d) platters
- Q8 "I just stopped by the church to pass the ..... of day with some of my friends," Donald said to his wife when she asked why he went to the church on Tuesday.  
 (a) event (b) story (c) time (d) light
- Q9 The secret agent told his partner to burn the report to make sure that it never saw the ..... of day again.  
 (a) heat (b) blue (c) wind (d) light
- Q10 "I don't know how you can take care of this huge garden by yourself and without using automatic watering systems. You must have the ..... of Job," Jay told Billy.  
 (a) essence (b) anger (c) presence (d) patience



*English Slang Idioms (153)*

- Q1 "Although we have the same rank, I am higher on the ..... order due to the fact that I have been put in charge of the project," Sergeant Wilkons said to the private who asked him for advice on how to deal with another sergeant.  
(a) listing (b) social (c) pecking (d) beaking
- Q2 "I am sorry that I fell asleep in the meeting. I caught a ..... Tom outside of my window last night and called the cops. They were at my house investigating until 4 o'clock in the morning," Sally said to her boss.  
(a) Prying (b) Peeping (c) Looking (d) Observing
- Q3 Often social change is not and can't be brought about by brute force. An example of a situation in which the ..... has been more powerful than the sword is when Martin Luther challenged the Catholic church by writing a list of complaints and nailing them to the door of the church.  
(a) voice (b) prose (c) press (d) pen
- Q4 "I am tired of hearing these ..... ante concerns from you. I did not call this meeting to discuss how we are out of coffee filters again. I called this meeting to ask you for solutions because the company may be going out of business!" the manager yelled at the staff.  
(a) little (b) petty (c) pretty (d) minor
- Q5 "My husband is such a penny ..... He is always telling me not to buy things for the house that we don't need because we have to save money. Most of my purchases are under ten dollars!" Linda told Brandy.  
(a) thrower (b) investor (c) investor (d) pincher
- Q6 "I just gave Jenny a ..... talk about her performance and what she can do to improve. I think she understands and will improve," Jennifer told the boss.  
(a) small (b) pep (c) build (d) improvisation
- Q7 He was ecstatic when he received a large, unexpected bonus from the company. The note attached to the check said "For consistent performance above and ..... what is expected from an employee."  
(a) afar (b) away (c) until (d) beyond
- Q8 "A month ago, I told her that she had to improve her performance or she will lose her job. She really took the talk to ..... and has improved quite a bit," the supervisor told the manager.  
(a) brain (b) heart (c) bed (d) memory
- Q9 "Come with me to the lecture. I need company and you might actually learn something — ..... the thought!" Lanna said to her boyfriend.  
(a) perish (b) spare (c) roll (d) preserve
- Q10 "One of my pet ..... is people who chew with their mouths open. My boyfriend is the worst offender and it bothers me to no end," Lisa told her friend.  
(a) names (b) peeves (c) offenses (d) patents

*English Slang Idioms (154)*

- Q1 "Will you pick up the ..... for dinner? You owe me twenty dollars and that would be a good way to pay me back," Kyle said to Brian.  
(a) plate (b) pay (c) liability (d) tab
- Q2 This was the first time he had been to his brother's picture ..... house in Beverly Hills.  
(a) capture (b) planned (c) perfect (d) image
- Q3 "I don't know why you two are arguing about which one of you has the better tool. To me, they are just pieces of the same ..... They are both in the same price range and have the same features. Both are made by reputable companies and have roughly the same inner-parts," Jack told Bill and Joe.  
(a) cake (b) burger (c) foil (d) standard
- Q4 "Boy, did I ever buy a ..... in a poke when I bought this chainsaw. My friend told me to check it out first and I should have listened. I had to take it to the shop twice now for two different problems. It is a pile of junk," Joe told Phil.  
(a) rake (b) rascal (c) pig (d) stick
- Q5 "I don't like rave parties at all. I refuse to go every time I am invited. You will see me at one when pigs ....., " Jim said to Rachel when she invited him to go with her  
(a) walk (b) fly (c) eat (d) talk
- Q6 "Jocks are so annoying. Take Josh, for example. He walks around here like he owns the campus. Ten years from now, though, he'll be working for me," Elmer said. Josh replied, "Don't pin me down with a ..... For your information, I got very good grades last semester and I enjoy lots of things besides sports. I like gardening, for example."  
(a) saying (b) label (c) libel (d) expectation
- Q7 "I have some bad news, honey. I got a ..... slip at work today. I have to find a new job," Bill told Maureen.  
(a) green (b) paper (c) pillow (d) pink
- Q8 He liked his coffee to be ..... hot and the fast food store just gave him a lukewarm cup.  
(a) pumping (b) piping (c) squeezing (d) running
- Q9 "I have toured with my band in bars for the last six years. I feel like I have earned my place in the ..... — at least as much as other famous musicians have in the past," Rick said to Louise.  
(a) sun (b) grass (c) barn (d) records
- Q10 "We need to fix our car. That fact is as plain as the ..... on your face. It was smoking from the hood earlier today," Melissa told Will.  
(a) eyes (b) beard (c) nose (d) freckles

*English Slang Idioms (155)*

- Q1 She was looking forward to a hot bath all day. By the time she was able to get into the bath after putting the kids to sleep the bath water was ..... It figured.  
(a) rancid (b) expired (c) lukewarm (d) empty
- Q2 He thought that his brother made a strange choice in life partners. He was tall, good-looking and rich. She, in his opinion, was kind of a ..... Jane with average intelligence, no money and little.  
(a) Tarzan (b) Mediocre (c) Average (d) Plain
- Q3 "I have been looking forward to a hot cup of coffee all day. Knowing my ....., the restaurant will say that their coffee machine is broken," Todd told Steven.  
(a) eperience (b) story (c) fate (d) luck
- Q4 "Your first plan will not work due to the fact that my truck is broken down. What is ..... B?" He asked his roommate.  
(a) schedule (b) trial (c) plan (d) idea
- Q5 A secretary with a ..... smile was waiting to greet customers. She didn't look as happy as the smile indicated.  
(a) plastic (b) crayon (c) marker (d) rubber
- Q6 "So if I don't agree to help you get a job at the company I work for, you are going to call the city and tell them that I built my shed without a permit? You really play for ....., don't you?" Bill asked Adam.  
(a) marbles (b) keeps (c) fun (d) marbles
- Q7 "I am sorry that I couldn't wait for you to get here before starting the presentation. I tried to ..... for time by asking everyone to introduce themselves but the regional manager asked me to start," Jill told her boss.  
(a) talk (b) play (c) make (d) roll
- Q8 "I thought you liked Jake and wanted to go out with him. Why didn't you talk to him more while he was sitting at our table? Were you just playing ..... to get?" Allison asked Beth.  
(a) impossible (b) not (c) rough (d) hard
- Q9 "I am sorry that I didn't get the project in to you sooner. As you know, my workstation has a virus. Unfortunately, the virus has been ..... havoc with all of my saved files," Brent told Steve.  
(a) playing (b) rolling (c) swimming (d) reacting
- Q10 His son was grounded again. Except this time, it was for playing ..... from school.  
(a) cut (b) run (c) hooky (d) disappear

*English Slang Idioms (156)*

- Q1 "Don't react when the drill sergeant is yelling at you. You are just playing into his ..... He wants you to yell at him so he can make an example out of you," Private Gonzales said to Private Smith in basic training.  
(a) goal (b) yard (c) thought (d) hand
- Q2 He decided that he would find another job in a smaller outfit. He was currently an assistant manager but was sure that he could work somewhere else as a manager. He was sick of playing second ..... to a man who was an idiot.  
(a) base (b) pitcher (c) fiddle (d) pick
- Q3 "I think that perhaps you should ..... the field a bit more and, especially, before getting into another committed relationship. You always go out with the first guy who asks you and then you try to date him for a long time," Christy told Dawn.  
(a) pay (b) play (c) see (d) plant
- Q4 "Why do you always act like an idiot?" his roommate asked him. "I like making people laugh and if I have to play the ..... to do it, that is fine with me," Jay replied.  
(a) jerk (b) wimp (c) aggressive (d) fool
- Q5 "I know you don't think that you will get addicted to cigarettes if you just smoke them every now and then. However, you are playing with ..... It is a big risk and if you are wrong, it is very hard to quit," Steve's dad told him.  
(a) forces (b) fire (c) tightrope (d) dead
- Q6 "He is not good for this department. He is playing to the ..... by taking actions that make the department numbers look good in the short term. However, the short term gains come at the expense of long term ones," Marshall told Joel.  
(a) peanuts (b) pottery (c) choir (d) gallery
- Q7 "I am just pleased as ..... with the way our garden turned out," Linda told Chris.  
(a) brunch (b) pedestals (c) punch (d) mice
- Q8 "I like Jeff. He is surprisingly intelligent for one of those ..... turned gamekeeper types. He was in an LA street gang and now works for the anti-gang unit," Mark told Detective Reynolds.  
(a) painter (b) salesman (c) poacher (d) chief
- Q9 "Watching the prosecuting attorney shred the defense's star witness was pure ..... in motion," Pete, a first-year law student told Jeff.  
(a) poetry (b) painting (c) cementing (d) pottery
- Q10 Colleges are supposed to be places where many differing ideas can be shared. Lately, restrictions have been placed on what kind of ideas are acceptable. For instance, one must use politically ..... labels for special interest groups at all times when speaking if one wants to escape reprimand  
(a) stated (b) formatted (c) designed (d) correct

*English Slang Idioms (157)*

- Q1 "I can't go to the concert with you guys. I am as ..... as a church mouse and have to buy my college textbooks this week," Sam told Christian and Bart.  
(a) warm (b) poor (c) hungry (d) hunted
- Q2 "I heard you ..... the question. Did she say yes? If so, when are you getting married?" Matt's best friend asked.  
(a) asked (b) avoided (c) ducked (d) popped
- Q3 Many politicians have been criticized for their ..... barrel politics. It is not good when a trusted official abuses that trust by attempting to make money at the public's expense.  
(a) apple (b) wine (c) pork (d) whiskey
- Q4 "You are calling me a liar? That is the worst case of the ..... calling the kettle black that I have heard in a good while. How many times have you lied about not having the rent or doing chores?" Nate asked his roommate.  
(a) spoon (b) pan (c) burner (d) pot
- Q5 "Jeanna, can you order me a Coke if the waitress comes over here and I am gone? I am going to ..... my nose and will be right back," Lisa said.  
(a) pick (b) brush (c) powder (d) paint
- Q6 "The powers that ..... have made it clear that we are not to discuss the case with anyone — including our families," Lieutenant James said to the other cops.  
(a) occur (b) be (c) will (d) project
- Q7 He decided to play a ..... joke on his friend. He, when his friend wasn't looking, took his army hat and flipped his friend's rank upside down so he would get yelled at when he went outside by a drill sergeant.  
(a) dirt (b) long (c) clean (d) practical
- Q8 "You are always telling your son not to drink too much but here you are drunk — again. You need to start practicing what you ....., " Diana said to James.  
(a) spiel (b) project (c) preach (d) think
- Q9 "Why do you keep trying to convince us that the Democratic party is the right one to vote for? We are Democrats. You are preaching to the ....., " Janis said to Tom.  
(a) pulpit (b) pews (c) audience (d) choir
- Q10 "I am so proud of you for having the presence of ..... to go into our house while it was burning and grab our important papers and money," Mrs. Williams said to Mr. Williams.  
(a) mind (b) direction (c) control (d) being

*English Slang Idioms (158)*

- Q1 Josh was certainly there for him when part of his roof collapsed during a snowstorm. One sometimes has no way of knowing if an acquaintance is truly a friend until a time of need arises. Mark thought of the old saying, "A friend in need is a friend ....."
- (a) indeed (b) in absense (c) away (d) between
- Q2 "My husband is adding an outside light to our house today and that is worrisome. He has no electrical experience he just watched a do-it-yourself program on TV that showed how to do the wiring. I don't think he knows enough about electrical work to do the job without electrocuting himself. The TV show wasn't meant to be a replacement for a course in electrical work. A little ..... is a dangerous thing," Elsie told a coworker.
- (a) show (b) program (c) knowledge (d) tool
- Q3 The job advertisement stated "A four-year degree in an applicable field is a ....." He didn't go to college so he decided that he would have to apply for a different job.
- (a) given (b) must (c) completion (d) detriment
- Q4 He thought about why he had been fired from his job and realized that it wasn't one big thing that had been the cause it had been a ..... of little things that added up over time.
- (a) compilation (b) add (c) building (d) number
- Q5 "There is the contractor now. It is ..... time. He was supposed to be here a half hour ago," Matt told his roommate.
- (a) under (b) over (c) few (d) about
- Q6 "I was just ..... to call you. Thanks for stopping by. It has been too long since I saw you last," Bill told his best friend.
- (a) around (b) ahead (c) about (d) along
- Q7 "Thoroughly investigate all of the suspects even the senator. No one is ..... suspicion," the chief of police told her staff.
- (a) around (b) above (c) below (d) ahead
- Q8 "I am so mad. The person who was selling the house we were going to buy has done a complete about ..... and has decided not to sell the house," Kim told Gina.
- (a) head (b) hand (c) turn (d) face
- Q9 "..... to the government, we should get our tax refund in two weeks," Matt told his wife.
- (a) Affording (b) Taking (c) According (d) Allowing
- Q10 "I use my CD player as ..... perfume to cover up the annoying rattling sound my car engine makes," Matt told his friend.
- (a) acoustic (b) scented (c) visual (d) odious

*English Slang Idioms (159)*

- Q1 "When I was a kid, I hated green beans. It wasn't until I was an adult that I was able to acquire a ..... for green beans," Nate said at the dinner party.  
(a) feel (b) like (c) taste (d) purchase
- Q2 "I had a horrible time living with my ex-husband and the experience made me wary of men in general. It took a real act of ..... to trust a man again and attempt dating," Laurie said to Ronda.  
(a) construction (b) pay (c) leap (d) faith
- Q3 "My best friend is 43-years-old and is still going out to bars that are frequented by college kids at least twice a week. She usually stays out until 2 o'clock in the morning as well. Her friends are all in their twenties — except me of course. I wish she would start acting her ....., " Laurie told Beth.  
(a) style (b) profile (c) status (d) age
- Q4 In many cases, young children who act ..... are looking for attention.  
(a) out (b) in (c) good (d) plays
- Q5 "Thank you for the compliment. The shed is not yet done, though. I am waiting until a sunny day to add the ..... touches the trim and the last of the paint," Rick told Ben.  
(a) complete (b) completion (c) money (d) finishing
- Q6 "I feel bad for Wes' kid. He is starting school next week and he is so shy and afraid of his own ..... I know he is going to get picked on," Brian said to his wife.  
(a) plant (b) shadow (c) car (d) person
- Q7 "This homemade greenhouse is designed to keep the heat in — after a ..... There are some cracks in the sides of it but I think it still does the job," Chris told Adam.  
(a) cotume (b) uniform (c) fashion (d) flare
- Q8 "Yes, we'd love to come to your party. I can't tell you exactly when we'll be there since I am not sure what time I will get off of work but we'll be there after a ....., " James told Mark.  
(a) while (b) day (c) eternity (d) second
- Q9 "I figure if I read all of the required reading for the business class, that begins in the fall, over my summer vacation, I'll be ..... of the game and will have an easier time in the class," Ken told Walter.  
(a) around (b) behind (c) ahead (d) sick
- Q10 "I had pneumonia and the doctor gave me some antibiotics. I took them for a week and now I'm all ....., " Jeff told Ronda.  
(a) bitter (b) complete (c) well (d) better

*English Slang Idioms (160)*

- Q1 "There were some things that I didn't like about the amusement park. For instance, the food was very expensive. All in ....., though, I would say that the park is worth taking your kids to," Matt told Ben.  
(a) now (b) between (c) all (d) for
- Q2 "When are you going to build the new shed, Jim?" his wife asked. He replied, "You know how busy I have been lately — especially with work and fixing the roof. All in ..... time, honey."  
(a) good (b) bad (c) past (d) future
- Q3 "What will you have at your garage sale, Maude?" "All ..... of things. Gardening stuff, old furniture, cooking utensils, clothes — you name it Wanda," she replied.  
(a) dictionaries (b) encyclopedias (c) kinds (d) colors
- Q4 "I am sorry I am late. I got into a car accident. I was driving home on the highway when, all of a ....., a deer jumped out in front of me. I tried to stop but I still hit it," Craig told his girlfriend.  
(a) happen (b) time (c) instant (d) sudden
- Q5 "Is everyone all in ..... piece?" Matt asked his passengers after his car went off the road due to a popped tire.  
(a) union (b) single (c) one (d) complete
- Q6 "Wow! The Stevens sure went ..... out on this party. They have a live band, a catering service and an open bar. This must have cost them a fortune," Bette said to Grace.  
(a) far (b) all (c) about (d) gone
- Q7 He liked going to the local thrift shop. There was all ..... of things to look at and all were unique, it seemed.  
(a) lists (b) crannies (c) holes (d) manners
- Q8 "Don't call me again. It is all ..... between us. We are not together anymore," Jennifer told Kyle.  
(a) grounded (b) shut (c) dust (d) over
- Q9 "If I find out that you lied about where you were a week ago, I am going to be all ..... you," the policeman told Bill.  
(a) over (b) behind (c) follow (d) out
- Q10 "Why don't you move in with me and pay half the bill?" Matt asked Bert. Bert replied, "That's all ..... for you! You get half of your mortgage paid and someone to do your chores and repairs around the house."  
(a) right (b) about (c) horrid (d) aesthetic



*English Slang Idioms (161)*

- Q1 "Are you alright? Do you want to talk about it? You look all ..... up," Rene said to Jean when she came out of the boss's office.  
(a) put (b) backed (c) shook (d) filed
- Q2 "Will you come on Saturday to mow my lawn? I will pay you twenty bucks," Iris said to Tommy. Tommy replied, "All ....., I'll come. I'll be there at 10 o'clock."  
(a) maybe (b) together (c) might (d) right
- Q3 "Are we ..... set to go?" Mark asked his family as they were getting ready to go to Disney Land.  
(a) complete (b) ready (c) total (d) all
- Q4 "Do you want to go to a Chinese restaurant or a Mexican restaurant? Or, we could get seafood if you like?" Abbey asked Alice. "I don't care. It's all the ..... to me. Whichever restaurant you prefer," Alice replied.  
(a) same (b) copy (c) identical (d) mirror image
- Q5 "I don't want to go to the races. We are going to go to the lake on Saturday instead. We do what you want to do ..... the time. We are going to the lake and that is final," Bella said to Nathan.  
(a) exact (b) right (c) all (d) often
- Q6 "We need to have more social programs for the poor and the elderly. They need help getting food and housing — among other things," Jay said. Matt replied, "That's all well and ..... the help and the food but where is the money going to come from for the programs?"  
(a) perfect (b) good (c) ideal (d) desired
- Q7 "The gig is ..... You are under arrest for embezzlement. We can prove that you have been stealing from your employer. Granted, you have a complex way of going about it but it didn't fool us," Detective Burns told Mr. Hammond.  
(a) affected (b) erased (c) null (d) up
- Q8 He wanted to go to a restaurant but few were open since it was Christmas day. He tried to think of some restaurants that were open all year ..... but couldn't think of any. He decided he would have to drive by some to see if they were open.  
(a) round (b) circle (c) days (d) total
- Q9 "I saw you with Steve the other night. You shouldn't date him. He is a total ..... cat. He has dated almost everyone in this town often at the same time — unbeknownst to them," Grace told Katie.  
(a) feral (b) house (c) pole (d) alley
- Q10 "When figuring out what materials you will need to complete the job, don't forget to ..... for waste," the contractor told Jim.  
(a) allow (b) make (c) a lot (d) reduce

*English Slang Idioms (162)*

- Q1 "No Ma'am. I am not another repairman. I am the repairman's best friend and I am just along for the ....., " Craig told the customer.  
(a) journey (b) sights (c) observation (d) ride
- Q2 "I think that you should hire someone to split the wood instead of doing it yourself. Your health isn't the best, Fred, and you are getting ..... in years," his wife told him.  
(a) afar (b) around (c) about (d) along
- Q3 "I don't like the local cable company. Their customer service doesn't amount to a hill of ....., " Mr. Gerald said to Mr. Thompson.  
(a) bolts (b) beans (c) traps (d) woods
- Q4 It just figured that his roof would start leaking right when he took a vacation from work. It was going to take all of his vacation time and then ..... to fix the roof.  
(a) more (b) less (c) days (d) some
- Q5 "Some people don't think that Jim should have joined the Peace Corps. I think that it is important to ..... one's calling and I am glad he went," Mark said to Lisa.  
(a) call (b) make (c) define (d) answer
- Q6 "Why do you think he broke up with his girlfriend?" Melanie asked Grace. She replied, "Well, I can't ..... for Brian but it might have something to do with her drinking a lot."  
(a) answer (b) think (c) fight (d) spot
- Q7 "I still don't know what is going on with the contractor. He still hasn't shown up and I am still waiting for an answer ..... from his company. They said they would find out where he is and call me," Brendan said to Marcie.  
(a) for (b) to (c) back (d) explaining
- Q8 "I will be right back. I have to answer the call of ..... I am going to walk to the bathroom and will be back in about five minutes," Jim told his boss at the site.  
(a) biology (b) need (c) nature (d) bathroom
- Q9 "I am sorry, son. I have to call the police. You seriously hurt that other boy. You are going to have to ..... to the police for your actions," Dan said.  
(a) respond (b) answer (c) define (d) appear
- Q10 "You want to know why Adam moved out of the area? It could have been any ..... of things. For one, he lost his job when the mill shut down and he couldn't find another job in the same line of work. Another reason might be that his parents moved not too long ago and he moved to be closer to them to help them in their old age. I am not sure which reason it was," Chris told Adam's old girlfriend.  
(a) things (b) amount (c) color (d) matter

*English Slang Idioms (163)*

- Q1 "Did you hear that the warehouse workers are trying to form a union at this company? That is sure to upset the ..... around here," Lisa told Linus.  
(a) beanpole (b) grocery (c) water flow (d) apple cart
- Q2 "Something is wrong with my computer. Can you help me fix it?" Sarah asked Adam. He responded, "I will give it a good .....-over and I will find the problem. I will call you when it is fixed."  
(a) Booting (b) Going (c) Caging (d) Dealing
- Q3 "When the boss told me I was fired, I couldn't believe my ..... I had never done anything wrong and I did so well in my performance evaluation," Rick said to Tim.  
(a) ears (b) thoughts (c) mind (d) eyes
- Q4 "I don't want to sell my car but I will as a last ..... — if we can't pay our bills," Max told his roommate.  
(a) stand (b) page (c) reaction (d) resort
- Q5 "Do you have a circular saw I can borrow for the weekend? I am going to build a small shed," Tom asked his buddy. Tim replied, "As a matter of ....., I do. I am not sure where it is right now but I will find it and bring it to you at work tomorrow."  
(a) certainty (b) possession (c) phrase (d) fact
- Q6 "I love this new wool jacket. It is as ..... as an old shoe," Jane told Eileen.  
(a) stiff (b) comfortable (c) threadbare (d) dark
- Q7 "What did you do today?" Mary asked her son, Tom. Tom replied, "I went to the fair for a few hours and, then, I went to a movie with Fred. That is all there is to tell — as far as that ....."  
(a) is (b) seems (c) looks (d) goes
- Q8 "What tools do I need for the job?" Derrick asked his friend. His friend replied, "The tools you need are as ..... : a circular saw, a tape-measure, a T-square, a pencil, a drill and some square-drive screws."  
(a) included (b) follows (c) measured (d) thought
- Q9 "I went to Hawaii for a vacation and Hawaii is as ..... as it gets. Sun, beaches, warm weather, beautiful plants and warm water. What more could one ask for?" Linda said to Sean.  
(a) good (b) desirable (c) warm (d) sunny
- Q10 "Where did you get that wine barrel planter?" Jean asked. Linda said, "I worked for Mr. Marcus and he promised that if I completed the job by last Tuesday, he would give me the planter as a bonus. I finished last Tuesday and he was as good as his ....."  
(a) truth (b) word (c) phrase (d) idea

*English Slang Idioms (164)*

- Q1 "I think we should promote Adam. He is dependable and is as hard as ....., " Rick said to the chief of the fire department.  
(a) wood (b) nails (c) glass (d) clay
- Q2 "Why do you think Mark missed work today?" Tim asked Rob. "As likely as ....., he drank too much last night and didn't feel like coming in to work today. I have known him since high school and he is almost always drunk," Rob replied.  
(a) else (b) most (c) some (d) not
- Q3 "Do you have any nails left over from your deck project that you could spare?" Tom's neighbor asked. "As ..... would have it, I do. Come by at about 6 o'clock and I will let you have the nails," Tom answered.  
(a) day (b) fake (c) luck (d) regulations
- Q4 "I heard that Tom was in a major car accident. Do you know what happened?" Tina asked Lacey. She replied, "As the ..... goes, he was heading home on the highway when a big-rig truck popped a tire and went into his lane. He swerved to avoid it and ended up hitting a tree."  
(a) windmill (b) communication (c) letter (d) story
- Q5 He wanted to ask for her ..... in marriage but couldn't think of where he wanted to ask her. He was torn between a picnic on the beach or underwater during scuba-diving lessons.  
(a) hand (b) property (c) brain (d) part
- Q6 "Watch out for Steven. He will promise you the ..... to get you to go out with him. Once you do, he is all about himself and what he wants," Mary told Kathy.  
(a) moon (b) future (c) field (d) ballpark
- Q7 He knew that he would have to study very hard to pass the test in Business Law. The class was now almost over and he couldn't afford a poor grade at this ..... of the game.  
(a) snap shot (b) field (c) stage (d) rule
- Q8 "I am sorry, Sir. I am at a ..... as to how this happened. I completed the project yesterday and saved it on my computer. When I came in this morning, the file was gone. I don't know how to explain this. I worked with Tina yesterday on the project and she can verify that it was completed yesterday," Luke said to his boss.  
(a) loss (b) hole (c) vacuum (d) absence
- Q9 "Tommy, you need to start working faster. You are working at a ..... pace. If you don't start working faster, the job won't be completed on time," the foreman told him.  
(a) cheetah's (b) dog's (c) snail's (d) frog's
- Q10 "I am sorry that I arrived too late for the game. I didn't know that we had to be here at a ..... time. I thought that this was an informal party that one could show up to anytime in the afternoon," Jess said to Blake.  
(a) variable (b) set (c) locked (d) exact

*English Slang Idioms (165)*

- Q1 "So your idea to make enough money to pay me for the car I sold you is to recycle aluminum cans? I think you are ..... at straws here. I think you need to think of something else and ask someone you know for a loan because you are not going to make enough by recycling cans to pay me," Hank told Jimmy.  
(a) spitting (b) grasping (c) harvesting (d) planting
- Q2 "You know that her husband passed away yesterday and that you will get paid soon. Asking her to pay you for the lawnmower, at a ..... like this, is just wrong," Matt told his brother.  
(a) junction (b) place (c) time (d) event
- Q3 "Management just told us that a lot of our inventory got destroyed in a fire and that we need to obtain more inventory immediately at all ....., " Jim informed Candice.  
(a) cost (b) spending (c) investments (d) savings
- Q4 "How much will it cost to repair the water damage caused by the leak in the roof?" Mary asked the contractor. "At ....., you are looking at \$1,500 for the drywall. I can't tell you for certain how much it will cost until we remove some of the drywall and see whether any of the studs are rotten. If the studs have rotted, it will cost more to fix," he replied.  
(a) ideal (b) most (c) perfect (d) best
- Q5 She hated the second and third weekend of the month when she was "on ....." at the newspaper. She wouldn't get paid unless she was called but she also couldn't leave the area in case of an emergency call.  
(a) call (b) page (c) inspection (d) ready
- Q6 "We know that the victim was shot at close ..... He has gunpowder burns on his dress shirt," the police officer told the reporter at the crime scene.  
(a) sight (b) place (c) standing (d) range
- Q7 His opponent was quite good at chess. He was very good and didn't usually have a hard time beating his opponent. He tried multiple strategies of attack but had been stopped at every .....  
(a) check point (b) location (c) turn (d) mark
- Q8 "Is \$2,000 a good deal for a 2001 Honda Civic with 100,000 miles on it?" Lisa asked Beth. Beth replied, "It seems to be but I wouldn't take it at ..... value. Bring it into the shop and we will take a look to see if there is anything seriously wrong with it."  
(a) visual (b) guessed (c) priced (d) stated
- Q9 "Well, ..... things first, we need to rearrange the shed. Then, we can get the dresser out of the bedroom and that will make room for the new king-sized bed," Steven told Clarissa.  
(a) one (b) priority (c) first (d) major
- Q10 "We really got a good deal on this house. At first ....., it didn't look like much but all it needed was paint and landscaping," Bill told his wife.  
(a) eye (b) glance (c) opinion (d) thought

*English Slang Idioms (166)*

- Q1 "I am so mad at my boyfriend. He has gone to great ..... to convince me he quit drinking. Then, his friend came to the house and asked if my boyfriend had made it home OK the other night after driving drunk," Shirley told Grace.  
(a) acts (b) hours (c) lengths (d) times
- Q2 "Look at Tom. He looks exhausted. He must have had a long night last night. His eyes are half-.....," Ryan said to Karen.  
(a) function (b) visual (c) working (d) mast
- Q3 "What is your manager's cell phone number?" the disgruntled customer asked the representative after being informed that the manager wasn't in at that moment. The representative answered, "I am not at ..... to give that number out. I can have him call you once he comes in, though."  
(a) liberty (b) ability (c) knowledge (d) duty
- Q4 He had checked every music store in town for a quality distortion pedal for a guitar. He searched for months and none of the stores had the pedal in stock. At ..... last, he found one in a pawn shop.  
(a) beginning of (b) end of (c) long (d) finishing the
- Q5 He and his boss had been at ..... about what to do about the supply crisis for the past month. Each refused to see the other's perspective and rationale.  
(a) blunders (b) grounds (c) odds (d) word
- Q6 "I am so sorry! I must not have set my alarm last night. I am sorry that I am late. I will leave my house at .....," Laurie said when her work called to find out why she wasn't in the office.  
(a) instant (b) once (c) immediately (d) now
- Q7 "I am coming home immediately after I am done here. I have some ..... ends to tie up at the office before I can leave and that should take about twenty minutes. Then, I will come home," Chris told Linda when she called.  
(a) frayed (b) broken (c) multiple (d) loose
- Q8 "Please don't invite Jack to your party. I dated him at ..... time and we had a nasty break-up now we can't stand the sight of each other," Beth said to Kim.  
(a) some (b) long (c) one (d) short
- Q9 "Will you come to our party on Saturday? You don't have to show up at any particular time you can show up at your ..... I know you have some things you have to do in the morning," Wes said to Brandon.  
(a) time (b) watch (c) leisure (d) motive
- Q10 "It will cost you, at ....., \$150 for a new pump," the repairman told the Watsons.  
(a) most (b) less (c) fraction (d) addition

*English Slang Idioms (167)*

- Q1 "I am sorry about the other night at your parents' house. I hope they don't think I am boring or impolite. I know I didn't talk much. I wasn't at my ..... the other night. I have been sick all week and, then, I found out the night of the dinner party that my cousin had passed away. I didn't get a chance to tell you before dinner," Jack told Maureen.
- (a) usefulness (b) polished self (c) greatness (d) best
- Q2 He finally had his desk set up so that everything he would need was at his .....
- (a) knuckles (b) elbows (c) fingertips (d) sight
- Q3 "Jack, are you there?" The boss called out. "Right here. At your ....., Sir," he replied from the next room over.
- (a) leisure (b) aims (c) service (d) frontline
- Q4 He had finally earned the company's trust. When they trusted you, they really trusted you. He had gone from having barely any responsibility to having millions of the company's dollars at his .....
- (a) disposal (b) reach (c) reserves (d) aims
- Q5 "I am sorry but there is nothing more that we can do. We have, at great ....., done our best to make your experience with us a positive one. We gave you a new product, after your warranty had expired, and then we refunded you the money. There isn't anything else we can do," Kyle said to the disgruntled customer.
- (a) areas (b) ideals (c) pains (d) standards
- Q6 "I am at wit's ..... My husband doesn't have a job and won't look for one. I don't know what to do!" Lisa said to Phyllis.
- (a) end (b) stopping (c) boundaries (d) refusing
- Q7 "James, do you have a moment? I have been trying to ..... sight of you all day," Tristan said.
- (a) lose (b) catch (c) ascertain (d) find
- Q8 He decided to move out of the dormitories at the school and into an apartment. He had somehow lost ..... of his goal of getting perfect grades in his classes and he suspected that the reason for this was the constant distraction of living with others who were just starting out in college and wanted to party.
- (a) vision (b) focus (c) place (d) sight
- Q9 "Mark, you have been making a few mistakes in your paper work. I need you to double-check your work from now on. There is a lot of money at ..... here," the boss said to him.
- (a) place (b) stake (c) sight (d) motion
- Q10 "I was late again today after being warned that I would be fired if I was late again. I am totally at the ..... of my boss and am just waiting for her to call me in to her office," Jane told Louise.
- (a) discretion (b) side (c) mercy (d) place

*English Slang Idioms (168)*

- Q1 He knew that his Law class would be a lot of work. At the same ....., he thought it would probably teach him a lot.  
(a) breath (b) day (c) time (d) face
- Q2 "Every time I start working on my files, the boss calls me into his office to ask me some dumb question about our inventory. At this ....., I'll never get my work done," John said to Carrie.  
(a) rate (b) time (c) schedule (d) place
- Q3 "My daughter is having a hard time right now in school with people making fun of her appearance. She is at that ..... age where she is all joints and pimples," Sarah said to her friend.  
(a) tipsy (b) frozen (c) glorious (d) awkward
- Q4 "I feel sorry for Cherish. She is such a ..... in the woods when it comes to business. She just can't tell when people are taking advantage of her for their own sake," Mary said to John.  
(a) deer (b) bear (c) senior (d) babe
- Q5 Some people are wary of online banking due to a fear that a computer hacker might find a ..... into their bank account through one of their computer programs.  
(a) sight (b) back door (c) description (d) voice
- Q6 "We argue for very long periods of time when we do argue. Neither of us will ..... down when we think we are right," Dan told his father when his father asked how things were going between him and his roommate.  
(a) throw (b) wind (c) look (d) back
- Q7 Periodically, classic movies will be put back in ..... by the companies who made them in an effort to remind people about the movies.  
(a) circulation (b) transits (c) exchange (d) trading
- Q8 "I think that we should find an alternate supplier who can deliver what we need in case the one that we are signing a contract with decides to back ..... of the deal," Marcus told Ronda.  
(a) under (b) by (c) out (d) into
- Q9 "I think our renovations will have to take a ..... seat until we can save more money," Jim told  
(a) front (b) big (c) hot (d) back
- Q10 "You need to go clean your room and I don't want to hear any ..... talk out of you, young man," Sarah told her boy.  
(a) loud (b) avoiding (c) back (d) long



*English Slang Idioms (169)*

- Q1 "Sir, I need you to ..... up, turn around and put your hands on the car," the policeman told the aggressive criminal who started to threaten the officer.  
(a) front (b) back (c) belly (d) jumpy
- Q2 "Today has been so busy! There has been back-to-..... calls since the phones turned on," the customer service representative told her friend who had stayed home sick.  
(a) front (b) beginning (c) start (d) back
- Q3 His plan to renovate his house and then resell it for more money had ..... The housing market, during the renovation process, had changed from a seller's to a buyer's market.  
(a) lightened (b) backfired (c) fired (d) reversed
- Q4 He wasn't worried about the final exam in his Law class. He knew the material backward and .....  
(a) sideways (b) ahead (c) away (d) forward
- Q5 "He tried to convince me that there was nothing wrong with his car but he was a bad ..... I knew he was lying he looked nervous and blinked his eyes way more than usual. He also kept stuttering — which my neighbor is not in the habit of doing," Jane said to Mark.  
(a) mime (b) rendition (c) actor (d) fake
- Q6 He had expected to marry a woman who would stay at home. He would bring home the ..... and she would raise the kids and do the chores. Life had turned out very different for him. His wife made more money than he did and worked longer hours.  
(a) bacon (b) asset (c) boat (d) chips
- Q7 "I love my girlfriend but does she ever have a lot of ..... She hates her family, she has an ornery ex-husband and her sister sold all of her things when she needed money a few years ago. It is hard to put up with the anger and stories," Max told Steve.  
(a) weight (b) baggage (c) cross to bear (d) property
- Q8 He had expected to read some favorable articles in the local paper about his company when he opened a branch in the small town. However, his company got a lot of ..... press speculating that the new branch would put a lot of local businesses out of business and would cost many of the residents their jobs.  
(a) odious (b) rotten (c) bad (d) heinous
- Q9 She had told her son that if he was ever arrested, she would not ..... him out. Rather, she'd let him spend the time in jail to teach him a lesson.  
(a) bring (b) lift (c) trick (d) bail
- Q10 "Are you having fun tonight?" He asked his girlfriend. She replied sarcastically, "Oh, yes. I am having a ....." She told him that she hated the drag races. However, he had begged her for a long time until she agreed to go with him.  
(a) joy (b) bird (c) ball (d) laughing attack

*English Slang Idioms (170)*

- Q1 "Did you have fun at the amusement park?" Sarah asked Allison. "Oh, yes. It was a ..... We went on the waterslides and a lot of other rides. I haven't done anything like that in many years," she replied.  
(a) chore (b) task (c) action (d) blast
- Q2 "I was at Steve's house and then came home," Jay told his mom. She said, "..... Steve's mother just called wondering where he was and said that she hasn't seen you in weeks."  
(a) Ham (b) Baloney (c) Chicken sticks (d) Watermelons
- Q3 "We all need to ..... together and demand that management includes health benefits in our compensation package. They will listen if we all demand the benefits as a group," Will said to the office staff.  
(a) band (b) conform (c) glue (d) morph
- Q4 "I know you think that the mill is going to give you a job and that is why you haven't been out looking for a job. Don't ..... on it, though. It has been more than a month since you applied and you haven't heard from them yet, have you?" His mom asked him.  
(a) ride (b) wage (c) stop (d) bank
- Q5 "I am sorry, Matt. I know that you got more than you ..... for on the car you bought. I know you weren't expecting to have to fix every other part on it. Your father and I will help out as much as we can," his mom told him.  
(a) bargained (b) planned on (c) anticipated (d) perceived
- Q6 "Thank you for the .....-up job you did on my house. The hardwood floors look great as does the paint job," William told Bert.  
(a) rack (b) mark (c) let (d) bang
- Q7 "I am sorry that I threw out your best friend the other night. He ..... in drunk the other night at two o'clock in the morning with three guests he didn't knock or call first. He wanted to spend the night and wait until you called back," Ron told Paul.  
(a) rocked (b) forced (c) barged (d) jumped
- Q8 "I know that you think that I spent all of my money on partying but you are way off-..... on that. I spent my money on getting my car and computer fixed. I can show you the receipts to prove it to you," Paul's roommate told him when he yelled at him for not paying his half of the rent.  
(a) base (b) topic (c) path (d) color
- Q9 "I like Mrs. Grady but I think she has some ..... in the belfry. She told me to watch out for the burglars the other day but no one has been robbed in this neighborhood for twenty years. My friend in the police force just told me that the other day," Beth told Amanda.  
(a) moths (b) beetles (c) bats (d) mice
- Q10 "How did you do on your performance goals this month?" Janice asked David. "I ..... about average this month. I need to improve on the amount of time it takes me to complete my work but I got high marks again for my accuracy," he replied.  
(a) played basketball (b) played soccer (c) golf (d) batted

*English Slang Idioms (171)*

- Q1 "Did you hear the news? Ben and Paula are an ..... now. Ben told Mark that they have been dating for about two weeks but haven't told anyone in the office yet," Rick told Gladice.  
(a) unit (b) couple (c) item (d) arrangement
- Q2 "Do you want to go to the river with us?" Jill and Alice asked Kim. "I'm ....., " she replied.  
(a) on (b) item (c) game (d) band
- Q3 "How can we solve the expired inventory issue, Jack?" the boss asked. He replied, "I am not sure yet. Let me ..... on it for a while and I will give you an answer by tomorrow."  
(a) soup (b) stew (c) ponder (d) contemplate
- Q4 "You want to look in my shed for infected mice? Be my ....., " Janice told the animal control officer.  
(a) guest (b) host (c) accomplish (d) idol
- Q5 "Please don't invite Gina. We have been fighting and are currently on the ..... I won't have fun if she comes," Chris told his friends when they started talking about who they would invite to the river with them.  
(a) outskirts (b) outs (c) bondaries (d) opposing forces
- Q6 "Look out the window. Isn't that Carrie's boy looking in that car across the street. It's 10 o'clock at night! You know he is up to no ....., " Lisa told Tom.  
(a) purpose (b) goal (c) well (d) good
- Q7 "I caught Terry's son poking around our neighbor's shed. I think he is up to ..... I think that he is looking around for something to steal," Grace told Ellis.  
(a) something (b) nothing (c) task (d) job
- Q8 "I know that he failed to show up a month ago. I am not going to bear a ..... against him for not showing up one time. If it happens again, then I will talk to him," Matt told his wife.  
(a) anger (b) grudge (c) ill will (d) hate
- Q9 "I haven't been studying for my final exams during these last couple weeks. I need to really ..... down and get the necessary studying done. I am sorry I am going to study instead of go to the park with you all," Larry told Kurt and Steve.  
(a) ground (b) wear (c) grind (d) bear
- Q10 "I started to argue with my boss and he got this look like he was going to fire me on the spot. I quickly ..... a retreat and started agreeing with him and apologizing for my behavior. Luckily, he didn't fire me. I am going to have to be more respectful in the future," Tom told Rachel.  
(a) beat (b) forged (c) dug (d) welded

*English Slang Idioms (172)*

- Q1 "I don't know how to ..... it into Joey's head that teenagers shouldn't drink. Do you have any suggestions?" Dick asked Alice.  
(a) ream (b) slip (c) beat (d) run
- Q2 "We don't want to hang out with people who lie to their friends, so ..... it!" Steve and Justine said to Max.  
(a) leave (b) jam (c) run (d) beat
- Q3 The community was outraged when the burglar beat the ..... on a technicality. The police had searched his van and his house and they had only had a warrant for the house. The stolen goods had been in the van.  
(a) jail (b) rap (c) judge (d) people
- Q4 "The waterfall is off the ..... track a bit, but you can get to it without a truck. It is well worth seeing. I think you two should go," Tom said to Jill and Ben.  
(a) written (b) cleared (c) paved (d) beaten
- Q5 "I tell you what. Digging ditches around here is no ..... of roses. There are too many big rocks and the soil is very hard," Joe told Ben.  
(a) bed (b) styrofoam (c) fluff (d) feathers
- Q6 He had started lifting weights to ..... up for the summer season. He didn't want to look like a skinny, wimpy kid in a bathing suit.  
(a) grunt (b) beef (c) tan (d) strong
- Q7 "Why don't you go watch some TV and before you ..... it, the pile of leaves you have been complaining about will be raked up and gone," Adam told Rachel.  
(a) know (b) see (c) guess (d) find
- Q8 "You are going to go to summer camp, so stop ..... about it. It is not optional," Larry told his son, Mike.  
(a) conversing (b) breathing (c) bellyaching (d) laughing
- Q9 "I am sorry, guys. I don't have enough money to go on the trip anymore. I bet my ..... on the football game on Sunday and I lost. I am broke until payday," Craig told Luke and Kyle.  
(a) job (b) thoughts (c) boots (d) word
- Q10 "In my opinion, your best ..... on finding a wine barrel planter is to go to Michael's nursery. They have a lot of different things," Jim told Chris.  
(a) bet (b) jump (c) drive (d) idea

*English Slang Idioms (173)*

- Q1 "I went to the farmers' market on Saturday in town to look for fresh herbs. When I got there, I could hardly ..... my eyes! There were stalls that had fresh garlic, basil, oregano, thyme, parsley and sage, among other things. I was not expecting so many different kinds of herbs," Lilly said to Lucy.  
(a) recognize (b) open (c) see (d) believe
- Q2 "I was expecting the conference to include a few people from the office and some snacks. It turned out to be a big ....., though. All of the employees from our branch were there, along with all the employees from another of our branches. There was a catered food service, music and guest speakers such as the CEO of the company and other high-up members of the company," Luke said to Candice.  
(a) affair (b) deal (c) barn raising (d) circus
- Q3 "I was so nervous during the presentation. I had to give it in front of all the ..... shots the CEO, the Chief Financial Officer, the President of Marketing, and some high-up government officials," Sarah told her parents.  
(a) long (b) cheap (c) big (d) hard
- Q4 "Hi James. You would like me to work on your car? I do work on cars but they are all old cars. Your car is a bird of a different ..... Your car, being newer, has a lot of computerized parts that are not present in older cars. I don't have the equipment or the knowledge to fix newer cars like yours. I am sorry," James said to Zack.  
(a) feather (b) flight pattern (c) color (d) animal
- Q5 Accepting that he didn't have what it took to be a doctor was a ..... pill for him to swallow. He wanted to be a doctor his whole life.  
(a) sugar (b) healing (c) bitter (d) horse
- Q6 "I am sorry that I wasn't able to make it to your art show. I got called in to work unexpectedly and didn't have a chance to let you know. You forgive me? No ..... feelings? Thanks. I'll talk to you soon," Kim said to Lacey over the phone.  
(a) fine (b) scary (c) anxious (d) hard
- Q7 He was scared. His wife told him that they fought last night and he couldn't remember fighting with her at all. The last thing he remembered was pouring another drink and dancing. He figured that he must have ..... out since he couldn't remember anything after that moment.  
(a) whacked (b) lashed (c) punched (d) blacked
- Q8 His next-door neighbors were having a friend help them build an addition onto their house. He knew that they didn't know much about construction and were only moving forward with the project because their friend claimed to know a lot about construction. He had talked to the friend and found that he knew about as much about construction as a high school woodshop student. The whole process was a case of the ..... leading the blind.  
(a) blind (b) deaf (c) stupid (d) ignorant
- Q9 "Tina is remarkably perceptive when it comes to other people but she sure seems to have a ..... spot when it comes to her boyfriend. She just won't see that the guy is an insensitive jerk who only cares about himself!" Mandy told Sarah.  
(a) hot (b) white (c) wet (d) blind
- Q10 "I told you to take back the nails and get more screws but you took back the screws and got more nails you stupid .....!" the contractor yelled at the worker.  
(a) blockhead (b) learner (c) cheese head (d) moose head

*English Slang Idioms (174)*

- Q1 "I heard someone outside my window last night and my blood turned to ..... I was so scared! It turned out that my husband realized, in the middle of the night, that he had forgot to lock the shed and it was him that I was hearing," Jamie told Dorothy.  
(a) mud (b) water (c) ice (d) plastic
- Q2 "I hated elementary school. I got picked on a lot and have tried to ..... the whole experience out of my memory," Chad told David.  
(a) blot (b) smudge (c) paint (d) brush
- Q3 "I am sorry that I am late for dinner," Jack told his friends. "I had a ..... out on my way here and had to put on my spare tire. You can see the little spare tire from here."  
(a) deflate (b) pop (c) blow (d) white
- Q4 James was surprised that Jack had blown the ..... on his criminal plans. He offered Jack a lot of money to look the other way but he refused. He just didn't think that he would call the police on him too.  
(a) trash (b) lid (c) seal (d) gasket
- Q5 "You can yell at me until you are ..... in the face. I am still not going to miss my prom because I am grounded. I am going and that is it," Jamie told her dad.  
(a) blue (b) hot (c) strained (d) green
- Q6 It looked like it was a ..... Monday for about half of the staff members. They looked depressed, tired and like they wanted to be anywhere but the office.  
(a) yellow (b) green (c) brown (d) blue
- Q7 He couldn't believe his stupidity. The boss started in on him asking why he had been late — and he had ..... out that he had accidentally forgot to set his alarm when he had gone to bed late last night.  
(a) shouted (b) blurted (c) screamed (d) held
- Q8 His plan to get all of his chores done by 1 o'clock in the afternoon was coming apart. He got ..... down by three different friends stopping by, unexpectedly, and he was way behind schedule.  
(a) thrown (b) shoved (c) bogged (d) let
- Q9 Computer technology changes so often that it is often hard to keep up with the newest programs. Each time a new program comes out, there is enough information that one has to learn to ..... the minds of even the very intelligent.  
(a) throttle (b) boggle (c) spring (d) divide
- Q10 Lucy and her boyfriend had been harboring a growing resentment toward each other. Finally, one night, he started in on her about not taking back the movies and she finally reached her ..... point. She told him everything that she hated about him and then some.  
(a) stopping (b) boiling (c) throwing (d) pushing

*English Slang Idioms (175)*

- Q1 "I told you to return the saw before Tuesday since it was not refundable after Tuesday. You said you would and it is now Thursday. Now I am stuck with the saw, you ....., " the boss said to Tim.  
(a) bonehead (b) slack-jaw (c) wimp (d) hothead
- Q2 "While you were at the store, I caught Larry stealing some of your change. I ..... him out immediately. I made sure that he left your change here before he left," Craig said to Kyle at his party.  
(a) wiped (b) rubbed (c) booted (d) grossed
- Q3 "This movie has ..... me to tears. Let's turn it off and go to the river or go somewhere else. Anything is more interesting than that movie," Matt said to Steve.  
(a) grossed (b) hated (c) maddened (d) bored
- Q4 "That lecture bored me to ..... The Economics professor is a very smart guy and very knowledgeable but his lectures are not interesting," Matt told Kyle.  
(a) work (b) think (c) death (d) draw
- Q5 "I am envious that your husband built a shed for you instead of buying a pre-assembled one. My husband couldn't build a shed to save his ....., " Amber told Laurie.  
(a) reputation (b) life (c) happiness (d) job
- Q6 "I like Matt but I don't want to work with him on a group project. He is a hard worker but he's not the ..... star in the sky," Luke told Joe.  
(a) one (b) dimmest (c) bluest (d) brightest
- Q7 "We need someone else for the position someone who has a quick mind and is business savvy. I like Mark but let's face it he's not the sharpest ..... in the shed," Mr. Wilson told Mr. Thompson.  
(a) brick (b) tool (c) shelf (d) board
- Q8 "I told you I don't want to go to the movies. I want to go hiking today so stop trying to ..... me around," Kyle told his roommate.  
(a) boss (b) slap (c) convince (d) talk
- Q9 "Hi Lewis. Thanks for coming by. We are still trying to renovate the kitchen, as you can see. We had to hire a new contractor after the last guy ..... the job. The cabinets the last guy put in were very crooked," Brian told him.  
(a) risked (b) wasted (c) botched (d) whacked
- Q10 The candidate for the job who was the most qualified was the girl with the ..... blond hair. She had the necessary education and three years experience in the field. He decided to call her and offer her the job later on that day.  
(a) paint (b) stained (c) egg (d) bottle

*English Slang Idioms (176)*

|     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Q1  | Many home owners lost money in America when the housing market recently ..... out.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|     | (a) grounded (b) bottomed (c) flashed (d) framed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Q2  | The local college football team bowled ..... their opponents in the last game with a final score of 49-7. It was a refreshing change of pace.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|     | (a) with (b) cherries (c) away (d) over                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Q3  | It is hard for developing countries to advance due to what some call the " ..... drain." The developing country's best and the brightest are often hired to work in other countries for higher salaries than are available in their home countries. This, in turn, leaves the developing countries with less talented and smart people to help them advance.                                                      |
|     | (a) talent (b) brain (c) winner (d) cream                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Q4  | "Don't be too hard on him for coming in dirty. Boys will be ..... They all like to get dirty at that age," Mary told Ellen.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|     | (a) soiled (b) play (c) dusty (d) boys                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Q5  | "I don't mind if you ride to the store on your bikes. Make sure to wear your ..... buckets, though. I don't want you getting hurt or cracking your head open," Ryan said to his two boys.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|     | (a) seat (b) egg (c) brain (d) hair                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Q6  | "I thought we would start figuring out our options by ..... for five minutes. Once that is complete, we will look through the list of ideas we have come up with and talk about the pros and cons of each. So what I need you to do is right down anything that comes to mind and don't stop to think whether it is a good idea or not. We will critique the ideas after the five minutes," Janice told the team. |
|     | (a) brainstorming (b) drawing (c) painting (d) debating                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Q7  | "I have only had one hobby for years throwing pottery. However, I got kind of sick of it and decided to ..... and try new things. I am now learning how to refinish furniture and play the bass guitar," Susan told Louise.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|     | (a) run away (b) close the book (c) break the mold (d) branch out                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Q8  | "I decided to ..... away from the fraternity in college and make different kinds of friends. They weren't a bad group of guys but they were more interested in partying and having fun than planning a future for themselves and getting good grades," Matt told his little brother.                                                                                                                              |
|     | (a) smash (b) drive (c) break (d) push                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Q9  | "We had a small ..... breaking ceremony before we started building the new office. We invited the new workers and their families. We had a barbecue and some beers. Then the Manager put a shovel into the ground and dug out some dirt to signify where the new office will go. It was fun," Marcie told her good friend when she asked what Marcie had done that day.                                           |
|     | (a) soil (b) location (c) level (d) ground                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Q10 | "As you know, we have been trying to ..... into the cell phone market without much success. However, we have a new product that we hope will make us a major competitor in that market. We are wondering if you would be able to provide the service for our new phone," Lisa told the telephone network executives.                                                                                              |
|     | (a) force (b) walk (c) break (d) run                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |



*English Slang Idioms (177)*

- Q1 "I am sorry that I am late. My car ..... down again. I am getting it fixed tomorrow. This time, it kept overheating," Wes told his boss.  
(a) went (b) broke (c) fell (d) laid
- Q2 "I heard from Tim that you broke ..... your engagement with Jones. What happened?" His mom asked him.  
(a) down (b) away (c) into (d) off
- Q3 "She left because she doesn't want to be around Doug. He ..... her heart about a year ago by dating her cousin without telling her. She really loved him and now, obviously, she can't stand him," Laurie told Linda when she asked why Kim abruptly left the party.  
(a) sanded (b) nailed (c) broke (d) burned
- Q4 "I don't want to see you standing on the top of that ladder anymore. You almost tipped it over just now. It isn't safe to stand on the top of it. You could ..... your neck," his wife yelled at him.  
(a) break (b) twist (c) rub (d) destroy
- Q5 "I can't trust you anymore. You promised me that you would help me move and you ..... your word. I had to do everything myself because I couldn't find anyone else on such short notice," Nate told Brent.  
(a) broke (b) smashed (c) kept (d) twisted
- Q6 He had it made. He won a full sports scholarship to Harvard after breaking the ..... for fastest marathon runner.  
(a) statistics (b) standards (c) accomplishments (d) record
- Q7 We have seen many ..... in computer technology in our lifetime. Computers used to take up entire rooms and now the computers in our cell phones are more powerful than those room-sized computers used to be.  
(a) marathons (b) chains of events (c) breakthroughs (d) betterment
- Q8 "Can you please call your sister? She is really broke ..... about your cousin dying. I think she needs to talk to someone that cares," her mom told her.  
(a) away (b) up (c) down (d) apart
- Q9 He had always wanted to be a public servant so that he could ..... about change. He thought that there were a lot of good things about society he just wanted to improve whatever he could.  
(a) come (b) turn (c) bring (d) levy
- Q10 "I don't like Jack that much. He is such a ..... around the boss. Anytime we try to talk about ideas, he backs the boss automatically and gets all confrontational like he thinks that him and the boss are going to gang up on me," Luke said to Elsie.  
(a) brown-noser (b) long nosed (c) hot-head (d) big wig

*English Slang Idioms (178)*

- Q1 "That was the most unproductive meeting I have been to. Any time we tried to ask the presenter a question, she ..... it aside and kept on with her presentation. I am so confused on so many things," Beth told Lukas.  
(a) brushed (b) fought (c) left (d) buried
- Q2 "Mom! Come here for a moment. Look at this cool rock I found. If you brush ..... the dirt a little bit, you can see that it has lots of little crystals on it," Jeff said.  
(a) toward (b) more (c) around (d) back
- Q3 "I know that you are sad that your girlfriend moved away but you have to brush it ..... and keep studying. Your grades are going down and you don't want to get kicked out of college," Dirk's brother said to him.  
(a) today (b) down (c) off (d) harder
- Q4 "You can't let that bully keep pushing you around. You are going to have to ..... up and fight back so that he and everyone else knows that you can't be picked on," George's dad told him when he got home from school and told his dad what had happened.  
(a) buck (b) rough (c) tough (d) steel
- Q5 "I know that I should sell my car. It is constantly breaking down and leaving me stranded. It is also costing me a lot of money. However, I have a really fond feeling for that old ..... of bolts," Chris told Steve.  
(a) string (b) collection (c) nut (d) bucket
- Q6 "My son is a hard worker once he gets started on a job. However, one has to ..... under him to get him to get off the couch, put away the video games, and do some work," Larry told Bill.  
(a) boot up (b) put a pin cushion (c) light a fire (d) inspire his mind
- Q7 "The ground is not level on that side. We have to ..... it up on that side before we build the deck floor so that the deck will be level," Mark said to Lewis.  
(a) rack (b) store (c) build (d) step
- Q8 "I don't have a lot of money but I don't want to stay in the apartment all day. Why don't we go bum ..... the beach for a while?" Matt asked Brandon.  
(a) around (b) aside (c) ahead (d) account
- Q9 "I am sorry. I can't loan you twenty dollars. I have been ..... too many times by people telling me that they will pay me back and then never doing so. It has hurt a lot of my friendships in the past," Luke said to Jacob.  
(a) stopped (b) pushed (c) lied (d) burned
- Q10 He was embarrassed. He had promised to barbecue food for everyone at the party. He had put all of the meat he had on the barbecue and, then, he got into a conversation with a friend about the housing market. He forgot all about the food and when he finally went to check on it, he found that all of the meat was burned to a .....  
Now there was nothing to feed the guests.  
(a) crisp (b) husk (c) black (d) clump

*English Slang Idioms (179)*

- Q1 "I hate how one keeps ..... into the one person he or she doesn't want to see. I have tried my hardest to avoid my ex-girlfriend Sally and I have run into her three times in the past month. It isn't like this is a small town," Jeff said to Christian.  
(a) stopping (b) jumping (c) bumping (d) discovering
- Q2 "Did you hear that our boss is in jail? I guess he tried to bump his wife ..... the other night and she managed to escape and call the police. Crazy, isn't it? I never would have thought that a guy that nice would be capable of something like that," James said to Raquel.  
(a) off (b) in (c) down (d) to death
- Q3 "Watch out, when using a hole-boring bit on hard wood, that you don't ..... up your drill. I just ruined mine drilling holes in a planter box the other day. It started smoking and then quit," Derrick said to Paul.  
(a) bump (b) stop (c) burn (d) stump
- Q4 He almost caught his apartment on fire the night before. He was trying to deep-fry some chicken when the pot of oil ..... into flames. He tried to find a lid but couldn't. The cabinets had just started to catch fire when he found his fire extinguisher and then was able to douse the flames.  
(a) rushed (b) started (c) jump (d) burst
- Q5 He felt like a jerk. He told his girlfriend that he had fell in love with another woman and she burst into ..... He felt horrible after that.  
(a) crying (b) tears (c) sniffles (d) cries
- Q6 "This company is going out of business! You can either bury your head in the ..... and pretend it isn't happening or we can try to find a solution but something has to happen now!" The accountant told Bob.  
(a) sand (b) rock (c) paper (d) drink
- Q7 "When I was in school not college I hated it when the teachers made us do ..... work to keep us occupied. I felt like we were there to learn, not to be babysat," Rick said to Martha.  
(a) busy (b) stupid (c) take up time (d) schedule
- Q8 "Dad said that we can't go to the roller-skating rink on Saturday. Why don't we try to ..... him up a bit by telling him how much we appreciate all he's done for us and how smart he is. Then, maybe he'll let us go. It has worked before," Rachel told Rhoda.  
(a) oil (b) fatten (c) puff (d) butter
- Q9 "I had a hard time going from a social worker to someone who works in health insurance. There are so many ..... words to learn. It sounds like the people who work there are talking another language when you first hear them talk to each other," Beth said to Sylvia.  
(a) made up (b) special (c) buzz (d) constructed
- Q10 The detective was disgusted when he found out the police chief had been ..... off by the mob. He wondered why the chief stopped investigating them and, then, he just happened to hear a telephone conversation between someone in the mob and the chief. They were discussing his payment for looking the other way.  
(a) hired (b) employed (c) tricked (d) bought

*English Slang Idioms (180)*

- Q1 The accountant called her almost immediately after she had found the fraud and offered to pay her \$10,000 to look the ..... way. She turned him down but told him that if he redid the work, correctly, she wouldn't call the police, she would just force him to resign.  
(a) right (b) other (c) back (d) next
- Q2 "Tim told me that he had fixed my gutters but I am not ..... that. I looked at them and they are still falling off in some places and aren't sealed to the house anymore. I am not going to take his work as a monthly payment for the car loan," Sam told his mom. She understood how Sam's brother Tim could be.  
(a) righting (b) releasing (c) buying (d) exchanging
- Q3 "I have plenty of money for retirement. I owned a 35 percent interest in a computer manufacturing company and, about five years ago, the board of directors decided to ..... me out. I got quite a bit for that," Jeff told his best friend from college.  
(a) bought (b) buy (c) shut (d) leave
- Q4 "I wanted to sell my house to the Watsons but they only offered me \$100,000. That is not enough money. Not by a long ..... The place is worth at least twice that," Jim told his neighbors.  
(a) way (b) shout (c) cent (d) shot
- Q5 "I was the one who pitched the last inning and struck the last batter out. We were ahead by one point but the other team had three people on base and had one more person up to bat. I pitched two balls and he swung at both. I threw a fastball straight across the plate and the last batter missed it by a ..... Game over." Luke told his mom who missed the game due to work.  
(a) mile (b) second (c) stroke (d) fathom
- Q6 "I have to get my car door fixed immediately. It is hanging by a ..... and will fall off any time now," Craig told his girlfriend.  
(a) screw (b) tape (c) thread (d) molecule
- Q7 "We want to come stay with you but we don't want to be a burden," Lisa said to her mom. Her mom replied, "You are never a burden. By all ....., come stay with me as long as you want."  
(a) ways (b) forces (c) paths (d) means
- Q8 "I can't believe I lost that game. By all ....., I should have won the chess game after I took your queen," Jake said to Bethany.  
(a) formulas (b) odds (c) opinions (d) thoughts
- Q9 "In my opinion, The Gladiator is the best movie ever made, by ....., " Ricky told Shannon.  
(a) man (b) large (c) far (d) leap
- Q10 "I can turn on the furnace if you are cold. However, it works in fits and ....., so it may take a while to warm the room. It will work for a few minutes and then shut off for no apparent reason. It does this all day long. I don't get it," Linda said to her guests.  
(a) starts (b) coughs (c) hiccups (d) breaks

*English Slang Idioms (181)*

- Q1 He finally found his dream house and it was for sale. He said to himself, "By ..... or by crook, that house will be mine no matter how much it costs me."  
(a) book (b) hook (c) look (d) rook
- Q2 "Hasn't Tommy grown a lot? He was a foot shorter a year ago. He is growing by ..... and bounds," Cindy said to Maxine.  
(a) hops (b) leaps (c) runs (d) sprints
- Q3 He had built the house and barn by the ..... of his brow. It had been hard and had taken years but the results were breathtaking and just how he wanted them to be.  
(a) bristle (b) focus (c) sweat (d) sprint
- Q4 "Sir, I just called a ..... to operations due to a safety issue. The conveyor belt is off its rollers and is caught in the machine. Can you tell me who to call to have it fixed?" Fred asked his boss.  
(a) halt (b) sieze (c) fault (d) desist
- Q5 "I lost a hundred dollars last night playing poker. I had a four-card flush but I was betting like I had the flush. I thought I had tricked everyone and then Derrick called my ....., " Paul said to Maureen.  
(a) trick (b) attempt (c) bluff (d) act
- Q6 "I am sorry, guys. I am going to call it a ..... and go home to bed. I'll see you guys next week," Bill said to the group.  
(a) night (b) end (c) bedtime (d) quits
- Q7 "Tammy and I aren't dating anymore. We kept fighting and we finally decided to ..... it quits," Jake told his brother.  
(a) make (b) describe (c) define (d) call
- Q8 "Boys! Settle down and quit calling each other ..... It isn't nice," Sam told the kids.  
(a) titles (b) phrases (c) names (d) interviews
- Q9 "Don't you feel bad about people losing their jobs as a result of your restructuring the company?" the reporter asked the CEO. The CEO responded, "No, I don't. If I didn't restructure the company everyone at this company might have lost their job because we wouldn't be able to compete anymore. You can't make an ..... without breaking some eggs."  
(a) cake (b) over-easy egg (c) omelet (d) burrito
- Q10 He really wanted to quit smoking ..... sticks but it is hard to quit. He tried to quit smoking cigarettes before and had not been able to quit.  
(a) white (b) filtered (c) cancer (d) papered

*English Slang Idioms (182)*

- Q1 "I worked all day Saturday to make some extra money and I earned \$70. Then, on Monday, my headlight went out and I had to spend \$65 to get it fixed. I guess it all ..... out," Jeff told Melissa.  
 (a) weighs (b) changes (c) fields (d) cancels
- Q2 He might have found parts of the show funny if it had not included loud, ..... laughter to accompany each joke. He hated shows that did that.  
 (a) record (b) canned (c) echoed (d) forced
- Q3 Some college kids are beginning to car ..... to try to eliminate some of the harmful byproducts released by cars into the environment.  
 (a) combine (b) share (c) pool (d) union
- Q4 He believed he could succeed in college but he knew that the cards were ..... against him. He didn't have any money and had been out of school for a decade. He also would have to move to go to college and that meant quitting his sole source of income.  
 (a) stacked (b) shuffled (c) piled (d) thrown
- Q5 "I thought, when I was a kid, that I would meet a man who would sweep me off my ..... and I would be married happily for the rest of my life. It hasn't happened yet and I am not sure that I will ever get married now," Shelly told Jacky.  
 (a) platform (b) stature (c) job (d) feet
- Q6 "Jay said that he is dropping out of school to become a full-time singer in a band. I don't think that is a good idea. He can't even ..... a tune," Matt told his brother.  
 (a) write (b) carry (c) blend (d) weave
- Q7 "I am sorry that I talked so much about politics the other night. I know that I kind of monopolized the conversation. I tend to get ..... away when talking about politics," Luke said to Jim.  
 (a) carried (b) swept (c) fly (d) played
- Q8 If he thought he was broke last month, he was really broke this month. He hadn't been able to pay all of his bills last month and they carried ..... into this month. Now he had to find a way to pay today's and yesterday's bills at the same time.  
 (a) away (b) over (c) sense (d) loads
- Q9 He was juggling so many different responsibilities. He felt stressed out all the time and felt like he was carrying the weight of the world on his .....  
 (a) shoulders (b) backpack (c) person (d) credit cards
- Q10 He didn't understand why his buddy was always buying motorcycle gear when he didn't have a motorcycle. His friend told him that he was buying the gear and saving for the bike at the same time. To him, that was like buying the cart before the ..... and didn't seem to make much sense. What if he never bought the motorcycle?  
 (a) groceries (b) horse (c) compact disk (d) carrier

*English Slang Idioms (183)*

- Q1 The burglars decided to ..... the joint before performing the robbery. They wanted to look for security systems and for ways into the building.  
(a) look (b) check (c) case (d) plan
- Q2 Often, the World Bank will encourage countries, that have obtained loans from them before, to start growing ..... crops like sugar cane or coffee to help raise the money to pay back the loans.  
(a) wanted (b) demanded (c) desirable (d) cash
- Q3 Many companies in America are looking for ways to ..... in on the push toward sustainability and "going green."  
(a) cash (b) charge (c) gamble (d) buy
- Q4 He had been waiting three hours for the guys to show up and ..... off his sheet metal from the old shed he had torn down. He was starting to get annoyed with them since he had errands to run in town that he couldn't get to, due to the wait.  
(a) ward (b) cart (c) see (d) lift
- Q5 Some churches believe that people can become possessed by demons who will harm them. These churches believe that the possessed people cannot become whole again until the demons are cast ..... by members of the church or by God.  
(a) afar (b) after (c) doubt (d) out
- Q6 "My cat fell out of our tree and is completely fine. The tree is about 30 feet tall! I guess cats really do have ..... lives. My cat sure used one of those up that time," Sally told Fred.  
(a) five (b) many (c) nine (d) four
- Q7 "You should call Nate back. He is a doctor and is rich. He is quite a ....., you know. I wish I had a doctor that was interested in me," Maxine told Jenny.  
(a) catch (b) date (c) status (d) discovery
- Q8 "That is the eighth time I have sneezed today. My nose is getting stuffed up, too. I think I am starting to catch ....., " Marcie told Bill.  
(a) sick (b) fever (c) ill (d) cold
- Q9 "I am sorry, you caught me off ..... with that question. Yes, I will go to dinner with you," the accountant said to the assistant manager.  
(a) goal (b) duty (c) work (d) balance
- Q10 He felt old asking his daughter to wait for him as he ..... his breath. He wasn't able to climb steep hills as easily as he used to.  
(a) accumulated (b) trapped (c) stored (d) caught

*English Slang Idioms (184)*

- Q1 "Why don't we go to the beach this weekend and catch some .....? It will be fun," Jenny said to Beth.  
 (a) sand (b) cold (c) seas (d) rays
- Q2 Soldiers in the U.S. Army are prohibited from visiting ..... when stationed in other countries. If they are caught with a prostitute or even in the prostitute's place of business they can get in a lot of trouble or even kicked out of the military.  
 (a) new houses (b) green house (c) coffee houses (d) cathouses
- Q3 He was so embarrassed. He had forgotten his wallet at home and now could not pay for his breakfast. He hadn't been caught ..... like this since he was a teenager.  
 (a) short (b) poor (c) stupid (d) stealing
- Q4 She couldn't wait to leave. Her date had been using foul language all night at the top of his voice which had caused many an ..... to raise in the fine restaurant.  
 (a) eyebrow (b) tongue (c) lip (d) head
- Q5 "I bought the car yesterday. I have wanted this car for years, as you know. I kept pressuring my neighbor and he finally ..... in and sold it to me," Will told Matt.  
 (a) rolled (b) fell (c) caved (d) jumped
- Q6 "We aren't going to work this out tonight. Can we agree to a .....-fire until tomorrow? We'll talk about it some more and hopefully get it worked out then," Bill said to Louise at 11 o'clock at night.  
 (a) forest (b) cease (c) flash (d) stop
- Q7 "I can't date you anymore if you and your roommate ..... up on me every time we have a disagreement. This relationship is between you and me and he shouldn't be getting involved. You need to tell him to mind his own business," Lilly told Will.  
 (a) form (b) bond (c) gang (d) glue
- Q8 In Arcata, California, local businesses are doing their best to block ..... stores from being able to open because they believe they will be forced out of business by the stores' lower wholesale prices.  
 (a) chain (b) gang (c) club (d) link
- Q9 Private Smith said, "I hate kitchen duty. This is the second time in two weeks I have been ..... to the oars. How about you? How many times have you had to do this?" Private Wilson responded, "Three times this month," with a grimace.  
 (a) responsible (b) overseer (c) taped (d) chained
- Q10 The policeman noticed that the suspect was extremely nervous about something. His hands were shaking and he had .....-smoked five cigarettes in fifteen minutes.  
 (a) link (b) succession (c) assembly (d) chain



*English Slang Idioms (185)*

- Q1 "My sister and I no longer talk. We had a big fight when my parents divorced about which parent was the one responsible. She ..... me out of her life after I told her she was wrong and we haven't spoken in three years," Matt told Jenny.  
 (a) botched (b) lifted (c) shut (d) Penned
- Q2 He thought that he had enough room to turn his car onto the roadway without causing an accident. He decided not to ..... it, though, just in case he didn't have enough room.  
 (a) gamble (b) fight (c) chance (d) change
- Q3 "Hey, let's put it down for a minute. I have to change ..... My left hand is getting tired," Wes said to Steve as they were moving the couch down the stairs.  
 (a) hands (b) fists (c) muscles (d) approaches
- Q4 "I didn't want to work in the accounting department but it will be a nice change of ..... from answering telephones," Jill said to Amber.  
 (a) hat (b) pace (c) clothes (d) film
- Q5 "Hey, if you get tired of digging, let me know and we will change ..... for a while," Dirk said to Steven who was digging a ditch for a telephone line.  
 (a) around (b) off (c) heads (d) job
- Q6 He told his friend that he was too tired to go out to the bar that night but he would call if he changed his ..... and decided to come.  
 (a) thought (b) outlook (c) routine (d) mind
- Q7 "Joe is so funny and always does the silliest things in the office," Amanda said to Megan. "He is a ....., isn't he?" She replied.  
 (a) mime (b) player (c) comic relief (d) chracter
- Q8 "I was assigned gate duty but now I am ..... with guarding the satellite facility," Private Jones told Specialist Kim.  
 (a) handed (b) billed (c) forced (d) charged
- Q9 "So, your boyfriend bought you a brand-new car? You do live a charmed ....., don't you?" Sally said to her best friend.  
 (a) routine (b) life (c) job (d) role
- Q10 "I threw my boyfriend out. I caught him cheating ..... me with one of my coworkers. I haven't talked to him yet; it just happened yesterday. I don't want to talk to him, though," Jenny told Melissa.  
 (a) on (b) with (c) without (d) game

*English Slang Idioms (186)*

- Q1 She liked Joe better than Will but he was such a ..... He hadn't offered to pay for her food and hadn't taken her on a date yet that cost him more than ten dollars.  
 (a) saver (b) avoid specialist (c) cheapskate (d) penny lifter
- Q2 "I just got ..... out by the boss for being late. He is so mean when he is angry," Mitch said to Beth.  
 (a) chewed (b) yelled (c) beat (d) wiped
- Q3 "Changing a light switch is child's ..... You will have no trouble doing it yourself. You just have to deal with a couple of screws and connecting two wires," Bill told Marty.  
 (a) school (b) food (c) level (d) play
- Q4 "You can't believe that I stole your watch because your 6-year-old kid told you. He's making it up. I wouldn't do that," Rick said to Tom and Jeana. Jeana replied, "I do believe him. He doesn't lie and you know what they say — children and fools ..... the truth."  
 (a) think (b) know (c) speak (d) conceal
- Q5 "This issue is between me and my wife. My wife told me that you agreed with her and would call and tell me so. Why are you ..... sides? Our disagreements are none of your business," Ben said to his best friend.  
 (a) defining (b) choosing (c) dividing (d) bartering
- Q6 There wasn't anything else he could do for the time being. The suspect had clammed ..... and had asked for a lawyer. He couldn't question him anymore until the lawyer got there so he decided to get a cup of coffee.  
 (a) up (b) digging (c) out (d) in
- Q7 Too many people had been stealing office supplies from the company. The manager didn't want to make it hard for people to get what they needed to do their job, but he had to find a way to ..... down on the problem.  
 (a) clap (b) chop (c) clamp (d) calm
- Q8 I knew that if I didn't clean up my ....., I would get fired. The boss had already hinted that I was a step away from losing my job.  
 (a) act (b) performance (c) role (d) recital
- Q9 The guy used bad language loudly, insulted his date and was rude to the staff. He couldn't remember a time when he had been so glad about showing a customer the .....  
 (a) menu (b) stock (c) door (d) rules
- Q10 He would have to move to get another job. He had been ..... from his last job for stealing inventory and word got around fast in a small town.  
 (a) promoted (b) left (c) replaced (d) canned

*English Slang Idioms (187)*

- Q1 He and his girlfriend had been fighting for three hours with no sign of resolution. He remembered how happy he had been when he first met her and he reminded her of their first date. Bringing back the pleasant memory had ..... the air between them and they were finally able to talk like they were on the same side.  
(a) soured (b) perfumed (c) hardened (d) cleared
- Q2 "We need to fire Jack immediately and stop the press from finding out somehow. We have a clear- ..... case of embezzlement and fraud here. It would lower our stock prices if the public found out that this could happen to our company," Luke said to Jake.  
(a) cut (b) book (c) glass (d) white
- Q3 "Rave music makes me want to ..... the walls. I can't stand it and everywhere I go, someone seems to be playing it," Rob said to Fred.  
(a) paint (b) scrub (c) texture (d) climb
- Q4 "I have something to tell you but I can't tell you over the phone. Can I meet you at your place after work?" Detective Stevens said to Will. Will said, "Cut the ..... and dagger stuff, will you? No one is listening in on our calls. Just tell me what you have to tell me."  
(a) cloak (b) sword (c) ninja (d) gun
- Q5 "It is time you moved out, Gina and started your own life. You need to quit clinging to your mother's apron ..... and got your own place," her older sister told her.  
(a) scent (b) clasps (c) strings (d) bottom
- Q6 "Just a word to the wise, Jimmy. You need to at least clean your desk up before leaving. Yesterday, when your shift was over, you left without even throwing away your candy wrappers. The boss hates ..... watchers," Lyle said to Jimmy.  
(a) wrist (b) clock (c) shift (d) day
- Q7 He would have to find a better paying job if he was to pay his debts. He could feel his creditors ..... in and he didn't want to lose his possessions or be forced into bankruptcy.  
(a) diving (b) closing (c) sinking (d) marching
- Q8 The department started to ..... ranks when Detective Jackson had been accused of shooting the wrong guy. They claimed that he had done the right thing, according to the situation, and that the man who was shot was also a wanted criminal. She had proof that the man did not need to be shot and was laying down with his hands up at the time.  
(a) close (b) clamp (c) open (d) crimp
- Q9 It seemed like his future was over. He had been hanging on to his boss's ..... and got a promotion every time his boss was promoted. He knew that it was his boss who recommended him for a promotion every time. He also knew that it was not his performance that earned him the promotion but his relationship to his boss.  
(a) career (b) image (c) shadow (d) coattails
- Q10 He stood back and looked at his work. He said a bad word. His shed door was ..... and he would have to fix it.  
(a) leveled (b) squared (c) cockeyed (d) pitted

*English Slang Idioms (188)*

- Q1 He was happy about the sale. The customer had offered less than he was asking but could pay, that same day, in cash. Nothing beat cold, ..... cash no loan terms and uncertainty, no financing issues and no hassles.  
(a) hard (b) wet (c) strong (d) big
- Q2 He tried to convince his wife not to get rid of his neon beer advertisement sign by telling her that it was a ..... item and couldn't be easily replaced. She, of course, didn't want it to be replaced.  
(a) investors' (b) hoarders' (c) collectors' (d) officers'
- Q3 "Wow, you have come a ..... way since I last saw you. Last time I saw you, you were working as a dishwasher. Now you have a degree, your own company, and a beautiful house. Congratulations," Bill told Thomas.  
(a) far (b) long (c) great (d) fast
- Q4 She knew that their relationship was coming apart at the ..... She didn't know how to stop the fighting and lying; these had become a routine in their relationship.  
(a) screws (b) laps (c) doors (d) seams
- Q5 "We can't start the company without John and his computer expertise and he said that he doesn't want to join," Wes told Chris. Chris said, "I'll talk to him. He'll come ..... soon and join us. I can convince my brother to do almost anything."  
(a) ahead (b) out (c) around (d) away
- Q6 "I am glad to see the two of you. It is nice when your offspring comes home to ....., " Gladice told her two sons Rick and Bill.  
(a) hide (b) fix (c) plan (d) roost
- Q7 "I am really glad you brought your jigsaw with you. It sure came in ....., " Luke said to Christian.  
(a) handy (b) special (c) complete (d) useful
- Q8 "What happened to your old car?" Lilly asked Amanda. "Well, I came ..... some money lately and sold it. It was old and this car will last me for a long time," she replied.  
(a) away (b) into (c) on (d) out
- Q9 "Oh ..... off it. I go to Mom's house to help her out, not to bum money. Have you seen her deck? I did all that as well as fix up the roof," Bill told his brother James.  
(a) butt (b) come (c) work (d) laugh
- Q10 "I really thought that I might have discovered something that worked on lung cancer. It seemed, on paper, that it would work but I have come to a ..... end. None of the mice I injected with my drug responded in any way," Dr. Cap told Dr. Lewis.  
(a) closed (b) shut (c) opened (d) dead

*English Slang Idioms (189)*

- Q1 My first home needed a lot of repairs. My best friend really ..... through for me and helped me for two days on the repairs.  
(a) fought (b) reached (c) came (d) stopped
- Q2 She was knocked unconscious during the crash. When she came to her ....., she was in the hospital with her family all around her.  
(a) senses (b) thoughts (c) awakening (d) vision
- Q3 A good history teacher can make history come to ..... for his or her students.  
(a) reality (b) present (c) attention (d) life
- Q4 "Do you know of any nurseries in this town that have a good selection of succulents?" Chris asked his grandma. "Nothing comes to ..... I haven't seen many of them in the nurseries here," she replied.  
(a) mind (b) present (c) account (d) selection
- Q5 His dreams of becoming a professional long-distance runner did not come to ..... He broke his ankle skateboarding and it didn't heal right. He could still run, but not for very long distances.  
(a) happen (b) record (c) pass (d) react
- Q6 "I have nothing to worry about. I have engineered this so that if the plan were ever discovered, it would look like you did all of it. I will come up smelling like ..... and you will go to jail," Rick said to Tim.  
(a) roses (b) grapes (c) eggs (d) bleach
- Q7 "I heard Larry got arrested for hitting his wife and kid. I hope he gets what's ..... to him," Tom said to Lukas.  
(a) following (b) happening (c) reading (d) coming
- Q8 "I have been so busy with work, school, and volunteering, I don't know if I am ..... or going anymore," Bill said to Christian.  
(a) sleeping (b) running (c) staying (d) coming
- Q9 "Bill acts like his car is so cool. It's a Honda Civic, for goodness sake. That kind of car is as ..... as an old shoe," Wes said to Billy.  
(a) regular (b) common (c) rugged (d) popular
- Q10 "Jack? He is the epitome of a ..... man. He is an hourly worker but often stays longer at night and comes in on weekends to help out with things after his tasks are complete," Chris said to Justine.  
(a) corporate (b) company (c) worker (d) bought

*English Slang Idioms (190)*

- Q1 "I am glad that we were able to find some common ..... We haven't gotten along too well in the past but maybe we can now now that we have found some things we both enjoy and agree upon," Shelly said to Vicky.  
(a) opinion (b) place (c) heritage (d) ground
- Q2 "I don't think we will make it to your party tonight, Bill. My husband is ..... out on the couch and wouldn't wake up for dinner. Thank you for inviting us, though," Rhoda said to Bill.  
(a) conked (b) faked (c) tricked (d) stressed
- Q3 "I know that you like to grow hot peppers. I am trying to grow them for the first time. Perhaps we can get together soon and ..... notes," Ted said to Jill.  
(a) copy (b) make (c) compare (d) take
- Q4 "Why do you have the carburetor from your car on the kitchen table?" his wife asked him. He replied, "Well, I was working on it and decided to leave it here because I think it will make a great ..... piece for the party tonight. A lot of my friends that are coming are mechanics."  
(a) conversation (b) talking (c) art (d) gathering
- Q5 "The suspect is one ..... customer. I threatened him with jail time and he didn't flinch. I told him I would arrest his wife as an accomplice and he didn't flinch. He didn't get nervous when I asked him personal and embarrassing questions either," the detective told his coworker.  
(a) cold (b) cool (c) cranky (d) coded
- Q6 "Lester is such a ..... ball at work. The other day, he came to work in a prisoner's costume," Vicky told Michelle.  
(a) puff (b) sleaze (c) beach (d) corn
- Q7 "I am going to let you out a bit early. We have ..... a lot of ground today and I want to give all the information a chance to sink in," the professor told the class.  
(a) trampled (b) camped (c) covered (d) bought
- Q8 "I hope no one finds out that we embezzled the money. I don't think they will I covered our ..... pretty well but you never know," the crooked accountant told his accomplice.  
(a) tracks (b) paths (c) methods (d) behavior
- Q9 Many of the military's .....-ups have been exposed but one has to wonder how many more have gone undetected.  
(a) shut (b) cover (c) close (d) take
- Q10 "Sorry guys. I can't come to your house to watch a movie. I have to ..... the books and start studying for my mid-term exams," Craig said to Joe and Nick.  
(a) crack (b) part (c) fold (d) split

*English Slang Idioms (191)*

- Q1 "I think I made a big mistake. I cracked a ..... in the meeting and no one laughed. My manager gave me a dirty look and the rest of the delegates gave me the cold shoulder," Barry told Jean.  
(a) laugh (b) smile (c) jest (d) joke
- Q2 "We were having fun until the manager returned and ..... the whip. He yelled at us to go back to work and stood there glaring at us until we turned off the music and went back to work," Larry told Jim.  
(a) got (b) cracked (c) swiped (d) pulled
- Q3 He was very sad. His wife had ..... up and was currently in a mental institution. The doctor said that she would get better but what if it happened again?  
(a) clamped (b) locked (c) cracked (d) roughed
- Q4 She got into a ..... robber. Her boyfriend was only four years younger than herself and she, being 24, didn't think the age difference was a big deal.  
(a) school (b) sandbox (c) cradle (d) crayon
- Q5 "The boss said that we can no longer wear sandals to work anymore. That is going to put a major ..... in my style. I don't wear shoes," John said to Kim.  
(a) cramp (b) restriction (c) clot (d) stain
- Q6 His girlfriend wanted him to be more spontaneous and hated that he followed the same routine every day. He didn't think it was fair since he had told her he was a creature of ..... when they first met.  
(a) schedule (b) time (c) repeat (d) habit
- Q7 "I think he is still drinking. Last time I saw him, he was unsteady and slurred his words. He also stuttered and he does a lot when he's drunk," Kim, his sister, said to Ronda, his other sister. She replied "I must admit that thought did cross my ..... I noticed the same things too but on a different occasion."  
(a) heart (b) path (c) awareness (d) mind
- Q8 Some people believe that a black cat crossing their ..... is a signal that bad luck is coming their way.  
(a) feet (b) mind (c) heart (d) path
- Q9 "You are missing the point. The crux of the ..... is that the company can't afford to give people company vehicles anymore. We aren't stopping do to trust issues or accidents," Lisa told her assistant.  
(a) matter (b) mass (c) balance (d) talk
- Q10 It bothered him that his kid was so prone to crying. He cried before school, he cried before he went to the dentist. He cried when he went to the doctor. He finally had enough one day and said, "Don't ..... before you are hurt anymore!"  
(a) scream (b) sob (c) cry (d) wail

*English Slang Idioms (192)*

- Q1 "But what will happen if I break up with Tommy? Will everyone at school hate me?" Carrie asked her brother. He replied, "I don't know. Does it look like I have a ..... ball to you?"  
 (a) bowling (b) clairvoyant (c) future (d) crystal
- Q2 "John, I told you to bring the most experienced crime scene investigator you have. Why did you bring this ..... scout?" Ted asked when John showed up with a man who couldn't have been over 21 years old.  
 (a) cub (b) field (c) court (d) talent
- Q3 Chris and Linda added lots of plants to their yard to increase their house's curb .....  
 (a) desire (b) appeal (c) vision (d) sight
- Q4 "During the presentation, my boss's toupee almost slipped all the way off of his head. I tried not to crack ..... but I couldn't help it. He didn't laugh with me," Jenny told Hank.  
 (a) out (b) away (c) up (d) too
- Q5 He had been grounded for two months when the school called his father and informed him that he had been cutting ..... on a regular basis. Now he wouldn't be able to go to the rock concert with his friends.  
 (a) books (b) studying (c) class (d) conformity
- Q6 "I am sorry that I left you by yourself at the party the other night but I saw my ex-girlfriend with the guy I got into a fist-fight with coming my way so I decided to cut and ....., " Mark told Frank.  
 (a) jump (b) run (c) swim (d) jog
- Q7 He knew that he was in a cranky mood and was trying to care about the effect it was having on his guests. He tried to cut ..... on the amount of cigarettes he had been smoking by three quarters. His need for a cigarette was not making him an agreeable host.  
 (a) back (b) away (c) on (d) demand
- Q8 "Did you hear about Hank the Bully getting cut down to ..... at school on Tuesday? He picked a fight with a kid half his size and the kid punched him out," Robby told Ian.  
 (a) size (b) flow (c) fit (d) regular
- Q9 "I just got the monthly statistics in and they are so good that I have decided to cut you all ..... for the day early as a way of saying thanks for all of your hard work. You only have to work until 12 o'clock and then you can all go home," Bill told all the employees.  
 (a) in (b) to shreds (c) home (d) loose
- Q10 Some rich people, I suspect, enjoy it when their status doesn't ..... ice with a person serving them or doing business with them. I suspect that they must enjoy being treated like regular people sometimes.  
 (a) melt (b) dry (c) buy (d) cut



*English Slang Idioms (193)*

- Q1 "You should go to the mall today. There are some good sales and some cut ..... deals on pants. I got two pairs for less than 50 percent of their original cost," Bart told Melissa.  
(a) up (b) bait (c) rate (d) cheese
- Q2 "I asked you to correct the English errors in my paper not cut it to ..... You rewrote almost the whole paper and now it doesn't include the facts that prove my point," Jane told Irma.  
(a) pieces (b) shingles (c) fit (d) oblivion
- Q3 "We have had to ..... our expenses to the bone since Jim lost his job. We have even gone so far as to start riding our bicycles to do errands to save money on gas," Laura told Tina.  
(a) glue (b) maul (c) drive (d) cut
- Q4 I got in big trouble for ..... up during kitchen duty in Basic Training. I was restricted to the base and had to do extra duty.  
(a) putting (b) cutting (c) forking (d) buying
- Q5 "I am having a hard time with my girlfriend. First, she gets angry with me for not being supportive of her trying to lose weight. Then she gets mad at me for encouraging her to work out and says that I am implicitly calling her fat by suggesting that she should exercise. I'm damned if I do and damned if I ....., " Robby told his best friend.  
(a) don't (b) try (c) doesn't (d) care
- Q6 He was very happy that he had talked to Steve about being late. He thought that Steve would get angry and continue to be late but Steve had been ..... to a different tune ever since their discussion. He had been punctual for every engagement for the last two weeks.  
(a) humming (b) dancing (c) playing (d) recording
- Q7 He couldn't believe that his friend had backed out. He had ..... him to run through the abandoned house and his friend had accepted in front of all the neighborhood kids. Now, that he wasn't going to do it, the other kids that were present at the time, would think his friend was a wimp.  
(a) cheered (b) cackled (c) dared (d) tricked
- Q8 "Leave my house immediately, Jim. My wife told me that you hit on her and asked her to sleep with you. Get out of my house and never ..... my door again!" Matt yelled.  
(a) flattened (b) hang (c) bothered (d) darken
- Q9 He always believed that he and his wife would be able to work through any problem that they encountered. Then, during their last fight, it ..... on him that they didn't agree on almost anything and that they would not be able to work things out between them.  
(a) laughed (b) dawned (c) forced (d) realized
- Q10 "The act of marriage, in one form or another, dates ..... several thousand years," the history professor told the class.  
(a) on (b) away (c) for (d) back

*English Slang Idioms (194)*

- Q1 "I am sorry that we can't have breakfast together this morning. I woke up late and now I have to dash ..... to work," Lisa told her friend.  
(a) toward (b) running (c) on (d) off
- Q2 "The new president is as different from the last one as ..... and day," Beth said to Louise.  
(a) clouds (b) rain (c) night (d) eclipse
- Q3 He had been fighting with his girlfriend day in and day ..... for several months. He didn't know how much longer he could stand the constant fighting.  
(a) out (b) gone (c) past (d) spent
- Q4 "So far, the owners of the dog that bit my wife have not offered to pay her medical bills nor have they apologized. We will have our ..... in court soon and then they will have to own up to their responsibilities," Mr. Smith told the reporter.  
(a) face (b) day (c) fortune (d) judge
- Q5 "Do you want to go to the mall on Wednesday? Wednesday is my day ..... so we can go for as long as you like," Maxine said to Linda.  
(a) off (b) gone (c) away (d) for me
- Q6 "Matt has been ripping a lot of people in this town off and has gotten away with it until now. I talked to some reporters today who are going to do a story about this and make his actions public. Then, hopefully, there will be a day of ....., " Luke told Steven.  
(a) pay (b) ownership (c) evening (d) reckoning
- Q7 "My car is over twenty years old and its days are ..... It is breaking down more often and runs horribly rough," Janis said to Luke.  
(a) numbered (b) counting (c) recorded (d) passing
- Q8 "Dad, the exit you are looking for is ..... ahead! You had better get in your left lane right now so you don't miss the turn-off," Matt said.  
(a) far (b) dead (c) right (d) next
- Q9 "Don't worry about standing me up on Friday. I know that you had a good reason and I have forgiven you. Consider the issue ..... and buried," Chris said to Jenny.  
(a) past (b) extinguished (c) coffin (d) dead
- Q10 "Ouch! That really hurt! I just hit the ..... center of my forehead on the doorknob as I was bending over," Lisa told Tim when he asked what had happened.  
(a) dead (b) complete (c) total (d) measured

*English Slang Idioms (198)*

- Q1 "I am not afraid of you and I don't think anything you do can cost me my job. So, if you want to tell boss I am slacking off or something, do your ....., " Kim said to Gina.  
 (a) work (b) deed (c) worst (d) act
- Q2 "How was your date with Lisa last night? Do ....., " Misty told her brother.  
 (a) tell (b) relate (c) speak (d) repeat
- Q3 "The auto shop ..... me out of five bucks by charging me for the same part twice. I am going to go down there and get the five bucks back," John told his wife.  
 (a) bought (b) lock (c) docked (d) did
- Q4 "I don't think we should rehire Tom. He always does his work by ....., He either doesn't complete his tasks or he cuts corners and does the work in a very sloppy fashion," Bill told Fred.  
 (a) partitions (b) halves (c) piece (d) peace
- Q5 "We have all of the evidence to convict you for burglary. You are going to do ..... for this," the policeman told the criminal.  
 (a) jail (b) prison (c) bars (d) time
- Q6 They really ..... it up this year. The party was a huge success since they had arranged for caterers, transportation, dancing, and live music.  
 (a) had (b) did (c) dug (d) grabbed
- Q7 "I could give up my TV and my bicycle but I couldn't do ..... my guitar," John told Wesley.  
 (a) without (b) missing (c) absence (d) minus
- Q8 American businessmen are known for having an aggressive do-or-..... attitude toward business.  
 (a) fail (b) die (c) don't (d) quit
- Q9 The leftovers from the restaurant were good but a little bland. He decided to ..... up the chicken dish with some garlic, basil, oregano, and sage to add more flavor.  
 (a) hack (b) did (c) tape (d) doctor
- Q10 "Jim hates the fact that I am better than he was at sales and is scared I will take his job. He has ..... me every step of the way since I started here. He keeps hoping that he will scare me off but it won't work. I am going to do a good job — with or without him," Lisa told Alison.  
 (a) talk (b) done (c) dogged (d) pushed

*English Slang Idioms (199)*

- Q1 "School is a major expense. I just had to ..... out \$200 so that my daughter can go to the prom," Tony told his best friend.  
(a) role (b) dole (c) ditch (d) white
- Q2 "Why are you all ..... up? You have a dinner dress on, your make-up done, and your hair styled and you told me that you were going to a faculty meeting tonight," Jane asked her roommate.  
(a) painted (b) dirty (c) classed (d) dolled
- Q3 "If I don't get home in less than an hour, I am ..... for. I know you aren't ready to leave yet but I am begging you to drive me back home," Nate said to Jacob.  
(a) buried (b) ended (c) done (d) drunk
- Q4 "This is the third time I caught you borrowing my stuff without asking. I told you that you have to ask permission the last time I caught you. I am done ..... you. Get out of my apartment," Kyle told Bert.  
(a) with (b) for (c) at (d) out
- Q5 "You have been yelling at people for being late and you've never accepted their excuses for as long as I have known you. Remember when you threw Jim out for being late when he had popped a tire? Now you got fired today for being late even though you had a good reason. How does it feel to get a dose of your own .....?" Jake's brother asked him.  
(a) medicine (b) pill (c) judge (d) syrup
- Q6 "I am sorry that I am late for dinner. After I left, I couldn't remember if I had turned off the stove. I had to double ..... and make sure that it was off," Lilly said to Kim.  
(a) forward (b) jeopardy (c) over (d) back
- Q7 "I totally understand, Lilly. You have to ..... check that sort of thing. It would be rotten to lose all of your things over something like that," Kim replied.  
(a) inspect (b) double (c) deep (d) examine
- Q8 "Matt and Sarah asked us if we would go on a double ..... with them to the Italian restaurant on Friday night. What do you think?" Laura asked Chris.  
(a) engagement (b) debt (c) bet (d) date
- Q9 "What do I do for work? Well, I do ..... duty for Mr. James. I handle customer service and do all of the accounting. How about you?" Chris asked Matt.  
(a) dice (b) twice (c) double (d) union
- Q10 "You can go faster on this road if you want to. The speed limit is the regular old double ....., " Ray told Beth.  
(a) duce (b) barrel (c) revolver (d) nickel

*English Slang Idioms (200)*

- Q1 "We realized that we had brought the tents and sleeping bags but we forgot the second set of tent poles. We had to double ..... and sleep in one tent. On top of that, it rained the whole time. It was a horrible trip," Allen told his wife.  
(a) bank (b) rate (c) bet (d) up
- Q2 "I quit my job today. I can't work with Jim any more. He acted like my friend and I confided in him about some of the things I was working on. He then double-..... me and took my ideas. He told my boss that he came up with the ideas and he got promoted to my team-leader," Beth told Bill.  
(a) worked (b) tricked (c) crossed (d) winked
- Q3 The staff was getting increasingly angry at the new boss. When asked about whether they were to be laid off or not, he responded in a way that left more questions than before. The double ..... was worse than if he had chosen not to answer in the first place.  
(a) massage (b) talk (c) ideas (d) thought
- Q4 Her boss was a constant annoyance. He had been ..... on her and had questioned everything she did ever since that fateful day when she had questioned his judgment in front of the staff.  
(a) sweet (b) daring (c) brunt (d) down
- Q5 He decided that he would let his best friend live with him for no more than six weeks. That was long enough for him to get on his feet and he felt like he would be returning the favor. His best friend had given him a car, free of charge, when he was down on his .....  
(a) money (b) luck (c) spirits (d) opinions
- Q6 "There is a heavy metal concert on Friday? That sounds like it's right down my ....., " John told his college roommate.  
(a) list (b) opinion (c) alley (d) agenda
- Q7 "I am sick of being forced into taking classes that shove liberal views down my ....., " John told his roommate.  
(a) backpack (b) brain (c) eyes (d) throat
- Q8 "I don't think I am going to go out tonight. I think I am ..... down with a cold," Matt told Paul.  
(a) coming (b) getting (c) laying (d) catching
- Q9 She was having a hard time talking to her roommate, Jessica. Every time she had a problem with her, Jessica would ..... in every fight they had ever had whether it was relevant or not.  
(a) brought (b) drag (c) dole (d) enter
- Q10 The lecture seemed to ..... on and on. He couldn't wait for it to be over. Economics bored him.  
(a) drag (b) sound (c) dig (d) play

*English Slang Idioms (201)*

- Q1 He hadn't slept in a week. His neighbors had been having .....-down drag out fights every night and they were not quiet about it.  
(a) wipe (b) slap (c) knock (d) dress
- Q2 He had worked hard through college and earned perfect grades as a result. Now, he had ..... a bead on Harvard Law School and was waiting to take the entrance exam.  
(a) painted (b) drawn (c) glued (d) drenched
- Q3 "You are lying so that I don't get mad at you for drinking. What other conclusion could I possibly ..... from what you have been telling me?" Steve asked Megan.  
(a) sketch (b) drive (c) lose (d) draw
- Q4 "We need to communicate better. Every time I try to talk to you about why you do the things you do, you ..... back and get defensive," Paul said to Kim.  
(a) roll (b) kick (c) drill (d) draw
- Q5 "We can draw a ..... between abusive husbands and rapists in that both of these groups are using tactics to take power from the victim to give to themselves," the psychology professor told the students.  
(a) parallel (b) picture (c) mural (d) copy
- Q6 "One of these days, my partner and I are going to have it out. I refuse to be the first one to draw ....., though. He'll have to start the fight," Sergeant Garcia told his coworker.  
(a) fire (b) aggression (c) wrongs (d) blood
- Q7 "I am surprised that Jay backed his brother against his best friend when his best friend was obviously right. I guess ..... is thicker than water," Paul said to Matt.  
(a) blood (b) oil (c) past (d) experience
- Q8 He was sad. The end of his time with his girlfriend was ..... near. Soon, he would have to go back to his country and family and vice versa.  
(a) arriving (b) bringing (c) drawing (d) deriving
- Q9 Many times, during a campaign season, a candidate will make accusations about another's ethics or background in an attempt to draw the ..... from the media away from his or herself.  
(a) blood (b) attention (c) intuition (d) fire
- Q10 "Now that we are in agreement as far as the terms, please ..... up a contract and we'll all sign it," Matt told the others.  
(a) draw (b) break (c) design (d) seal

*English Slang Idioms (202)*

- Q1 One of the major ..... to living in an apartment is that one can't earn equity in it. All of the money one has spent for past months' rent will be gone.  
(a) setbacks (b) drawbacks (c) kickbacks (d) downhill
- Q2 "I don't know where my roommate went and I don't think she will be back any time soon. She left dressed like a ..... dollars about fifteen minutes ago. Maybe she went dancing," Sarah said to Jessica.  
(a) million (b) five (c) hundred (d) fake
- Q3 "I am sorry that my husband embarrassed you in that nice restaurant by telling dirty jokes loudly. You can dress him up but you can't ..... him anywhere," Gina said to Paula.  
(a) move (b) throw (c) change (d) take
- Q4 "We should repaint that dresser that you want to sell. A nice sanding job and a new finish would dress it ..... nicely," Carly told Amy.  
(a) down (b) up (c) ahead (d) completely
- Q5 He asked his friend for his notes last class. He kept ..... off and missed a good portion of the lecture daydreaming or falling asleep.  
(a) drifting (b) thinking (c) drinking (d) falling
- Q6 "It is getting late. Drink ..... and let's go," Matt told Paul at the bar as Paul was working on a beer.  
(a) in (b) down (c) out (d) up
- Q7 "Boy, the neighbor sure drives a hard ..... We have been hassling over the details for the past two hours," Jim told his wife.  
(a) motion (b) bargain (c) mule (d) task
- Q8 "Why do you keep asking me where I was on Tuesday? I already told you twice. What are you ..... at?" Maxine asked her sister.  
(a) swinging (b) doubting (c) driving (d) thinking
- Q9 "Seeing my best friend's brother die in a car accident that was his fault really drove ..... the importance of being sober while driving," Sue told Melanie.  
(a) concept (b) back (c) buy (d) home
- Q10 "I thought you would never get home, Tom. Please take the boys outside and play catch with them. They are so hyper today. They are driving me .....!" May said to him.  
(a) away (b) back (c) ape (d) bat

*English Slang Idioms (203)*

- Q1 "Being trapped in the Department of Motor Vehicles for any length of time is enough to drive someone around the ....., " Janice told Alison.  
(a) bend (b) block (c) screw (d) way
- Q2 The congested traffic in Los Angeles can drive almost anyone ..... — especially if the person is trying to get to work and is going to be late.  
(a) home (b) to fight (c) to flight (d) bananas
- Q3 "I am having a party on Saturday. Why don't you ..... by?" Paul asked his brother.  
(a) drop (b) get (c) pass (d) bring
- Q4 "Paul is pathetic. His girlfriend dumped him over a year ago and he has been ..... his sorrows in the local bar ever since," Rick told Bill when he asked how his cousin was doing.  
(a) sinking (b) rubbing (c) drowning (d) fueling
- Q5 "Why do people bring their little babies into theater performances? Some stupid person's two-year old ..... out the whole last song in Phantom of the Opera by screaming and crying. Do you think the adult took the crying kid out? Heck no," Gina said to Tyler.  
(a) laughed (b) blotted (c) drowned (d) rained
- Q6 "I am going to see if I can ..... up some work and I will be back later. I am going to try to rake people's yards," Tommy told his parents.  
(a) drum (b) can (c) land (d) dig
- Q7 "Luke is a very good employee and has a great work ethic. He isn't completely ..... behind the ears yet though, if you know what I mean," Steve told Terry.  
(a) hairy (b) present (c) wet (d) dry
- Q8 It is hard for many alcoholics to ..... out it is even harder for some to learn good habits in other areas of life.  
(a) fire (b) dry (c) fight (d) fizzle
- Q9 Unfortunately for the Republican Party, support for their cause has dried ..... since President Bush was elected.  
(a) away (b) back (c) out (d) up
- Q10 "Can you watch the place for a while? I have to ..... out really quick to pick up more drinks and food," Matt said to his roommate during the party.  
(a) rouse (b) bank (c) duck (d) dry



*English Slang Idioms (204)*

- Q1 "I got yelled at by my boss again today but I just dusted it ..... I know that the reason I got yelled at is not my fault," Karen told her mom.  
(a) away (b) out (c) down (d) off
- Q2 "You are going to have to find a job if you want to live here. You don't have to pay much but you do have to ..... your keep," Matt's dad told him.  
(a) pay (b) fund (c) earn (d) find
- Q3 "I was so embarrassed today. My boss complimented me in front of everyone and my ..... started to burn. Then, the person next to me noticed and said something. Then, everyone had to take a look!" Jane told her husband.  
(a) fingers (b) tongue (c) cooking (d) ears
- Q4 "John, Melissa is trying and we can all see that. Maybe you could ..... up on her a bit? I think she will do great around here once she gets the hang of things," Gina told the boss.  
(a) ease (b) back (c) ride (d) talk
- Q5 "Be careful, Lee. Don't hit the nails on the window too hard or it will break. Remember, easy ..... it," Bill told him.  
(a) completes (b) installs (c) does (d) wins
- Q6 "Why don't you take the landscaping job? I know the family and they pay high and expect very little. It is ..... money, trust me," Ashley said to Adam.  
(a) simple (b) easy (c) basic (d) greasy
- Q7 "I like Ed. He is very ..... and is very caring," Beth told Chris.  
(a) easy going (b) demure (c) incompetent (d) ignorant
- Q8 "I didn't think that I would be bothered by your brother's rude comments but I am. His comments have been ..... away on me ever since we saw him last. I am going to have to say something to him," Luke said to Rachel.  
(a) washing (b) beating (c) scrubbing (d) eating
- Q9 "I like it when Steve comes over to spend the night. He is a nice kid. However, he is getting expensive. Every time he comes over, he eats us out of house and ....., " Linda said to Rose.  
(a) home (b) bam (c) office (d) garage
- Q10 "I think the boss will grant my request for a transfer. I will compliment him first he has a big ego- and he will be ..... out of my hand in no time," Lisa said to Alice.  
(a) acting (b) eating (c) bathing (d) reaching

*English Slang Idioms (205)*

- Q1 "Do you know a good auto body shop? The combination of the saltwater and humid conditions has caused rust to ..... a hole in my door," Matt said to Nathan.  
(a) rub (b) poke (c) eat (d) hammer
- Q2 "Why don't we go to the coffee shop? We still have an hour before the conference and going to the shop across the street will help us eat ..... some time," Gina said to Frank.  
(a) up (b) down (c) back (d) ahead
- Q3 "The new paper company is trying to ..... in on our business. They have been calling some of our biggest clients in an attempt to win their business by offering them a discount on both paper and shipping. We need to find a way to combat this," Lew said to Rachel.  
(a) tip (b) range (c) climb (d) edge
- Q4 "I will be inside in one minute to help you with the dishes. I am just trying to eke ..... the last bit of barbecue sauce in this bottle so we have enough for the barbecue chicken," Chris said to Linda.  
(a) into (b) out (c) onto (d) in
- Q5 "Wow, there are so many people out today! There is a ton of traffic everywhere and people all over the streets. Even the elevator going up to the office was packed for a change. I had to ..... my way into it and barely fit. It must be the Christmas season that is causing this," Lisa told Candice.  
(a) elbow (b) foot (c) beg (d) reach
- Q6 "I felt bad for your brother today. He was walking down that hill behind the cafeteria at school when he slipped in the mud. He went end over ..... all the way down the hill in front of everybody and was covered in mud. Everyone laughed at him," Kim said to Carlie.  
(a) fist (b) end (c) head (d) bottom
- Q7 "If you don't go to college, you will probably end ..... working at some minimum-wage job that you hate for the rest of your life," Curt's mom said to him when he told her he wasn't sure if he wanted to go to college or not.  
(a) away (b) for (c) but (d) up
- Q8 "Well, this is the end of the ..... for you. You have failed your physical training test three times in a row and we have no choice but to discharge you from the army," First Sergeant Jones told Specialist Jennings.  
(a) globe (b) road (c) dinner (d) movie
- Q9 "Your dad made another rude comment to me. I have tried to ignore him and told myself that his rude behavior is temporary but ..... is enough. I am going to confront him and ask him to stop next time I am there," Billy said to Tommy.  
(a) push (b) intent (c) thought (d) enough
- Q10 "Honey, have you seen my wallet? I have looked everywhere for it and it seems that it has ..... into thin air," Walter told Edna.  
(a) become (b) evaporated (c) change (d) faltered

*English Slang Idioms (206)*

- Q1 "When the roof started leaking, I thought that we would have to call a contractor and spend thousands of dollars we didn't have. My husband, surprisingly, proved ..... to the occasion and somehow fixed it after only a few hours," Lilly told Paula and Mike.  
(a) even (b) eventual (c) equal (d) easy
- Q2 "Look at Jake in his fireman's costume. I think he looks every ..... the fireman," Lisa said to Jake's dad when Jake came over to show them his Halloween costume.  
(a) picture (b) yard (c) mile (d) inch
- Q3 "I don't like croquet but I do like to go golfing every now and ....., " Jack said to Thomas.  
(a) then (b) yesterday (c) now (d) tomorrow
- Q4 "People really need to learn how to drive in this town. Every time I ..... around, it seems like I am either hearing about another crash on the radio or see ambulances and fire trucks by the scene of a crash," Beth said to Jenny.  
(a) think (b) lay (c) turn (d) jump
- Q5 "I really need to do something about the garden outside. When we bought this house, the previous owners had neglected it and let the plants grow every ..... way. We have been meaning to prune the garden, plant new plants and clean its overall appearance up we just haven't got around to it yet," Jacky said to Marlene.  
(a) painted (b) where (c) for (d) which
- Q6 "Don't try to ..... away the fact that you are drunk and it is two o'clock in the morning. You didn't even call to let me know that you weren't coming home from work. I don't care what reasons you had for your behavior, you could have called and you should have come home first," Bill said to Sylvia.  
(a) wipe (b) explain (c) walk (d) sleep
- Q7 "As soon as I get home from work, I am going to go face ..... I am exhausted," Rodney said to Christopher.  
(a) down (b) up (c) first (d) away
- Q8 "You spend too little time on schoolwork and too much on partying with the fraternity. You are going to have to ..... up to the fact that school takes a lot of work and that comes first. I think that you need to figure out your priorities," James told his little brother.  
(a) look (b) climb (c) face (d) take
- Q9 "Thanks for the face-....., John. I don't know how you knew that I had forgotten what I was going to say in the presentation but I appreciate you stepping up and taking over for me. That would have been really embarrassing if you hadn't. I started stuttering and looking around for my notes in my briefcase," Bill said.  
(a) breaker (b) maker (c) capturer (d) saver
- Q10 "I just don't have enough money to stay in school. I am faced ..... the choice of getting another job and working or going to school twenty hours a day or dropping out of school. I don't know what to do," Laurie said to Max.  
(a) with (b) on (c) by (d) toward

*English Slang Idioms (207)*

- Q1 "I am going to have to quit my job here. I came here looking for a fair ..... and that isn't happening. Every time I say something to the boss's kid about the safety violations he is perpetuating, he runs off to his dad and tells him that I am bullying him. Then his dad gets mad at me and tells me to leave him alone. I can't work as the safety officer here without support from management," Bob told Lewis.  
(a) hair (b) weight (c) shake (d) rattle
- Q2 "I joined the army to become a telephone line installer. I figured that I could work as an installer through school and that it would be a good job to ..... back on in case I got sick of being a manager," Chris told Jake.  
(a) pull (b) jump (c) reach (d) fall
- Q3 "I am trying hard not to ..... behind in my schoolwork this semester. Last semester, I played around too much and it was horrible trying to get caught back up. It was much more work trying to get caught up than if I had just done the work in the first place," Bill told Fred.  
(a) leave (b) stay (c) push (d) fall
- Q4 "I told a joke in my presentation and it fell ..... No one laughed and I got dirty looks from several of the people there. I thought it was funny and I think they all need to develop a sense of humor," Steven said to Lewis.  
(a) round (b) flat (c) on (d) back
- Q5 He still remembered what had made him ..... for her. She walked out of the ice cream shop with a cone in her hand and, then, bumped the cone into his shirt. He was still laughing about their conversation afterwards.  
(a) grab (b) walk (c) fall (d) run
- Q6 "I am not going to put my name on this contract. I know that you are going to try to defraud the other party and I am not going to be the ..... guy for your scheme. I am not going to ruin my reputation for your benefit," Max said to Frank at work.  
(a) chop (b) lame (c) single (d) fall
- Q7 "I am worried about our son. His grades are slipping and I think it is because he fell ..... with the wrong crowd. His friends don't care about anything except getting drunk," Louise told her husband.  
(a) in (b) across (c) by (d) because
- Q8 "You are fired. You have fallen ..... of every expectation we have of a customer service representative. You are rude, late, slow, and sloppy," Mark told Will.  
(a) less (b) toward (c) short (d) hind
- Q9 "We are not on speaking terms at the moment. We had a .....-out over the decision of whether or not to put our parents in an old folks' home or to have them move in with one of us. My brother wanted to send them to a home and I didn't," Mark told Suzy.  
(a) backing (b) falling (c) leaning (d) bending
- Q10 "Unfortunately, Frank is in my family ..... He is my mother's brother. You can pick your friends but you can't pick your family," Rick said to Ben.  
(a) tree (b) book (c) diagram (d) picture

*English Slang Idioms (208)*

- Q1 "Bob! ..... meeting you here! I didn't know that you liked gardening!" Justine exclaimed.  
 (a) Fancy (b) Special (c) Antsy (d) Campy
- Q2 "I saw our old friend Brian. He was pretty far ..... if you ask me. His clothes were dirty and old and he smelled like whiskey. He said that he had just lost his job, but by the look of him, he hasn't been working in some time," Beth said to Brandon.  
 (a) fetched (b) side (c) reaching (d) gone
- Q3 "I told Bill that he was to be grounded for two weeks. He gave an excuse of why he was late for curfew but it seemed pretty ..... to me. He said that the bus broke down and they wouldn't let the passengers off for two hours until it was fixed. I think he is lying," Mary said to her husband.  
 (a) slim (b) shaded (c) farfetched (d) plausible
- Q4 "I could have done the plumbing job but I really didn't want to. I can make more money than it would cost to hire a plumber for the task if I keep working on building the house. I ..... the plumbing job out to a plumber who is a friend of mine," Jake told Bill.  
 (a) route (b) farmed (c) gifted (d) spanned
- Q5 He decided to ask his son if he wanted to make a ..... buck and mow the lawn. He had a lot of other things to do and he didn't want to mow the lawn too.  
 (a) complete (b) measly (c) big (d) quick
- Q6 "I am not going to buy a used car from that lot. The salesman was too much of a ..... talker. I don't get the impression that the cars are quality," Lisa said to Rick.  
 (a) small (b) steady (c) fast (d) large
- Q7 "We have the idea and the patent for the invention. We also have surveys from random people showing customer interest in our product. All we have to do is figure out how to market and produce the product and we are in fat ....., " Ben said to Brendan.  
 (a) city (b) category (c) camp (d) lake
- Q8 "I don't think that we should offer less money for the car considering that the owner is a widow who obviously needs the money. I feel it in my ..... that trying to bargain with a lady in her position is morally wrong," Steven said to Tina.  
 (a) brain (b) tongue (c) bones (d) chest
- Q9 After he began an exercise routine and followed it for a month, he felt like a ..... man. He felt younger, stronger and healthier.  
 (a) used (b) recycled (c) new (d) forged
- Q10 He had been ..... out the competition for some time to see if they would be interested in a merger. He felt that they were close to an agreement about a merge and that would be good for both companies.  
 (a) trying (b) taking (c) finding (d) feeling

*English Slang Idioms (209)*

- Q1 He was bored with life. He knew he needed to find a new hobby or new group of friends. Moments of excitement and happiness were few and far ..... these days.  
(a) behind (b) ahead (c) between (d) around
- Q2 He had worked for the company for thirty years and did quite well for himself. However, his job was now being outsourced to India and he was getting laid-off next month. He felt he deserved more but that was the fickle ..... of fate for you.  
(a) finger (b) point (c) head (d) army
- Q3 "Sorry about our bathtub not draining properly," Matt told his guests. "I have been meaning to ..... around with it to get it working but haven't yet found the time."  
(a) guitar (b) drum (c) bass (d) fiddle
- Q4 "Jane has been spreading rumors about me at work. I know lots of bad things about her, but so far, I didn't want to start gossiping about her. If she is going to be spreading rumors about me, I am going to start fighting ..... with fire," Lynn told Ellis.  
(a) rot (b) wood (c) discretion (d) fire
- Q5 "Can I borrow fifty dollars until payday? I have managed to ..... off the creditors for this long but I am a little short right now," Brad said to his brother.  
(a) loaf (b) fight (c) back (d) nail
- Q6 "I took a vote of the office personnel to see if they would rather have time off as a bonus or a gift certificate to Wal-Mart. The vote was about fifty-..... You will just have to pick one and go with it," Gladice told the Boss.  
(a) seventy (b) thirty (c) fifty (d) twenty
- Q7 "We need to come up with an invention. My best friend's cousin invented some little part that goes in your toilet and he is now filthy ....., " Ben said to his roommate.  
(a) dirty (b) minded (c) looking (d) rich
- Q8 "I know that you don't like your brother but can you find it in your ..... to help him fix his roof? You know how and it is winter. You know he can't afford the repairs," Melissa said to her husband.  
(a) heart (b) thoughts (c) motives (d) ideals
- Q9 "I told Bill not to drink and drive many a time but he won't listen. I guess he'll have to find out the ..... way and either get arrested or into an accident," Steve told his wife.  
(a) long (b) big (c) hard (d) far
- Q10 "I don't care if you want to buy this shirt. I found it and picked it up first. Finders ....., " Kim said to Alice jokingly.  
(a) grabbers (b) keepers (c) sellers (d) barterers

*English Slang Idioms (210)*

- Q1 "A lot of rich, famous women are in the news these days for their weird or trashy behavior. I guess it goes to show that fine ..... do not make fine birds," Matt told Lewis.  
(a) beaks (b) formations (c) colorings (d) feathers
- Q2 "Your spare tire is flat too? What a fine ..... of fish this is! We are fifty miles from the nearest town and it's raining," May said to Tom.  
(a) line (b) kettle (c) pack (d) form
- Q3 His kid asked him to look for his school report in his room since he had to go to soccer practice. He had already glanced around the room and didn't see the paper. He would have to go through the room with a fine-tooth ..... to find the report in that mess.  
(a) comb (b) saw (c) brush (d) denture
- Q4 "I met with Mr. Wilson and tried to pitch our product to him. I didn't even get to ..... base before he told me he was late for some nebulous meeting and showed me the door," Mary said to Derrick.  
(a) operations (b) home (c) first (d) military
- Q5 He really enjoyed his train trip and vowed to recommend the tour company to everyone he knew. They were really first ..... The meal had been great, the staff had been courteous and the seating and view were also top of the line.  
(a) class (b) base (c) line (d) lead
- Q6 Even though there was little demand for watch repair, he refused to retrain and find another profession. His great grandfather, his grandfather and his dad had all been watch makers or repairers in Switzerland. He was, first and ....., a fixer of fine watches and that was all there was to it.  
(a) again (b) defined (c) last (d) before
- Q7 "I expected him to at least praise my work on the project before yelling at me. I went into his office and first thing off the ....., he started yelling at me for being late to the bus for the business trip," Randy told Rod.  
(a) cuff (b) bat (c) brain (d) schedule
- Q8 He was happy that he had finally been promoted to ..... string on the sales team. He knew that he could land the big sales just as well, if not better, than anyone else on the team.  
(a) tight (b) violin (c) final (d) first
- Q9 She was more angry at him than she had ever been before. She felt that she deserved to hear from him, first ....., that he was going to be getting the promotion that she really wanted.  
(a) foot (b) hand (c) person (d) line
- Q10 "Nancy is very annoying. She is always fishing for ..... She is always bringing up her accomplishments and situations that make her look smarter than others," Irma said to Peggy.  
(a) drama (b) gossip (c) compliments (d) opinions

*English Slang Idioms (211)*

- Q1 He knew that he should be more ethical in his accounting practices. He felt that his worth was defined by how much money he saved the company in taxes but he was fishing in ..... waters. He wouldn't be worth much if he got arrested for fraud and embarrassed the company.  
(a) clear (b) muddy (c) cold (d) salty
- Q2 "I don't think I believe that Joe used to own a Lamborghini. He doesn't have any pictures of it and no one he knows had ever seen it. I think that it is like the ..... that got away. It sounds good but didn't happen," Matt said to Davis.  
(a) fish (b) girl (c) cop (d) job
- Q3 "I love those pants on you. They are perfectly tailored for you. They fit like a ....., " Lilly said to Nancy.  
(a) sock (b) shirt (c) hat (d) glove
- Q4 He hated it when his parents tried to ..... him up with one of their friends' daughters. They were always unattractive and some were weird.  
(a) put (b) find (c) fix (d) bind
- Q5 "So, you think you can rip me off and I won't do anything about it? I'll fix your ....., " Bill angrily told the local mechanic.  
(a) wagon (b) scooter (c) house (d) brain
- Q6 He didn't know what to do. He had invested all of his savings in his business. The business started out strong but it was starting to fizzle .....  
(a) in (b) around (c) out (d) ahead
- Q7 He was late for work and the rain picked up. He hoped he could ..... down a cab soon.  
(a) flag (b) run (c) talk (d) put
- Q8 The economists working for the government did their best to reduce inflation but it had ..... up again.  
(a) talked (b) arrived (c) bucked (d) flared
- Q9 "I can't go with you to the party. Everyone has to bring a food or alcoholic drink and I am ..... broke," Jim told Ray and Tanya.  
(a) round (b) square (c) flat (d) inflated
- Q10 "You want to drive to Texas from Northern California for your vacation and with the gas prices as high as they are? Have you flipped your .....?" Max asked his wife.  
(a) coin (b) side (c) lid (d) allegiance



*English Slang Idioms (212)*

- Q1 "It ..... me when Joe told me he wanted to accept the promotion and move to New Jersey. He has never even hinted at wanting to move out of California in the thirty years we've been married," Jan told Sylvie.  
(a) bent (b) floored (c) pushed (d) laughed
- Q2 "That boy is no good. He didn't finish school, he ..... out of the army and he got fired twice in the past five months. Can't you find another guy to date?" Logan asked his daughter.  
(a) jumped (b) fired (c) rose (d) flunked
- Q3 "Did you hear that Jay is in jail for punching his boss? He really flushed his career down the ..... when he did that," Christian said to Jesse.  
(a) toilet (b) lake (c) hill (d) sink
- Q4 "You can't give me any information about the new customer that I am supposed to be pitching our product to? I am going to be ..... blind with these guys," Nick said to the boss.  
(a) playing (b) jumping (c) raking (d) flying
- Q5 "I don't think I want to order anything from that company, even though they offer a warranty. They seem like kind of a fly-by-..... outfit to me. When I called them to ask some questions, all I got was an answering machine and they never called back. Also, they only have a P.O. box as an address. They could take our money and run and there is nothing we could do about it," Tom said to Alice.  
(a) plane (b) train (c) night (d) pants
- Q6 "After years of waiting for the promotion, I was sure ..... high when the boss announced that I would get the promotion, unexpectedly, in front of everyone. I wasn't aware of it until then," Janine said to Billy.  
(a) flying (b) walking (c) fighting (d) talking
- Q7 "It makes me ..... at the mouth when businesses wrong you out of something and then act injured and hurt when you call them on it. I also hate it when they act like it is my fault when something with their product goes wrong," Shelly said to Shannon.  
(a) talk (b) bite (c) look (d) foam
- Q8 "I don't want a broken tractor. I know you don't want to pay someone to haul it off or fix it but don't try to ..... it off on me," Tony said to Al.  
(a) throw (b) break (c) pawn (d) ship
- Q9 "Why do I have a rusted bicycle in my front yard? Well, my best friend ..... the darn thing off on me saying that all it needed were some brake pads and a new tire. It turns out everything on the bike, with the exception of the frame, has to be replaced. I am trying to find someone who will take it off their hands," Will told his folks.  
(a) fobbed (b) rolled (c) lifted (d) spent
- Q10 "I have decided to ..... up shop and try getting a job as a boat repair man. I have always wanted to work on boats and I wasn't making that much selling fishing equipment," Jake told his brother, Tim.  
(a) break (b) bend (c) buy (d) fold

*English Slang Idioms (213)*

- Q1 "I don't know if I want to go into management or not. I am not playing with a full deck of ..... at the moment. I haven't gone through enough classes to know if I will be good at it or not and I don't have any clear idea as to what a manager does on a day to day basis," Matt told his dad.  
 (a) boards (b) nails (c) furniture (d) cards
- Q2 "I don't know why Tim quit his job at the RV repair place to work as a landscaping assistant. That is a serious pay cut. He's a few ..... short of a circus — if you ask me," Joe said to Barney.  
 (a) tickets (b) clowns (c) colors (d) people
- Q3 My parents didn't want me to join the Peace corps but I remembered that my grandmother once said that the most important thing in life is to follow your .....  
 (a) breakfast (b) heart (c) thoughts (d) lead
- Q4 "For some reason, when I quit drinking, I thought my friends would ..... suit. Surprisingly, they didn't, so I had to find a new group of friends," Tom told Eloise.  
 (a) play (b) dress (c) fashion (d) follow
- Q5 He made a commitment to himself to get perfect grades in school the next semester. He had ..... around for too long and had almost been booted out of school last semester for poor grades.  
 (a) danced (b) fooled (c) drunk (d) traveled
- Q6 He was proud of himself. He found a ..... way to make constant money working from home. Now he wouldn't have to work with that annoying team any longer.  
 (a) break proof (b) fool proof (c) fire proof (d) hundred proof
- Q7 "It threw me for a ..... when management said the company was downsizing and we were all to be laid off. There were no rumors of this happening and no warning from the corporate office," Jill said to Sam.  
 (a) walk (b) yell (c) drink (d) loop
- Q8 When she told him that she was leaving his best friend because she caught him cheating on her, he was at a ..... for words. He had known about what his friend was doing and had encouraged him to stop. What else could he do?  
 (a) loss (b) grasp (c) blank (d) stop
- Q9 She then told him that she was going to take his best friend for everything he was ..... in court and he couldn't think of anything meaningful to say to that either. It was an uncomfortable situation.  
 (a) not (b) worth (c) doing (d) invested
- Q10 He thought that his best friend was a bad person for what he had done but he still wouldn't trade their lifelong friendship for all the .....  
 (a) gold (b) food (c) world (d) jobs

*English Slang Idioms (214)*

- Q1 "I am sorry that my wife called you a jerk in front of everyone at the party. I talked to her about it. She is my wife, for better or for ....., so I would appreciate it if you didn't yell at her or insult her," Tim said to Fred.  
(a) best (b) horrid (c) worse (d) company
- Q2 "You are leaving me because I am gone too often? We have been married twenty years, for crying out ..... Surely we can work this out," Dan said to Shirley.  
(a) silently (b) loud (c) yelling (d) God
- Q3 Dan was depressed and stayed in his house for days on ..... after Shirley left him.  
(a) days (b) clock (c) end (d) calendars
- Q4 He hung on to the marriage for ..... life and tried everything to keep her from leaving but she was adamant about getting divorced.  
(a) long (b) dear (c) short (d) whole
- Q5 "Let's add two more screws for good ..... We probably don't need to add more but it is better to have too many than too few," Jack said to his son.  
(a) taste (b) looks (c) fortune (d) measure
- Q6 He fought with his wife for ..... on end about where they should live. She wanted to live in Sweden but he wanted to live in New York where there was a great job waiting for him. In the end, they decided not to move at all.  
(a) hours (b) decades (c) century (d) millennia
- Q7 He quit immediately when they asked him to cook the books. He wouldn't lose his integrity for no .....  
(a) work (b) job (c) dilemma (d) man
- Q8 "I understand that you are not in a position to buy another car right now but it is there for the ..... if you decide to buy one," James told his neighbors.  
(a) petition (b) inquiry (c) asking (d) rustling
- Q9 His wife was mad at him again. When he told her he had to do some work on the trip, she accused him of planning the whole vacation so that he could make some contacts in Hawaii. He countered by telling her that he arranged the vacation, for the most ....., to be with her and the kids. She didn't buy that, though.  
(a) part (b) idea (c) fun (d) feeling
- Q10 "I tried to force the boss's ..... about giving me my overdue raise by telling him I knew about the personal gifts he bought for his wife on the company's expense account. He fired me because he said that he wouldn't be blackmailed," Lisa told Josh.  
(a) pen (b) fist (c) motives (d) hand

*English Slang Idioms (215)*

- Q1 "I went to the Department of Motor Vehicles and it took forever and a ..... to simply renew my registration. I hate that place," May told Maxine.  
(a) bit (b) day (c) piece (d) kernel
- Q2 "I know that you are mad at your best friend right now but you have been friends for years. Is it that important? I think you need to ..... and forget sometimes and move on," Danny's mom told him.  
(a) forgive (b) work (c) forever (d) ignore
- Q3 "Hey Jed, it time to ..... over that bicycle I paid you for. You said you would bring it by in a week but it's already been two weeks," Chris said.  
(a) spoon (b) get (c) change (d) fork
- Q4 "I am sorry, Honey. I have to go into work. I know it's our day together but there was a ..... up at the plant that requires my attention — something about a broken pump," Jake said to his wife.  
(a) foul (b) get (c) stand (d) rise
- Q5 "I am sorry. I am not in the right frame of ..... to go to the river with everyone today. I am very angry and wouldn't have or be much fun," Lisa said to Tim, Rob, and Tina.  
(a) picture (b) painting (c) mind (d) existence
- Q6 "The boss gave me a ..... hand to get my project completed and I am very happy. Now I don't have to ask permission to do things twenty times a day," Ken said to Vince.  
(a) firm (b) free (c) big (d) wide
- Q7 "We saw a mouse in our place the other day and my roommate completely ..... out. She refused to go back in the house until the pest control company came. They couldn't come until the following day so she slept in the shed," Marcie said to Lila.  
(a) wiped (b) freaked (c) bowed (d) broke
- Q8 "After you told me about the burglar who hit the neighborhood two blocks away, I could swear I heard something outside my window last night. I was ..... out of my wits! It turned out it was a fat raccoon," Bethany told her friend Isabella.  
(a) angered (b) jumped (c) frightened (d) sleepy
- Q9 "Then, at five in the morning, my husband took the garbage out and I thought it was the burglar again. I was scared to ..... again so I hit him with my umbrella when he came through the door," she said and laughed.  
(a) sleep (b) laugh (c) work (d) death
- Q10 His parents told him that if he didn't get better grades, they would stop paying for his school tuition. They told him to stop "frittering ..... " his time. He hated when they said things like that.  
(a) away (b) off (c) by (d) ahead

*English Slang Idioms (216)*

- Q1 "I told my wife that I didn't want to go to her parents anymore and she got really angry. Then I told her that their boring conversations irritated me to no end and the situation went from bad to ....., " Tom told his friend Bill.  
 (a) heinous (b) broke (c) worse (d) crucial
- Q2 The American media always makes a big deal out of the shortcomings of the ..... of society.  
 (a) rocks (b) houses (c) heirs (d) pillars
- Q3 There are many interesting stories of people who built successful internet-based companies from the ..... up that came to light around the year 2000.  
 (a) sand (b) ground (c) trees (d) brain
- Q4 "Yes, I know Tom very well. He is an old friend from ..... back," Gina told Rachel.  
 (a) way (b) history (c) close (d) out
- Q5 "I have heard rumors about some practical jokes being played in the office. I want all of you to knock it off. It is all ..... and games until someone gets hurt," the boss told the staff.  
 (a) cheer (b) laugh (c) snide (d) fun
- Q6 "Tina spread a nasty rumor about me at work. That is OK. Spreading rumors is a game two can ....., " Marcie said to Jillian.  
 (a) stop (b) fight (c) compete (d) play
- Q7 He was mad. He had been waiting to see Jenny at the party. He had to deal with some gate ..... and by the time he had ejected the moochers from the party, Jenny had come and gone. It wasn't fair.  
 (a) crashers (b) beggars (c) breakers (d) sneakers
- Q8 "I am sorry that my mom told you that your music is awful. There is a bit of a ..... gap between my mom and me — especially when it comes to music," Dan told Jimmy.  
 (a) taste (b) mind (c) generation (d) heir
- Q9 "I am sorry that grandpa didn't leave you any tools. He didn't have any to leave. He was generous to a ..... Whenever his friends needed a tool, he gave them his," his grandma told Sam.  
 (a) idiot (b) beggar (c) stupid (d) fault
- Q10 "In some ways, I resent rich kids for getting all the ..... Life is easy for them and they don't have to work as hard as we do. On the other hand, in some ways I feel sorry for them since they are weaker and will be almost helpless if the money runs out," Sam told his brother.  
 (a) stops (b) breaks (c) beans (d) grease

*English Slang Idioms (217)*

- Q1 "Losing our biggest client due to your misrepresentation of our product line is going to be a major ..... eye in your record but you will get another chance to prove yourself again. You have been a good employee up until now and we aren't going to fire you," Richie's boss told him.  
(a) black (b) sore (c) red (d) shut
- Q2 "Let's go on vacation next month to Yellowstone National Park. We are getting a ..... on our taxes this year so we have a little extra money to spend," Jim told his wife.  
(a) steed (b) blight (c) kink (d) break
- Q3 "I know that you are sad about your boy friend moving to Spain but you have to get a ..... on reality. You can't just stop working and going to school just because you don't want to anymore," Jane's mother told her.  
(a) mortgage (b) glimpse (c) grip (d) take
- Q4 "Jim, will you come over this weekend to work on the group project? I know that it isn't due until next month but if we get a ..... start on it, we will have less stress and more time," Steve said.  
(a) quick (b) head (c) ahead (d) short
- Q5 He always got a ..... out of watching the wild rabbits play in the outskirts of his yard.  
(a) punch (b) bill (c) tear (d) kick
- Q6 "Steve, you have to come over and get a ..... of this old radio I found. It has radio tubes in it but it still works!" Tommy said over the phone.  
(a) load (b) hunk (c) taste (d) bite
- Q7 He hated that his wife was always late to functions. Once again, it was time to get a ..... on and she was — just now — applying her make-up.  
(a) go (b) run (c) move (d) hop
- Q8 "This one kid in school keeps trying to get a ..... out of me at school by calling me names but I am a big believer in that saying from Africa It is not what you call me that defines me but what I respond to'," Jimmy told Jack.  
(a) bill (b) heat (c) rise (d) anger
- Q9 "Maureen talks so much! The whole time she was over, I kept trying to speak and she just rolled right over me. I couldn't get a ..... in edgewise," Gladice told Wanda.  
(a) thought (b) word (c) plan (d) opinion
- Q10 "You have to figure out how to ..... along with people, Bill! You can't fight everyone you meet and you have to be able to work together with people," Nancy told her son.  
(a) get (b) stay (c) run (d) talk

*English Slang Idioms (218)*

- Q1 "Hi Jim. I am sorry to ask you for this favor but can I stay at your house for about a month? I lost my job and I can't afford to stay in my place. I was hoping that you would let me stay with you long enough for me to get back ..... my feet. I promise that I will move out as soon as I have enough money saved," Nate said to his best friend.
- (a) to (b) around (c) on (d) strong
- Q2 "Now that we have all the tools and materials, let's get ..... on building this deck," Paul said to his son.
- (a) backing (b) cracking (c) inventing (d) stomping
- Q3 "I have researched and memorized the steps to build a shed and now I have the process down ....., " Nate said to Max.
- (a) warm (b) slap (c) writ (d) cold
- Q4 He knew there was a lot of work to be done but he just didn't want to wake up at the ..... of dawn to get it done. He liked to sleep in and couldn't see any reason why not to.
- (a) front (b) crack (c) ahead (d) begin
- Q5 She thought to herself that quitting her job would be a good thing. She knew she would never get ahead since her boss took all the ..... for her accomplishments.
- (a) credit (b) copy (c) letters (d) head
- Q6 "I am happy to see you, Steve, and I would like to catch up with you but I am pressed for time. Let's get down to ..... and set a date to catch up for the near future. We need to discuss the terms of the contract," Randy said.
- (a) talking (b) business (c) theory (d) postage
- Q7 "I know that you are still mad at me for being late the other night but did you have to try to get ..... with me by being 45 minutes late to the dinner party at my parent's house?" Luke asked Jane.
- (a) balance (b) by (c) stopped (d) even
- Q8 "Please stay away from that bridge. It isn't safe. You are going to give your mother gray ..... by playing up there," Lisa said to her two kids.
- (a) days (b) colors (c) hair (d) eyes
- Q9 "Rob treats his wife and coworkers horribly. He is going to get ..... one day. I am sure of that," Kim said to Beth.
- (a) his (b) work (c) by (d) late
- Q10 "Tom, I heard that you have a plumbing problem you need to get fixed. I have a friend who is a plumber who will give you a good deal. Let me get a ..... of him and I will tell him to call you," Jim said.
- (a) grab (b) away (c) bolt (d) hold

*English Slang Idioms (219)*

- Q1 "Jake, we have a lot of extra chicken. Why don't you ..... in on some?" Matt asked.  
 (a) away (b) slap (c) get (d) born
- Q2 "I am going to try for the promotion and I would appreciate it if you would agree not to get in my ..... I know that we have had our differences and we have tried to sabotage each other in the past but this means a lot to me. I promise not to bother you anymore as well," Jack said to Frank.  
 (a) head (b) tools (c) journey (d) way
- Q3 "You have a friend who is a plumber? I would appreciate it if you would get in ..... with him and ask him to fix my bathtub," Tom said to Jim.  
 (a) find (b) touch (c) reach (d) bad
- Q4 "How should I dress for my first day at work? I don't want to get in ..... with the boss on my first day by being underdressed," Lynn said to Jacob.  
 (a) fine (b) lax (c) weird (d) wrong
- Q5 "Jack, you need to get it ..... here. You have been late to work and haven't brought the right tools all week. Will you promise to be on time and with the right gear?" Tom asked him.  
 (a) all (b) together (c) wrong (d) behind
- Q6 "I am sick of you making fun of me at school. Get .....!" Bill said to the bully.  
 (a) lost (b) far (c) ahead (d) leeks
- Q7 "I am sorry that I messed up the project. When a lot of people interrupt me while I am working, I sometimes get ..... up and make mistakes. I will try to make sure it doesn't happen again," Luke said to his boss, Shelly.  
 (a) wrapped (b) packaged (c) mixed (d) raked
- Q8 "Where do you ..... off telling me how to do my job? I have been doing this longer than you and this isn't even your specialty. I know how to do this task and you don't," Wesley said to Michael.  
 (a) let (b) buck (c) rack (d) get
- Q9 "Wow, you only had to pay \$10 to get a new headlight put into your car? You got off ..... Where did you go? I am going to take my car there if I need a new headlight," Greg said to Tanya.  
 (a) cheap (b) expensive (c) ordinance (d) small
- Q10 "You only got a week of extra duty for being rude to the commander? You got off .....! I would have thought that they would have taken your rank and some of your pay for that violation," Private Lukas said to Private Robertson at the army base.  
 (a) staunch (b) brisk (c) easy (d) heavy



*English Slang Idioms (220)*

- Q1 "I am sorry that I told you to go make me some coffee and some copies of these forms. I thought you worked for the clerical department and now I find out that you are on my work team. Please accept my apology. I don't want to get off on the wrong ..... with you," Jay said to Fay.  
(a) concept (b) train (c) look (d) foot
- Q2 "This is the fifth time you have asked me for my expense sheet. I told you that I would give it to you in the early afternoon and it is only 10 o'clock. Get off my ....., will you?" Steve asked George.  
(a) time (b) fate (c) back (d) desk
- Q3 "I am sorry to bring this up but I just have to get it ..... my chest. I am still mad at you for not showing up to the movies the other night when I was expecting you. You never called to apologize or explain why you weren't there," Matt told Nancy.  
(a) off (b) on (c) by (d) in
- Q4 "I broke up with Nancy because she ..... me up on Friday. She never apologized and when I talked to her about it, she acted like it was no big deal that she didn't come and didn't cancel beforehand," Matt told Nancy's sister Beth.  
(a) front (b) stood (c) looked (d) fought
- Q5 "You need to get a job, Max. You are twenty years old and aren't doing anything with your life. It's time you stood on your own two ..... and started supporting yourself," Luke told his son.  
(a) eyes (b) ears (c) feet (d) arms
- Q6 "Ted, you really got off on a flying ..... today. I was expecting this work to take three days and you are already more than half-way done. It is only now 3 o'clock!" His grandpa said. He hired him to do some repairs on his house and to help him with the landscaping.  
(a) trip (b) start (c) walk (d) formation
- Q7 "Rainy days always get me ..... I get a bit depressed and lazy. Sunny days make me feel happy, energetic, and motivated," Jane said to Chris.  
(a) down (b) right (c) back (d) light
- Q8 "Don't smoke marijuana. That stuff will ..... your brain," Steve's parents told him when he came back high after a party.  
(a) tease (b) try (c) fry (d) stuff
- Q9 "Bill, my brother, always brings up these stupid childhood stories of the embarrassing things I did when I was around five years old. I told him to stop and he won't. I am not going to let him get my ..... today, though. I have been looking forward to this trip for a long time and he is not going to ruin it for me," Lisa told Matt.  
(a) fish (b) hippopotamus (c) goat (d) yak
- Q10 "Do you know where I can buy the new Microsoft Word program? I would really like to get my ..... on the program before school starts," Maxine said to Lilly.  
(a) hands (b) bank (c) collar (d) seat

*English Slang Idioms (221)*

- Q1 "You agreed to start work at 7 o'clock and, here you are, asleep at 8 o'clock. It is time to get your rear in ..... and get out in the yard. You might still finish by the end of the day but you will have to work hard," Steve's dad told him.  
(a) inspection (b) gear (c) passing (d) walking
- Q2 "I am sorry that I said I wanted to quit hiking. I am ready to go again. I got very tired but I just got my ..... wind. I am full of energy now," Jay said to the group.  
(a) breathe (b) full (c) cold (d) second
- Q3 "I know you don't want to talk about our fight the other night but I think we need to get the issues out in the ..... I don't want to fight either but if we don't talk about it now, it won't get worked out and we will end up fighting again later," Shirley said to her mother.  
(a) garage (b) shelf (c) open (d) desert
- Q4 "Are you alright? You look kind of ..... and I know the boss can be quite mean. Did he yell at you when he called you into his office?" Brendan asked his coworker Melanie.  
(a) rattled (b) bamboozled (c) scoped (d) narcissistic
- Q5 "I need to take a vacation. I have been dreaming about getting out of here and traveling for about a month. I think I just need to go and get it out of my ..... I can barely even concentrate around here and I know that I just need a break," Bill told Lewis at work.  
(a) life (b) system (c) fate (d) body
- Q6 "I know that you don't want to dig up that stump in the yard. I don't either. Why don't we just go and get it ..... with and then we won't have to look at it or think about it anymore," Steve told his wife.  
(a) over (b) out (c) broke (d) dug
- Q7 "Let's get something ..... here. I am not your friend or your sibling who you can bully out of something. I am your boss. If I give you an order, you must follow it instead of trying to guilt trip me so you can get out of it," Mark told Eleanor.  
(a) fine (b) around (c) straight (d) hammered
- Q8 "Every time I go to my parents' house, they try to ..... trip me into staying longer. They always make it sound like I don't visit often enough or stay long enough. They are retired and I have to be at work once the weekends end. It isn't fair," Mark told Linus.  
(a) vacation (b) long (c) road (d) guilt
- Q9 He would have to find another job soon. His research funding had got the ..... due to government budget cuts. He didn't think anyone in private industry would put up the money for his experiments so he would have to find something else to do.  
(a) can (b) ax (c) beast (d) slip
- Q10 "I am sorry that I left the party early. I got the ..... from the host because I insulted a girl who was in some of my classes. I caught her cheating on an exam. The girl turned out to be his fiancée and he was not too happy about that," Billy told Joey.  
(a) wrap (b) blog (c) boot (d) build

*English Slang Idioms (222)*

- Q1 "Don't worry too much about whether you will make it in college or not. It takes a while to get the ..... of it and get used to the pace. I am sure you will do fine," Brandon's older brother told him.  
(a) smell (b) feel (c) sight (d) touch
- Q2 "Hi Jane. I am trying to find the best way to get on the ..... track for promotion here. You have worked here for a long time so do you have any tips for me on what I can do to be promoted quickly?" Ronald asked.  
(a) outside (b) music (c) sports (d) inside
- Q3 "I am so embarrassed. I had to give a solo performance of a song in the Phantom of the Opera and I got a bad case of the ..... I just stood there and wasn't able to start singing for almost a minute. I was so nervous," Jan told Bethany.  
(a) jitters (b) blinks (c) itches (d) scratches
- Q4 "Why don't we start early tomorrow and get a ..... on the day? We can avoid the worst heat and be off work early," Dan said to Phil.  
(a) limp (b) lump (c) jump (d) cough
- Q5 "So, if I don't allow for the width of the saw blade in my measurements, my boards will eventually be too short if I am cutting from a large piece of wood? I get the ..... I will make sure to add the width of the saw into my measurements in the future," Ryan said to Jesse.  
(a) frame (b) picture (c) block (d) finality
- Q6 "I called the company to see why our account wasn't credited with our payment and I got the ..... No one, the manager included, could give me a proper explanation. What is worse, they wouldn't fix their records to reflect that we sent the payment on time," Jones told his wife.  
(a) jump (b) play around (c) spider's web (d) runaround
- Q7 "I arrived late to work again due to that big traffic accident in town and I got the ..... The boss wouldn't listen to my valid excuse he just told me I was fired and to get out," Steve told his roommate.  
(a) baggie (b) sack (c) bridge (d) nail
- Q8 "We have been waiting for this presentation to start for twenty minutes. We all have a lot to do today. Can we get this ..... on the road?" Max asked the presenter.  
(a) bike (b) show (c) car (d) act
- Q9 "I called the car company and asked why our statement still showed a balance owing and they gave me this whole song and ..... about their new office location and that we should have sent our payment there. They didn't tell us about the move beforehand," Mr. Walters told his wife.  
(a) prance (b) jump (c) play (d) dance
- Q10 "Why are you giving me the third ..... about going out with my friends tonight? You have questioned me about where we went, what we did, why and lots of other things. I told you all of this before I left," Tommy told his parents.  
(a) degree (b) interview (c) book (d) dilemma

*English Slang Idioms (223)*

- Q1 "I finally beat Derrick in chess. I finally got the ..... hand when he lost his queen in a trap I laid for him," Chris told his wife.  
(a) left (b) upper (c) strong (d) clean
- Q2 "I just got the ..... from our corporate office that we will all be getting a Christmas bonus this year," Tom told his staff.  
(a) smoke (b) leak (c) wash (d) word
- Q3 "I have tried to tell you that you will make more money if you stay in school. I have also told you that you will be able to get married faster and that you will have more power to the things you want to do later in life. I have also told you that you will get a job that you like if you go to school but nothing works. I just don't know how to get ..... to you," Kevin's dad said to him.  
(a) past (b) through (c) right (d) smart
- Q4 "So far, you are all pointing a finger at each other. One of your family members committed the crime. We will get to the ..... of this and when we do, the person who committed this crime will be in a lot more trouble than if the person had just admits what he or she did right now," the policeman said to the family.  
(a) bottom (b) top (c) middle (d) around
- Q5 "John says he is going to join the army but I don't believe it. I don't believe that he will get up the ..... to sign up and go to basic training," Ryan said to Kyle.  
(a) hackles (b) back (c) brunt (d) nerve
- Q6 "I am so slow at getting my work done when I first come into the office in the morning but once I get ..... up, I can get a lot done in a relatively little amount of time," Josh said to Kate.  
(a) sleep (b) work (c) warmed (d) jumped
- Q7 "You just heard that our office might be closing too? I got ..... of that at lunch. I hope our manager can tell us what's going on," Pam worriedly told Jake.  
(a) smoke (b) signed (c) wind (d) written
- Q8 "It took a while but I got ..... to the game you are trying to play. You are giving me orders that you know are wrong and you are hoping that you can tell the boss about my actions and get me fired. It is not going to work," James told Craig.  
(a) wise (b) sight (c) vice (d) ahead
- Q9 "I saw Professor Jenkins the other day and he was just a ..... of himself. It was almost like the life had drained out of him. He didn't laugh at all like he used to and he was oddly quiet. It was sad to see him like that," May told Allen.  
(a) path (b) leg (c) learn (d) ghost
- Q10 "I don't have time anymore to write and publish those training manuals that I was telling you about. I think, since I have most of the material, that I will hire a ghost-..... to complete them for me so I can still send them into the company that wanted them," Laura told her best friend.  
(a) writer (b) speller (c) walker (d) thinker

*English Slang Idioms (224)*

- Q1 "I have to go to a social function at work and I don't want to go. I am too shy to enjoy one of those things. I will just stand in the corner the whole time. I can't ever think of what to say. I wish I had the ..... of gab like you; then I'd have no problem fitting in," Matt said to his sister.  
(a) gift (b) characteristic (c) joke (d) affliction
- Q2 "Mike made it through the month with no errors in his work and surpassed all of his timeliness goals. We are going to give him a gift certificate to Starbucks. Everyone ..... it up for Mike!" The manager told the staff.  
(a) make (b) throw (c) give (d) leave
- Q3 "The presenters came a long way to give this presentation and they did a great job. Let's give them a ....., " the manager told the staff and they all clapped.  
(a) band (b) bread (c) hand (d) flight
- Q4 "You might think you can easily beat Rick in the wrestling match but don't underestimate him. He always ..... as much as he gets," the trainer told Zachary.  
(a) gives (b) losses (c) buys (d) sells
- Q5 "I am surprised that Shelly was willing to compromise. She usually doesn't give any ..... unless she is forced to by the boss," Mike said to Marcie.  
(a) sway (b) patch (c) dirt (d) ground
- Q6 "There must be a good reason that the police sent four officers out to my house at 3 o'clock in the morning. Please give it to me ..... Is everyone in my family OK?" Max asked the cops in his hotel room during the business trip.  
(a) white (b) straight (c) black (d) whole
- Q7 "Hi Jake. I saw that your car won't start. Can I give you a ..... home?" Ray asked him.  
(a) lift (b) raise (c) rope (d) speed
- Q8 "Let's go to a movie on Friday. Why don't you give me a ..... when you get off of work and we will meet for a movie," Grace said to Ellis.  
(a) broom (b) cling (c) ring (d) clone
- Q9 "I wouldn't offer to help Steve seal his window. If you give him an ....., he'll take a mile. He will ask you to fix everything at his place and will call you for free work every other week," Jack told Miles.  
(a) block (b) drive (c) inch (d) ride
- Q10 "I thought about downloading free music from the Internet but the stories in the paper about kids getting prosecuted and fined huge sums is enough to give one ....., " Joey said to Liam.  
(a) stop (b) sick (c) lick (d) pause

*English Slang Idioms (225)*

- Q1 "I saw this kid stick a couple of screwdrivers in his pocket today. I gave him the ..... and he put them back. I hate it when kids steal and I have to call the police. I don't like to be partially responsible for kids getting a criminal record," Jack told Grace.  
(a) point (b) eye (c) graft (d) lift
- Q2 "Your friend came into my shop the other day and I gave him the ..... He came in for an oil change and I checked his tires, gave him a new headlight, and fixed his tail lights for free. You have always done me favors so it was the least I could do," Lane told Sarah.  
(a) works (b) lands (c) bills (d) motion
- Q3 "I know you don't like Jack but you have to give him his ..... for the marketing campaign he created. Sales are up 30 percent," Laurie told the boss.  
(a) hand (b) paper (c) due (d) food
- Q4 "You were doing great in poker until you tried to bluff James. You gave yourself ..... by laughing too much and acting happy. You overdid it you barely blink when you have a good hand," Lane said to Tim.  
(a) away (b) in (c) out (d) pause
- Q5 "I would say that your house is worth \$100,000 give or ..... \$10,000 or so, depending on the market," the real estate agent told the family.  
(a) add (b) steal (c) take (d) lack
- Q6 "I am sorry I can't come into work today. My back ..... out on the weekend when I was hauling bags of concrete. I can't get out of bed," Mark said to his boss.  
(a) left (b) gave (c) racked (d) rose
- Q7 "Jack didn't come into work this week and no one has heard from him. He didn't show any ..... of wanting to quit. I hope he is OK," Shelly said to Carol.  
(a) flags (b) thoughts (c) hands (d) signs
- Q8 "I am not sure that I believe your story but you have never done anything wrong around here before. I am going to give you the ..... of the doubt and forget this ever happened. Let's not have a repeat of this, OK?" The boss told Jimmy.  
(a) resemblance (b) existence (c) benefit (d) positive
- Q9 "I don't like Misty. She gives me the ..... She is always right behind me when I turn around and she looks very scary," Beth said to Andy.  
(a) ice (b) creeps (c) rubs (d) cold
- Q10 "I don't like Paul as a person but to give the ..... his due, he is the best mechanic I have ever seen," Laura said to Chris.  
(a) devil (b) evil (c) king (d) crime

*English Slang Idioms (226)*

- Q1 "He was my best friend in the whole world. I would have given him the ..... off my back if he had needed it until he tried to sleep with my wife," Randall said to Thomas.  
(a) muscle (b) shirt (c) sweat (d) bone
- Q2 "Don't invite Paul to the movies with you. He always gives the show ..... Every time I have taken him with me, he tells me the end of the movie about half way through the show. That is no fun," Jay said to Logan.  
(a) pause (b) work (c) secrets (d) away
- Q3 "Thanks for waiting for me. I had to give my little brother the ..... He follows me everywhere and he would have ruined our fun if he had come. He tried to follow me but I tricked him," James told his friends.  
(a) fake (b) slip (c) run (d) distract
- Q4 "I was given to ..... that I would be promoted as soon as I finished training and met your expectations. I have been here six months three months after training ended and I have met every expectation. When am I going to be promoted?" Jeff asked the boss.  
(a) understand (b) earn (c) thought (d) search
- Q5 He really wanted to be the mayor of this town. He was poor when he was a kid so he wanted to give the poor people of the town a ..... He thought that a lot of their problems would decrease if someone was stuck up for them once in awhile.  
(a) phrase (b) paper (c) voice (d) letter
- Q6 He watched the political candidate ..... hand the crowd at one of his campaign stops. He looked like a nice guy but maybe a little fake.  
(a) fore (b) glad (c) smile (d) laugh
- Q7 He was lucky that the rock had only ..... off his head when it fell off the hill. He could have been seriously hurt by a more direct blow.  
(a) winked (b) forced (c) groaned (d) glanced
- Q8 His wife tried to gloss ..... her increased drinking but, to him, it was a serious issue. She didn't even like alcohol in the past but she was now drunk most nights.  
(a) over (b) by (c) behind (d) floor
- Q9 He was so close to finding a cure. He would surely go ..... in history as one of the greatest scientists the world had ever known if he could find a cure for cancer.  
(a) away (b) in (c) down (d) up
- Q10 "Hey Kyle, I just bought a new truck. It is out in the parking lot. Want to go for a .....? We will only be gone for about twenty minutes," Jay said.  
(a) spin (b) circle (c) revolution (d) cycle

*English Slang Idioms (227)*

- Q1 "Don't give the kids anymore chocolate, Gary. They have already had plenty. If you give them anymore, they will go ..... and will destroy this room by wrestling," Mary told him.  
(a) bailing wire (b) hard wire (c) haywire (d) piano wire
- Q2 "Don't let our daughter take the credit card with her when she goes shopping at the mall or she will go ..... and bring back half of the store," Jeff said to his wife.  
(a) wilderness (b) bull (c) hog wild (d) leave of absence
- Q3 "You spent \$500 on what? A new remote-control boat? Have you taken ..... of your senses? Our rent is due in a week and I know that you only have \$100 in the bank and only got paid \$450 this week," Bill said to his idiot roommate.  
(a) care (b) leave (c) away (d) grace
- Q4 "I see that you have decided to go ..... Well, there is nothing wrong with wearing a sombrero while on a trip to Mexico, although, the locals will be laughing at you since yours is way too wide," Sarah said to Elmer.  
(a) seasonal (b) location (c) geographical (d) native
- Q5 "So you are going to tell the boss he is wrong during the meeting? You had better think about what you are going to say very carefully and have lots of evidence to back you up. If you go off half- ....., you might lose your job," Rob said to Will.  
(a) broke (b) thought (c) planned (d) cocked
- Q6 "I don't like Karen. Every time she comes to one of our functions, she leaves in a ..... whenever someone disagrees with one of her many, well-voiced opinions," Laurie said to Kayla.  
(a) huff (b) pus (c) grouse (d) beak
- Q7 "When I told you to pick out a new TV for the living room, I didn't mean that you should go off the ..... end and spend \$3,000. I was thinking more along the lines of a nice, cheap TV," Beth said to Craig.  
(a) fat (b) deep (c) long (d) far
- Q8 "I am not going to sell my bicycle for \$20. Do you have ..... in your head? I bought it for \$500 two months ago. You were with me when I bought it. Don't you remember?" Jake asked Kyle.  
(a) noodles (b) coffee (c) rocks (d) grass
- Q9 "I am sorry that you didn't have a good time but don't look at me like it is my fault. I went way out of my ..... to introduce you to my friends, keep you company, and make sure that you had enough food and drink," Marcie said to Luke.  
(a) manner (b) way (c) shell (d) home
- Q10 "James and I have been going ..... for three months now. Everything is going great between us but high school is still no fun," Laurie told her sister.  
(a) final (b) sturdy (c) daily (d) steady



*English Slang Idioms (228)*

- Q1 "That was the worst karaoke performance of that Beatles song I have ever heard. Someone needs to get the ....., " Larry said to Beth.  
(a) spade (b) shovel (c) hook (d) hammer
- Q2 "Son, you are still working on raking the leaves? You should have been done with that over an hour ago. You need to get the ..... out of your pants and work faster. I need your help with the roof," Gary's dad told him.  
(a) feathers (b) lead (c) cardboard (d) gum
- Q3 "I just got the ..... on what is going on with the summer classes and how the budget cuts are affecting them. The school is cutting half of the classes and the remaining classes can be viewed via the internet," Rachel said to Ian.  
(a) lowdown (b) face (c) brink (d) morale
- Q4 His dreams of being a famous pianist went out the ..... the night of the car accident. He could no longer move his right arm and he had lost the ability to move three fingers on his left hand.  
(a) box (b) bed (c) wood (d) window
- Q5 "I am sorry, Jack. I came to you for help on this matter and you say there is nothing you can do. I am going to have to go over your ..... and speak to your boss about my problem," Janice said.  
(a) car (b) job (c) head (d) work
- Q6 "Mark's kid is very smart and is a hard worker. He seems very mature for his age. He is ..... places, mark my words," Sylvia said to her husband.  
(a) going (b) seeing (c) inspecting (d) renting
- Q7 "I heard that Tom's car lot is offering 10 percent off all of their stock. I will not only offer you the 10 percent off, I'll go you one ..... I will offer anything in my lot for 15 percent off," Danny told the couple.  
(a) better (b) super (c) ahead (d) away
- Q8 "I am sorry, Honey. You can't come with us tonight we are going ..... Next time you can," Mark told his girlfriend.  
(a) broke (b) stag (c) felt (d) moose
- Q9 "I am sorry. I can't go to the bar with you guys. You are going too late. I used to stay up late when I was younger but now I go to ..... with the chickens," Mark told his friends.  
(a) church (b) work (c) breaks (d) bed
- Q10 "You worry me. You will go to any ..... to get promoted," Jane said to Bill.  
(a) length (b) walk (c) journey (d) event

*English Slang Idioms (229)*

- Q1 "I need to take tomorrow off, Boss. My brother is going to family court for custody of his two kids and he has asked me to go to ..... for him. I have to testify that he is a good guy and a hard worker," Bill said.  
(a) bat (b) kick (c) walk (d) throw
- Q2 "Matt and I were planning to get married in March but I just told him I couldn't go ..... with it. I just can't see myself spending the rest of my life with him," May said to Gracie.  
(a) away (b) far (c) through (d) past
- Q3 "My next door neighbor used to have an award-winning garden but she let it go to ..... when her husband passed away," Irma told her mother.  
(a) pot (b) pan (c) free (d) wild
- Q4 "You are not going to go anywhere with your friends until your grades have improved and your chores are regularly done. Listen to what I am saying because I mean ....., " Lukas's mother told him.  
(a) warning (b) wanting (c) business (d) lessons
- Q5 "My good friend Keenan just got arrested for stealing others' property for drug money. It just goes to ..... that drugs aren't fun and make people do bad things," Nathan told his parents.  
(a) will (b) capture (c) visual (d) show
- Q6 "I need you to take down this old shed, Jim," Nathan said. Jim asked, "Is it OK with you if I use a sledgehammer and break it apart that way?" Nathan replied, "That is fine with me. You have my permission to go to ..... on it with the sledgehammer or anything else you want to use."  
(a) town (b) smack (c) hit (d) county
- Q7 At Humboldt State University, there is a competition for new businesses that offers a prize of \$25,000 in ..... money to help the winning business get started.  
(a) graft (b) clone (c) seed (d) pipe
- Q8 "I am happy that you are going to use that scholarship and go to school. Don't let the opportunity go to ..... by partying and neglecting your studies in order to chase girls," Ben's mom told him.  
(a) trash (b) dump (c) recycle (d) waste
- Q9 "What you just said about inflation kind of goes ..... with what we were talking about earlier the more money present in an economy, the less that money is worth, and vice versa," Max said to a fellow economics student.  
(a) dating (b) dancing (c) together (d) forever
- Q10 "Life isn't going that well for me right now. My wife and I are having problems, my business is about to go ....., and my teenagers act like they don't want to talk to me anymore," Vince told his brother over the phone.  
(a) big (b) inflated (c) under (d) behind

*English Slang Idioms (230)*

- Q1 "It is hard to watch a paycheck go up in ..... I just got paid two days ago and I am already broke. I only bought two pairs of pants and the money is already gone," Tina said to Grace.  
(a) wind (b) smoke (c) clouds (d) drain
- Q2 "I am not sure yet where I am going to move, Mom. It is kind of up in the ..... right now. I have to decide which job offer I want to pursue and the job offers are all in different cities," Gracie told her.  
(a) air (b) closet (c) attic (d) office
- Q3 "We forgot to bring food on our camping trip and had to ..... without food for two days. I lost some weight, though," Tom told his wife when she asked about the men's' camping trip.  
(a) go (b) went (c) make (d) spend
- Q4 "Of course you were supposed to sweep all the dirt off the deck before painting it, Jim! That goes without ..... . Now the paint will peel up and it looks bad," Simon said to his teenage son.  
(a) learning (b) painting (c) posture (d) saying
- Q5 "I have been busy the last couple of weeks being the go-..... for my brother and his soon-to-be ex-wife. Whenever each of them wants to give the other a message, guess who the call to relay the message? It is very annoying but I understand that they are not getting along right now and are not yet on speaking terms," Irma told her best friend Jacky.  
(a) formal (b) exchange (c) between (d) sides
- Q6 "My sister's kid had a full scholarship to Harvard University and decided to start a landscaping company instead. Only ..... knows why. I can't understand why he would pass up such a good opportunity to be set for life," Maxine told Larissa.  
(a) God (b) goats (c) sister (d) thought
- Q7 "I am moving about six hours away with my best friend to go to school. I know you want me to stay in this town but that isn't the best option for me. God ..... I find my own life away from you two," Rick told his parents on his 18th birthday.  
(a) lock (b) block (c) banish (d) forbid
- Q8 "I like Steve. He is a real go-..... He is always motivated and always finds his own people to pitch our product to. I never have to hold his hand; he always makes it happen on his own," Bill said to his boss.  
(a) setter (b) getter (c) starter (d) follower
- Q9 "My husband is always out on the course with his friends playing golf on the weekends. When I married him, he didn't even like golf. I never thought I would become a golf ....., " Lilly told Sylvia.  
(a) widow (b) mourner (c) accomplice (d) loser
- Q10 When he was a teenager, he left home as much as possible because it was too much of a ..... bowl for his taste. Everything he said and did could be seen and examined at anytime.  
(a) soup (b) goldfish (c) super (d) dust

*English Slang Idioms (231)*

- Q1 "We should all start going in on lottery tickets and agree to split the winnings. If we win, we will be ..... for life and will never have to go to work again," Phil told his three friends at work.  
(a) vacation (b) set (c) rented (d) adjusted
- Q2 "Professor Jackson, am I am going to pass this class?" Jenny asked during office hours. He replied, "What are you talking about? You are ..... You have an A in the class."  
(a) silver (b) copper (c) lead (d) golden
- Q3 "Well, you promised to give me 50 hours of hard work instead of paying me the money you owe me and you have been as ..... as your word. Consider the debt paid," Mr. Wilson said to Craig.  
(a) burnt (b) young (c) good (d) predictable
- Q4 "I am very impressed with Louie Chang. He has only been in the United States for two years and already, he has a good ..... of the English language. I think he actually knows more words than me!" Elliot said to his two friends.  
(a) order (b) boss (c) directions (d) command
- Q5 "I should be mad at Luke for selling me this car — considering that it broke down a week after I bought it. But, I am not. I know that he knows next to nothing about cars and he acted in ..... faith when he told me he thought it was in good working condition. I believe that he believed there was nothing wrong with it," Tommy told his dad.  
(a) bad (b) good (c) horrible (d) positive
- Q6 He was very happy with the dog he had rescued from the pound. She was easy to train and was very good ..... She didn't bark at people and was very nice to little kids.  
(a) natured (b) character (c) soul (d) smart
- Q7 "I like your new boyfriend. He has a good ..... on his shoulders. He thinks about the future, is smart, and believes in hard work," Ronald told his daughter.  
(a) hair (b) weight (c) head (d) eye
- Q8 "I am trying to decide how much to sell my bicycle for. I know that a good ..... people will want it since gas prices have gone up so much," Jim said to his roommate.  
(a) group (b) many (c) house (d) sort
- Q9 "I am kind of glad that our TV broke. It is good ....., if you ask me. It never worked right and it was quite ugly looking," Jane said to her husband.  
(a) avoidance (b) sample (c) riddance (d) dump
- Q10 "That good-for-..... neighbor of ours is outside. He wants to know if he can borrow your saw and drill," Lisa said to her husband.  
(a) anything (b) negative (c) nothing (d) noting

*English Slang Idioms (232)*

- Q1 "Don't listen to your boyfriend's advice as to what you need to buy for your car. He knows next to ..... about cars and will tell you to buy parts that you don't need and that won't fix the problem," her dad told her.  
(a) anything (b) everything (c) nothing (d) negative
- Q2 "I need to study for a long time in order to pass my final exams. I have ..... off too much this semester and now I have to learn everything now that I should have learned earlier," Walter said to Ben.  
(a) goofed (b) played (c) made (d) raked
- Q3 "I need to find a way out of this problem with my business. I only make three cents on the dollar when I sell a product and that profit gets ..... off by the banks for the use of their debit and credit card machines," Jay told Wallace.  
(a) swim (b) flown (c) rode (d) raked
- Q4 "I liked the movie The Sixth Sense but it was scary. I got ..... bumps when the boy was being chased down the hallway by the ghost," Ashley told Adam.  
(a) dog (b) goose (c) squirrel (d) fish
- Q5 She couldn't help but ask her brother, "Why are you quitting your job with the accounting firm? You have a good ..... going there. You make a heck of a lot of money and you get to set your own hours. What is wrong with that?"  
(a) concept (b) thing (c) site (d) theory
- Q6 "I know that you can paint well but you are not as good yet as your grandfather. He could ..... you a thing or two about painting," Eleanor told Bob.  
(a) make (b) run (c) beat (d) tell
- Q7 "I just went to the supermarket and they have a deal there that if you spend \$50 on groceries, you get a free .....-bag of groceries. In my bag I got: ice cream, cheese, a loaf of bread, some salsa, a certificate for a pizza, and several little items," Irma said to Rose.  
(a) snatch (b) grap (c) steal (d) nebulous
- Q8 Many people are becoming fed up with the medical insurance companies in the United States. For example, one dental insurance company has a mandatory six-month "..... period." What this means is that for six months after you sign up with them, they will not pay any of your dental bills.  
(a) grace (b) grass (c) gross (d) grouse
- Q9 "Bob just hit a major ..... slam for the company. He just took our competitor's biggest client away from them and the client just signed on with our firm. Everyone give him a hand!" The manager said.  
(a) big (b) large (c) deep (d) grand
- Q10 This was such good news for the company that the ..... of applause went on for several minutes.  
(a) round (b) square (c) circle (d) octagon

*English Slang Idioms (233)*

- Q1 "I am sorry, Russell. You are fired. It is nothing personal you are just not making the ..... around here. You haven't met your performance objectives once in the last six months," Shelly, his boss, told him.  
(a) maid (b) grade (c) group (d) project
- Q2 "I am sorry, Joe. We are forced to lay people off and you didn't make the ..... We are going to offer you three month's pay to help with the transition to another job," Shelly told him.  
(a) idea (b) surplus (c) cut (d) feelings
- Q3 "It is sometimes embarrassing to go out with my best friend. He is such a ..... He brags to everyone about how fast he goes on his motorcycle, like anyone cares," Chris said to Linda.  
(a) dirt bag (b) leech (c) barn raiser (d) grandstander
- Q4 "I hate when a friend asks me to ..... the wheels at a place I work so that they can get a job. I don't like anyone's actions to unfavorably affect me and I don't like the uncomfortable position it puts me in to have to tell a friend no," Jim said to Ellis.  
(a) find (b) fix (c) pump (d) grease
- Q5 "Can you let your wife pick the paint for your new house? I know that you don't really care about what color the place is but it means a great ..... to her," George's sister said to him.  
(a) deal (b) lot (c) pain (d) plain
- Q6 "I have no hope of being elected school president of the college. The other candidate has the ..... power behind him. I don't have the money he does to throw parties and to put up fliers," Matt told Elizabeth.  
(a) green (b) unholy (c) might (d) mechanic
- Q7 When he was drafted into the army, his school career ..... to a halt. When he got back from his long deployment, he meant to go back to school but ended up finding a job and working instead.  
(a) brake (b) slip (c) grinded (d) force
- Q8 "I am sorry. I don't want to go to the seafood restaurant. The smell of fish grosses me ..... Is there any other place you two would be willing to go?" Sarah asked George and Jessica.  
(a) out (b) away (c) in (d) horribly
- Q9 "Before you all start construction, I have to lay down some ..... rules. Everyone here will wear eye protection at all times and no one will lift anything over 50 lbs. without assistance. Can anyone here think of anything else?" The foreman asked the crew.  
(a) foundation (b) ground (c) first (d) start
- Q10 "I didn't like this apartment when we first moved in but it is beginning to ..... on me," Laurie told her husband.  
(a) jump (b) better (c) grow (d) extend

*English Slang Idioms (234)*

- Q1 "My son was in this heavy metal phase for a while so all of his clothes were black and he only listened to hard, heavy metal. He finally grew ..... of it and is dressing more like a normal person and he now listens to different kinds of music," Jeff told his friend.  
(a) in (b) around (c) toward (d) out
- Q2 "I am leaving the fraternity. It is time for me to ..... up and take school more seriously. Life is more than a party," Jake told his sister.  
(a) fed (b) take (c) grow (d) elevate
- Q3 "When a company goes from a relatively small company to a large one quickly, it is not uncommon for the company to experience growing ..... Some examples are: a breakdown in communication between different departments and a difference in goals, standards, and methods between different parts of a company," the Management instructor told the class.  
(a) tenders (b) pains (c) calluses (d) malfunctions
- Q4 "I am still mad about you beating me in chess by checkmating me with a pawn. I am ..... for you now. We need to play a game soon so I can return the favor," Mark told Derrick.  
(a) gunning (b) rooting (c) vying (d) batting
- Q5 "Did you beat Derrick in chess the second game?" Marcie asked. Mark said, "No. He beat the ..... off me. It wasn't even a challenge. He is much better than me."  
(a) time (b) morals (c) work (d) pants
- Q6 "I accused Max and his team in the meeting of being behind schedule and he stood up and said I was flat-out wrong to my face. It must have been hard to tell that to the regional manager. He's got ....., I'll say that for him," Mr. Silas said to his boss.  
(a) guts (b) back (c) cut (d) slap
- Q7 "I know that housing market looks great for sellers right now but my gut ..... tells me that the market is going to change soon. Sellers have been receiving artificially high prices for their houses for too long. I wouldn't recommend investing in housing right now," the financial analyst told Mr. Whitaker.  
(a) churning (b) speaking (c) feeling (d) silence
- Q8 "I am sorry that I turned off the horror movie you all were watching. It was just a gut ..... to the gory scenes. I am going to start it again and go do something else," Mary told the group.  
(a) talking (b) reaction (c) moving (d) leaving
- Q9 "It is almost 10 o'clock. You had ..... get home so that you don't get in trouble for being out past your curfew," Johnny told Bobby.  
(a) better (b) most (c) max (d) perfect
- Q10 "I am from a little town in Wisconsin. Where do you ..... from? I am going to take a guess. Your accent, to me, sounds like North Dakota," Jane said to Gracie.  
(a) born (b) grow (c) associate (d) hail

*English Slang Idioms (235)*

- Q1 "Don't let Tommy spend the night at your house. He'll steal everything you own if given ..... the chance. I let him stay the night with Billy and he stole half of his video games. I'm sure he would have taken the other half if they had been available," George said to Lauren.  
(a) fifth (b) half (c) 50 percent (d) most
- Q2 "I know you told me to get a twelve-pack of beer but all the store had left was a six-pack. Don't get mad. A half a loaf is better than ....., " Mark told Bert.  
(a) many (b) one (c) none (d) third
- Q3 "You are late again! This is the third time this week! I have ..... a mind to fire you right now but I won't, unless you are late one more time in the next two months," Mr. Bertram told Joey.  
(a) whole (b) part (c) both (d) half
- Q4 "Everyone told me that the food was cheap and tasted horrible at the restaurant down the street but I went last night and the food wasn't half ....., " Tim told Jimmy.  
(a) heinous (b) despicable (c) cold (d) bad
- Q5 "Don't get too excited about getting the new timing belt on your car. Putting it on is only half the ....., Now you have to get the engine back in the car," Eric told the new mechanic.  
(a) engagement (b) ideal (c) battle (d) force
- Q6 "My roommate is an idiot. He keeps coming up with these half-..... plans to make money so he won't have to work and none of them will work," Jack told his dad.  
(a) painted (b) baked (c) dug (d) learned
- Q7 "My brother needs to figure some things out. He has to find something he wants to do and do it. He made a half-..... attempt in college and got kicked out. Then, he joined the military and got kicked out when he figured out that he didn't like the military," Mike told Rebecca.  
(a) bent (b) hearted (c) open (d) swept
- Q8 "Joe, do you always have to ..... it up at work? If the boss catches you joking around again, he is going to fire you," Chloe said.  
(a) beef (b) pork (c) chicken (d) ham
- Q9 "I have been so busy studying for finals. I just spent all day ..... away at my Law textbook and notes," Shaun told his mom.  
(a) burning (b) hammering (c) haunting (d) remaining
- Q10 "I think that you need a new alternator belt. Yours looks pretty ..... It is cracked, appears to be stretched, and has that old rubber color of gray to it," Paul said to Chris.  
(a) pictured (b) stickled (c) hammered (d) horned



*English Slang Idioms (236)*

- Q1 She was sick of having to wear her sister's hand-me-..... clothes. Her older sister was 10 years older, so all of her clothes were out of style by the time she could wear them.  
(a) away (b) please (c) down (d) half
- Q2 "Do you have an extra caulking gun? I am not looking for .....-outs I want to trade a drill for it if you have a caulking gun," Rick's next-door neighbor said.  
(a) kick (b) hand (c) boot (d) left
- Q3 "I am selling this redwood bench for \$100. It is made from hand-..... boards that I accumulated over quite some time and is made with hardy deck screws," Bill told the customers.  
(a) drilled (b) picked (c) arranged (d) thrown
- Q4 "Mark is the best chess player in this state, hands ..... He has won every championship in this state that he has ever played in," his sister told the reporter.  
(a) down (b) arranged (c) carried (d) used
- Q5 "I believe in a hands-..... approach to the work my employees do. I believe each one is capable of getting the job done without micromanagement. I am here as a mentor and a problem-solver, not as an authoritarian," Mr. Smith, the manager of a successful biotechnology company, told the audience.  
(a) off (b) away (c) elsewhere (d) departed
- Q6 "I don't want you ..... around the high school anymore. You could get hurt by the older kids or involved in things that you shouldn't be," Rudy's mom told him.  
(a) parting (b) shuffling (c) talking (d) hanging
- Q7 "I know that you all want to jump off the bridge into the river but I am going to hang ..... on the river bank and read a book. I'm afraid of heights," Shawn told Jesse and Derrick.  
(a) under (b) dog (c) look (d) back
- Q8 "It is only a matter of time before I get fired. I am just hanging by a ..... The boss was yelling at me every day for a while and now she is ignoring me. People have told me that there is a rumor going around that the minute I make a mistake, I am going to get the boot," Luke told his roommate.  
(a) rope (b) hair (c) hare (d) board
- Q9 "You are a good employee, David. I know that you are having a hard time in your new position but hang in ..... You will get it. I have faith in you," Isaiah said to him.  
(a) closet (b) attic (c) fair (d) there
- Q10 During the Second World War, many thought that the freedom of the world was hanging in the ..... and that many personal freedoms would be squashed.  
(a) equal (b) frame (c) closet (d) balance

*English Slang Idioms (237)*

- Q1 The little boy hung his ..... in shame when his mom caught him lying about breaking the front window with a baseball.  
(a) hands (b) clothes (c) head (d) tools
- Q2 "I am glad that I finally got the laminate flooring done in the bedroom. That job has been hanging ..... my head for months. Now I don't have to think about it anymore," Linus said to Bart.  
(a) under (b) behind (c) over (d) around
- Q3 "This boat takes off very quickly so hang on to your ....., ladies!" Rob said to Jessica and Rosa.  
(a) hats (b) gloves (c) shoes (d) goals
- Q4 "Why don't we go to the bar on Friday instead? I have to make a presentation tomorrow and don't want to have a ..... at work," Wally said to Joe and Steve.  
(a) do-over (b) push-over (c) run-over (d) hangover
- Q5 "I am sorry I am home late from work. I got ..... over by the police for speeding," Ronny said to Bernice.  
(a) yanked (b) turned (c) pulled (d) pushed
- Q6 "We have been very lucky to have Zachary. We thought he might be a jerk when he became a teenager but he has remained his normal .....-go-lucky self," Christina told Zoe.  
(a) chipper (b) happy (c) crazy (d) hyper
- Q7 "Why do you always have to be so serious and mean? You are a very ..... man to be around sometimes," Shirley said to Isaac.  
(a) hard (b) soft (c) warm (d) pleasing
- Q8 "Jeff, you are a hard ..... to crack. I have worked with you for five years and I still don't know much about you. You have always refused my invitations and you never answer any of my questions," Paul complained.  
(a) safe (b) apple (c) board (d) nut
- Q9 "You will have to speak up. Fred is a little ..... of hearing," Geraldine said to their guests.  
(a) passive (b) lack (c) minus (d) hard
- Q10 He hoped that this spell of hard ..... that he had come across would soon pass. He had looked for a job for a month and a half and still hadn't found anything. He had already sold off almost everything he owned of value.  
(a) buck (b) luck (c) cards (d) future

*English Slang Idioms (238)*

- Q1 He knew that joining the Marine Corps would be a hard ..... to hoe but he wanted to join anyway. His father and grandfather had both been in the Corps and he wanted to make them proud.  
(a) road (b) patch (c) dirt (d) weed
- Q2 "I pitched our product to Mr. Winters like you told me to do, and let me tell you, he is a hard ..... He wanted discounts on the product and free shipping. I agreed to his terms since we need his business," Tim told the boss.  
(a) ear (b) talk (c) sell (d) heart
- Q3 He knew that he would get a raise. He had a reputation as a .....-hitting salesman and he had been at the company long enough to achieve seniority.  
(a) weak (b) large (c) hard (d) bunt
- Q4 He envied his peers those who had an easy, carefree childhood, that is. He had had to ..... up the hard way. He had his first kid, by accident, at sixteen and had been working full-time ever since.  
(a) lift (b) reach (c) buy (d) grow
- Q5 He looked for a hotel room that had a vacancy. The snow storm had come on hard and ..... and the roads were quickly becoming unmanageable. His chances of making it home in one piece were few and far between.  
(a) slow (b) fast (c) shallow (d) winded
- Q6 "I know that I have to get my headlight fixed soon. My parents have been ..... on me to get it fixed for the last two weeks and it is dangerous to drive with one headlight," Rene told her boyfriend when he said that she had a headlight out.  
(a) singing (b) hoeing (c) cheering (d) harping
- Q7 He didn't like professors who were sticklers for dumb details. For example, his ..... Law professor had taken off half of the available points on his homework because he turned it in five minutes after class started. It wasn't his fault he didn't have a good, reliable car.  
(a) hardboiled (b) tacky (c) pinching (d) economical
- Q8 He couldn't wait to move out of his parents' house. His father was a hard-..... pastor who punished him for the slightest infraction of the house rules. He also got punished for religious infractions — which wasn't fair in his mind.  
(a) eared (b) tongue (c) footed (d) nosed
- Q9 "You won't even say goodbye to your son? I know it is disappointing to you that he is not going into medical school like you did but that is not what he wants to do. Are you going to pull all of your love away from him just because he has different goals? Are you so .....-hearted that you won't talk to him?" Gracie asked Rudy.  
(a) small (b) hot (c) hard (d) squeeze
- Q10 "Why don't you stop making ..... plans to make money and get a real job? You don't think any of those lame plans are going to work, do you?" George's girlfriend asked him.  
(a) lovely (b) unruly (c) harebrained (d) arrogantly

*English Slang Idioms (239)*

- Q1 "I know that you want to go to Harvard Law School but we can't afford it. Will you stop being so ..... and at least discuss other options with me? There are many other law schools that we could afford," Amy said to Jackson.  
(a) wispy (b) blindsided (c) unthankful (d) hardheaded
- Q2 Before the two started on building the deck, they decided that they should ..... out some plans first.  
(a) hark (b) hash (c) haunt (d) hunt
- Q3 He knew that he should go ..... in hand back to the office to ask for his old job back. Unfortunately, his pride was getting the best of him and he was rapidly deciding that since his boss was wrong, he would wait until the boss called to apologize.  
(a) fork (b) dog (c) hat (d) brain
- Q4 "The interview for the job with the CIA was horrible. They raked me over the ..... for at least three hours and wanted answers about everything I had ever done wrong," Max told his wife.  
(a) rocks (b) coals (c) ice (d) river
- Q5 "Thank you for taking me to the concert. I had a ....., " Cheryl said to Adam.  
(a) ball (b) frisbee (c) hat (d) helmet
- Q6 "Your grandfather had a ..... in your getting that car for that cheap. The person that sold it to you is one of his old friends and he called in a favor. I don't know why he didn't tell you while he was still alive but I thought you should know," Kathy told Zeke.  
(a) hand (b) yard (c) tool (d) pinkie
- Q7 "Is there anyone who wants to try knocking out the boxing champion? If anyone can knock him out, they get \$100," the announcer said. "I'll have a ....., " Nick shouted and ran up to the ring.  
(a) rope (b) go (c) stay (d) bell
- Q8 "I know that you want Ted to join the army but he has a ..... of his own. He has never wanted to join and you can't make him," Beth told her husband.  
(a) look (b) hair (c) walk (d) mind
- Q9 "I don't know if you want my help on putting in your bathtub. I have a ..... idea about how it should be done but I have only helped with one before. I would recommend calling a professional," Ross said to Frank.  
(a) shaded (b) windy (c) harsh (d) rough
- Q10 "Don't pick out the new paint for the bedroom while I am away on the business trip. I want to have a ..... in what color of paint we buy," Cheryl said to Mike.  
(a) document (b) phrase (c) say (d) letter

*English Slang Idioms (240)*

- Q1 "My aunt, Kathy, has a serious ..... tooth. She eats pounds of chocolate and desserts every day," Chris told Linda.  
(a) candy (b) sweet (c) sugar (d) syrup
- Q2 "My brother is staying on my couch for now. His wife had an ..... with his boss and he caught her last Friday. I told him he could stay until he figures out what to do," Bill told his best friend.  
(a) affair (b) elope (c) escape (d) path
- Q3 "I am no good at chess. You have beaten me three times in a row," Shawn said to Derrick. He replied, "To be fair, I have an ..... on you. You have only been playing for a few years and I have been playing my whole life."  
(a) ledge (b) corner (c) cliff (d) edge
- Q4 She had fun shopping with her sister. Her sister had an ..... for good deals and constantly saved her money.  
(a) look (b) eye (c) story (d) knack
- Q5 "Jimmy has a real ..... for music. He can listen to a song twice and then play the whole thing, note for note, on the guitar," Laura said to Bethany.  
(a) eye (b) finger (c) ear (d) bend
- Q6 "This is the third mistake on the job you've made this week. I have my ..... on you, so don't screw up again!" The boss told Craig.  
(a) motive (b) eye (c) spy (d) time
- Q7 "Don't even think about buying that blue shirt in the window, Rhonda. I have ..... on it," Mary said.  
(a) edge (b) tags (c) marks (d) dibs
- Q8 "Don't worry about me going to college with other attractive women. I have ..... for only you," Billy told his girlfriend.  
(a) warrants (b) bees (c) eyes (d) lids
- Q9 "Don't mention Amber's mother. She goes into fits of ..... anytime her mom is mentioned," Bill warned Eric.  
(a) rage (b) happiness (c) warmth (d) mad
- Q10 "Ever since I told the boss that my supervisor was treating me unfairly, I feel like he has it ..... for me. He is always saying nasty things to me and yells at me for the littlest mistake," Jill said to Amber.  
(a) over (b) on (c) in (d) by

*English Slang Idioms (241)*

- Q1 "What are you talking about? You have a great life. You have it ..... Both of your parents are rich and they buy you whatever you want. Don't tell me that your life is hard and depressing," Max said to Christian.  
(a) created (b) stored (c) made (d) first
- Q2 "As you know, my girlfriend has been going out drinking with her friends three times a week and I haven't liked that. We finally ..... it out last night and she told me she would do whatever she wanted to do. So, we broke up at least for the time being," Jake told his brother.  
(a) had (b) ruled (c) sort (d) bent
- Q3 "Don't worry, you will find a girlfriend soon. You have a lot ..... for you. You are decent looking, smart, and you have money. It will happen soon," Ron's friend Stacey told him.  
(a) riding (b) going (c) seeing (d) spending
- Q4 "We have been apart for three weeks now. You have no ..... asking me if I am seeing anyone or if you can come over for dinner," Amber told her ex-boyfriend.  
(a) writings (b) thoughts (c) business (d) part
- Q5 "Go to your room! I'll have ..... of your bad attitude, young man. It is your fault you got in trouble, not mine. You know the rules," Billy's mom said to him.  
(a) any (b) minus (c) little (d) none
- Q6 "No, Mom, I don't want any more chicken. I have had my ..... for tonight. Does anyone else want some?" Zachary asked the others at the table.  
(a) brunt (b) bag (c) fill (d) kill
- Q7 "Don't complain that you had to work a long, hard day. You worked five hours today. I have had my ..... at the till since 6 o'clock this morning and I left the office at 4:30," Bill's dad said.  
(a) foot (b) person (c) ticket (d) hand
- Q8 "I am sorry. I don't have time today to help you with your fence. I already have my hands ..... I have to watch the kids for a couple of hours and then work on the roof," Paul told Ken.  
(a) full (b) worked (c) fed (d) loaded
- Q9 "Why didn't you buy that Honda Civic? Is your head screwed on .....? You are in the market for a new car and the Civic is the best deal I have seen offered in months. You won't get another opportunity like that," Frank said to Lou.  
(a) backwards (b) tightly (c) wrong (d) lazy
- Q10 "June, there have been rumors that you have been stealing office supplies. I have no proof that you have taken anything, so you are not in trouble. I just called you in here to tell you that I will have your ..... if I ever catch you stealing from this company," Carol said.  
(a) age (b) morning (c) hide (d) Christmas

*English Slang Idioms (242)*

- Q1 "The job interview was hard. I really had to keep my ..... about me. They asked me detailed financial questions, for over an hour, that were very difficult to answer and that required me to think very hard," Matt told Karen.  
 (a) franks (b) wits (c) sweater (d) ideals
- Q2 "I am going to put in my resume for the new accounting position that just opened up. I think I have a ..... at it. I have the experience and the education to do well at the job," Kara told Roxanne.  
 (a) shot (b) game (c) shoot (d) throw
- Q3 "If I am hired, I have ..... qualms about working weekends. I will work every weekend if you want me to," Stewie told the hiring manager.  
 (a) many (b) final (c) no (d) hard
- Q4 He was starting to have ..... thoughts about going to graduate school. He was broke and he would have to add to an already large amount of student loans.  
 (a) shaky (b) second (c) drifting (d) crazy
- Q5 "I think it is time for a new pair of shoes. Yours have seen ..... days. The heels are worn through and you have a hole in the toe of the left one," Zeke's dad told him.  
 (a) bitter (b) bothered (c) longer (d) better
- Q6 "I love my best friend, but you have to watch him. He's got ..... fingers. He steals something from almost every place he goes," Bill told his girlfriend.  
 (a) slippery (b) sticky (c) heady (d) swift
- Q7 "If we work hard today, we can have the frame made and up by the end of today and we will have the ..... of a new shed," Rod said to Adam.  
 (a) makings (b) furnishings (c) accessories (d) sketching
- Q8 "I am so glad we went to Hawaii for our honeymoon. I had the time of my ..... I don't think I have ever seen any place as beautiful," Amber told Darren.  
 (a) life (b) existence (c) heritage (d) past
- Q9 "Now I got to play a joke on you and you are moving away next week. He who laughs last laughs ....., " Robert said to Neal.  
 (a) hard (b) worst (c) minor (d) best
- Q10 "It is late. I think I am going to ..... home but I will see you tomorrow," Jill said to Mary.  
 (a) hand (b) head (c) see (d) lay

*English Slang Idioms (243)*

- Q1 "I went to the local thrift store today and found an almost-new Tiffany lamp. The store obviously didn't know how much it was worth and only charged me \$15 for it. What a ..... of luck!" Maxine told Suzanne.  
(a) poke (b) stroke (c) branch (d) dab
- Q2 "My girlfriend's father is so mean. He refused to help her move out to college and refused to give her any money. He didn't even pay her the money he owed her for some work she did for him. If that isn't a man with a ..... of stone, I don't know what is," Carl told his mom.  
(a) hand (b) tongue (c) heart (d) foot
- Q3 "What are you going to buy Mark for his birthday? I know that his ..... is set on a new bicycle and I know that he has been saving up for it so I am going to buy it. Then he will have a new bike and some money," Luke said to Ellie.  
(a) hand (b) back (c) heart (d) tools
- Q4 He looked out the window on the day of the big game and his heart ..... Why did it have to rain. for the first time in months, on the last day of the Little League World Series.  
(a) thumped (b) pumped (c) burned (d) sank
- Q5 I remember the first time I saw the Twin Towers fall down on TV. I hadn't heard about the incident and. at first thought, it looked like a scene from an up-and-coming movie. My heart stood ..... and my mouth opened in horror as I realized that the picture I was watching was real and was not a special effect from a film.  
(a) still (b) tall (c) stooped (d) fast
- Q6 "Elvis Presley was not much to look at in his later years but he was a ..... when he was young in my opinion," Jane said to Louisa.  
(a) heartbreaker (b) bushwacker (c) nutcracker (d) bamboozler
- Q7 "I know that you want to move in with your 16-year-old girlfriend but you can't. You may think you like her now but it is just puppy ..... If you still feel the same when you are eighteen, then you can. Do you still approve of the girls you liked when you were fourteen? Probably not," Randy's dad told him.  
(a) chow (b) giggles (c) lard (d) love
- Q8 "I took some of the soup made last night with me to work and it really hit the spot. A good, warm, ..... soup in the winter can sure help fight off the cold," Mark told his wife.  
(a) gross (b) substance (c) watery (d) hearty
- Q9 "It makes me want to ..... up when child molesters get acquitted due to a technicality in the law," John said to his wife as they were watching the news.  
(a) throw (b) run (c) beef (d) build
- Q10 "I really like San Francisco but there are so many bums there. I can guarantee that at least three homeless people will give you the ..... down as you are walking on any street down town. It is sad," Jane said to Frank.  
(a) peel (b) shake (c) pull (d) brake



*English Slang Idioms (244)*

- Q1 "Nothing hits the ..... on a hot day like a cold glass of lemonade," Chris said to Linda.  
 (a) drain (b) nail (c) news (d) spot
- Q2 "Unfortunately, the drill you brought with you is not powerful enough for what we need to do. We need a more heavy-..... drill that can drill through concrete and I believe I have one in my shed. Let me go check," Billy said to David.  
 (a) weight (b) duty (c) handed (d) hearted
- Q3 With a heavy ....., he brought his guitar into the pawn shop. It was the last thing of value he owned but he needed money for rent. The guitar was a present from his parents when he was 16 years-old and he loved to play it.  
 (a) heart (b) thought (c) weight (d) soup
- Q4 "Our boss discovered that someone has been stealing office supplies at an alarming rate. He called each of us into his office and put us through the ..... about how many supplies we have taken lately, what we used them for, and how many we currently have," Rodney told his wife.  
 (a) wringer (b) fodder (c) mulch (d) colossus
- Q5 "Our boss is hell-on-..... every Monday morning. I pity the person who has to ask him a question or has to work directly with him on Monday Mornings. That person is sure to be screamed at or belittled," Jack said to Elizabeth.  
 (a) skates (b) food (c) skids (d) wheels
- Q6 "We haven't apprehended the suspect yet but we have him pretty well .....-in. We have each of the exits covered in the building he is holed up in and it is only a matter of time before he is in custody," Sergeant O'Brian told the reporter.  
 (a) horned (b) homed (c) hemmed (d) hacked
- Q7 "I asked Tim why he hadn't delivered my gravel for my driveway and he just hemmed and ..... I think he forgot to deliver it since he couldn't come up with an explanation," Bill said to Sarah.  
 (a) hymned (b) hawed (c) hummed (d) heard
- Q8 "The movie we wanted to watch isn't playing here and nothing else looks very good. Let's ..... out of here and get something to eat instead," Tom said to Beth.  
 (a) clear (b) wear (c) buy (d) think
- Q9 "You keep bringing up past fights we have had. I don't think that we are going to make any progress by bringing up things we can't change. But we can make progress on this disagreement so let's focus on the here and ....., " Billy told Rebecca.  
 (a) where (b) who (c) now (d) not
- Q10 He had been afraid of heights all of his life. So, naturally, when his friends dared him to jump off of the rock and into the lake, he was a bit nervous. After five minutes of edging up to the end of the rock, he said to himself, "Here goes ....., " and jumped. It turned out to be not as bad as he was anticipating.  
 (a) knowing (b) nothing (c) noting (d) daring

*English Slang Idioms (245)*

- Q1 "Karen is a great artist. If you ask her if she can paint well, she'll probably hide her ..... under a bushel and tell you that she is not very good. I think her art is good enough to hang in a gallery, though," Margaret said to Philip.  
(a) light (b) tent (c) camping stove (d) marsh
- Q2 The police were searching for him in town and in the nearby areas. His plan was to hide ..... for a while in an abandoned mine and then try to sneak into Mexico.  
(a) in (b) by (c) ahead (d) out
- Q3 "I searched for the drill you were looking for high and ..... and couldn't find it. I checked the shed, the garage, your truck, and your study," Zeke told his roommate.  
(a) low (b) dry (c) close (d) far
- Q4 Although practical jokes and the like are frowned upon by the drill sergeants, most soldiers have fond memories of the high ..... they were involved in during Basic Training.  
(a) balls (b) skies (c) jinks (d) sights
- Q5 He decided that he would ask for a raise that day at work. It was high ..... that the company started paying him a decent amount for his hard work and long hours.  
(a) tide (b) time (c) ball (d) wall
- Q6 He was disappointed to find out that his favorite hotel in Eureka, California doubled their rates for high ..... He had forgotten that the arrival of summer resulted in the arrival of higher prices in anticipation of tourists.  
(a) fog (b) fidelity (c) season (d) resolution
- Q7 He decided to take his date to the high-..... restaurant overlooking the water. It had a beautiful garden area in the back that was currently in bloom and the summer breeze felt great on the patio.  
(a) counter (b) class (c) category (d) finance
- Q8 He decided to break the bad news about the car repairs until after dinner. His wife just got home and looked very stressed out. She was always kind of high-..... after a day at the office but she looked even more so today.  
(a) color (b) court (c) viewed (d) strung
- Q9 "I am not able to authorize a raise for you but I will talk to one of the highers- ..... about it and have an answer for you after lunch," the supervisor told Rick.  
(a) up (b) rank (c) position (d) color
- Q10 "The cops showed up at the graduation party and we had to ..... it out of there before they caught us drinking underage," Chris told Brian.  
(a) high-price (b) hightail (c) high-class (d) high content

*English Slang Idioms (246)*

- Q1 "Our new product's success ..... on getting a patent for the electronics inside. We were unable to do so due to the fact that someone else already owns the rights to the electronic system. We are currently trying to contact the owner to see if he will sell his idea to us," Matt told management.  
(a) linked (b) hinged (c) horned (d) heckled
- Q2 "I am usually pretty useless at work in the early morning. I usually hit my ..... after being there for about an hour," Kim told Gina.  
(a) stride (b) peak (c) car (d) season
- Q3 Matt told his paintball team to hit the ..... as the other team came around the corner unloading their paintball guns on his team.  
(a) hay (b) books (c) deck (d) ceiling
- Q4 Carl hit the ..... He found the guitar he wanted for one eighth the cost of a new one in a local pawn shop. This pawn shop was the 15th one he had checked for this particular kind of guitar.  
(a) mushpot (b) terracotta pot (c) jackpot (d) pot
- Q5 "Our boss is an alcoholic. As soon as he gets off work, he starts hitting the ..... We have seen him drunk within an hour after work on three different occasions in the past month," Lesley told Erica.  
(a) soup (b) sauce (c) brine (d) tea
- Q6 Some people in the United States wonder if, perhaps, President Bush declared war on Iraq to steal some of their Texas .....  
(a) Steak (b) Hats (c) Tea (d) Weather
- Q7 He liked Paul and invited him to dinner. He was shocked and a little bit angry when Paul blatantly ..... on his wife in front of him. Paul even invited his wife to dinner without him.  
(a) pushed (b) hit (c) looked (d) thought
- Q8 "I am sorry, Son. I wouldn't be doing you any favors if I paid all of your bills every time you got into trouble. You, like all of us, have to hoe your own ....., " Dan told his kid.  
(a) barn (b) plot (c) base (d) row
- Q9 "Stop trying to hold me ..... I am going to go to college and am going to get out of this town where there is nowhere to work. I am not going to end up like everyone else in the family just making enough money to scrape by," Josh told his older brothers.  
(a) there (b) in (c) here (d) down
- Q10 "We are never going to work this out between us if you keep losing your ..... We can't talk for five minutes without you getting mad and stomping off," Dana said to Garrett.  
(a) console (b) comfort (c) temper (d) temperature

*English Slang Idioms (247)*

- Q1 "Tim, I asked you if you had a circular saw you could lend me for an afternoon and you said no. There is one sitting right there on your work bench. You have been ..... out on me," Simon said to his best friend.  
(a) horning (b) holding (c) hitching (d) forming
- Q2 "In the short run, there is a trade-off between inflation and unemployment. However, this does not hold ..... in the long run," the Economics professor told the students.  
(a) false (b) lie (c) true (d) definite
- Q3 I needed one sale by the end of the day and I tried Mr. Bentler first. He agreed to buy a large shipment of our product. I got a hole in .....!" Ed said to Allen.  
(a) goal (b) head (c) basket (d) one
- Q4 "Isn't it funny how the best Italian food can be found, not in one of the large chain restaurants, but in the little hole-in-the-..... restaurants?" Kim asked Cathy.  
(a) levy (b) wall (c) door (d) tire
- Q5 I like all of our son's friends with the exception of Robert. He is a holy ..... on our stuff. He jumps on the couches and beds when we are not looking and slams all of our doors even though I have asked him not to," Jill said to Ben.  
(a) terror (b) worshipper (c) maker (d) student
- Q6 "Honest to ....., Marcie, you are the best painter I have ever seen. I think that you should visit some galleries and ask them to take some of your work on consignment," Chloe said.  
(a) badness (b) swanky (c) heartiness (d) goodness
- Q7 They fought daily and seemed more like roommates than husband and wife. He couldn't pinpoint when the feelings of love got swept away by the deluge of day-to-day details all he knew was that the honeymoon was .....  
(a) over (b) ahead (c) repressed (d) history
- Q8 "How would you like to come to dinner with us? We are going to a Mexican food restaurant not far from here. We are completely ..... on their Flautas," Margie said to the Wilsons.  
(a) housed (b) hosed (c) hooked (d) hampered
- Q9 "Now that you have your instructions, hop ..... it!" the Platoon Sergeant told his soldiers after ordering them to pump the water from the base's manholes.  
(a) toward (b) afar (c) to (d) by
- Q10 "I could kill your brother, Joe. He showed up at our place all ..... up on espresso and proceeded to talk all the way through the movie we rented. He would quiet down long enough for us to get it started again and then start talking about God knows what," Ray said.  
(a) hopped (b) housed (c) hanged (d) hacked

*English Slang Idioms (248)*

- Q1 "We didn't mean to break the window, Mom. We were just ..... around and we started to play keep away' from Derrick. I threw the ball as he tackled me and it broke the window," Jimmy said.  
(a) horsing (b) swimming (c) cowing (d) hinging
- Q2 "You are trying to tell me that you had a Lamborghini but you traded it for a Honda Civic because it gets better gas mileage? Horse .....! I don't believe you," Matt said to Ian.  
(a) tails (b) hooves (c) ears (d) feathers
- Q3 He thought about pushing his brother into the pool and then decided not to when he saw the sign saying "no .....". He didn't want to get kicked out of the pool before he had a chance to swim and play.  
(a) horses (b) horseplay (c) horse trading (d) rustling
- Q4 She knew she shouldn't get hot and ..... about her new friends' tardy behavior. Most people in the United States — between 13-40 years of age — seem to be late for social gatherings. All the same, she was anxious about the time.  
(a) tethered (b) happy (c) hammered (d) bothered
- Q5 Chris got it ..... and heavy from his wife when she found out that he had promised to help Ian build his deck. She thought that he helped Ian too much and that Ian was taking advantage of the friendship.  
(a) cold (b) strong (c) hard (d) hot
- Q6 "If you need cheap concert tickets, Dan has the ..... His brother works for one of the big ticket vendors and can get you a good discount," Larry said to Adam.  
(a) start up (b) hook up (c) household (d) hanger
- Q7 He couldn't stand it when Mike ..... in on something he wanted. When he hangs out with his friends, he likes to speak freely about the things he wants and already, Mike bought two of the products he had mentioned in previous conversations.  
(a) honked (b) helmed (c) horned (d) hurled
- Q8 The Ipod music player is a hot ..... at many colleges. It seems like everyone has one at times.  
(a) digit (b) potato (c) number (d) noodle
- Q9 He had always liked hot ..... and was currently working on restoring a Shelby Cobra and an old Chevy Corvette.  
(a) roads (b) racers (c) movers (d) rods
- Q10 "I know you believe in management by walking around' but it is a little distracting with you ..... over me all the time," Bill said to the boss.  
(a) hammering (b) standing (c) hovering (d) pawing

*English Slang Idioms (249)*

- Q1 "We played live for the first time last night and it was a howling ..... We weren't sure how we would sound but apparently our band sounded OK," Steven said to Lewis.  
(a) success (b) match (c) failure (d) event
- Q2 Some of the early SUVs were dangerous due to the fact that they didn't hug the ..... very well. They had a tendency to tip over in tight turns.  
(a) path (b) driver (c) cement (d) road
- Q3 "Now that our midterm exams are over, we are over the ..... We only have a couple more weeks of instruction and then it is time for final exams," Beth said to Ellis.  
(a) climb (b) horn (c) rainbow (d) hump
- Q4 "Well, if there is nothing else to be happy about today, it is ..... Day. Only two more days to go and then the weekend is upon us again," Bill said to Jake.  
(a) Hump (b) Hop (c) Heave (d) Horse
- Q5 He never learned to type properly and that the lack of that special skill sure hurt him in college. It was not easy to type a 15-page report using the hunt and ..... method.  
(a) trap (b) check (c) peck (d) hide
- Q6 "I can't go to lunch with you today. I am sorry. I have to go ..... down a new battery for my car during my lunch break instead," Nick said to Ryan.  
(a) beat (b) slow (c) hunt (d) hold
- Q7 Sometimes, the police will ..... up some details of a murder investigation to help them verify whether a tip given by the public is real.  
(a) harness (b) hush (c) sweep (d) bury
- Q8 "I tried to get some answers from the police department about the suspect that was shot by the police the other night but they were very .....-hush about it. All they would tell me is that they are currently investigating the situation," Irma told her boss.  
(a) soft (b) open (c) hush (d) force
- Q9 "I can't pay you today for the plants but I'll give you an .....O.U. for them. You know that I will pay you soon we've been friends for a long time," Chris said to Paul.  
(a) I (b) U (c) G (d) P
- Q10 He couldn't stand the fact that his roommate refused to do anything else on the weekends but watch the ..... box. He wanted a hiking partner, a friend to go on road trips with and someone who wanted to check out the different shops in town. He couldn't think of a worse way to spend the weekend than watching TV the whole time.  
(a) ignorant (b) idiot (c) information (d) idea

*English Slang Idioms (250)*

- Q1 "I have checked your interior walls and the water damage on them is only the tip of the ..... You have to replace the studs due to rot and you'll probably have to replace some of your subfloor," Chris told Derrick.  
(a) ship (b) screwdriver (c) iceberg (d) army
- Q2 "I checked your car for you and there is a problem with the charging system. I am not sure if it is the battery or the alternator. If worst comes to ..... and you have to replace them both, I can help you so you won't have to pay the high cost of labor in an auto shop," Paul told Chris.  
(a) shove (b) worst (c) bad (d) unexplainable
- Q3 "I just checked on your husband and he is in a bad ..... His kidneys are failing and his lungs are beginning to fill up. We will have to keep him for at least another couple of days," Dr. Peterson told Sharon.  
(a) mood (b) idea (c) apple (d) way
- Q4 "Marcie, would you be able to take the kids to soccer practice on Wednesday? I am kind of in a ....., here. I have to take them at 4 o'clock but I was just informed by my boss that I will have to give the board a presentation on Wednesday at 3:45," Jacky said to her sister.  
(a) bind (b) knot (c) twist (d) barrel
- Q5 "He hates sitcom shows in a ..... way. He also hates fast food," Michelle told Jacky when she asked her basic questions about her new boyfriend.  
(a) far (b) heinous (c) size (d) big
- Q6 "Could I hire you to help me build my deck? The deck won't be very big and I have all the tools. It will be a ..... , I just can't lift all of the long boards into place by myself," Jake said to his son.  
(a) wind (b) breeze (c) storm (d) sprinkle
- Q7 Adam was very happy to be able to say to his friend that his wife was in a ..... way. They had been trying for some time to have a baby but they had had no luck until now.  
(a) nature (b) cosmic (c) biological (d) family
- Q8 "Is it hard to change an alternator belt, Paul?" Chris asked. He replied, "No, it is a ..... in the park. We just have to unscrew some screws, put on the new belt and then tighten it. It doesn't take long."  
(a) bird (b) bench (c) waltz (d) walk
- Q9 "Jim is an atypical kid. He is nice enough to talk to; he just doesn't like to play with others and prefers to be by himself. He is kind of in a ..... of his own," Greg said to Jim's teacher.  
(a) sea (b) fight (c) space (d) world
- Q10 "I know you don't agree with Paul ending his marriage and moving in with that other woman. I am sure that if either of us were in his ....., we would phrase things differently than he did. I can't say for certain that either of us wouldn't have done the same thing, though. We can't know what it is like to be him," Adam said to Lisa.  
(a) place (b) car (c) room (d) view

*English Slang Idioms (251)*

- Q1 "I thought my credit was good until I realized my account with the Internal Revenue Service was in ..... It had completely slipped my mind that I still owed them one more payment from what I owed on last year's taxes," Paul said to Alison.  
(a) amends (b) arrears (c) armaments (d) ordinance
- Q2 "Lisa, I don't want to tell you your business but I was wondering if you might give my brother a break. I know you are mad at him for getting drunk, since you don't approve of drinking, but believe me, getting drunk is completely out of ..... for him. I have seen him drunk twice in my whole life. There must be some explanation," Kurt said.  
(a) act (b) character (c) universe (d) rounds
- Q3 He was really embarrassed. His neighbor just yelled at him to keep his dog in ..... since it bit the neighbor's poodle. His dog had never bit anything or anyone before.  
(a) check (b) arrears (c) ordinance (d) exercise
- Q4 His father wanted him to go hunting with him but he didn't want to go. He wasn't sure that he could or wanted to kill an animal in cold ..... He also wasn't sure that he wanted to share that part of himself with his dad.  
(a) blood (b) passion (c) fashion (d) orders
- Q5 "Do you want us to purchase another truck for the receiving department?" Jay asked Sidney. Sidney responded, "No, the one we have is OK for now. Let's keep it in ..... for a little while longer. Once it breaks, we'll buy a new one."  
(a) essence (b) storage (c) sight (d) commission
- Q6 "We are still reviewing your case and will have an answer for you in ..... course," Matt told Mrs. Smith when she called in to inquire about the outcome of her insurance claim.  
(a) due (b) owed (c) straight (d) golf
- Q7 Despite the change in watering practices and the pot size, the rot on Chris's Sempervivum rosettes was still very much in ..... The cold, damp conditions were not conducive to growing this particular kind of succulent plant.  
(a) arrears (b) time (c) evidence (d) check
- Q8 The police always show up in ..... in Chico, California on Halloween. There have been numerous crimes committed during the almost city-wide revelry.  
(a) essence (b) force (c) schools (d) gaggles
- Q9 "I am sorry that you took offense to my comment about your consistent crabby behavior in the morning on Mondays. It was meant in ..... I am no better and neither is anyone here," Mark said to Shelly.  
(a) jest (b) joking (c) funny (d) laughing
- Q10 "Your account with us has remained in good ..... since you opened it with us. We are going to grant your request for a higher credit limit," the banker told John.  
(a) health (b) appearance (c) stead (d) smell



*English Slang Idioms (252)*

- Q1 "We only encourage actions that are in ..... with the highest standards of excellence and professionalism. Our representative did not act in that manner and, for that, we apologize. We are going to credit your account for the whole amount, not just for the payment you sent in. Your debt is paid in full now, Mrs. Elbert," the manager told her.
- (a) cahoots (b) essence (c) fighting (d) keeping
- Q2 "Let me check to see if we have a size 13 in that particular shoe. We do; you are in ....., " the representative told Tom.
- (a) probability (b) fun (c) luck (d) minority
- Q3 "The mechanics over by the mall are very good. I expected my repairs to take several hours but they had everything done in ..... flat. I think I was out of there in about a half-hour," Phil said to Ashley.
- (a) nothing (b) something (c) everything (d) fourteen
- Q4 "With the two of us working on the alternator belt, we'll have it done in no ....., " Paul told Chris.
- (a) hurry (b) clock (c) length (d) time
- Q5 "I am here on ..... of my wife. She ordered some products from your company and has not received them. I am wondering if you can tell me when she will receive her purchase," Don said to the receptionist.
- (a) slavery (b) league (c) charge (d) behalf
- Q6 "I have been trying to follow the presidential election but I am unable to find out where each candidate stands on the important issues. It really sticks in my ..... that the candidates spend more time refuting each other's allegations than they do defining where they stand," Mary said to Eleanor.
- (a) teeth (b) craw (c) pockets (d) hair
- Q7 "I always hoped that my son would follow in my ..... and become a doctor like me. He chose, instead, to become an ecologist," Brian told his buddy.
- (a) flight path (b) direction (c) shadow (d) footsteps
- Q8 "In my mind's ....., downloading music for free on the Internet is the same as physically stealing something. The songs cost money — you didn't pay for them — but now you have them," Bette said to Wanda.
- (a) eye (b) face (c) wheel (d) bucket
- Q9 "Mr. Ellis sold his farm to move into Oxnard, California. No one in their ..... mind, in my opinion, would move from a nice piece of land to that awful place," Justin said to Raquel.
- (a) left (b) right (c) open (d) closed
- Q10 "No one understood what you meant. I know that you think it made sense but it was very ambiguous. Speak in plain ..... next time and you won't have to worry about people taking things the wrong way as much," Lilly told Ken.
- (a) thought (b) word (c) song (d) English

*English Slang Idioms (253)*

- Q1 "I know that you don't like seafood but our friends make the best seafood Fettuccini Alfredo I have ever had. Will you agree to keep an ..... mind and try it before deciding you don't like it?" Jill asked her son.  
 (a) open (b) airy (c) indifferent (d) ignorant
- Q2 The boss was a scary guy. When he called you into his office, you could bet that you would receive the worse insults you have ever had to endure and there was something about him that would stop anyone from talking back to him. People immediately froze in their ..... and meekly walked into his office when he called them.  
 (a) paths (b) tracks (c) cars (d) shoes
- Q3 In ..... to change the sink, he would have to turn off the water that runs to the facet. He failed to do so and got a surprise when water started liberally spraying down on the kitchen floor.  
 (a) ability (b) possibility (c) plausibility (d) order
- Q4 Since the company put a set of sexual harassment rules in ....., incidents of sexual harassment were virtually non-existent.  
 (a) ordering (b) place (c) storage (d) foundation
- Q5 "Your shed is in pretty poor ..... The back of the foundation is sinking and there is water getting into it from the roof. I can't help you with the foundation but we can look for ways to seal it," Rob said to Christian.  
 (a) mass (b) density (c) support (d) shape
- Q6 "Can we speak in ..... about a personal matter?" Jenny asked her boss when she saw her.  
 (a) alone (b) together (c) private (d) exclusive
- Q7 His boss fired him in extremely short ..... He had been rude to a customer and 15 minutes later, he was in his car with no job.  
 (a) direction (b) cycle (c) formula (d) order
- Q8 "How did you do at the casino with your friends?" Kate asked her husband. He replied, "Not too well. I kept losing at Blackjack. I left when I was \$40 in the ....."  
 (a) minus (b) hole (c) gap (d) wallet
- Q9 "I am not surprised that you are good at repairing things. That skill definitely runs in the ..... Your father, of course, was a mechanic, your grandfather worked on airplanes in World War 2 and your great grandfather worked on trains," Sally told Bill.  
 (a) group (b) pack (c) family (d) jeans
- Q10 She was crushed to hear that her father had been killed in the ..... of duty defending some civilians from a bank robber that day.  
 (a) description (b) line (c) sense (d) order

*English Slang Idioms (254)*

- Q1 "I hear that you are in the ..... for a new car. My friend has a Honda Accord that he is selling for really cheap, if you are interested. It works fine he is selling it because he is going to work overseas for a couple of years," Matt told Brendan.  
(a) inquisition (b) shopping (c) research (d) market
- Q2 "I need you to get me a new pair of chemical boots without telling anyone or writing it down. I know that is hard for you to do but you owe me a favor. I took it in the ..... for you when you didn't show up for formation and I told the First Sergeant that it was my fault because I forgot to tell you about it," Sergeant James told Specialist Watson.  
(a) stride (b) running (c) neck (d) fault
- Q3 It is always sad when someone dies in the ..... of his or her life due to a car accident with a drunk driver.  
(a) prime (b) best (c) spectrum (d) order
- Q4 Politicians have to watch their actions and words almost every minute of the day since they are in the public ..... What they say and do is reported in the newspapers and on television even when the politician thinks no one is watching.  
(a) opinion (b) interest (c) mind (d) eye
- Q5 "You had better watch your ..... around here. If you are late again or make another mistake in your work, you might get fired. I know you are new and don't know how it works here yet but the boss has zero tolerance for tardy behavior or silly mistakes. Wanda got fired for missing a day it was her first one and she has worked here for ten years," Maggie told Justine.  
(a) shoe (b) step (c) head (d) wallet
- Q6 "I believe I was in the ..... to fire Justin for being late even if it is only the third time. I owe it to the stockholders and the public to make sure both are getting what they paid for," Justine's boss told middle management.  
(a) right (b) moment (c) correct (d) positive
- Q7 He felt that he had a good career. He had been in the ..... for mayor twice and once for senator. He served one term as the mayor of his town and made a decent living during the rest of his working years.  
(a) making (b) vaulting (c) running (d) celing
- Q8 "I don't understand you right now. First you say you are sorry for the way you acted and then, in the same ....., you tell me that the way you acted is all my fault. Can you please explain which it is?" Joe asked Michelle.  
(a) hiccup (b) breath (c) motion (d) thought
- Q9 Many people want to be rich and famous. He just wanted to be rich. He found that being in the ..... was more trouble than it was worth one couldn't be alone and everything one said and did was analyzed by a good portion of society. One couldn't have "personal business" when that person was famous.  
(a) headlight (b) foresight (c) hindsight (d) spotlight
- Q10 "We went out on the lake in our canoe and everything was going fine until Steve dropped his cigar in the boat. He tried to grab it and tipped the boat. We both ended up in the ..... and let me tell you, it is cold today," Jim told his girlfriend.  
(a) soda (b) sip (c) drink (d) tea

*English Slang Idioms (255)*

- Q1 Preparation measures for a large-scale emergency, in the ..... of Hurricane Katrina, has become a priority for the U.S. government.  
(a) birth (b) wake (c) light (d) pass
- Q2 "Why do you keep getting in the ..... of my making friends here? You always tell me that it is good that I am meeting people but when I make plans with them you get mad at me?" John asked Melissa.  
(a) plan (b) way (c) object (d) refusal
- Q3 "Can you come to my house soon to pick up the bicycle?" John asked. Tim responded, "I will be there in two ..... of a lamb's tail. I am leaving for your house right now."  
(a) shakes (b) sections (c) colors (d) textures
- Q4 "Grandma, you were in the ..... to tell my wife that she should always spend Christmas with our family and not with hers. We have to have Christmas with her family an equal amount of times," George said.  
(a) right (b) strange (c) negative (d) wrong
- Q5 "We have had plans for an expansion in the ..... for some time. I am pleased to tell you that we are opening a new store in two months in Seattle, Washington. This means more business and more money, among other things," the store manager told the staff.  
(a) water (b) fan (c) works (d) machine
- Q6 "I have been ..... along in school to learn how to become a good manager and, while it doesn't seem like I am learning much, I have learned a lot since I started," Jim told his parents.  
(a) footing (b) metering (c) swimming (d) inching
- Q7 "While I see your point of view, Sir, I am ..... to agree with the customer service representative who has been helping you. There is no way, in my mind, that you could have bought the product you are returning last week. The product you have is at least a year old," Miles told the customer.  
(a) inclined (b) declined (c) climbed (d) partial
- Q8 His career took a ..... dive ever since he publically disagreed with his boss and was proven wrong by upper management. Upper management implemented his idea and it backfired. The result: a loss of over a million dollars.  
(a) lip (b) ear (c) nose (d) tooth
- Q9 "When you take into ..... the days you were out of work due to the surgery, you have the best performance out of everyone here. You are getting a raise and the Christmas bonus you missed while having surgery," Beth told Rachel.  
(a) bank (b) record (c) accost (d) account
- Q10 The police won't tolerate people taking the law into their own ..... Too many times a major injustice the very thing vigilantes are opposed to — are committed by vigilantes.  
(a) jurisdiction (b) hands (c) job (d) fight

*English Slang Idioms (256)*

- Q1 "I thought it would be very difficult to build a garden bench but it is a ..... if you have the proper tools and a good set of plans," Ryan said to Jesse.  
(a) Rhinoceros (b) bet (c) cinch (d) pinch
- Q2 "I hate how all hotels and restaurants ..... up their prices around holidays or events. I can't find an inexpensive hotel anywhere around where we are going because we just happen to be going on our trip on Labor Day weekend," Dan told his friend.  
(a) lack (b) jack (c) join (d) reduce
- Q3 "I can't wait for the next-door neighbors to finish their renovations. It really ..... on my nerves early in the morning. That is one of the few downsides of working from home neighborhood noise can have a big effect on your working conditions," Matt said to Ralph.  
(a) joins (b) jeers (c) joints (d) jars
- Q4 "When the manager told us he was quitting his finance job to open a glass-blowing shop my jaw ..... I don't think I have been that surprised about anything. I can't see him blowing glass I don't see him caring about art period," Thelma said to Bethany.  
(a) clenched (b) opened (c) dropped (d) broke
- Q5 "I really like all of the renovations you two have done to your place. You really jazzed ..... the place," Beth said to Chris and Linda.  
(a) off (b) up (c) by (d) wide
- Q6 "I don't know why the Smith's don't tear down that jury-..... shed on the back of their place and build a new one. Everything else in their yard is clean and new but the shed. The shed is lopsided and looks like someone built it in about 15 minutes," Adam said to Lucy.  
(a) called (b) verdict (c) rigged (d) boxed
- Q7 "We aren't getting a Christmas bonus this year? Are you serious or are you trying to ..... my chain? When and where did you hear that?" Craig asked Lynn.  
(a) jerk (b) jaunt (c) jack (d) jacket
- Q8 "We need someone who is hardworking every day not someone who is going to ..... on his or her shovel all the time. The job entails: moving merchandise off of the truck, stocking the warehouse shelves and stocking the shelves inside the store, among other things," the hiring manager told Jack.  
(a) grab (b) sleep (c) hide (d) lean
- Q9 "We have a deal! I am going to need your John ..... on the contract and a few other forms and then you can take the new car," Jill said to the buyers.  
(a) Robinson (b) Q. Public (c) Belushi (d) Hancock
- Q10 "If you don't give all of my money back and a new product I am going to sue you!" The angry customer said. Jay responded, "Now hold your ..... We can't give you both. Choose one or the other."  
(a) hands (b) horses (c) goats (d) cows

*English Slang Idioms (257)*

- Q1 "I know that you are good at Law, as am I, and I was wondering if you would want to ..... forces and study for the final exam together," Tim said to Paul.  
(a) join (b) jacket (c) jaunt (d) jam
- Q2 The Take Back the Night anti-rape group joined ..... with the Male Feminists group on campus to enlist support for an anti-rape march that would take place through the surrounding towns.  
(a) feet (b) hearts (c) hands (d) helms
- Q3 "Is it OK with you if I jot ..... some notes while you are speaking?" The Management student asked the manager he was interviewing.  
(a) up (b) by (c) away (d) down
- Q4 "Your truck looks like it's been through World War 3. Joking ....., I think that it runs very well and is very functional. I think that it is just what you needed," Bill said to Ben.  
(a) aside (b) abort (c) never (d) not
- Q5 "The boss just ..... all over me for being late on my expense sheet again. I am going to have to get the sheets done sooner," Larry said to Ron.  
(a) jammed (b) jugged (c) jaded (d) jumped
- Q6 "We are still searching for the murder suspect. He ..... bail and we believe he is trying to sneak into Mexico. If you have any information as to his whereabouts, please call us," Sergeant O'Brian said to the reporter on television.  
(a) jumped (b) jammed (c) joisted (d) jousted
- Q7 "Don't be so quick to jump to a ..... Make sure to take all of the evidence under consideration and keep an open mind. There may be a lot of things you don't know yet," the instructor said to the recruits at the police academy.  
(a) conclusion (b) end (c) plot (d) thought
- Q8 "My husband is a perfectionist. Whenever he is working on a project, everything has to be just ..... or he is not happy. It drives me nuts," Linda said to Ashley.  
(a) by (b) how (c) who (d) so
- Q9 "Are the flashlights packed? Good. We need to go to the store before we head to the campsite. The batteries in the flashlights are good but I think we should get some extras, just in ....., " Paul said to Maxine.  
(a) force (b) scenario (c) case (d) maybe
- Q10 "Do you want to go to the new thrift shop with me today? I don't really want to buy anything I just want to go for the ..... of it. I just want to see what they offer," Lucy said to Sylvia.  
(a) frank (b) fork (c) fun (d) feel

*English Slang Idioms (258)*

- Q1 "My girlfriend is always talking on her cellular phone no matter where we are or what we are doing. She answers it even when we are at the movies. It drives me ....., " Luke said to Ian.  
(a) acorns (b) rocks (c) fruits (d) nuts
- Q2 "We are going to study the American Constitution as our first focus in this Law class. I think it is a good jumping-off ..... that will lead us into the rest of the aspects of criminal law we will cover," the Law professor told the class.  
(a) cliff (b) rope (c) place (d) bridge
- Q3 "I thought that Bill broke up with Tina but it was the other way ..... He was mad at her for quite some time for drinking too much but she didn't seem like she had any problems with him. I guess she did," Shannon said to James.  
(a) there (b) across (c) back (d) around
- Q4 "We need a new coffee table. Ours used to be nice until our latest move. It looks pretty ..... up now. We didn't tie it down well enough and it flew around the moving truck and knocked into some things," Pat said to his neighbors.  
(a) jet (b) joshed (c) jimmied (d) junked
- Q5 "Georgia is so hot in the summer. We had our morning formation at 6 o'clock in the morning and by 6:30, five privates had ..... over from the heat," Specialist Mitchell said to PFC Thomas.  
(a) kept (b) kited (c) keeled (d) croaked
- Q6 "I haven't downloaded any music from the Internet legal or not. I am not very keen ..... the idea of getting prosecuted for theft because I didn't know the rules on what music was safe and what wasn't," Will said to Jessica.  
(a) on (b) mind (c) concept (d) across
- Q7 "I haven't heard back from the security firm as to whether I am going to get the job or if the job has been filled. However, I am going to ..... after it until that the job is filled. I am going to call them once a week to check on the job and I am going to stop by once a week," Jared said to his wife Jennifer.  
(a) keep (b) clean (c) kilter (d) kitten
- Q8 "The CEO of our company came to give us a speech on where the business was headed today. Somehow, he had got a piece of toilet paper stuck to the back of his shirt. I tried really hard to keep a ..... face but I finally couldn't help laughing. Luckily, just as I started laughing, he decided to take a fifteen minute break," Alice said to Todd.  
(a) balanced (b) centered (c) straight (d) leveled
- Q9 "I can't find my wallet. Can you keep an ..... open for it please?" Jim said to his wife Carol.  
(a) ear (b) hand (c) inspection (d) eye
- Q10 "The recent and extremely high hospital bill was a real eye-..... for me. I knew that health care was becoming more expensive all the time but I had no idea how much so. No wonder people are always on the news complaining about it. I got charged \$5,000 for an IV bag of water!" Jay said to Matt at work.  
(a) awareness (b) opener (c) extender (d) cleaner

*English Slang Idioms (259)*

- Q1 "I know it's been hard on you since your father passed away. It is hard, when we lose someone, to keep on ..... on. However, we can't forget that a lot of people are still alive and need our love," Ray's mom told him after his kids spoke to her about his despondent behavior.  
(a) snitching (b) baying (c) keeping (d) losing
- Q2 "Will you come to the store with me to keep me .....?" Linda asked Chris.  
(a) company (b) union (c) social (d) together
- Q3 "You always work until 11 o'clock at night? You keep late ....., don't you? What do you do for fun after work?" His mom asked.  
(a) lives (b) work (c) hours (d) awake
- Q4 "I know that it is summer time and it's light outside until late but you two are going to have to keep it ..... out here while you are playing. A lot of the people who live closeby have to wake up really early to go to work and they can't sleep with you two screaming and yelling until all hours of the night," Allen told his two boys.  
(a) away (b) down (c) up (d) closed
- Q5 "I heard that Lester asked you out on a date. I would keep your ..... if I were you. He is kind of creepy and I am afraid he might be the stalker type," Laurie said to Kimberly.  
(a) distance (b) apart (c) bubble (d) length
- Q6 She was hired by two accounting firms to keep their ..... for them. She just received her degree in Accounting three days ago and already she has two clients.  
(a) food (b) employees (c) rules (d) books
- Q7 He almost had to close his business over the winter. No one needed their RV repaired in the winter and he had not saved enough for the winter months. Now that summer was here, he already had eight jobs in the past two weeks. Things were ..... up.  
(a) heading (b) staying (c) growing (d) looking
- Q8 "I just found out something about our Christmas bonuses but the information can't get out to everyone else here. I will tell you what I heard if you can keep your mouth ....., " Billie told Susan.  
(a) down (b) clenched (c) shut (d) opened
- Q9 "I know that it is hard when you are growing up to know what the right thing to do is. I would encourage you to keep your own ..... and make your own decisions because your friends won't always have your best interest at heart even if they don't intend to," Bob said to Danny.  
(a) peanuts (b) committee (c) courts (d) counsel
- Q10 "I have already been studying for my economics final for three hours and I am bored. I have to keep plugging ..... at it, though, or I will never get through all this material on time. After I am done, I will give you a call and maybe we can do something then," Bill told his girlfriend.  
(a) aboard (b) across (c) away (d) apex



*English Slang Idioms (260)*

- Q1 "The new employee just made another mistake on his paper work that caused us to be short on our next shipment. I think we better keep closer ..... on him for the time being until we know that he won't make any more mistakes like that again," the receiving department's supervisor told the main boss during a meeting.  
(a) shadow (b) tabs (c) look (d) microscope
- Q2 "My neighbors keep adding more plants and stones to their garden. We are determined to have the best garden on this block but we are having a hard time keeping ..... with the Jones's. Our neighbors seem to have much more money than we do," Jack told his best friend.  
(a) pace (b) run (c) breath (d) foot
- Q3 "With so much prejudice and violence going on in the world, it is getting hard to keep the ..... It is hard to believe in a caring God when so many atrocities are committed against innocent people every day," Linus said to Markus.  
(a) force (b) face (c) faith (d) facts
- Q4 "Our sales are up 15 percent from last year and have been steady for the past two months. We need to devise a plan to keep the ..... rolling and either increase our sales or hold them steady," Ralph said to his employees.  
(a) rock (b) water (c) weeds (d) ball
- Q5 It is very hard to keep ..... of everything one spends. It takes a lot of dedication and organization.  
(a) marks (b) memory (c) symbols (d) track
- Q6 "It is hard to have a senator as a father. Mine is more worried about keeping up his ..... than with keeping up our relationship," Danny said to Jennifer.  
(a) look (b) appearance (c) opinion (d) impact
- Q7 "We are going to need someone on-site 24 hours a day for the next couple weeks to keep ..... We have had several tips that someone is going to try to rob the museum in the next little while," Bob told his team.  
(a) sight (b) watch (c) looking (d) eyes
- Q8 "I just saw the interviewee who is up next. He looks really ..... up like he is very nervous or had too much coffee this morning," Jan said to the boss.  
(a) keyed (b) keen (c) kept (d) killer
- Q9 Many crooked politicians throughout history have arranged for a friend to get a large government contract to complete a project in return for large kick ..... from the friend.  
(a) faces (b) feet (c) boards (d) back
- Q10 "We need to come up with a plan to achieve a larger market share. Let's first formulate some ideas on how to accomplish this and then we'll kick the ideas ..... for a while to see if we can find a good one," Lisa told the other employees.  
(a) aside (b) around (c) abide (d) accord

*English Slang Idioms (261)*

- Q1 "I just told the boss that the reason our products aren't selling is because they aren't functional and are ugly. I forgot that the boss used to work in the research and development department and came up with a large portion of our products himself. He looked pretty mad when I said that. I could kick ..... for saying that to him," Jay said to Marlene.  
(a) someone (b) back (c) myself (d) heads
- Q2 It seemed like the bus wouldn't be able to climb the hill in the snow. It didn't seem to have enough power for a hill that steep. All of a sudden, the driver kicked the ..... down and the bus started making a little bit of progress. It was slow going but the bus made it to the top.  
(a) wheel (b) gear (c) window (d) engine
- Q3 "I just went surfing for the first time. Surfing is such a kick in the ..... I am no good at it but I would go again anytime," Curt said to Jessie.  
(a) head (b) hand (c) morale (d) pants
- Q4 "We just got through with studying for our English Essentials test. We have been .....-deep in sentence structures, phrasal verbs and antonyms for the past six hours. It has been horrible," Alice said to Bertha.  
(a) ankle (b) knee (c) knowledge (d) kitten
- Q5 "Basic Training was the first time in my life that I can remember that I did not have the benefit of a .....-knit group of friends. It was hard not to have the kind of support available," Larry said to Jessica.  
(a) big (b) course (c) small (d) close
- Q6 "I am trying to have a conversation with my friend so will you stop ..... in?" Mary asked her sister.  
(a) pounding (b) butting (c) rolling (d) working
- Q7 "The wind is blowing so hard outside that it almost knocked me off my ..... when I went out there," Maude said to Geraldine.  
(a) head (b) purpose (c) gloves (d) feet
- Q8 "I can't get this nail out of this board. I don't think it's possible," Jay said. Mark replied, "I can do it. No problem." Jay said "If you are so sure you can do it, ..... yourself out," and handed him the hammer. After several minutes of labor the nail came out — much to Jay's surprise.  
(a) kick (b) crowd (c) kill (d) knock
- Q9 "If you don't stop insulting David, he's going to knock your ..... off. I wouldn't blame him either. Why are you so mean to him especially when he's bigger than you?" Rocky asked Ben.  
(a) boat (b) build (c) board (d) block
- Q10 "So this is your new girlfriend, Max? She is a real .....-out. You finally found an attractive girlfriend!" Max's father said jokingly.  
(a) flop (b) try (c) knock (d) kill

*English Slang Idioms (262)*

- Q1 "If you wear my clothes again, I am going to knock the ..... out of you," Bob told his younger brother. His younger brother just wore his best suit to a football game and got mud all over it.  
(a) plaid (b) packing (c) stuffing (d) sneezing
- Q2 "Where am I? The hospital? I must have gotten knocked ..... in the crash. The last thing I remember is seeing a deer, swerving around it and then losing control of my car," Jenny said to her brother.  
(a) out (b) on (c) off (d) across
- Q3 He felt confident that he could manage the company. He knew his ..... around the world of management and the company was already in a very good position.  
(a) thoughts (b) way (c) help (d) book
- Q4 "I hate the wait before a job interview. I always feel all tied up in ..... I guess everyone feels that way but it still isn't a good time," Jill said to Allison.  
(a) tape (b) cord (c) dilemmas (d) knots
- Q5 "You are going to promote Jack over me? It's OK. I know the ..... He has been here longer than I have and is the CEO's cousin," Jared said.  
(a) tally (b) score (c) measurement (d) length
- Q6 "Hi James, it's Lisa. I am calling about your brother. He just sits in his room drinking with the lights off every night. I have asked him what is wrong and why he is acting this way but he won't tell me. I don't know who else to ..... to for answers. Do you have any ideas?"  
(a) find (b) search (c) switch (d) turn
- Q7 "Steve annoys me. He is such a .....-it-all. He is always trying to prove he knows more about everything even if he doesn't than everyone around him does," Kim said to Louisa.  
(a) tell (b) kill (c) smart (d) know
- Q8 "I don't want to belabor the ..... but we have to focus on finding a way to pay our rent. We can't go on to anything else until that is settled," Max said to Joe and Alex.  
(a) edge (b) face (c) corner (d) point
- Q9 "Pat keeps laboring ..... the assumption that working hard will result in an early promotion. Little does he know, the boss will leave him in that position just because he will work hard at it and the boss needs a hard worker in that slot," Luke said to Barney.  
(a) under (b) away (c) toward (d) ahead
- Q10 James Bond is the tall-dark-and-handsome sort that women seem to like. In the movies, James Bond is a lady-..... who never gets rejected by a woman.  
(a) catcher (b) killer (c) kilter (d) magneto

*English Slang Idioms (263)*

- Q1 "Doug is too much of a .....-man for my taste. I like guys who like to be guys and hang around with guys doing guy-like things. I like guys who like fast cars, fishing, hunting, construction, etc. He doesn't like any of those things," Jacob told Lane when Lane asked if he and his brother were close.  
(a) female (b) gender (c) girly (d) lady's
- Q2 "I am sorry I haven't called you for a while. I have been ..... up with the flu for the past week and haven't called anyone," Lacy told her mom.  
(a) linked (b) lamed (c) laid (d) looked
- Q3 "I don't like the way Jay and Jasmine's house is ..... out. I always feel cramped in there and like I am going to trip over something," Cathy said to Hank.  
(a) bored (b) lied (c) laid (d) layered
- Q4 "I just heard that my brother broke his wrist while playing basketball. I am not that worried about him, though. He always seems to ..... on his feet," Kylie told Symphony.  
(a) lay (b) look (c) land (d) launch
- Q5 He heard on the radio that two kids were picked up outside of town after curfew by the police. He wasn't familiar with the road they were found on but he figured that it was the local ..... lane. There was somewhere in every town designated by kids as the hang out' place.  
(a) loafer's (b) lifer's (c) liner's (d) lover's
- Q6 "We trusted you to be our spokesperson for a union here and what happens the first time you go see the manager about it? The manager tells you that a union would result in less jobs and you ..... it up. Of course management is going to say that. I am going to find someone else to be the spokesperson," Donald told Mathew.  
(a) lapped (b) locked (c) looked (d) limped
- Q7 "We have called you all together to vote on who you would like to see ..... our effort to get a labor union started here," Donald told the audience.  
(a) screwdriver (b) drill (c) general (d) spearhead
- Q8 "Did my comment offend you? Do you know how many people you have cruelly insulted here at work? Now you get a criticism and you start crying? What's the matter? You can ..... it out but you can't take it?" Christa said to Kylie in the office.  
(a) bail (b) dish (c) ball (d) flail
- Q9 "I just got a good tongue-..... from the boss about starting that fight with Kylie in the office. He called my professionalism everything in the book," Christa said to Jenny.  
(a) lashing (b) tipping (c) biting (d) pinching
- Q10 "I think part of you agrees with me about what I said about your brother. I think you are just ..... out at me when I bring up the problems your brother has because he is someone you love and are related to," Christa said to Lane.  
(a) leaking (b) lunging (c) lurching (d) lashing

*English Slang Idioms (264)*

- Q1 "I am glad that our final exams are coming up. It is always a stressful time but it signifies that we are on the last ..... of the semester," Dina said to Blanche.  
(a) lap (b) leap (c) lump (d) lark
- Q2 "The other team is probably going to win. They have the football on our twenty-yard line and there are only two minutes to go. We have to make a last ..... and stop them here. If they score, we are done for the season. If they don't, we'll go into overtime and we might be the ones to break the tie," the quarterback told the team in the huddle.  
(a) stop (b) brigade (c) wall (d) stand
- Q3 "I don't think you should run for school president, Mike. I like you but I don't think you'll stand a ..... The other candidates are much more popular and have more money," Craig said.  
(a) shot (b) chance (c) place (d) placement
- Q4 "Wow, when you ..... onto an idea, you don't let go. You have been talking about making a garden behind the shed, non-stop, for the past two weeks," Laurie said to Nick.  
(a) link (b) leap (c) let (d) latch
- Q5 His wife was afraid of bears and insisted that they leave the flashlights on in the tent all night. He didn't think the batteries would ..... out the night but he figured it was better for her to find that out in the morning.  
(a) last (b) leave (c) let (d) learn
- Q6 "Slow down! What are you in such a ..... about? You do know it is 2 o'clock in the morning, don't you?" A surprised Amanda asked her sister.  
(a) ladder (b) leader (c) lather (d) laughter
- Q7 "If people make fun of me, I don't let it bother me. I just ..... it off. Their misconception is their problem," Joey told his best friend at the school.  
(a) lift (b) live (c) learn (d) laugh
- Q8 "I just saw the new comedy movie in the theaters with my girlfriend. You should go see it I think you would like it. We both laughed our ..... off," Sam said to David.  
(a) hands (b) teeth (c) lips (d) heads
- Q9 "I know that you think my get-rich-quick scheme is stupid but I think it will really work. We'll see who is right but I believe that you'll be sorry you said anything and I'll be laughing all the way to the ....., " Simon said to Jimmy.  
(a) bank (b) pool (c) moon (d) airplane
- Q10 "Brad told us that he was responsible for the invention that enabled oceanographers to dive down into the ocean at great depths. He told me that when I was with some friends of mine who are also structural engineers. However, he didn't know that we were engineers because what he said didn't make any sense to anyone who has any knowledge about physics or logic. We ..... him out of town," Damon said to Elbert.  
(a) carried (b) limped (c) laughed (d) loaned

*English Slang Idioms (265)*

- Q1 "If it had happened to someone else, we might have found it funny. However, when we found that our spare tire was flat — after we blew a tire that night — it was no laughing ..... We could have frozen to death if someone hadn't been nice enough to give us a lift home," Brent told his friends.  
(a) category (b) genre (c) marker (d) matter
- Q2 "Our boss just decided to ..... on his laurels and be happy that he had a successful career over the past 35 years. His last day is next week," Bill told his wife.  
(a) stand (b) rest (c) stupor (d) move
- Q3 He knew that his chess team was due for a loss soon. They won eight games in a row and, according to the law of ....., they wouldn't be able to keep it going indefinitely.  
(a) wins (b) avenues (c) averages (d) advancements
- Q4 "My little brother tells me that you have been bullying him at school. If you so much as lay a ..... on him, you will have to answer to me," Jake told Bert the Bully.  
(a) toe (b) word (c) thought (d) finger
- Q5 "You get mad at the littlest things. You asked for a redwood two by four and I got you one. How was I supposed to know that you didn't want any knots in it? You didn't tell me to pick one out with no knots in it. I wouldn't have agreed to pick one up at all if I had known that you were going to lay an ..... about the one I chose," Nina said to Phil.  
(a) egg (b) trap (c) issue (d) bed
- Q6 "So, I laid ..... all my feelings for you and what do you do? You went and told all of our friends about my personal thoughts. I do not want to talk to you ever again," Lyle said to Jessica.  
(a) away (b) barter (c) bare (d) off
- Q7 "Teenagers are always so intense about friendships. They tell each other that they would die for each other but that is ridiculous. It would have to be a very special friendship for a friend to be willing to ..... down his or her life for someone else," Rafael said to Bart.  
(a) barter (b) put (c) lay (d) drink
- Q8 "Your newest soldiers are the sorriest group of wimps I have ever laid ..... on," the Drill Sergeant said to the new recruits.  
(a) vision (b) glasses (c) eyes (d) word
- Q9 "I am going to lay it on the ....., here. I know you are engaged to my boss but I can't live without you. I love you," Tim told Tammy.  
(a) boundary (b) position (c) carpet (d) county
- Q10 "I can't believe Mike made this mistake on the shipment. We are going to lose a lot of money when our store doesn't have any inventory to sell our customers. I am going to ..... into him as soon as I see him," the boss vowed to his assistant.  
(a) buy (b) change (c) slap (d) lay

*English Slang Idioms (266)*

- Q1 "I don't have any ideas yet as to how to improve this company. I am still trying to get the lay of the ..... and get to know everyone," the new manager said to his assistant, Velma.  
 (a) land (b) ocean (c) barn (d) garden
- Q2 "Corporate just informed me that we are closing two of our branches and outsourcing the jobs overseas. This means that over a thousand people are going to be ..... off. That is horrible!" Judy said to her friend, Becky.  
 (a) shut (b) laid (c) lamed (d) framed
- Q3 "If Thomas ever says anything like that to you again, I will ..... him out and I don't care where we are," Mel said to his wife after she told him about the vile things Thomas said to her earlier that evening.  
 (a) belt (b) bend (c) steam (d) lay
- Q4 "My husband ..... himself on his cooking abilities. He is actually quite good at least I think so," Dana said to Paul and Isabelle.  
 (a) prides (b) preens (c) pats (d) placates
- Q5 Travelling by plane is hard enough without a lot of .....-overs. When I came back from South Korea, I had over seven hours of wait-time to kill.  
 (a) sit (b) lay (c) bump (d) recline
- Q6 "Don't try to lay the ..... on me because we're broke. You have spent more in the past six months on junk than I have in the past two years," Bart said to Eleanor.  
 (a) blame (b) result (c) reason (d) equation
- Q7 "Instead of pointing at each other and assigning fault, let's put our ..... together and find a solution," Tim said to the other employees.  
 (a) heads (b) hearts (c) humanity (d) union
- Q8 "Jim, it is your fault that the customer is mad at the company. You were rude and gave him incorrect information. I know that you like to point the ..... at everyone else here but it is not going to work this time," Pauline, his boss, told him after lunch.  
 (a) bust (b) loss (c) fault (d) finger
- Q9 "I can't believe you beat me that fast. You laid ..... to all of my offensive maneuvers and defenses within minutes," Tyler said to Josh after the chess match.  
 (a) trash (b) busted (c) waste (d) broken
- Q10 "I am glad we talked tonight and worked things out. Now, we can finally ..... that incident to rest and be happy with each other," Paula said to Simon.  
 (a) blow (b) bury (c) lay (d) sleep

*English Slang Idioms (267)*

- Q1 "Jennifer leads her husband around by the ..... He has to ask her permission to do anything and is deathly afraid to cross her," David said to Henry.  
(a) beak (b) nose (c) ankles (d) shirt
- Q2 "So the wine barrel planters are \$20? I called the store and your representative told me that they were \$10 a piece. I think, since the reason I drove here was because your representative ..... me to believe that they were \$10, that you should give me two of them for that price," Raina told the manager.  
(a) read (b) led (c) said (d) worked
- Q3 Too many managers tell their employees to act a certain way but they don't follow their own advice. A good manager is one that will ..... the way on any instructions he or she gives.  
(a) loam (b) leak (c) leave (d) lead
- Q4 "I will take out the trash in a minute. I am going to ..... through this magazine for a little while and then I will take the trash out," Jeff said to Alice.  
(a) spring (b) left (c) lunge (d) leaf
- Q5 "Somehow, the reporters know everything we know within an hour after we learn it. It saddens me but I believe there is a ..... in our department. How can the reporters know everything we do," Lieutenant O'Malley said to the other cops.  
(a) leech (b) leak (c) lack (d) launch
- Q6 How does anyone forget to bring a tent on a camping trip? That question crossed his mind as it started to rain. He built a hasty lean-..... out of a few sticks and a tarp he found in his car but that did not help to block the water that was running down the hill. The sleeping bags were thoroughly soaked in no time.  
(a) away (b) by (c) off (d) to
- Q7 He wondered what kids who were born on ..... year — did about their birthdays. When did they celebrate on the 28th or 29th?  
(a) jump (b) leap (c) lump (d) lift
- Q8 "I don't know how to read music. I have to learn the majority of the things I play by ....., " Lane told Phil when he asked how Lane learned new music on the guitar.  
(a) rote (b) rhyme (c) elimination (d) latin
- Q9 "You really left me ..... the other day. You promised to help me repair the deck at my grandma's house and when you didn't show up, I couldn't do the job myself. It still isn't done and the fire department is going to inspect it by next week," Steve said to Gerald.  
(a) kicking (b) hanging (c) lying (d) learning
- Q10 "Why did you give Max such a left-..... compliment? What has he done to you?" Laurie asked Jeana. Jeana told Max that he was much more intelligent than she had originally thought.  
(a) eyed (b) footed (c) handed (d) eared



*English Slang Idioms (268)*

- Q1 "I know the idea of implementing socialized medicine in the United States is a bit more left-..... than I usually agree with but I have to say it makes a lot of sense. So many people in the U.S. are without health insurance and the costs of treatment are higher than most people can afford," Jim said to Dan and Sue.  
(a) brain (b) armed (c) eyed (d) wing
- Q2 He was exhausted from the daily ..... work required from those who wanted to start their own companies. He had already been to two government offices and a host of local businesses that day.  
(a) hand (b) leg (c) lead (d) load
- Q3 "You can argue that medical treatments are not too expensive for people but you won't have a ..... to stand on, in my opinion. Many treatments cost more for a few days than a new car would cost," Hank said to Aaron.  
(a) ledge (b) leg (c) launch (d) lock
- Q4 "Hey, I was wondering if I could ask you for a favor, Jack. Would you be willing to ..... a hand on Saturday to help with the soup kitchen for homeless people? You expressed an interest before and I am just checking up to see if you still are interested," Arthur said.  
(a) lack (b) leap (c) lend (d) list
- Q5 "I heard that you broke up with Jessica. I hope you let her down ..... She was with you for a long time and you two had fun together. She did a lot for you, too," Luke said to his son.  
(a) sideways (b) easy (c) fast (d) fluidly
- Q6 "The weekend with the guys was a good one. We let it all ..... out. No one put on a front and no one tried to prove anything. There was a lot of honest bonding and I think we all got to know each other better," Sean told his wife.  
(a) hang (b) burn (c) fan (d) time
- Q7 "Joe was so funny the other night. He started drinking and then let it ..... It was joke after joke after he was about half drunk," Tommy said to Brandon.  
(a) rent (b) ride (c) rock (d) rip
- Q8 "I came home drunk the other night and my wife just let ..... on me. I had no idea how mad my drinking makes her. Now I realize that there are more factors involved than just the getting drunk part; it's how we interact after I am drunk, what the neighbors think when I don't come home until late, how it looks when people see me in town late without my wife and several other things," Simon told Bart at work.  
(a) lapse (b) learning (c) loose (d) laps
- Q9 "I saw Beth the other day. She has really let herself ..... Her clothes were wrinkled and stained, she wasn't wearing any make-up and her hair didn't look like it had been combed in a good while," Dina told Eleanor since they both loved to gossip.  
(a) go (b) fly (c) lapse (d) owe
- Q10 "So you can't pay me the \$200 you owe me for this month's car payment? I can let it ..... until two weeks from now but I really need it by then. Can you pay me in two weeks?" Laurence asked his friend.  
(a) walk (b) run (c) crawl (d) ride

*English Slang Idioms (269)*

- Q1 "I am really impressed with these Harbor Freight drills. They are cheap but sure can take a licking and keep on ..... I expected something this cheap to fall apart in no time," Luke said to Walter.  
(a) ticking (b) talking (c) trying (d) timing
- Q2 There are many exercises used by the Army to lick people into ..... Some include long runs, sprints, push-ups, sit-ups, side-straddle hops and flutter-kicks. Each exercise is led, to begin with, by a Drill Sergeant.  
(a) size (b) sickness (c) slack (d) shape
- Q3 "That teriyaki and orange chicken smells so good and I am so hungry. I have been licking my ..... in anticipation of it for the past ten minutes," Jay told his grandmother  
(a) chances (b) chops (c) chawks (d) chumps
- Q4 "Jimmy dared me to knock on the door of the Bradley house. Mr. Bradley yelled at me for several minutes last week when I lost a ball in his yard. I went up to the door and knocked but nothing happened. I turned around to leave and I could hear the door opening behind me. I ran lickety- ..... all the way home but I won the bet," Charlie told Joey.  
(a) smack (b) split (c) slight (d) slippery
- Q5 "As you know, we had a yard sale on Saturday and Sunday. The sale was a total ..... Only five people came and we only made \$4," Louise told Jennifer.  
(a) flip (b) fib (c) flop (d) fit
- Q6 "Do you need any pieces of plywood? I have five 4X8 sheets that have been lying ..... in my yard for at least six months. I am not going to use them and I don't want to see them go to waste. They will rot if they sit in the yard through the winter," George said to Mike.  
(a) around (b) aside (c) square (d) in use
- Q7 "I fired Joe for repeatedly ..... down on the job. I caught him talking, at length, to people on their breaks but not on his. I warned him about loafing around twice last week," Mr. Ernest told his assistant after he asked why he had fired Joe.  
(a) shutting (b) bringing (c) lying (d) lumping
- Q8 He loved watching his dog when the mailman came by. The dog would creep around the back of the family car and lie in ..... until the mailman walked by. Once the mailman put all the mail in the box and developed a false sense of security, he would turn around to leave. At that moment, Barney would leap out from behind the car just feet in front of the mailman and would start barking louder than ever. Today, the mailman jumped about three vertical feet in the air.  
(a) pause (b) wait (c) suspend (d) slop
- Q9 "My brother is always the ..... of the party. He is a great people-person and has that rare ability to tell joke after joke without repeating himself. Everyone likes him," Shawn said to Rebecca.  
(a) lump (b) lift (c) look (d) life
- Q10 "I know that we are on a timeline but your constant nagging is hurting our morale. Everyone here is working as hard as they can and as fast as they can. Can you ..... up a little and quit pressuring everyone so much? The work will get done in an efficient manner," Ben, the foreman's best friend, told the foreman.  
(a) lighten (b) laugh (c) liven (d) lean

*English Slang Idioms (270)*

- Q1 "We got a nice tax break from the Internal Revenue Service but I am not going to plan on it happening again. Lightning never strikes in the same place .....,," Mel said to his wife.  
(a) three times (b) once (c) twice (d) period
- Q2 "My friend said he would help us build the new room and he meant it when he said he'd come. I know when he's lying he's my best friend. I can read him like a .....,," Zack said to Sarah.  
(a) book (b) script (c) magazine (d) newspaper
- Q3 "I am vital to this organization. Through my superior creative talents, I consistently provide ideas for new, innovative, value-added products — which are the backbone of this company. I feel that since you require my services, it would only be natural to approve my request for more adequate compensation," Ernest said to the boss. The boss replied, "Yes, I need you like I need a hole in the .....,. You are already more than adequately compensated for your services and your request is denied at this time."  
(a) suit (b) head (c) cup (d) shoe
- Q4 "Where did you grow up? I grew up in this little one-..... town outside of Redding, California called Whitmore," Mark said to his date.  
(a) tree (b) book (c) horse (d) cop
- Q5 "I have won the last eight boxing matches. The last match was against the champion of the Chicago area and I knocked his ..... out," Dan said to the reporter.  
(a) sound (b) words (c) glasses (d) lights
- Q6 There are several areas where the U.S. 101 highway runs through small towns. At these points, the speed limit often goes from 65 MPH to 35 MPH. These towns are often called "speed .....,," because the towns earn a lot of their revenue from ticketing speeders who fail to cut their speed almost in half.  
(a) traps (b) zones (c) tanks (d) grabs
- Q7 "John has a mind like a steel .....,; he is quick to get the point of things and never forgets a detail or a name," his boss said to his assistant.  
(a) tarp (b) vehicle (c) trap (d) bolt
- Q8 "Did you send out the reports today? Oh, never .....,, you already told me that you did," Marcie said to Larry.  
(a) mind (b) been (c) think (d) by
- Q9 As the secretary stepped between the boss and the employee he was yelling at for non-performance, she quietly said, "Here are the documents you requested. I am going to take myself out of the ..... of fire here and go back to my desk. You know where to find me if you need anything."  
(a) line (b) limb (c) life (d) look
- Q10 His dad pressured him to join the army his whole life. His father, his grandfather, his great-grandfather and his great-great-grandfather had all been in the army. He didn't want to join but took the path of least .....,. It was easier, in his mind, to do a couple years in the military than to fight with his father.  
(a) blockage (b) resistance (c) fluidity (d) concrete

*English Slang Idioms (271)*

- Q1 The politician was getting hammered in the press for lining his ..... while in office. He had apparently awarded large contracts to certain firms in return for some very large personal fees.  
(a) bed (b) car (c) pockets (d) office
- Q2 "I wish you could have seen my best friend's daughter on Christmas morning when I gave her a new tricycle. She lit up like a Christmas ....., " Jan said to Mike.  
(a) card (b) cookie (c) carol (d) tree
- Q3 "My husband is getting depressed because none of his friends called him on his birthday. Little does he ....., we are all planning a massive surprise party for him," Marlena told Suzanne.  
(a) think (b) want (c) exist (d) know
- Q4 I have driven down many freeways and seen whole bags of trash dumped on the side of the road by .....  
(a) litterbugs (b) scavenging beetles (c) snakes in the grass (d) loan sharks
- Q5 He was used to being Number One in his work place. He had been the manager of the local store for ten years and was having a hard time transitioning from that job to being a small frog in a big ..... at Wal-Mart. The pay was better but it was strange for him.  
(a) tank (b) pond (c) store (d) ocean
- Q6 "I don't personally agree with people who are allowed to grow medical marijuana. However, it is not my decision and while I don't agree with smoking pot, I have a live and let ..... mentality," Bette said to Jane.  
(a) learn (b) work (c) live (d) load
- Q7 "So all this time, I had the blade on my circular saw on backwards? No wonder it wasn't cutting too well. Oh well, live and ..... I guess," Tim said to Allen.  
(a) learn (b) look (c) lift (d) live
- Q8 Life had been slow and easy in the small town where he and his wife lived and worked for the past five years. Now that they had moved to Los Angeles, he felt like they were living in the ..... lane. Everything about the city was fast and busy. Their life seemed to have accelerated quite a bit.  
(a) ca pool (b) fast (c) slow (d) right
- Q9 "My grandfather had quadruple-bypass heart surgery and the doctors told him he had a year to live. He is living on ..... time the surgery was ten years ago," Chris told Paul.  
(a) leased (b) stolen (c) borrowed (d) past
- Q10 "I have had a good time on this business trip but I am looking forward to getting home. I have been living out of a ..... for the past three weeks and can't wait to see some of my other clothes," Matt said to Lisa.  
(a) handbag (b) wallet (c) suitcase (d) plastic bag

*English Slang Idioms (272)*

- Q1 "Your friend Paul is very conceited. He always brags about how good he is at everything and how many women are attracted to him. He thinks he is the ..... end, and I hate to say, he's not," Maxine told Blake.  
(a) fighting (b) looking (c) learning (d) living
- Q2 "Don't pay attention to Andy Cummins. He is harmless. He is one of the ..... yokels who has lived here his whole life and likes to tell strangers — at length — about the town's history," Bob said to Lucy and Adam.  
(a) street (b) alley (c) local (d) county
- Q3 "Is the manager here at the moment? I would like to ..... a complaint. I called the store and was informed wine barrel planters were \$10 a piece. So I drove all the way here to find out they're \$20 a piece," Linda said to the representative.  
(a) loan (b) live (c) lose (d) lodge
- Q4 "We are going out of business. Expenses are higher than revenues and that is the ..... and short of it," Bill told his staff.  
(a) small (b) large (c) long (d) length
- Q5 "You asked me if I was interested in a fling or a long-term relationship and I told you that I am in it for the long ..... I thought you understood that." Bill told Suzanne.  
(a) haul (b) ball (c) face (d) shot
- Q6 "It is painful to spend any amount of time with Paul. He is so long-..... It would take him 10 minutes to tell a 20 second story," Jill said to Alice.  
(a) worded (b) winded (c) steamed (d) sentenced
- Q7 "When I was a kid, I couldn't go anywhere without my little brother. My parents both worked so it was my responsibility to look ..... my little brother until they got home," Max said to Gina.  
(a) ahead (b) across (c) after (d) up
- Q8 "The Brigade Sergeant Major is coming through our workplace, so everyone look ..... when he comes in. He is a tough and mean guy who wants to see people working," Sergeant Wilson told his troops.  
(a) anew (b) ahead (c) alive (d) across
- Q9 "I like your friend's mom but she looks at the world through .....-colored glasses. I am kind of a pessimist and pretty cynical. Her optimism doesn't sit that well with me nor does her faith in the goodness of humanity," Ashley said to Ben.  
(a) poppy (b) rose (c) lily (d) petunia
- Q10 When he looked ..... at his school days, he saw a carefree kid who was pretty naive in a lot of ways. He didn't miss the naiveté but he did miss the feeling of not having a care in the world.  
(a) ahead (b) beneath (c) apart (d) back

*English Slang Idioms (273)*

- Q1 "I can't figure Emma out. We are all broke and stressed from too much studying, too much work and not enough sleep. Emma, on the other hand, acts like she doesn't have a ..... in the world," Rachel said to Amanda.  
(a) sense (b) bone (c) care (d) abrasion
- Q2 "I don't know what I am going to do. Now that I am getting kicked out of the Army, my future is looking pretty ..... How am I going to get a job with a less-than-honorable discharge on my record?" Davis asked Mike.  
(a) blank (b) bleak (c) bent (d) bloomy
- Q3 "I don't like how Gina always looks down her ..... at people. She seems to think she is superior to everyone and I can't see what is so special about her," Lacy said to Marsha.  
(a) nose (b) eyelids (c) desk (d) glasses
- Q4 "How about this: I will ..... into your case myself and give you a call as soon as I know what is going on and what we can do for you," the manager told the customer.  
(a) peer (b) stand (c) jump (d) look
- Q5 "I guess your talk with the boss went well you look as satisfied as the ..... that ate the canary," Beth told Andrew.  
(a) lion (b) cat (c) rat (d) dog
- Q6 She couldn't believe the change one good night's sleep could make on a person's appearance. She had looked like an unrecognizable ghoul the night before and now she looked like ..... again.  
(a) a ghoul (b) herself (c) death (d) crazy
- Q7 "I put the report on your desk. If you could look it ..... and let me know what you think by the end of today, I would appreciate it very much," the customer service representative said to the analyst.  
(a) closely (b) over (c) into (d) through
- Q8 "I lost my disk that has my report on it. If you could be on the ..... for it while you are cleaning, I would be thankful," Lisa said to her roommate.  
(a) lookout (b) observation (c) search (d) examination
- Q9 "I am sorry that you got bad grades in your first semester of college. Don't lose ....., though. You will do better next time with a little hard work. Look at it as a learning experience," David's dad told him.  
(a) heart (b) song (c) sleep (d) tracks
- Q10 "It is too bad that we didn't bring water with us to the camp site. Let's not lose our ..... over it, though. We don't have to pack up and go home. There is a stream about a tenth of a mile from here and we can get water there," Jim said to his friends.  
(a) faces (b) appearance (c) bearing (d) heads

*English Slang Idioms (274)*

- Q1 "I get kind of angry when I am around Bryan and Lisa. I feel like they look ..... on us for purchasing a manufactured home. Their parents paid for their house so I don't feel like they have the right to critique anyone who bought his/her own house with his/her hard-earned money," Chris told Linda.  
(a) up (b) down (c) ahead (d) behind
- Q2 "I am glad that you got into a college fraternity like I did. Don't lose ..... of your goals, though. Remember why you are at school and what you are there to do. Don't spend all of your time partying," Wesley told his kid.  
(a) thought (b) effort (c) line (d) sight
- Q3 "I think trying to repair this deck is a ..... cause. It would cost more to fix it in time and materials than it would to build a new one. So much of the wood is rotten," Jed said to Moesha.  
(a) just (b) lapsed (c) lost (d) worthy
- Q4 "I am very sorry I am late for dinner. I got working on my term paper and completely lost ..... of time," Marshall told his parents.  
(a) track (b) path (c) record (d) transcript
- Q5 "I don't think we should invite Paul to the art show. Fine art is ..... on that guy. This is the guy who thought his car's carburetor made a nice centerpiece for his table," Chris said to Linda.  
(a) misplaced (b) broken (c) sold (d) lost
- Q6 "Don't invite Mark to any of our social gatherings again. The guy is a ..... mouth, among other things. You could hear him talking — from a block away — about his intimate affairs with his girlfriend. I was embarrassed the whole night. I am sure the neighbors heard everything he said," Luke said to Ian.  
(a) large (b) volume (c) loud (d) gaudy
- Q7 "Don't let Buck cut the board, he'll only ..... it up. He has less sawing abilities than my grandmother," Bill said to Craig jokingly.  
(a) beetle (b) louse (c) fly (d) ant
- Q8 He had had a brief love ..... with Janice several years ago. He had fallen for her but she broke it off. It was an uncomfortable situation when she started work under his authority.  
(a) event (b) situation (c) vacation (d) affair
- Q9 "The party was nice. It was pretty low-..... so our neighbors weren't irritated this time," Eddie told his college buddy when he asked how the party went.  
(a) note (b) pitch (c) key (d) frequency
- Q10 "I really ..... out today. I got these sandals at half price and they were the last pair in my size," Linda said to Ashley.  
(a) broke (b) win (c) lucked (d) looked

*English Slang Idioms (275)*

- Q1 "I was going to fire you but I changed my mind. You can thank your ..... stars that you are friends with my boss and that he was willing to come in and vouch for you," Bill told Ryan.  
(a) lucky (b) blinking (c) bright (d) brilliant
- Q2 "My parents received my report card yesterday and I know that I did very poorly. I have been waiting since yesterday afternoon for them to ..... the boom on me for my bad grades. I hope I don't get grounded all summer long," Davie said to Steve.  
(a) throw (b) lower (c) lift (d) switch
- Q3 "Have you seen the movie The Notebook? It is very good but it is sad. I had a ..... in my throat by the time it was over," Zack said to Jesse.  
(a) frog (b) ball (c) sneeze (d) lump
- Q4 "The lottery offers two options: you can elect to get paid in a ..... sum of \$400,000 or you can elect to receive \$30,000 a year until you reach one million dollars. Which would you choose?" Irma asked her brother. He responded, "I would choose the \$400,000. What if I died next year?"  
(a) lump (b) load (c) complete (d) entire
- Q5 "If you ever decide to sell your Shelby Cobra, let me know. I have been ..... after your car for the longest time," Rick said to Stanley.  
(a) wishing (b) envying (c) thinking (d) lusting
- Q6 "Everything about our renovations has been hard. For instance, the drain pipe coming from behind the tub was not a standard size since the tub we bought is deeper than a regular one. We had to get one made to ....., which as you can imagine, was quite a bit more than buying a mass-produced one off the shelf," Dave told Zeke.  
(a) order (b) sell (c) purchase (d) break
- Q7 "Why do you have that wishful look on your face? Are you waiting for a magic ..... to take you out of here? If so, you are going to be waiting a long time like me," Harris said to Jenny with a smile.  
(a) sheet (b) pillow (c) carpet (d) comforter
- Q8 As he entered the main ..... of the town, he thought to himself that the town was just the right size for him. Not too big so that the traffic was horrible but not too small either.  
(a) hag (b) run (c) drag (d) bylaws
- Q9 It is one of the best examples of irony I can think of right now. The fact that the ship Titanic was said to be unsinkable and it sank on its ..... voyage.  
(a) maiden (b) experienced (c) once (d) married
- Q10 There is a giant redwood tree in Humboldt County, California that you can drive through. One has to be careful, though, because, even in a small car, it is a tight .....  
(a) compaction (b) fold (c) wad (d) squeeze



*English Slang Idioms (276)*

- Q1 "John thinks he is going to show up to the conference and debunk all of my arguments. He is not going to make a ..... out of me, though. My friend told me what he is going to say and I already have a rebuttal prepared for each of his points," Sherry said to Beth.  
(a) flake (b) fool (c) flop (d) front
- Q2 "I was thinking, why don't we bring a picnic lunch with us to Santa Rosa when we go for our immigration appointment so that we can have a picnic in one of the parks there. Then, we can do some shopping and maybe see a movie. If we have to drive there anyway, we might as well make a ..... of it," Tim said to Jacky.  
(a) day (b) event (c) plan (d) method
- Q3 "I have been working as hard as I can and as fast as I can and I still have barely made a ..... in my files. This company has to hire more people," Janice said to Brent.  
(a) ding (b) gouge (c) dent (d) bent
- Q4 "I can tell that you don't like peas and that is OK. We can't like everything," Mary said to Louise. Louise asked, "How did you know I didn't like peas?" Mary responded, "You made a ..... when you bit into them. I could tell you tried to hide your distaste for them," and laughed.  
(a) look (b) emotion (c) face (d) overture
- Q5 "I can't stand it when my parents make a ..... over me when I cut myself. I feel like a little kid again but I'm not! I am 25 years old!" Brent said to Eugenia.  
(a) face (b) fuss (c) worry (d) bustle
- Q6 "I know I probably won't get into medical school after I graduate from this college because I am not that smart. I am still going to make a ..... of it just so I know that I tried," Lewis said to Grant.  
(a) leap (b) work (c) bridge (d) go
- Q7 "Wow, you really hit it ..... with my parents. I figured you all would be polite to each other but I didn't expect you to talk to my family until 11 o'clock at night," Shirley said to her boyfriend.  
(a) off (b) by (c) away (d) hard
- Q8 "This is all you do all day? You mean to tell me that you show people which line to get into at the Department of Motor Vehicles? There is only one line that is ever open so why do they need you to tell us where we need to go? Well, I guess everyone has to make a ....., " Grant said to the lady.  
(a) earning (b) job (c) living (d) payoff
- Q9 He had signed on with the failing company in the hopes that he could turn it around and make it profitable. It was currently about to go out of business. If he succeeded, he would surely make a ..... for himself in the business world. At least, that's what he hoped.  
(a) definition (b) brand (c) name (d) product
- Q10 "Don't make nuisances of ..... Why don't you go play outside and stop throwing things at our guests?" Mary said to her three kids.  
(a) me (b) the guests (c) yourselves (d) each other

*English Slang Idioms (277)*

- Q1 "I am not going to drink alcohol anymore. I can't believe that I was drunk and stupid enough to make a ..... at the boss's wife at the company Christmas party," Joe said to his roommate who worked with him.  
(a) grasp (b) pass (c) chump (d) maneuver
- Q2 He decided to run for school president again this year but with some changes in tactics. He had made a ..... for school president last year by making a clown of himself and it didn't work. This year, he would be more serious and more informed about the issues.  
(a) tackle (b) play (c) bunch (d) jog
- Q3 He had been told by several girls that he was not polite enough for them. To correct this, he made a ..... of opening car and restaurant doors for his dates, pulling the chair out for them, paying for the meals, using proper dining techniques and making lots of complimentary remarks.  
(a) period (b) time (c) point (d) hole
- Q4 "I'm going to bed in a minute. I am trying to make a ..... of brushing my teeth before bed so I will get less cavities. If I can form a habit of brushing my teeth at least twice a day, I'll be better off," Simon said to his wife.  
(a) action (b) practice (c) circus (d) agenda
- Q5 "The band Korn made quite a ..... in the rock community by using 7-string guitars. After they started doing this, several other bands started using them and fans started looking for the deep, grungy sound of a 7-string guitar in their music," the writer for Rock World wrote in his article.  
(a) sand storm (b) splash (c) drop (d) trickle
- Q6 "I know that there have been some complaints about the office supplies' new location. I heard that there have been memos going around about this and different factions forming for and against the move. Let's not make a federal ..... out of this, people. It is where it is; deal with it and get over it," Shirley told the staff.  
(a) case (b) jury (c) prosecutor (d) witness
- Q7 "Let's not fight about this in public. It's embarrassing. We'll make a ..... We can keep fighting at home," May said to James after he loudly disagreed with her.  
(a) swat (b) stir (c) slap (d) squish
- Q8 "As your best friend, it falls on me to tell you when you are not being fair. You can't blame Melissa for not hearing everything you say. She is hard of hearing and you have to make ..... for that," Stan said to Jacob.  
(a) amends (b) accords (c) allowances (d) rooms
- Q9 "I know that you are unhappy that we forgot to bring your new camping stove but let's not let it ruin our trip. Let's make a ..... of necessity and enjoy cooking over a camp fire with good, smoky taste on our meat," Beth said to Christian.  
(a) blight (b) virtue (c) distress (d) characteristic
- Q10 "I can't stay at your party long; I have to work early in the morning but I'll make an ....., " Luke said to Christine.  
(a) vision (b) sighting (c) essence (d) appearance

*English Slang Idioms (278)*

- Q1 "When we catch the person snitching office supplies, I am going to fire him or her in front of everyone. I don't think we'll have this problem again if I make an ..... out of the first person caught," Josh said to his assistant.  
(a) example (b) landmark (c) monument (d) history
- Q2 "I don't want to go to another party with you. You always insist on ..... an exhibition of yourself. You punch someone, or get embarrassingly drunk, or publically insult someone we know every time we go to a party," Shirley said to Rodney.  
(a) taking (b) mocking (c) making (d) merging
- Q3 "I just caught this guy trying to make ..... with your barbeque. Do you know him?" the policeman asked Mr. Harris.  
(a) over (b) ahead (c) good (d) away
- Q4 "I hear police sirens. Let's make .....,," Jenny said to Larissa at the party. Both girls just turned twenty and were not, legally, supposed to drink alcohol yet.  
(a) prints (b) marks (c) tracks (d) out
- Q5 "You can't build a deck with these small scraps of two by fours. It won't be structurally sound and it won't look good either. It's like trying to make bricks without ..... you don't have the right materials," Jack said to Lou.  
(a) glue (b) rocks (c) paint (d) straw
- Q6 "Honey, why do you keep telling Max about your cat? You have been talking non-stop about your cat since the guy got here. He doesn't care about your cat," Aiden said. She replied, "I was just trying to make .....,," with a hurt look on her face. Those moments are always embarrassing for everyone.  
(a) talk (b) words (c) conversation (d) contact
- Q7 "Fifteen minutes ago, we were able to make ..... with our operative in the field. As you know, his radio was broken. He finally found a radio to call us with just now. He says that the operation is still on track and that the mission should be completed by late tonight," the CIA agent said to his boss.  
(a) eyesight (b) ears (c) contact (d) union
- Q8 "I see the police coming up the driveway. We can't go that way so let's ..... for the woods on the other side of the property," Jenny said to Larissa.  
(a) miss (b) make (c) mix (d) mull
- Q9 "I think that tall boy in the corner with the blue baseball cap likes you. He has been making ..... at you all night. I caught him staring at you three times in the past five minutes," Jenny told Larissa moments before hearing the sirens.  
(a) visions (b) motions (c) ends (d) eyes
- Q10 "We are a little behind at this point in the day. If we make ....., we can still get the pad poured before evening but we have to hurry. Before we can pour the concrete, we still need to tamp down the sand and make sure that our framing is square," Bill told his crew.  
(a) haste (b) rush (c) run (d) fast

*English Slang Idioms (279)*

- Q1 "I can wait while you dig the succulent plant out of your garden but you'll have to make it ..... I have to be back to work in 15 minutes and it's a 10 minute drive," Chris said to Lisa.  
 (a) peppy (b) spiny (c) tinny (d) snappy
- Q2 "It is too bad it is raining while we are camping. Rather than let it ruin our trip, let's make ..... of it and get a card game going in the tent," Bill said to the boy scouts.  
 (a) day (b) light (c) dark (d) bright
- Q3 "You brought a bottle of whiskey to our parents' Christmas party? Are you crazy?" Joe asked his brother. Eric responded, "Yes! You have to make ..... on Christmas! A couple of drinks will put us in that special, happy, holiday mood."  
 (a) marching (b) merry (c) mostly (d) grin
- Q4 "It always surprises me how much longer it takes to build something than to tear it down. It took me two hours to build a beautiful, detailed sandcastle on the beach. It took my 3 year-old two minutes to make ..... of it," Brandy said to Marcella.  
 (a) mincemeat (b) chicken breasts (c) salad (d) fruit
- Q5 "Why do you keep pulling my hair? It hurts ..... it out," Sarah said to her brother.  
 (a) force (b) bail (c) cut (d) shut
- Q6 "Will you stop telling people all of the bad things I do and say? Why are you trying to ..... me out to be a monster," Laura said to Aiden.  
 (a) make (b) break (c) bring (d) mince
- Q7 "I like Anna because I have no idea what makes her ..... I don't understand why she gets up in the morning or why she wears what she does. She is mysterious," Luke told Bill.  
 (a) talk (b) tick (c) click (d) beat
- Q8 "You decided that you were going to tell other people about your friends' secrets to make you seem more interesting to others and now your friends don't trust you. Now you want me to send you to another school because you are not liked there. I am going to insist you go to the school you are at because it is a good lesson when you make your ..... you have to lie in it," Matt told his son Josh.  
 (a) cot (b) bed (c) blanket (d) room
- Q9 "I have wanted to ask Brad out for so long and then, all of a sudden, he kissed me so hard it made my ..... spin," Lucy said to Emma.  
 (a) heart (b) nerves (c) necklace (d) head
- Q10 "That chicken smells so good — my ..... is beginning to water," Sam told his grandma.  
 (a) garden (b) faucet (c) mouth (d) river

*English Slang Idioms (280)*

- Q1 "I called the head office and told them that I would make a great manager. I am so nervous. A move like that will either make or ..... me at this company," Dill said to Janice.  
(a) snake (b) bend (c) break (d) smite
- Q2 Some stores offer free .....-overs to people who come into the shop. They figure that the person will ultimately buy some of their products to keep up the look created by the employees. In my opinion, they apply way too much make-up.  
(a) do (b) make (c) see (d) split
- Q3 "I have to make my ..... now but I have a break at 11 o'clock. Can we meet for coffee then?" Dr. Jenkins asked the security guard. They are good friends and even went to junior college together.  
(a) rounds (b) flights (c) walks (d) ovals
- Q4 "I expected you to take at least an hour raking the yard but you sure made ..... work of that task. Only 20 minutes have gone by!" Chris's grandfather told him.  
(a) little (b) small (c) tiny (d) short
- Q5 "You should have seen this girl who showed up at the party last night. She was the most beautiful girl any one of us had seen in this town. She was good looking enough to make even my dad ..... up and take notice," Jay told Robby.  
(a) back (b) grow (c) dry (d) sit
- Q6 "My son just left for college to try and make ..... of himself. He figures school is his ticket to a good-paying job and I think he is right for the most part," Jackson told his good friend.  
(a) something (b) nothing (c) poor (d) rich
- Q7 "You what? You invited your girlfriend tonight and you forgot to tell your ex-girlfriend not to come? Now you tell me they used to be best friends until they had a major falling out? If your ex-girlfriend sees you with your current girlfriend, she's sure to make the ..... fly," Alex said to James.  
(a) boxes (b) doors (c) hats (d) fur
- Q8 "I just heard from my friend in the senator's office that he is planning on getting a divorce. No one has heard that yet, but when they do, the news is guaranteed to make tongues ....., " Jill told Jimmy.  
(a) wag (b) slap (c) bite (d) roll
- Q9 "Don't expect the boss to talk to you very much. And, please don't think he's being rude to you if he is short with you. He is just a man of few ....., " Jane told Mike.  
(a) slogans (b) laughs (c) words (d) points
- Q10 "So you are telling me that if I don't approve the bill your corporation wants passed, you will withdraw support from me and leak a story about some of the bad things we did together when we were at college to the press? Well, if you want to play ..... ball, how about I tell your board of directors about all the money you personally pocketed from the defense contract I got you? Didn't think I knew about that, did you?" The senator asked the CEO of the corporation.  
(a) base (b) soft (c) soccer (d) hard

*English Slang Idioms (281)*

- Q1 "I think I am too nice. Many is the ..... I have done free favors for people. However, that behavior that can lead people to think that they can take advantage of my kindness," Lars said to Ashley.  
(a) plot (b) time (c) length (d) decade
- Q2 "Stop making ..... of my affinity for gardening and cooking. Many men are chefs and enjoy gardening," Simon said to his friends Joey and Dave.  
(a) game (b) puzzle (c) sport (d) amends
- Q3 "I think it is important to ..... time for your kids. Even if one is busy, one's first priority should be all about spending time teaching or hanging out with one's children," Gracie said to Amanda.  
(a) build (b) make (c) synthesize (d) invent
- Q4 "Why don't you ..... off the part of the parking lot that needs to be repainted with orange cones today so the painters will know which area to paint when they arrive tomorrow," Rex said to Bill.  
(a) mark (b) make (c) max (d) milk
- Q5 "I studied your analysis of why our expenses are shooting up and I found that you are a bit ..... of the mark. You attributed the rising costs to the increase in electricity prices, which do play a role, but the increase in gasoline prices has had much more of an impact on our expenses," George said to Michael.  
(a) narrow (b) on (c) constricted (d) wide
- Q6 "My friend told me that there are places in this town that sell wine barrel planters for \$10 a piece. I have searched far and ..... for a store with those prices but haven't found a store that sells them for cheaper than \$20 a piece. Do you have any suggestions for me?" Chris asked Adam.  
(a) abroad (b) wide (c) narrow (d) short
- Q7 "The police caught the gang that was responsible for the bank robbery but they failed to catch the ..... behind the plan," Reporter Jessica Manners told the audience.  
(a) criminal mind (b) planning mind (c) mastermind (d) daring mind
- Q8 "I don't agree with you. I don't think that there is one right answer about how to support a deck. I think it is a matter of ..... I have seen several methods that work just fine and are equally functional," Brad said to Jeffrey.  
(a) guess (b) personal thought (c) opinion (d) judgment
- Q9 "You can try to tell me that we didn't land on the moon but it is a matter of public ....., " Silas said to Isaac when he told Silas that he refused to believe that humans have ever been to the moon.  
(a) writings (b) record (c) opinion (d) transcript
- Q10 Her parents had been very pleased that she had married into ..... Her husband's family were affluent but that was not what was important to her. No one believed it but she honestly loved her husband.  
(a) money (b) success (c) assets (d) wellness

*English Slang Idioms (282)*

- Q1 "I asked Matt about his parents' divorce and he was so matter-of- ..... about it. He didn't express any emotions and he didn't take any sides he just told me about the facts. I would have thought as emotional as he is that he would have some feelings about the events," Sarah said to Amarantha.  
(a) fault (b) opinion (c) rote (d) fact
- Q2 "Do you have a pry bar I can use to get this board off? You don't? Well, no ....., I'll use this bay shoe lifter instead," Paul said to Chris as they were working on repairing the framing on Chris' house.  
(a) result (b) matter (c) impact (d) event
- Q3 "The army is not bad, but for me, it is just a ..... to an end. When I am done with my tour, I'll have the rest of my college paid for and I will have something good to put on my resume that every company respects," PFC Mitchell said to PFC Thompson.  
(a) mark (b) mend (c) means (d) morph
- Q4 "As a son, I don't seem to measure ..... My dad is never happy or satisfied with me. I don't know who he expected me to be but I am obviously not it," Hank said to his girlfriend.  
(a) up (b) back (c) right (d) enough
- Q5 He ..... off 12 feet of wiring to install his ceiling fan. He thought he would probably only need 10 feet but it is always better to have more wire than one needs than not enough.  
(a) metered (b) mortared (c) measured (d) mitered
- Q6 As a manager, it is important to choose the right ..... to send a message. It is not correct to fire someone via email nor is it necessary to speak to someone face-to-face every time you want to arrange a meeting.  
(a) modicum (b) medium (c) mortar (d) message
- Q7 "Matt wanted \$80 dollars for his bike and I only wanted to give him \$40 but we were able to strike a happy ..... We both decided that \$55 was adequate," Simon said to his girlfriend.  
(a) go-between (b) trade (c) medium (d) term
- Q8 "My good friend died in a car accident a year ago. I am not surprised that he met his ..... that way he always drove too fast and took a lot of crazy chances," Tim said to Luke.  
(a) stop (b) finish (c) completion (d) end
- Q9 "I don't have any plans during the early afternoon. I am going to ..... up with some friends for dinner at 6:30 but I am free until then," Shirley told Shannon.  
(a) mark (b) march (c) meet (d) make
- Q10 "Wow, this pork cut is so tender. It's so tender that it is melting in my ....., " Wesley said to Brian's parents at dinner.  
(a) plate (b) fork (c) teeth (d) mouth

*English Slang Idioms (283)*

- Q1 "When I went to court, the judge told me that if I ever showed up in his courtroom again I would be going to jail. The threat of going to jail was more than enough to make me ..... my ways. I don't drink anymore and the only reason I got into fights was because I was too drunk all the time," Roy said to Hank.  
(a) build (b) sow (c) mend (d) increase
- Q2 "For a new deck, you are ..... at about \$1,500 or so," the contractor told Bill and Jane.  
(a) staring (b) blinking (c) eyeing (d) looking
- Q3 "It is very hard to install a shower stall that is built out of multiple panels. It is hard enough to get them lined up properly, not to ..... getting the glue spread out right on the backs of them without breaking the thin plastic of the panels," Chris said to Derrick.  
(a) mention (b) tolerate (c) remark (d) vocalize
- Q4 "I have to warn you, this job is stressful. The last person who worked as a manager for the Federal Employee Program had a ..... breakdown," Andy said to Mike.  
(a) brain (b) thought (c) nervous (d) stomach
- Q5 The soldiers started having a contest at work for fun. Unfortunately they were caught ..... around by the First Sergeant who not only ordered them to get to work but made them all do more pushups and sit-ups than any of them wanted to do.  
(a) wandering (b) messing (c) slapping around (d) leaning
- Q6 After being reprimanded by the manager for giving a customer the incorrect price for some plants that cost the company \$50, Ian said, "I realized I messed ..... and I know what I did wrong. I can assure you that it won't happen again." Luckily, the boss was placated after that statement.  
(a) off (b) back (c) up (d) over
- Q7 He didn't want to take the dog on the hike. She wanted the dog to get some exercise. They found some ..... ground and decided to take the dog for a walk and then go on the hike.  
(a) equality (b) same (c) divided (d) middle
- Q8 Chris knew that the nursery was getting their unique succulent plants from a dealer in Chico, California. He knew that the nursery marked the succulents up so that they could make a profit. One day, he found a telephone number for the man in Chico in one of the plants he purchased. He called the number and made an appointment to meet with the dealer directly. If Chris could buy the plants directly from the dealer, he could eliminate the ..... and save himself some money.  
(a) package deal (b) middle man (c) messenger (d) missing link
- Q9 "We have to get some order here. We can't have all of the kids ..... around the park unsupervised. We need to keep them in a relatively-tight group so we can keep an eye on them," the teacher said to her assistant when they took their class on a field trip to the zoo.  
(a) milling (b) bouncing (c) jaunting (d) skipping
- Q10 He thought back on the major ..... of his life: graduating college, getting out of the army, getting married, buying his first house and starting his first career-oriented job. He thought when one is depressed, it is good to remind oneself of all the things he or she has accomplished in the past.  
(a) milestones (b) grave stones (c) metronomes (d) novels



*English Slang Idioms (284)*

- Q1 He didn't know the exact moment that caused them to drift apart. All he knew was that he and his wife were ..... away from each other. They interacted with each other more like roommates than lovers these days.  
 (a) miles (b) minutes (c) blocks (d) inches
- Q2 "Apparently, I made a good impression on the Brigade Sergeant Major. He said that I could volunteer to be his driver any time. It is much easier duty than my normal job. I am going to ..... this opportunity for all it is worth and sign up as much as possible until I can't do anymore," Private Smith told PFC Reynolds.  
 (a) grow (b) breed (c) milk (d) harvest
- Q3 "I need to get a new hobby. I have a ..... to start pottery lessons and it will save us money on flower pots if I learn how to make those myself," Beth said to Linda.  
 (a) mind (b) opinion (c) feeling (d) action
- Q4 "I am glad that you like my wife but telling her not to put up with the things I do is not OK. You need to mind your own ..... How we run our relationship is not your concern," Paul said to Adam.  
 (a) company (b) lane (c) jurisdiction (d) business
- Q5 "You need to tell me what you expect from me in any given situation you can't assume that I know what you are thinking. I am not a ..... reader," Bill said to Janice.  
 (a) mind (b) brain (c) think (d) feeling
- Q6 "If you need any information on government research grants you should talk to Allison in the Law office at school. She is a ..... mine of resources, information and news pertaining to research grants," Brent told his chemistry partner.  
 (a) silver (b) gold (c) oil (d) crystal
- Q7 "I am going to have to sell my truck and buy a more fuel efficient vehicle. I can't afford such a ..... guzzler right now with prices as high as they are," Chris said to Ellis.  
 (a) petroleum (b) gas (c) combustion (d) liquid
- Q8 Everyone was waiting in anticipation for the first band to ..... the Spring Break concert off.  
 (a) kick (b) shove (c) shut (d) leave
- Q9 "We have to go if we are going to get to Steve's on time so everyone ..... up," Chris said to Craig, Jesse, and Joe.  
 (a) bundle (b) saddle (c) runner (d) ride
- Q10 "I don't know that Carl should go to college. Mind ....., I don't think he is stupid, he is just a little lazy and is poor at self-direction. If someone made him do the work, I think he would excel. But, if it is left up to him, I don't think he'll get his assignments done," Bette told her friend Lisa concerning Lisa's son.  
 (a) him (b) me (c) you (d) all

*English Slang Idioms (285)*

- Q1 He task involved recording the ..... at the board meeting. He hated that job because he couldn't pay attention to the merits of the ideas being put forth and write everything that was said down at the same time. It was like being elected to wash dishes during a movie at home.  
(a) hours (b) minutes (c) lengths (d) days
- Q2 John felt horrible and his wife was angry with him. He had arranged for a band he knew to play at their wedding and the band had ..... badly. They played only heavy metal and they didn't even play it well. Half of the guests left early.  
(a) misplaced (b) misinformed (c) misfired (d) mislead
- Q3 "John is a very astute business man and he's nobody's fool. You can't put one over on him he never ..... a trick," Bart said to his boss.  
(a) loses (b) misplaces (c) misses (d) fumbles
- Q4 "I am throwing a party on Friday and you don't want to miss ..... on this one. There will be an open bar, a band and a catered dinner so don't make other plans," Bill said to Doug.  
(a) out (b) judge (c) fire (d) entrance
- Q5 "I think you missed the ..... of the lecture. The main purpose was to show that we need to take many things under consideration when analyzing a big change in the market," Damon told his Macroeconomics classmate.  
(a) nail (b) period (c) dot (d) point
- Q6 He finally found the ..... link. The Germans had been able to shoot down most of the English's planes when they went to bomb the Germans. Some in the English bomber command thought that there was an intelligence leak who was responsible but that was not the case. It turned out that the Germans set up a radar station that could detect the incoming planes.  
(a) forging (b) missing (c) elusive (d) foggy
- Q7 "Have you seen the movie A Walk to Remember? It is very moving. I was .....-eyed by the end," Jane said to Paula.  
(a) misty (b) foggy (c) rainy (d) spotty
- Q8 "I think there has been a .....-up. I am supposed to be booked on the 2 o'clock train — not the 4:30 train. I have a confirmation number right here from the arrangements I made over the phone," Maxwell told the receptionist.  
(a) stir (b) box (c) chum (d) mix
- Q9 "Oh, I see the problem. You were booked on the 4:30 train by ..... The previous representative wrote down that you should be on the 2 o'clock train but checked the box for the 4:30. I will fix your ticket right now," the receptionist replied.  
(a) mistake (b) fallacy (c) tautology (d) falsehoods
- Q10 "My new job is kind of a ..... bag. In some ways, it is better than my last job but, in other ways, it is more irritating," Jan told her mom.  
(a) calico (b) cocktail (c) mixed (d) grab

*English Slang Idioms (286)*

- Q1 "The car we won on the game show has been kind of a mixed ..... On one hand, we have a brand new car. On the other hand, it gets bad gas mileage and we had to pay the government income tax on it," Jill said to Alison.  
(a) gift (b) pleasant (c) blessing (d) arrangement
- Q2 "I am sorry that I didn't hear you calling my name. I was rocking out to the Beatles. I get kind of caught up in the ..... sometimes and don't notice anything else," Marcie told May.  
(a) movement (b) motion (c) meaning (d) moment
- Q3 "I am sorry. Daisy just threw a ..... wrench into our plans for this weekend. She was supposed to watch my daughter this weekend and just told me that she got called out of town. We will have to go camping another weekend. Why don't you come over instead and we'll barbeque?" Jake asked John.  
(a) pipe (b) adjustment (c) monkey (d) socket
- Q4 "I can't wait until my credit cards are paid off. The extra payments they require every month have been a real ..... on my back," Joey said to his best friend.  
(a) gerbil (b) bird (c) monkey (d) gnat
- Q5 It worries me that some people idolize Adolph Hitler. He may have been intelligent in some ways but he was a .....  
(a) fairy (b) gnome (c) imp (d) monster
- Q6 "I can't wait until this new software program is fully implemented in our company. I have been working 24/..... on it over the past couple of weeks and I need a break," Suzy said to Bill.  
(a) 7 (b) 8 (c) 9 (d) 2
- Q7 "I haven't gone hiking for a ..... of Sundays. Will you go with me this Saturday?" Jay asked Ian.  
(a) minute (b) month (c) day (d) hour
- Q8 "I don't care if you have been studying chess tactics since I last beat you. I am going to ..... the floor with you," Joe said to Brent as they sat down to play a game of chess.  
(a) mop (b) build (c) sand (d) paint
- Q9 "Are you done with the raking?" Jordan's father asked. He replied, "It's more or ..... finished. I just have to bag the leaves."  
(a) greater (b) littler (c) more (d) less
- Q10 "Do you mind if I invite my girlfriend to the barbeque this weekend?" Rafael asked Leonardo. Leonardo replied, " You should invite her the more the ....."  
(a) smile (b) laughter (c) barrier (d) merrier

*English Slang Idioms (287)*

- Q1 "You don't have to work as late as me so I have to go out to eat," Jill said to Lewis. He responded, "What does that have to do with the ..... of tea in China? We were talking about you spending too much money, in general, so what time we get off work has nothing to do with the discussion."  
 (a) amount (b) price (c) quantity (d) quality
- Q2 "You sure have a lot of plants in your garden," Adam said to Chris. He replied, "Yes, we have more than you could ..... a stick at."  
 (a) throw (b) leave (c) grow (d) shake
- Q3 "I might quit the service group. The coordinator keeps trying to ..... my efforts and insinuates that I don't do enough. I am a volunteer doing volunteer-work for free. She should be thankful for the two-hour-a-week commitment I have made," Julie said to Jones.  
 (a) belittle (b) beneath (c) bury (d) bedazzle
- Q4 "Your name is Mr. Magilicudy? That is a .....!" The four-year-old said and laughed. Mr. Magilicudy laughed too.  
 (a) fistful (b) mouthful (c) armful (d) trustful
- Q5 "I am so tired from that hike. I don't want to move a ..... I am just going to sit on the couch all night watching movies," Mike said to Joe.  
 (a) muscle (b) hair (c) bone (d) tissue
- Q6 "You better watch Bert. I think he is trying to ..... in on your girlfriend. I caught him flirting with her several times tonight," Tex said to his friend Joseph.  
 (a) buy (b) live (c) move (d) paunch
- Q7 There is an Internet website that has become popular with young people. It displays the ..... shots of all the celebrities who have been arrested in the past. The pictures aren't usually very flattering.  
 (a) arrest (b) cuff (c) bar (d) mug
- Q8 "I don't believe that Steve could have beaten him up — much ..... beat him to death. Steve is only 5 foot 1 inch and the dead man is 6 foot 9 inches," Beth said to the police.  
 (a) under (b) less (c) minus (d) subtract
- Q9 "It sounds like a good plan but I would like some time to ..... it over before I make a decision. Is it alright if I call you before 10 o'clock in the morning with an answer?" Bill asked the manager of the other store.  
 (a) mull (b) mill (c) mule (d) mile
- Q10 "Jay keeps trying to ..... in on our club at school but we don't want him to be in it. He keeps thinking that he can force us to let him join. I don't know what to do," Zack told his dad.  
 (a) clench (b) muscle (c) shove (d) push

*English Slang Idioms (288)*

- Q1 "Thanks for telling me what is going on with you. I have been worried about you. You don't have to worry that I will tell your roommate what you said; my ..... are sealed," Josie said to Danielle  
 (a) teeth (b) tongue (c) thoughts (d) lips
- Q2 Newer management theory states that employees will be more motivated and work for longer periods of time if one plays musical ..... with their jobs once in a while. Letting people try different jobs in a company breaks up the monotony, furthers their understanding of the whole picture and gives them good training so that if one person is sick, another can take his or her place for the day and, in turn, furthers each employee's sense of competency.  
 (a) notes (b) instruments (c) songs (d) chairs
- Q3 "Christy is OK but she is definitely a ..... She thinks that if she mentions knowing famous or important people we will like, respect or envy her more. It just annoys me when she does that. Surely, she must possess qualities of her own that she thinks are important I hope," Cindy said to Marshall.  
 (a) namedropper (b) name knower (c) name addict (d) name maker
- Q4 "We have been meaning to go to lunch for some time now. Let's ..... down a time for that while we are together," Alice said to Larissa.  
 (a) nail (b) screw (c) bolt (d) glue
- Q5 "Do you have to work this weekend like I do?" Maxine asked. Rachel replied, "No, I made a ..... escape. I knew the boss was going to assign people to work after lunch and I happened to have a dental appointment scheduled already for that afternoon."  
 (a) wide (b) slender (c) narrow (d) scrape
- Q6 "We have to find a way to narrow ..... our list of suspects. Five police officers can't investigate 73 people and do a good job," Detective Simon said to the others.  
 (a) mind (b) down (c) off (d) eye
- Q7 "My dad, when it comes to religious questions or practices, is very .....-minded. People have to agree with everything he does or they are WRONG. If he decides that someone is wrong about religion, he basically shuns them," Paul said to Adam.  
 (a) little (b) soft (c) narrow (d) tight
- Q8 "My brother is a .....-born athlete. He is better at every sport than anyone else in that sport. It is kind of strange," George told Michael.  
 (a) inherent (b) natural (c) organic (d) equipped
- Q9 "Victory is near at .....!" Michelle exclaimed as she took her opponent's rook and queen in chess.  
 (a) view (b) here (c) time (d) hand
- Q10 "Don't try to figure out why your boyfriend does the things he does. I've known him my whole life and I can't figure it out. There is no ..... or reason to his actions," Keenan told Jacky.  
 (a) thought (b) joke (c) attack (d) rhyme

*English Slang Idioms (289)*

- Q1 "If you have a problem, you must go to your supervisor for resolution. On no ..... are you to ever go to the main manager with a problem unless the problem is with your supervisor," the trainer told the new employees.  
(a) bill (b) account (c) catch-all (d) credit
- Q2 "You are getting too old to be carrying all that dirt into the garden," Maude told Wanda. Wanda replied, "You pick up your own soil and you're no ..... chicken yourself."  
(a) winter (b) ancient (c) spring (d) rooster
- Q3 "I think that the cashier at Rays Supermarket is a mental case. I looked into his eyes and there was nobody ..... He is more like a robot than a person," Jill said to Louisa.  
(a) home (b) incarcerated (c) swimming (d) working
- Q4 "You might be able to trick Alex into buying your bike with that crack in the gooseneck but you won't be able to trick his older brother into it. His older brother is ..... fool and he will beat you up if you try and trick his little brother," Matt said to Jimmy.  
(a) everyone's (b) nobody's (c) seldom (d) selective
- Q5 "I am going to ..... around in the succulent isle for a little while and I will meet you in the perennial section of the nursery in five minutes," Chris said to Linda.  
(a) nose (b) head (c) hand (d) boot
- Q6 "I am not going to go to the party tonight. I am a little self-conscious at the moment about this lump on my head. I got knocked in the ..... by a baseball today and I have a huge bump on my forehead," Bill said to Jessica.  
(a) barley (b) rice (c) noodle (d) hominy
- Q7 "After I got hit in the head with the baseball, a ..... egg formed that was so large I couldn't get my hat to fit over it," Bill told his mom.  
(a) snake (b) fried (c) scrambled (d) goose
- Q8 "My son loves to read. Almost every time I see him, he's got his ..... in a book," Lisa told Suzy.  
(a) neck (b) nose (c) eye (d) hair
- Q9 "Do you mind if I borrow your lawn mower for a few minutes?" Craig asked David. David replied, "No, not by any ..... You are welcome to it."  
(a) averages (b) minds (c) moons (d) means
- Q10 "Did Matt find the problem with your TV?" Jeff asked Bill. Bill replied, "No, not by a long ..... He said he fixed it but the screen is still black. When I asked him about it he said it would work later. Of course it hasn't."  
(a) put (b) shot (c) throw (d) odd

*English Slang Idioms (290)*

- Q1 "Are you sure you don't mind helping move?" Christa asked Ryan. He replied, "No, not in the. .... I would be glad to help."  
(a) least (b) less (c) last (d) most
- Q2 "Will you take over driving my motorcycle?" Paul asked Chris. "No, not on your ..... Those things scare me and I am not qualified to drive one. I have never tried and it still doesn't sound like a good idea," he replied.  
(a) watch (b) longevity (c) life (d) limb
- Q3 "I tried to talk to Suzy to see if she would go to the movies with us and she wouldn't give me the ..... of day. I'll have to see if I can find someone else that will go with me," Paul said to Chris.  
(a) time (b) chance (c) light (d) events
- Q4 "He told you that he had a lot of handyman experience? Don't hire him, James. I am telling you, he doesn't ..... the first thing about construction, fixing things, or operating tools," Kyle said.  
(a) know (b) see (c) buy (d) look at
- Q5 "I love sushi. Do you?" Alison asked Brenda. "No," she replied. "I wouldn't touch sushi with a ten-foot ..... I can't stand raw fish."  
(a) pole (b) ladder (c) dowel (d) snake
- Q6 "Are you feeling OK? How are you doing?" Chris asked Paul after Paul had broke his leg. "Not so ..... Right after I got back from the hospital, I got sick. Now I have the flu and a broken leg," he replied.  
(a) cold (b) different (c) morales (d) hot
- Q7 "I talked to your roommate and he said that I could have his bicycle. Can I take it right now?" The stranger asked. Matt replied, "Nothing ..... He didn't tell me anything about it and I have never spoken or seen you before."  
(a) growing (b) moving (c) shaking (d) doing
- Q8 "Did your boy play well in the basketball game on Saturday?" Paul's boss asked. He replied, "It was nothing ..... of perfection. He scored 24 points and even dunked one."  
(a) small (b) short (c) past (d) long
- Q9 "Can I get you another rum and coke? You have been ..... that same drink for the past hour. Drink up! Final exams are over!" Jay said to Phil.  
(a) fighting (b) slamming (c) nursing (d) entertaining
- Q10 "I am looking forward to moving out. My roommate is a total ..... case. He honestly believes he is a vampire," George told his friend.  
(a) guitar (b) gun (c) hard (d) nut

*English Slang Idioms (291)*

- Q1 "My roommate is kind of an ..... He doesn't like sunny days, he refuses to watch movies and he hates parties. How much more unlike me can you get?" Brian asked his girlfriend.  
 (a) football (b) oddball (c) strange case (d) peculiar cat
- Q2 "I went to the yard sale but there wasn't much there. Just some ..... and ends. Things like: old shoes, a cracked window, some old pots and some mismatched silverware," Janice said to Janelle.  
 (a) starts (b) ones (c) odds (d) edges
- Q3 "He might sell his bike but odds are ..... it. He really likes his bike and uses it often. You can ask him, though," Adam said to Greg.  
 (a) bending (b) around (c) against (d) from
- Q4 "Christmas break is only one month so I can't find a steady job to work for only a month. I am going to look for odd ..... until the spring semester starts," Jordan told his mom.  
 (a) arrangements (b) assignments (c) jobs (d) tasks
- Q5 "We have to drive to Seattle on Tuesday. Is it alright with you if we stay at your house in Portland overnight?" Beth asked her cousin. She replied, "Of ..... you can stay!"  
 (a) course (b) definite (c) obvious (d) trust
- Q6 "I have to go into work for two hours. Can you ..... yourself for a while until I get back?" Jacky asked her 12 year-old son.  
 (a) occupy (b) work (c) play (d) task
- Q7 "We tried to get into Yellowstone National Park to ..... avail. It was all booked up and no amount of cajoling would get us in," Hank told his boss when he got back to work.  
 (a) any (b) no (c) can't (d) much
- Q8 "Believe me, I am not going to move back to my home town. I left there of my own ..... and am not going back," Steve said to Shelly when she asked if he wanted to move to his home town after they were married.  
 (a) amount (b) accrual (c) amend (d) account
- Q9 "My parents didn't want me to join the army. I joined of my own ..... will," Private Harris told First Sergeant Jones.  
 (a) forced (b) ill (c) free (d) creative
- Q10 "There is the bus. Now ..... you go!" The camp counselor told Gina as the bus to take her home arrived.  
 (a) off (b) forward (c) walk (d) bus



*English Slang Idioms (292)*

- Q1 "Do you know where the dump is?" Kyle asked his roommate. He replied, "I don't know, right off-..... You'll have to look it up."  
 (a) wall (b) topic (c) hand (d) tongue
- Q2 Houses of ..... were built with much more creative craftsmanship than the ones today.  
 (a) old (b) history (c) past (d) ago
- Q3 "Thank you for helping me get my new couch into my truck," Lisa said to the stranger. He replied, "Glad to be of ....., Ma'am," and walked off.  
 (a) slavery (b) work (c) service (d) helping
- Q4 "My husband and I are of the ..... mind colors for a house. Since we will have to sell it eventually as we are still young, we believe neutral colors are the best for resale. That way, the new buyers can add any color they like after they buy the home and they won't be stuck with colors they may not like," Linda told Jasmine.  
 (a) copied (b) same (c) cloned (d) identical
- Q5 Their relationship had been ..... and on for the past six months. He was tired of the unpredictability and vowed to ask her to marry him or leave him.  
 (a) out (b) off (c) away (d) stopped
- Q6 "I am sorry that I was rude earlier. I am having an off ..... I have felt weird all day and have a headache. Once again, I apologize," Allen said to Alexis.  
 (a) day (b) mood (c) wind (d) mind
- Q7 He was worried about his son. It wasn't like him to be off his ..... He usually ate like a pig and tonight he had barely touched his food.  
 (a) meals (b) flavor (c) attack (d) feed
- Q8 "You are more than welcome to use any of my instruments while you are here except for the Les Paul guitar. That is off ....., " Joshua said to his best friend.  
 (a) limits (b) hands (c) duty (d) appraisal
- Q9 "He sold his Les Paul guitar for \$30? He must be off his ..... It is worth at least ten times that," Billy told Haley.  
 (a) nutcase (b) rocker (c) recharger (d) feed
- Q10 The broadcasting company was forced to take the show off the ..... After some obscene remarks on the show caused a flood of complaints from the public.  
 (a) air (b) menu (c) tracklisting (d) cover

*English Slang Idioms (293)*

- Q1 "I am sorry that my mother made that off-the-..... comment to you about seeing your family. I know that she doesn't mean that you shouldn't see your family and that you should only see ours. I think she was trying to make a joke and, at the same time, tell you that she likes having you here in her own strange way," Brent said to Lisa.
- (a) whack (b) parapet (c) wall (d) shoe
- Q2 "I am sorry that I made that off-..... joke at dinner. I don't know why I thought that joke would be appropriate for a family setting," Jay said to Francis.
- (a) rocker (b) color (c) texture (d) season
- Q3 "I do not want to sing tonight at the karaoke bar. I tend to sound a bit off-..... after I have been drinking," Linus said to Kayla.
- (a) texture (b) center (c) key (d) cuff
- Q4 She loved going to the thrift store on Fifth and Main. They had the most ..... stuff. One could find odd items in there that no other store would carry.
- (a) off topic (b) off shelf (c) off the rack (d) offbeat
- Q5 Going to thrift stores is a fun activity if a person likes to find one-of-a-..... items.
- (a) kind (b) species (c) category (d) genre
- Q6 Many times, one kind find quality used tools at ..... hand stores for a fraction of the cost one would incur from buying a new tool.
- (a) left (b) off (c) second (d) back
- Q7 One of the ..... of the war in Iraq that was not foreseen by consumers is that the supply of metals used in construction (copper for example) is smaller due to the increased demand overseas.
- (a) off topics (b) off hands (c) off whites (d) offshoots
- Q8 "If you have a problem at work, you should talk to the manager. If you complain you might get resolution. It's always the ..... wheel that gets the grease," Linda said to Brian.
- (a) missing (b) bent (c) flat (d) squeaky
- Q9 "I don't remember there being a movie theater down town. Is that new?" Jack asked Ben. Ben replied, "No, that movie theater is as old as the ..... I think it was built here in 1933."
- (a) hills (b) seats (c) art (d) roads
- Q10 I can't get a job in that town. In order for that to happen, I would have to be of the .....-boy network. Of course, to be part of that network, one has to have grown up in the town.
- (a) new (b) bad (c) old (d) good

*English Slang Idioms (294)*

- Q1 "I can't promise you that I will be able to fix your plumbing but I'll give it a good ..... try. If I can't, you'll have to call a professional," Jim said to Dave.  
(a) high school (b) elementary (c) preschool (d) college
- Q2 It is hard for immigrants not to miss things from the old ..... that are not readily available in the United States. Many times, people miss the food and ingredients for the preparation of the food that can spur feelings of homesickness.  
(a) country (b) school (c) time (d) shoe
- Q3 "It is past time for you to find a good man to marry, Beth. You are getting old, you know," Mary said to her sister. Her sister replied, "I am not an old ..... yet, I'll have you know. That aside, I haven't met the right person yet."  
(a) maid (b) hat (c) slave (d) crank
- Q4 "I like John, but he hasn't had to work hard in this life and is out of touch with the day-to-day struggles most of us have to deal with. He comes from old ..... his family has been rich since the 1800's so he has not had to learn to manage scarcity. I don't have much in common with him," Lacy said to Amanda.  
(a) funding (b) investments (c) money (d) green
- Q5 Lots of tourists come to Ferndale, California because of the nice old ..... feel it has. The homes on the main street are all old, renovated Victorian homes and the shops are reminiscent of a previous time period as well.  
(a) planet (b) epic (c) odd (d) world
- Q6 "I am afraid I don't know too much about the local history of this area. Why don't you ask one of the old-..... around here. I am sure one of the old men who like to hang out together outside these shops would be able to answer your questions," the real estate agent told the couple when they asked how old the mill was and who built it.  
(a) hats (b) timers (c) molders (d) riders
- Q7 He couldn't wait to graduate from college and make some real money. He had been living on a ..... budget for far too long. He would like to be able to have a bit of fun in this life. At the moment, he couldn't afford to even see a cheap concert.  
(a) shoe horn (b) kite string (c) pull string (d) shoestring
- Q8 "I am just calling to let you know that we had to cancel the picnic this weekend on ..... of the upcoming storm. Apparently, it is going to rain starting Thursday and continue all the way through the weekend," Amber said to the Johnsons.  
(a) afford (b) account (c) affront (d) acorn
- Q9 "Joey is still, luckily, on all ..... Soon he will be standing and running around. Our life is going to get much more complicated when that happens," Todd told his best friend when he asked about Todd's one-year-old son.  
(a) points (b) fours (c) twos (d) elbows
- Q10 "I am so excited and happy! Bill asked me out and I have been walking on ..... ever since. I have been hoping that he would ask me out on a date for months now," Kara told her mom.  
(a) air (b) eggshells (c) moonshine (d) gravel

*English Slang Idioms (295)*

- Q1 "With your support, we stand an even better chance of getting this law passed. We already have a lot of important people backing this bill. Event the president is on ....., " Mr. Brice told Mr. Hansford.  
(a) top (b) assignment (c) board (d) call
- Q2 "I will come to work for your company on the ..... that I can leave work at 3 o'clock every day to pick up my child after school," Cindy told the manager.  
(a) word (b) condition (c) deed (d) bill
- Q3 "I would love to come for a drink with you but I am ..... duty at the moment and am not permitted to drink. I get off work in three hours," the cop told the attractive woman.  
(a) working (b) living (c) walking (d) on
- Q4 "You are going to move to the middle of nowhere in Alaska. What ..... reason can you have for doing that?" Marcie's friend Jessica asked.  
(a) globally (b) cosmic (c) cycling (d) earthly
- Q5 He just hoped that he could get the patent and start production soon. After five years of hard work at night on his invention after working his regular job, he was ready to live on ..... street.  
(a) greasy (b) easy (c) cheap (d) plenty
- Q6 "I like it when my mom comes to visit but not when my dad accompanies her. He always puts me on ..... I feel like he is always judging me or that I am deficient in his eyes and must argue my worth to him," Julia said to Frank.  
(a) corner (b) edge (c) slide (d) call
- Q7 "No, I haven't actually seen his college diploma. I just took it on ..... that he had a degree since he said he did. Have you ever had to show anyone yours or do they just take it for granted that you have one?" Jack asked his boss.  
(a) will (b) purpose (c) faith (d) office
- Q8 "You don't have to show me your medical insurance card again; we already have it on ....., " the receptionist said to Will at the doctor's office.  
(a) transcript (b) writ (c) faith (d) file
- Q9 "We popped a tire at night and had to walk all the way back to our hotel on ..... since Joe didn't have a spare tire. The walk was at least ten miles in the rain it was great," Gina sarcastically told Miles.  
(a) feet (b) foot (c) stride (d) jog
- Q10 "We are going to have to put our road trip plans on ..... for the time being. I think my transmission just went," Frank said to his wife.  
(a) still (b) grasp (c) hold (d) stop

*English Slang Idioms (296)*

- Q1 "How old is our dog, is that what you asked? He is getting on in ..... He is 14 years old this month," Beth told Jay.  
(a) time (b) seasons (c) changes (d) years
- Q2 "Which place to you want to go this weekend? On one ....., there is the blues concert. On the other, there is the salmon festival. Either choice sounds good to me, so it is your decision," Chris told his wife.  
(a) hand (b) side (c) foot (d) coin
- Q3 "My parents told me they will buy me the new video game I have been wanting in return for me being on my best ..... at my grandma's house tonight for dinner. That is a good trade," Joey said to Timmy.  
(a) action (b) act (c) behavior (d) standards
- Q4 "I don't envy you having roommates. I have lived on my ..... since I left my parents' house. Most of my money has been spent maintaining my own place. I admire your strength in having to put up with others living with you and having to compromise with them," May told Alice.  
(a) person (b) individual (c) self (d) own
- Q5 "The soup kitchen just called and said I am off the ..... for Tuesday. Apparently, there are some repairmen coming in at that point in time so I can't do my job until after they are gone. Now I can come to the movies with you," May said to Brian.  
(a) hook (b) handle (c) spike (d) nail
- Q6 "I know you want an answer from my sister as to whether she will marry you or not but she is still thinking about it. You are going to have to let her come to her decision on her own ....., " Beth told Ryan.  
(a) stage (b) time (c) watch (d) interval
- Q7 "The fact that the contractor just gave us those windows was pure kindness on his ..... He could have charged us a lot of money for those. We are going to have to recommend him to our friends," John told his wife.  
(a) item (b) piece (c) mind (d) part
- Q8 "I wouldn't hire Matt if I were you. I have known his family for years. He looks good on ..... — he has a degree from a good school, he has a lot of experience in the field and he presents himself well but he is unreliable. He takes a lot of sick days and sometimes doesn't show up for work or call. He also doesn't keep his word," Luke told Steve.  
(a) film (b) record (c) paper (d) concept
- Q9 "I wouldn't cheat in Mr. Park's class if I were you. He has warned everyone, on ..... of expulsion, not to cheat and he means it. It is not worth getting kicked out of school to cheat instead of spending the time to study," Grace told Lacey.  
(a) pain (b) inconvenience (c) annoyance (d) con
- Q10 "Don't be mad at Jack for breaking the crystal vase. I know he didn't do it on ..... I think he was playing with his friends and he knocked it off the shelf when he ran through here," John told his wife.  
(a) force (b) purpose (c) meaning (d) calculation

*English Slang Idioms (297)*

- Q1 "We should go to the mall today to go clothes shopping. I know that all of the pants are on ..... at J.C. Penny's and I am sure we will find some more good deals while we are there," Maxine said to Louisa.  
(a) sale (b) discount (c) savings (d) less
- Q2 "I think that it would be good to hire Joe in that he brings a lot to the ..... He has a lot of experience in sales and has an extensive list of contacts that he could make use of on our behalf," Craig told the manager.  
(a) home (b) cubicle (c) station (d) table
- Q3 "You have time to go to the restroom if you hurry. The show doesn't go on the ..... for another six minutes so as long as you are back before that, you are fine," Jack told the new reporter.  
(a) waves (b) program (c) set (d) air
- Q4 "The police have asked us all to be on the ..... for an older man in a green pickup truck. Apparently, he is parking his van in the lots of local businesses and is abducting women as they walk to their cars. If anyone sees someone that fits that description, either let me know or call the police immediately, " the manager told her staff.  
(a) alert (b) eye (c) seeing (d) observe
- Q5 "The coach put me on the ..... for the next five games for cussing at a referee. I guess I should be thankful considering that he threw someone else off the team for the same thing," Bill told his roommate.  
(a) seats (b) bleachers (c) fence (d) bench
- Q6 "I know that we were planning to have the Super Bowl party at my house but we are going to have to find somewhere else to have it. My TV is on the ..... and I won't be able to get it fixed until after the game," Matt said to Joe.  
(a) black (b) blink (c) block (d) black and white
- Q7 "Can we go to the supermarket for some salsa right now? I have had salsa on the ..... for the last four hours and I want to get some," Linda said to Chris.  
(a) agenda (b) opinion (c) wish list (d) brain
- Q8 "I am so stressed out right now; I am ..... the brink of disaster. I am failing in two of my college classes. If I fail, mom and dad won't pay for my apartment or for school anymore. I need to fix this and am not sure how yet," Zack said to his older brother.  
(a) off (b) by (c) close (d) on
- Q9 "Why couldn't you stick up for me at work? I have taken it on the ..... for you many a time and you couldn't have backed me up?" Bill asked Jay.  
(a) shoes (b) chin (c) wig (d) dress
- Q10 "I need your expense reports on my desk and on the ..... Don't do anything else until they are on my desk. I need them immediately," George told his staff.  
(a) single (b) multiple (c) two-time (d) double

*English Slang Idioms (298)*

- Q1 "I know that you think that giving everyone in the country a large sum of money will help our country's economy. On the ....., I think that would just cause inflation and would have no real effect on the health of our nation," Rob said to Will.  
(a) contemporary (b) companion (c) contrary (d) template
- Q2 "If you want to come with us to the movies, you have to be at my house at 7 o'clock on the ..... If you are there even a minute late, you will have missed us," Wesley said to Jessica.  
(a) dot (b) period (c) tone (d) click
- Q3 "I am looking forward to taking a day off to relax. I have been on the ..... for the last three weeks and I am tired. I worked all week then I went out of town to three different places in that time frame," Billie said to Mark.  
(a) stop (b) go (c) jog (d) jaunt
- Q4 "How long have you worked here as a city planner?" Marlene asked Paul. He responded, "I have been on the ..... for about two years now. How long have you worked at the real estate office?"  
(a) work (b) task (c) role (d) job
- Q5 He put his house on the ..... five weeks ago and had not yet received an offer. That was not good — considering his area.  
(a) exchange (b) list (c) table (d) market
- Q6 "I am sorry I haven't seen you at school for the last week. I have been home sick with the flu but I am definitely on the ..... now. Do you want to get together this afternoon for a cup of coffee?" Tammy asked Janice.  
(a) mend (b) heal (c) better (d) recuperation
- Q7 "If we are to make it to Seattle by 7 o'clock tonight, we need to get on the ..... in about 30 minutes. It is going to be a long drive," Kyle said to Haley.  
(a) motion (b) swift (c) walk (d) move
- Q8 "I am already ready to go. Let's get on the ..... right now," Haley responded.  
(a) asphalt (b) drive (c) road (d) car
- Q9 "I got lucky. My lawyer was quite good. He had the other lawyer on the ..... within a few hours and won the case easily," Mark said to Tim when Tim asked if he won his case against the other driver in the accident.  
(a) tape (b) ropes (c) twine (d) mat
- Q10 "I think that putting a stud every two feet in the wall would be enough but I am going to put one every 16 inches just to be on the ..... side," Matt told Lewis when he asked how he was going to do the framing for the walls on his new shed.  
(a) caution (b) conservative (c) safe (d) sure

*English Slang Idioms (299)*

- Q1 "Hi, I'd like to order a cheeseburger. I was wondering if I could request a salad on the ..... instead of French fries," Bill said to the waitress.  
(a) front (b) back (c) side (d) order
- Q2 "We were driving home from Santa Rosa and, on the ..... of the moment, we decided to drive to Shelter Cove. It was a lot of fun but the drive to Shelter Cove added about two hours of driving time to our schedule," Chris told Adam.  
(a) point (b) spur (c) period (d) nose
- Q3 "I am somewhat angry at Joe. He embarrassed me by putting me on the ..... at his dinner party. He told everyone that I like to sing and, all of a sudden, asked me to sing at the table without accompaniment. I said no but he kept making an issue of it until I was thoroughly embarrassed," Jane said to Marcie.  
(a) area (b) nose (c) display (d) spot
- Q4 "I am sick of spending Friday nights in front of the TV. Let's go out for a night on the ..... this Friday. We'll have dinner and go to a show and maybe go out for drinks afterwards," Pete said to Allison.  
(a) county (b) streets (c) town (d) establishment
- Q5 "My parents are taking me to Six Flags. It would be more fun if you could come with us. I am sure my parents would love to have you come. Do you think your mother would let you go even though you just got poor grades in school?" Davie asked Lewis. Lewis responded, "I've got my mother on a .....; she'll let me do anything I beg her to let me do."  
(a) string (b) bow (c) wire (d) cuff
- Q6 "Is it OK if I come over to your house to play for a little while? I accidentally lost my sister's lipstick and she is on the .....," Gina said to Mary.  
(a) war mode (b) aggression (c) fighting words (d) warpath
- Q7 "My boyfriend embarrassed me very badly at the party the other night. First, he insulted the host and his wife and then threatened to beat up the husband for something that happened at work. Then, on ..... of that, he ran into the table where all the food was sitting. One of the legs broke and everyone's dinner fell on the couple's brand new carpeting," Liz told Jennifer.  
(a) top (b) bottom (c) side (d) behind
- Q8 "I don't want to eat sushi again tonight. We already had sushi once this week. I like sushi but I only like to eat it every ..... in a while," Matt said to Peggy.  
(a) once (b) now (c) single (d) moon
- Q9 "Once upon a ....., there was a unicorn that lived in a forest. That unicorn was the only one of his kind that was not able to fly," Matt started saying after his daughter asked him to tell her a bedtime story.  
(a) period (b) era (c) decade (d) time
- Q10 "Thank you for talking to me about this. You have motivated me to have it out with him once and for ....., " Janice told her sister.  
(a) all (b) ever (c) me (d) while



*English Slang Idioms (300)*

- Q1 "My friend has a car that I am thinking about buying. Could you inspect it for me to see if there are any mechanical problems with it and if it is worth buying?" Chris asked his best friend. Paul responded, "I don't have a lot of time in the next while to give it a detailed inspection but I can give it a once- ..... for you and tell you if I see anything grossly wrong with it."
- (a) ever (b) gazer (c) peak (d) over
- Q2 "Should I use Philips or Square Drive screws on my deck?" Matt asked Paul. Paul responded, "Strength-wise, they are one and the ..... to me. Comfort-wise, I think the Square Drive screws are easier to sink deeply."
- (a) identical (b) same (c) similar (d) copy
- Q3 "My grandfather is still alive but, unfortunately, has one foot in the ..... He is 90 years old and has both lung cancer and heart problems," Beth said to her friend when she asked if her grandpa was still alive.
- (a) grave (b) mausoleum (c) urn (d) plot
- Q4 He couldn't believe that he popped a tire, found his spare flat and then popped a friend's spare tire all before he got to the tire store. The fact that he still had to call a tow truck after all of that was truly one for the ..... in his opinion.
- (a) books (b) records (c) transcripts (d) rumors
- Q5 Ralph and Eric had a contest to see which of them could get better grades in college. They were tied for the longest time until the last exam. Eric was finally able to get ..... up on Ralph by getting an A on the test; whereas, Ralph only received a B.
- (a) above (b) higher (c) one (d) lifted
- Q6 "I am very hungry and am looking forward to getting my ..... worth at the all-you-can-eat buffet today. I am going to eat at least eight plates of food," Rob told Monica.
- (a) work's (b) stomach's (c) idea's (d) money's
- Q7 Everywhere she went, she seemed to bump into Tom. Now she worked with him. She had a one-night ..... with him about six months ago and asked him not to call her again after that. She just couldn't seem to get away from the guy.
- (a) support (b) stand (c) leg (d) lift
- Q8 The detective was happy to report that the murder of the young woman was an open and ..... case. There were two eye-witnesses who could identify the killer and the killer already confessed to the crime.
- (a) closed (b) slammed (c) clenched (d) shut
- Q9 I like the open-..... policy the church has. It is the church's policy to welcome everyone — even if they had different beliefs.
- (a) toes (b) arms (c) brain (d) air
- Q10 This the hardest decision he has ever faced — order his troops to open ..... and kill others or sit tight and perhaps be killed themselves.
- (a) hatches (b) clips (c) ammo (d) fire

*English Slang Idioms (301)*

- Q1 "I just purchased a restaurant in town about a month ago. I am still working on the menu and finding suppliers but my ..... will be open in two weeks if you two would like to come," Grant said to Josh and Amanda.  
(a) register (b) doors (c) menu (d) arms
- Q2 De-regulating the telephone industry was supposed to result in better prices for consumers due to the competition that would arise between companies. Unfortunately, the .....-market system of today has resulted in arguably higher prices for comparable services.  
(a) closed (b) restricted (c) open (d) clear
- Q3 "I know you don't want to accept this but you need to open your ..... Your son has a drinking problem. We have caught him drunk at school three times this year. I think you need to get him some help," the school official told Mr. and Mrs. Watson.  
(a) arms (b) ears (c) eyes (d) hearts
- Q4 Some high school teachers favor ..... questions in order to get the students thinking versus asking them questions with only one answer that will require the students to simply repeat previously learned information.  
(a) single (b) broad (c) individual (d) open
- Q5 "My parents are planning on buying a summer home in Lake Tahoe, California. No one is supposed to know but it is kind of an open ..... among my brother and sisters. It is supposed to be a surprise but we overheard them talking about it several times," Lane said to his friend Logan.  
(a) secret (b) elephant (c) hideaway (d) unknown
- Q6 "I used to be very polite at the college but I found that encouraging conversation with other students just opens the ..... to people who try to convince me to fight for their, often, strange causes," Mark told Tanya.  
(a) corridor (b) door (c) issue (d) flooring
- Q7 "Who opened the .....? There are so many cars on the road today. I think we are going to be waiting to turn onto the road for the next two days," Craig said sarcastically to his wife.  
(a) poop deck (b) sump pump (c) overflows (d) floodgates
- Q8 Although having an open-..... policy at work is time-consuming for management, it can accomplish a lot. By dealing with problems and clarifying information sooner, the problems and misconceptions can be resolved before they escalate and, in turn, are harder to solve.  
(a) door (b) arm (c) mind (d) heart
- Q9 "My friends are not going to discriminate against you because you two are gay. While they are all straight, they are all open-..... enough to not have a problem with people who have a different orientation," Chris told Kelly and Jason.  
(a) topic (b) ideas (c) concept (d) minded
- Q10 "I am not going to go with you to the sand dunes. I have other ..... to fry; I have homework to do and I have to work in my yard this weekend," James told Kyle and Josh.  
(a) chicken (b) fries (c) shrimp (d) fish

*English Slang Idioms (302)*

- Q1 "I am sick of being broke. I have spent all of my extra money for the last three months on trying to get out from ..... my credit card debt. I haven't spent a dime," Josh told Kyle.  
(a) under (b) near (c) by (d) in
- Q2 "This food is pretty bland. Oh no! Did I say that out .....? I am so sorry!" Natasha embarrassingly said at the dinner party.  
(a) spoken (b) in words (c) loud (d) and audibly
- Q3 "We are going to have to use my circular saw since my chop saw is out of ..... I cut through its cord by accident about a month ago," Jesse said to Bill.  
(a) motion (b) order (c) power (d) gas
- Q4 "I told May that her new hairdo looks very pretty and she blew that comment way out of ..... She has been telling everyone that I am hitting on her and want to date her. I was just trying to be nice," Will told Carl.  
(a) proportion (b) size (c) ratio (d) water
- Q5 "I haven't had any time for friends lately because I'm really busy with work and school. I feel like I've been out of ..... for months," Amy said to Henrietta.  
(a) order (b) shape (c) circulation (d) habit
- Q6 "Can you give me a ride to work tomorrow? My car is out of ..... until Thursday. My transmission went out and I am getting a new one put in," Amber said to Jamie.  
(a) gas (b) calibration (c) commission (d) calculation
- Q7 "I don't know if you should wear that suit to the wedding or not. Yours is a bit out of ..... It looks like it is about 50 years old. You might want to rent one that is modern and in style," Kyle said to Rob.  
(a) class (b) whack (c) service (d) date
- Q8 "My shed door is a little off-..... Do you have any recommendations as to how to make it look straight?" Bart asked James.  
(a) kilter (b) topic (c) joint (d) tilt
- Q9 "I am sorry I offended your grandmother. I was out of ..... to ask her how old she is," Jordan told Bethany.  
(a) line (b) straight (c) focus (d) park
- Q10 "Thanks for telling me that most of the revenues from our not-for-profit sales is going to go to our administration. Way to take the wind out of my ..... I was really motivated to work when I thought most of the money I was helping to earn was going to the poor," Lisa said to Kyle.  
(a) generator (b) sales (c) sails (d) spirit

*English Slang Idioms (303)*

- Q1 "I used to run three times a week and do pushups and sit ups every day. I have let myself get out of ..... and I would be lucky if I could run down the block right now without falling over," Anna said to Kylie.  
(a) size (b) muscle (c) strength (d) shape
- Q2 "I am sorry that I keep messing up this song on the guitar. I am way out of ..... I haven't played the guitar for at least two months," John said to Eric.  
(a) shape (b) practice (c) habit (d) gas
- Q3 My mother buys old books that are out of ..... at garage sales and resells them for higher amounts because they are rare.  
(a) copy (b) sale (c) paper (d) print
- Q4 "I am sorry I am so quiet. I feel a little out of ..... at this formal, high-class gathering in my street clothes," Irma said to James.  
(a) habit (b) dress (c) bearing (d) place
- Q5 "Wow, thanks for finding my contact lens. How did you ever see it on the ground?" Jay asked Irma. She replied, "I just happened to see the sun catching it out of the ..... of my eye."  
(a) edge (b) eyelash (c) corner (d) boundary
- Q6 "I heard Donna and Steve broke up. With Steve out of the ..... maybe she will go out with me now," Bill said to Tom.  
(a) painting (b) job (c) frame (d) picture
- Q7 "Can I borrow your truck this weekend to go camping with my friends?" Logan asked his dad. He responded, "Sorry, Son. It's out of the ..... I have to go cut wood for the winter this weekend. I already got the permit for it."  
(a) sentence (b) question (c) mind (d) sight
- Q8 "Do you think I could wear these cool bell-bottoms to work? I know they are a bit out of the ..... but they are in good condition," Maxine asked Gracie while they were at the clothing sale.  
(a) regular (b) average (c) normal (d) ordinary
- Q9 "I think we have a good chance at winning the championship now that the Chico team is out of the ..... They got eliminated last week in the semi-finals," Matt told his dad when his dad asked whether he thought their little league baseball team had a shot at winning the World's Series.  
(a) running (b) challenge (c) trying (d) fighting
- Q10 "Billie asked me out. The question came out of thin ..... We were talking about the upcoming test and he suddenly asked me to dinner. I was hoping he liked me but he never gave any indication that he was interested in me before," Nancy said to Rebecca.  
(a) clothing (b) soup (c) margins (d) air

*English Slang Idioms (304)*

- Q1 "Has anything important happened in the news in the past while? I am kind of out of ..... with current events due to a massive amount of school work," Dan asked his mom.  
(a) habit (b) reality (c) touch (d) feel
- Q2 "You need to fix your guitar. It is way out of ....., " the drummer said to the guitar player during the concert.  
(a) wind (b) tune (c) harmonics (d) timing
- Q3 "Bill is annoying. He always speaks out of ..... He constantly interrupted everyone at the party and cut them off if they were answering one of his questions," Janice said to Tim.  
(a) turn (b) slot (c) allocation (d) time
- Q4 People in America used to look down on women if they had a child out of ..... Now, it is not uncommon, in the least, and people are much less judgmental these days.  
(a) marry (b) wedding (c) ceremony (d) wedlock
- Q5 "Do you have a drill that I can borrow? Mine is out of ..... at the moment. It won't hold the bit tight when it's in use," Jack said to Phil.  
(a) whack (b) motor (c) useful (d) purpose
- Q6 "Beth sure seems to be off in outer ..... today. She is just looking off into nowhere and has asked me to repeat some of my questions several times today. She just looks unfocused," Jack said to Ron.  
(a) Michigan (b) ocean (c) space (d) limits
- Q7 "I am glad the building of that shed is over and ..... with. That was hard work," Lucy said to Derrick.  
(a) completed (b) finished (c) cooked (d) done
- Q8 "I understand a little about auto mechanics but the speech from the mechanic about the problem with my fuel-injection system went over my ....., " Larry told his wife when she asked if he understood what the problem was.  
(a) ability (b) skill set (c) head (d) moon
- Q9 "Jay, they are going to find out that you broke the window. There were lots of kids outside at recess when it happened. You might as well ..... up to it and take your punishment before it gets worse," Johnny told his friend.  
(a) own (b) owe (c) old (d) front
- Q10 "I guess you are right. If I ..... up to it before I am caught, I'll probably receive less punishment," Jay said to Johnny.  
(a) fuss (b) fess (c) floss (d) buy

*English Slang Idioms (305)*

- Q1 He helped his friend off the ground after he had been knocked down in the fight. His friend said, "Wow, I thought I could take that guy but apparently not. He sure can ..... a punch," and rubbed his face.  
(a) package (b) pack (c) post (d) pump
- Q2 "Your friend told you that she saw me at the bar on Tuesday? That is a pack of ..... I had to work late and my boss can verify that," Eric told Sylvia.  
(a) fibs (b) mistrusts (c) falsehoods (d) lies
- Q3 "I can't come to your house to swim in your pool until later on today. I have some chores to do around the house and I have to ..... my kids off to summer camp," Nathan said to Mark.  
(a) pack (b) pass (c) post (d) pump
- Q4 "My mom is a total pack ..... She buys all these old things in the hope of making money off them when they are resold but she never gets rid of any of it. I don't think she has gotten rid of anything in her whole life," Jill said to Alice.  
(a) bug (b) camel (c) mouse (d) rat
- Q5 "Our camping trip was a nightmare. It even started out bad. Only one of us had a truck and we found out that the road to the campsite required a 4X4 vehicle. The rest of us left our cars at the entrance and tried to fit in the truck. We fit seven people in the cab of the truck. We were packed like ..... for at least an hour on that bumpy road," Jimmy told Joe and Lewis.  
(a) bananas (b) bread (c) apples (d) sardines
- Q6 Several embarrassing stories have come to light about top managers in companies who ..... their expense bills to include mink coats for their wives, new cars, trips on yachts and many other things.  
(a) pack (b) pad (c) beef (d) fluff
- Q7 "You sure paint a ..... picture with all this talk of inevitable overpopulation and lack of resources. I don't agree with the idea that we will become overpopulated. Birth rates are going down in most countries," Bill said to a fellow college student during a cigarette break.  
(a) rosy (b) gloomy (c) overcast (d) depressed
- Q8 "Everyone pair ..... and choose a dance partner," the physical education teacher told the class.  
(a) on (b) ahead (c) off (d) back
- Q9 "First, we are going to pair ..... and then play doubles," Billy told his friends around the pool table.  
(a) away (b) up (c) in (d) ahead
- Q10 "I know that TV of yours needs a new picture tube so don't try and ..... it off on me. You will have to sell it to someone else," Chris said to John.  
(a) palm (b) pill (c) pack (d) pitch

*English Slang Idioms (306)*

- Q1 "Unfortunately, the new employee is not going to pan ..... We need someone with experience and this guy doesn't know anything about construction. You'll have to hire someone else," the foreman told the boss.  
(a) in (b) off (c) buy (d) out
- Q2 "John is too much of a ..... pants for me. Everything he eats, drinks, wears, rides or sleeps in has to be expensive and high class. I am not like that," Jordan said to Jill.  
(a) special (b) spendy (c) saucy (d) fancy
- Q3 He didn't think that it would take as much time to ..... out the rations to the troops and now they were late for the planned exercises. This didn't bode well since the Brigade Commander was out to inspect his leadership and his troops.  
(a) pluck (b) post (c) parcel (d) pinch
- Q4 "My wife really likes regular flowering plants and herbs. I am very ..... to succulents myself," Chris told Paul.  
(a) partial (b) particular (c) portioned (d) pleasant
- Q5 "Do you mind if I ..... in a little of your champagne? I've never tried champagne and I heard that you have a knack for finding the good stuff," Chris said to Julian.  
(a) partition (b) partake (c) promote (d) purse
- Q6 "My girlfriend and I just went through a ..... of the ways and I am single again. It is weird to be single after several years of being in a committed relationship. Everything is much harder and more lonely," Hank said to Stan.  
(a) portion (b) planning (c) parting (d) planting
- Q7 "I would like to tell you what was decided about our bonuses at the meeting but I was not ..... to that discussion. The manager had me bring in coffee and food and man his telephone during the meeting," Jill said to Brandon.  
(a) plenty (b) party (c) positioned (d) part
- Q8 "My mother just passed ..... so I have to drive to her house this weekend to try and settle her affairs," Susan said to Anthony.  
(a) off (b) by (c) away (d) ahead
- Q9 "So how did the movie end last night? I ..... out after about an hour of it. I started work early and it was too late for me to be able to stay awake," Brent told his roommate.  
(a) punched (b) pumped (c) packed (d) passed
- Q10 "Do I want more potatoes? No, thank you. I am going to have to pass ..... those. I still have plenty on my plate," Jack said to his host.  
(a) on (b) off (c) away (d) aside

*English Slang Idioms (307)*

- Q1 "The used cars salesman tried to ..... this junky, old car off on me when I told him I only had \$3,000 to spend. I left after that. I know I can get a decent car for that price and I was insulted that he thought I would want that pile of junk," Kyle said to Alex.  
(a) pass (b) pinch (c) plus (d) patch
- Q2 "I got passed ..... on that promotion at work. It's the third time it's happened. I told the boss I am quitting and finding a job that will offer me more opportunities to advance," Paul told his wife.  
(a) away (b) by (c) over (d) aside
- Q3 "Adam, you are not in a position to pass ..... on my house. You live in a place that was purchased for you by your wife's parents. Therefore, don't talk to me about something we have earned," Chris said.  
(a) opinion (b) thought (c) judgment (d) favor
- Q4 "I can't believe the nerve of Adam; talking about how our house is too small and not as nice as his. He has no ..... to talk if he had to buy a place with his own money, it would be twice as small and old as ours," Chris said to Linda.  
(a) room (b) quarter (c) space (d) money
- Q5 "How did you do on the final exam in Accounting last semester? I passed with ..... colors," Jones said to Kyle.  
(a) flying (b) many (c) bright (d) pastel
- Q6 "Michael Jordan used to be the best basketball player on earth. He is still good but he is past his ..... in my opinion," Alex said to Ned.  
(a) apex (b) mountain (c) peak (d) hill
- Q7 "Thanks for those manuals, Boss, I read them last night and now I have the maintenance process for the dishwasher down ....., " Jerry said.  
(a) point (b) pat (c) plank (d) pool
- Q8 "Good job on getting that big contract from that huge firm. Give yourself a pat on the ..... for that one," Amy told her team member.  
(a) back (b) head (c) hand (d) pants
- Q9 "I am going out with Sarah again. We ..... it up between us about a week ago and we are now closer than ever," Brent told his Mom.  
(a) painted (b) taped (c) parceled (d) patched
- Q10 He was thankful that America offered a grant to poor people to go to college. The grant had ..... the way to a degree and a good job. He was now a computer analyst and making good money.  
(a) patched (b) slicked (c) tarred (d) paved



*English Slang Idioms (308)*

- Q1 "I am glad I quit that low-paying insurance job and started working for the city planning commission. I am making ..... money now and the job is much more interesting," Stan said to his friend Alex.  
(a) exemplary (b) good (c) radical (d) rationed
- Q2 "George asked about me the other day? I have been thinking about him lately too. I'll have to ..... him a visit in the next week or so," Grant said to Jay.  
(a) pay (b) patched (c) play (d) purchase
- Q3 "George, stop drawing in class and pay ....., " the teacher shouted in English class.  
(a) homage (b) focus (c) eye contact (d) attention
- Q4 He had searched for a seven-string guitar in nearly every store in his town. There were only two stores he hadn't checked yet. Finally, when he went to the first one, he hit ..... dirt.  
(a) rich (b) gold (c) pitting (d) pay
- Q5 "I am too broke to go on a rafting trip at the moment but I will have more money soon. My car is almost paid ..... Once it is, I'll have \$300 extra a month," Kyle said to his brother.  
(a) off (b) away (c) in (d) enough
- Q6 As soon as he hit the gas after the cop signaled him to pull over, he was past the point of no ..... If he pulled over now, he would definitely go to jail. He had to try to outrun the cop and that, too, was a stupid idea.  
(a) stop (b) break (c) return (d) undoing
- Q7 "I am sorry, Tom. I just heard that your father passed away and I just came by to pay my ....., " Uncle Luke said.  
(a) respects (b) duties (c) job (d) promises
- Q8 "I didn't have the benefit of having rich parents like you. I had to work for my first car, I paid my own ..... through school and I had to come up with the down payment on my first house," John said to Adam.  
(a) path (b) road (c) way (d) track
- Q9 "I have to take a second job for a while. I made some stupid bets on sports' games and now I have to pay the ..... I need to make \$2,000 extra in the next month to pay my gambling debts so I probably won't have time to see you in the next little while," Edward said to Tom.  
(a) singer (b) piper (c) sniper (d) piano
- Q10 The senator was being investigated again for taking ..... from the Mob. This was the third time and this time the District Attorney thought he had a case.  
(a) bribe offs (b) deposits (c) transactions (d) payoffs

*English Slang Idioms (309)*

- Q1 All morning, he felt exhausted and barely got any work done. After a big cup of coffee, he ..... up a little bit and was able to get through about a third of the pile of paper work he had on his desk.  
(a) chipper (b) hyped (c) motivated (d) perked
- Q2 "I hate it when people call each other ..... names. I just got back from Nancy and Greg's house and they were horrible. He calls her Honey Bunny' and she calls him Her Big Bear.' It makes me sick even thinking about it," Amber said to Jessica.  
(a) pet (b) buzz (c) animal (d) net
- Q3 "My business makes most of its money in the late spring and summer. The money starts to peter ..... as soon as the weather gets colder; usually, about mid-October," Fred said to Bill.  
(a) off (b) out (c) in (d) away
- Q4 "When I was a kid, I had a ..... pal from Gabon, in Africa. I learned a lot from him about economics and poverty. I also learned a lot about hope and faith," Lisa said to Christian.  
(a) pen (b) letter (c) note (d) pencil
- Q5 "Why are you trying to ..... a fight with my little brother? He said you have tried to start fights with him four times in the past week. He doesn't want to fight you or anyone. Stop bullying him!" Paul said to Ken.  
(a) aggressor (b) antagonize (c) motivate (d) pick
- Q6 "I can't believe that just happened! That guy tried to ..... my pocket! I felt his hand in my pocket and I felt my wallet being pulled out. He couldn't get it out all the way before I turned around and he ran off," Ken said to Phil.  
(a) steal (b) pick (c) remove (d) pump
- Q7 "I can't find the key to my shed anywhere. Do any of you guys know how to ..... a lock?" Jacob asked Tom, Tim, and Aaron.  
(a) fool (b) bunk (c) trick (d) pick
- Q8 "Everyone grab a shaving kit. They are all similar. Grab the first one you come to. You don't get to pick and ..... You better hurry up!" the Drill Sergeant told the new recruits during their reception into Basic Training.  
(a) choose (b) analyze (c) eye (d) look
- Q9 The prosecuting attorney for the state of California picked ..... the defense's case, methodically, until there was no doubt in anyone's mind that the defendant had committed the crime.  
(a) aside (b) on (c) apart (d) back
- Q10 "Why do you have to pick ..... your sister every time she comes over? You are always criticizing her or putting her down. Is it necessary?" Rosa's roommate Kim asked.  
(a) off (b) with (c) for (d) at

*English Slang Idioms (310)*

- Q1 He was quite good with a fly swatter. He figured that he could pick ..... as many as 75 percent of all the flies he swatted at on a good day.  
(a) hand (b) off (c) behind (d) apart
- Q2 When asked by the school principal and his science teacher why he got into a fight at recess, Todd replied, "Josh has been ..... on my little brother for the past month and he won't stop. My brother and I both asked him to stop and he refused. Today was the final straw. He knocked my brother's lunch out of his hand and laughed at him. I am bigger so it is my job to look after my brother."  
(a) packing (b) pumping (c) picking (d) pitting
- Q3 "I am going to go pick Mr. Smith's ..... about my idea on how to reduce the friction on my home-made wind generator," Ben said to his roommate when asked where he was going.  
(a) brain (b) knowledge (c) ideas (d) records
- Q4 "We went to pick up some free bricks at this guy's house. Unfortunately, when we got there, the pile of bricks was pretty picked ..... All that were left were small, broken pieces," Jayden said to Beth.  
(a) away (b) small (c) down (d) over
- Q5 "Can we go get a cup of coffee? I am really tired; I didn't get much sleep last night and I really need a pick-me-.....," Hillary said to Natasha.  
(a) high (b) up (c) away (d) wired
- Q6 "I am sorry that I am late. My grandma stopped by just as I was leaving and she ..... me. I am going to work for her soon and she wanted to talk about what she would need for the jobs at that moment. Once again, I am sorry," Jim said to Gracie.  
(a) pidgeonholed (b) watering holed (c) bullet holed (d) mole holed
- Q7 "My roommate is being very .....-headed about letting me put my guitar in the living room. She keeps saying that it ruins the look of the living room and nothing I say or do will change her mind," Kathy told Melissa.  
(a) pig (b) ram (c) whale (d) armadillo
- Q8 "We have been talking about getting together for coffee for quite some time. Let's ..... down a date to finally meet for some coffee," Janice said to Larissa.  
(a) punch (b) pine (c) pin (d) point
- Q9 "Sometimes it is hard for people to guess how I am feeling or what I am thinking. I don't let my emotions show often. My little sister and I are opposites; she wears her heart on her ....., " Cara said to Jennifer.  
(a) jersey (b) head (c) chest (d) sleeve
- Q10 "Let's buy Jimmy that new bike he wanted for his birthday. I know we don't have much money but I think we can swing it. We'll have to pinch and ..... for a while but it would be worth it," John said to Kathryn.  
(a) sand (b) switch (c) sandwich (d) scrape

*English Slang Idioms (311)*

- Q1 "I won't be able to make it to the show tonight. I got called into work unexpectedly. Don't worry, though. You remember Tommy right? Well, I have arranged him to pinch-..... for me tonight so you guys won't be missing a guitar player. He knows all the songs and he has played with you before. I wish there was a way for me to make it," Jay said to Frank.  
(a) catch (b) pitch (c) hit (d) punch
- Q2 "When I was a pint-..... kid like you, I used to ride my bike from here to the next town down the road to go to their candy store. Back then, a big piece of candy was only two cents. On the way home, I would pick pears from the pear orchard right outside of town," the old man said to the young boy on the bike.  
(a) portion (b) piece (c) size (d) side
- Q3 "Son, you have been telling me for weeks that you wanted to be on the football team. Why didn't you ..... up when the coach asked your class if anyone would be interested in joining? Have you changed your mind about playing football?" Teddy's dad asked.  
(a) yell (b) pump (c) pitch (d) pipe
- Q4 "I think it is horrible how Sally has ..... the two brothers against each other. She dated the first one, then the second one and now she is back with the first brother again. On top of that, she told each brother lies about the things the other brother supposedly said. I think she just wants to watch them fight over her," Beth said to Alyssa.  
(a) planned (b) pitted (c) potted (d) punted
- Q5 The unexpected tight turn ..... two of the passengers out who were sitting on the sides of the boat. Luckily they were unharmed and just surprised.  
(a) planted (b) pitched (c) pointed (d) punched
- Q6 "I know this seems like a lot of leaves but if everyone pitches ..... we'll have them raked up within the hour," Matt told his three boys.  
(a) in (b) on (c) off (d) ahead
- Q7 "Your brother's shoes have lipstick smeared all over them and he was going to wear them to the dance tonight. Did you, perhaps, play a ..... in that?" Sally asked her daughter.  
(a) act (b) piece (c) part (d) routine
- Q8 "Sally and I aren't interested in each other; it is just a ..... love. We have been good friends for a long time," Jack told Will.  
(a) platonic (b) laconic (c) tectonic (d) pyrotechnic
- Q9 "Tom should have been here about 30 minutes ago. I just called him and he said he is on his way over. I hope he shows up soon so we won't be late for the movie. I guess we'll just have to play the ..... game until he gets here," Ester said to Jacky.  
(a) pausing (b) stopping (c) passing (d) waiting
- Q10 We are going to pull a practical joke on the boss. Do you want to help?" Janice asked Bill. Bill said, "I'll ..... along; what do you want me to do?"  
(a) pass (b) play (c) help (d) plod

*English Slang Idioms (312)*

- Q1 "You can't search my business without a search warrant," Mr. Ellis said to the police. One policeman said, "We aren't after you. Why don't you just play ..... and let us search your place. We'll be gone before you know it and you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you helped put a criminal behind bars. As we've told you before, we are investigating one of your employees for fraud."  
 (a) soccer (b) ball (c) basketball (d) football
- Q2 The policeman decided to play cat and ..... with the petty drug dealer. First, he shook him down and threatened to arrest him and then he let him go. He hoped that the drug dealer would go get more drugs. He would follow him to see where he went and hopefully seize more drugs or find more criminals to arrest.  
 (a) dog (b) canary (c) mouse (d) shrew
- Q3 "I was just watching the senator try to play ..... his role in the scandal. He is trying to make it sound like he had barely anything to do with it but that is not true. He is just making it worse on himself by doing this," Jesse said to Phil.  
 (a) up (b) back (c) behind (d) down
- Q4 "I saw you trip Tommy when he ran up to shoot a basket. That is not OK. You have to play ....., Bobby. You wouldn't like it Tommy cheated," Jay said to the boy at recess when he was playing basketball.  
 (a) rules (b) fair (c) righted (d) balanced
- Q5 The sudden heat wave in Arcata, California in May ..... havoc with our garden. Several of our plants, including our large fern, got sunburned.  
 (a) preached (b) planned (c) parted (d) played
- Q6 "Did you see that sign for that dry cleaning business? It was kind of funny. It was a ..... on words and the name of the company is Got Pressing Business," James said to his wife.  
 (a) play (b) pry (c) ply (d) pitch
- Q7 "The two guys in the cubicles next to mine are really funny. They spend a good portion of the day cracking jokes. They are both very good at playing ..... each other. One will crack a joke and the other will build on the joke further by telling a new joke that fits in perfectly with the old. It is great working next to those two," Gracie said to Alyssa.  
 (a) by (b) on (c) off (d) across
- Q8 "If you play your ..... right you can go to college for free. It just takes good grades and a willingness to apply for scholarships. I got \$5,000 to go to school," Brian told his son.  
 (a) cards (b) racket (c) game (d) mind
- Q9 "Are you trying to play me for a .....? I thought we were friends. Did you think I wouldn't notice that the bike you are selling has a cracked frame?" Alice asked Dave.  
 (a) jerk (b) dummy (c) hothead (d) fool
- Q10 It is funny to watch a kid ..... possum. The kid always gives it away somehow that he or she isn't really asleep just faking. I have yet to see a kid convince someone that he or she is asleep.  
 (a) play (b) pray (c) prime (d) pass

*English Slang Idioms (313)*

- Q1 "I know that you don't like to write essays or speeches but you just have to play the ..... for a while longer and then you will be done with college and will be getting a good-paying job," Greg told his angry roommate.  
(a) roulette (b) game (c) rules (d) plan
- Q2 "This computer virus has been playing the ..... with my files. Some have disappeared and others have been corrupted so that they are unrecognizable," Kyle told the computer repairman.  
(a) gnome (b) troll (c) vampire (d) devil
- Q3 "My brother has decided to play the housing ..... and so now he buys old homes to renovate. Once they are renovated, he sells them for a higher price. He makes really good money but there is always a risk that the market might tank and he will take a big loss on one of his investments," Jane told Tim.  
(a) market (b) exchange (c) trade (d) sales
- Q4 "Our Accounting professor has been playing ..... the job opportunities available to Accounting majors lately. Apparently, the Accounting Department needs more people to sign up as Accounting majors so they can keep their funding. He is trying to make the jobs sound really cool by talking about the flexible hours and high salaries available. Unfortunately, I am not interested in accounting," Joe said to Beth.  
(a) high (b) north (c) up (d) nice
- Q5 "My partner keeps trying to ..... up to the Chief of Police by flattering him and volunteering for every assignment that the Chief has. Little does he know that brown-nosing doesn't work on this chief. He only respects results," O'Brian told Wilson.  
(a) play (b) get (c) pump (d) pay
- Q6 "I don't think your plan to cheat all the way through this class is going to play ..... the way you want it to. Even if you manage not to get caught throughout the semester, there will be a time where you either know the information and pass or you don't and you'll fail. If you fail after passing everything else, you are going to raise questions as to how you passed the earlier assignments," Joe told his roommate.  
(a) away (b) in (c) out (d) back
- Q7 "What was wrong with that man? He just ran out the door, ..... into me and knocked my paperwork everywhere and kept running," Bill said to Larry.  
(a) played (b) plowed (c) pushed (d) panned
- Q8 "My roommate has been really depressed lately. Luckily, the end of the semester has caused him to ..... up a bit. I don't know why he is depressed and he won't tell me. He's kind of strange," Jay said to Kylie.  
(a) pine (b) plunk (c) pluck (d) plank
- Q9 "I know some of you are afraid of heights but you are going to have to pluck up your ..... and go through the obstacle course. We can't have soldiers who can't control themselves and put fear into proper perspective. You gave up the option to refuse to do something when you joined the army. Let's go!" the Drill Sergeant said to the troops.  
(a) courage (b) braveness (c) urchin (d) strength
- Q10 "I can't believe how expensive plumbing repairs are. I just had to ..... down \$80 for 15 minutes of work and a small rubber gasket," Henry said to David.  
(a) plunk (b) plank (c) park (d) pair

*English Slang Idioms (314)*

- Q1 "We need to stop by the bank before we go to the fair. I need to pick up some ..... money so we don't have to try and write checks for food and rides," Hank said to his wife with a smile.  
(a) packing (b) potting (c) pocket (d) pocked
- Q2 "I don't agree with you that we should stop spending any money on defense and spend it all on social programs but you are entitled to your ..... of view," Chris said to Amos.  
(a) period (b) pint (c) perspective (d) point
- Q3 "I have been able to save so much time thanks to that trick you showed me on how to customize your tool bar on your desk top to include the icons for programs you use all the time. Thanks for ..... that out!" Cheryl said to Bob.  
(a) pointing (b) picking (c) parting (d) plucking
- Q4 Every time he asked her out, she refused .....-blank. She didn't know why he kept trying. It was getting annoying.  
(a) period (b) pot (c) point (d) part
- Q5 "The police have been here all morning poking ..... your office. Is there something you want to tell me?" George's boss at the investment firm asked.  
(a) by (b) away (c) in (d) around
- Q6 "Why are you always poking ..... at your brother's dreams of being a writer? What is wrong with that in your mind? What makes you think what you want to do is any better?" Kyle's sister asked.  
(a) fun (b) joke (c) laughter (d) funny
- Q7 "My husband and I agree on almost everything except politics. When it comes to politics we are ..... apart; he is a right-wing Republican and I am a very liberal Democrat," Lisa told her friends.  
(a) pools (b) poles (c) places (d) counties
- Q8 "I can't believe you ..... off that whole plate of chicken! You must have ate nine pieces of chicken! Where did you find the room for all that food?" Jesse's mom asked.  
(a) plucked (b) completed (c) made (d) polished
- Q9 "How can you possibly want to go shopping in town after that 10 mile hike? I am pooped .....!" Chris said to Kyle.  
(a) out (b) off (c) around (d) and done
- Q10 There were two outs and three people on base for the home team in the last inning of the game. Joe came up to bat and swung at the first pitch across the plate. He hit a pop ..... into left field and took off running. The suspense mounted as the ball came back down to earth. The outfielder got his glove under it and, much to his embarrassment, dropped it. The home team won and the outfielder was to blame.  
(a) bug (b) beetle (c) bee (d) fly

*English Slang Idioms (315)*

- Q1 "I need someone to look at my computer today. Whenever I bring up a customer's file, this other program ..... up asking me questions about my anti-virus protection. I don't know what it means or what I am supposed to do," Ellie told the boss.  
(a) packs (b) pops (c) leaps (d) swims
- Q2 "We are having a ..... on Friday and we'd like you to come. We still need someone to bring a salad, drinks, or a dessert. If you want to come, please let me know which you are going to bring. We already have enough people bringing main courses," Gina said to Alice and Jack.  
(a) pork out (b) pot buffet (c) miscellaneous pot (d) pot luck
- Q3 Many journalists have taken ..... at Presidential Candidate Barrack Obama for his association with his outspoken pastor.  
(a) blind shots (b) potshots (c) big shots (d) booster shots
- Q4 "Jean did a great job at ..... away at the competition in the debate semi finals. I think we have a great chance at winning this round because she argued well," Mr. Wilson said to Blake.  
(a) packing (b) pumping (c) pounding (d) pitching
- Q5 He left his essay until the night before it was due again. After his last essay, he vowed to never do that again. He really didn't have good study habits so, now, he had to pound ..... ten pages in the next nine hours or he would fail.  
(a) and pack (b) and hammer (c) out (d) by
- Q6 The town recently opened a computer center for people to use who were looking for jobs. They offered access to different databases that had information on current openings in town and the qualifications one should have to apply for those jobs. He didn't think that applying for jobs over the Internet was half as effective as getting out there and pounding some ..... It was better to go in and be seen rather than be a faceless resume in an e mail attachment.  
(a) pathway (b) pavement (c) paths (d) trails
- Q7 Justin knew he was one step away from being fired so he decided to pour the compliments on pretty ..... in a last-ditch attempt to save his job.  
(a) thin (b) evenly (c) thick (d) fast
- Q8 "We are going to have to buy a new dishwasher. We keep paying to get this one fixed but we are pouring ..... down the drain. It is obviously going to break every month or two like it has been doing. We will actually save money by buying a new one," Steve said to Alma.  
(a) essentials (b) work (c) opportunities (d) money
- Q9 "Thank you for listening. I wasn't planning on ..... out all of my sorrows on you. I don't know why all that came to mind. Thanks for putting up with me," Julie said to her best friend.  
(a) passing (b) packing (c) plumbing (d) pouring
- Q10 The principal of my high school used to walk around with his chest puffed out and his shoulders squared, looking every bit the authoritarian. Unfortunately for him, we knew it was all posturing. The real power behind the ..... was the vice-principal. If one got in trouble, one was not worried about what the principal would think but terrified as to what the vice-principal might do.  
(a) throne (b) pulpit (c) positivity (d) curtain



*English Slang Idioms (316)*

- Q1 "Make sure you practice your free-throws tonight like the coach told you to do. You have the big game coming up and practice makes ....., " Dan's father told him.  
(a) acceptance (b) better (c) passing (d) perfect
- Q2 "The boss is a really nice guy but my supervisor is a ..... to be reckoned with. I make darn certain not to mess up in a way that will land me in her office," Jane told Ken.  
(a) farce (b) force (c) fount (d) first
- Q3 "I already agreed to give you the standard rims with the car. You are starting to ..... your luck by asking for my spare set of specialty rims too," Ralph's brother said.  
(a) pass (b) punch (c) press (d) pound
- Q4 "My boss originally was not going to assign me to the special project that came up at work but I ..... upon him to let me work on the project. I argued that my past work showed that I had the necessary skills and experience to complete it and the boss agreed. If I do well on this project, I may be in the running for a promotion," Alice told Henry.  
(a) pranced (b) prayed (c) pounced (d) prevailed
- Q5 "We all have to get back to work so let's bring this meeting to a ....., " the boss told the staff.  
(a) shut (b) close (c) stopping (d) pause
- Q6 "I don't like my mom's new boyfriend. She likes him but I think he is just ..... on her for her money. He makes a third of what she makes and regularly asks her to buy him stuff," Maxine told.  
(a) pushes (b) packs (c) prances (d) preys
- Q7 "I think there is an animal or something outside. Our dog just pricked ..... her ears and moved to the door suddenly," Bart told Jenny.  
(a) off (b) back (c) north (d) up
- Q8 He decided to hire a private ..... to find out where his wife had gone. Two weeks ago, he woke up to find that she had packed her things and left without saying goodbye.  
(a) ear (b) sight (c) snoop (d) eye
- Q9 His friends told him that the movie Get Smart was the best movie they had seen in years. Knowing that the proof of the ..... is in the eating, he decided to see it for himself to determine how good it was.  
(a) pudding (b) paddy (c) punch (d) pancakes
- Q10 "Chris, you have been in the bathtub for an hour already. If you don't get out soon, you will turn into a ....., " Linda told him.  
(a) grape (b) walnut (c) date (d) prune

*English Slang Idioms (317)*

- Q1 "I don't know why I was so nervous before the play. I remembered all my lines and did great. I guess I just psyched myself ..... by worrying about who was going to be in the audience," Jane said to Bill.  
(a) on (b) out (c) away (d) off
- Q2 "I am pretty psyched ..... about the Law exam. I have studied hard and I think I will ace the test. I can't wait; I just want to get started, " Chris said to Jamie.  
(a) up (b) beside (c) behind (d) wondering
- Q3 "Don't get too ..... up about being complimented by the boss. He compliments everyone and promptly forgets about it as soon as you mess up," Grace told Ken.  
(a) packed (b) pulled (c) puffed (d) pinched
- Q4 "Did you hear Elliot try to ..... a fast one? He asked me five questions that I would obviously say yes to and his sixth question was, So, I can have four paid days off?" I almost said yes but caught him," the boss told his assistant.  
(a) pull (b) pump (c) primp (d) push
- Q5 "I have to go back to the supermarket and have a talk with the manager. The chicken we bought yesterday is 10 days past its ..... date. It is not OK for them to be selling meat that is that old," James told Kimberley.  
(a) yank (b) swipe (c) pull (d) pick
- Q6 His parents were always trying to get him to go on ..... dates with their friends' daughters. He hated being pressured to go out with strangers. They were rarely attractive and didn't have anything in common with him.  
(a) blind (b) blank (c) gambling (d) anonymous
- Q7 "I know Fred has been having a rough time with his wife passing away but if he keeps showing up to work drunk, he is going to pull his career down around his ....., " Hank said to Allen.  
(a) ears (b) house (c) person (d) suit
- Q8 "I need to arrange for someone to cover my shifts at work. I have a few favors I can ..... in so I am pretty sure I can get the time off without having to ask the boss for it," Jared said to Amber.  
(a) count (b) call (c) camp (d) come
- Q9 "I think you can ..... in some support for your campaign from the voters of California if you back some of the recycling and environmental laws that are currently being discussed," Brian, a political analyst, told the candidate.  
(a) pinch (b) pipe (c) push (d) pull
- Q10 The criminal almost pulled ..... the bank robbery he had designed. He got the money and was out of the bank before the cops caught him. His undoing was that the note he handed the teller had his name and address on the back. He unknowingly wrote his note on his telephone bill.  
(a) off (b) by (c) out (d) position

*English Slang Idioms (318)*

- Q1 "I probably could have made more money on the house if I had waited another year to sell it but a lot of my friends in the real estate business told me the market was going to go from a sellers' to a buyers' market really soon. I decided to pull my chestnuts out of the ..... before I got stuck with a house I couldn't sell. It just didn't seem worth the risk to sit on it," Jimmy told Brandon.  
(a) oven (b) fire (c) microwave (d) pan
- Q2 "The one thing I like about our boss is that he doesn't ..... any punches. He doesn't sugar-coat things so you always know where you stand. Also, you know he is telling the truth when he delivers good news since he is willing to bluntly deliver bad news," Markus said to Jill.  
(a) pull (b) push (c) pass (d) pipe
- Q3 "I am recommending extra duty for Private Jenkins because he doesn't pull his own ..... in our squad. He is always avoiding work and when he does work, he doesn't work half as hard as everyone else. We need to teach him a lesson the army will not put up with people who don't do their fair share," Sergeant Johnson told the First Sergeant.  
(a) body (b) gear (c) weight (d) shift
- Q4 "I agree with your proposal to give him extra duty. I will make sure he gets worked good and hard. We don't need any ..... weight in this army," First Sergeant Wallace said to Sergeant Johnson.  
(a) blank (b) soft (c) extra (d) dead
- Q5 "I am sorry that you just broke up with your boyfriend but you have to pull yourself ..... I could hear you screaming, crying and yelling on your cellular phone out in the hallway from here. If the boss catches you on a personal call when you aren't on a break, she'll fire you," Todd told Tammy.  
(a) together (b) apart (c) way (d) in
- Q6 "You don't know anything about hardship. Your grandfather was a car mechanic before the war and lost his hands when a grenade exploded. When he got back, he pulled himself up by his ..... and went through college to become a financial analyst. Your just have an annoying roommate and that doesn't count to me as hardship," Justine told his little brother.  
(a) boot heels (b) boot straps (c) own rope (d) sneakers
- Q7 "I know you are looking at me to give you a solution to your business problems but I can't. I can't just pull an answer for you out of a ..... I am your older brother but you know more about business than I do. From what little I do know, it sounds like your problems are outside of your control and are industry-wide," Bill told Carl.  
(a) sweater (b) bus (c) book (d) hat
- Q8 "I hated to do it to him but he was going to make a big mistake by ordering his team to work seven days a week until the problem was solved. I ended up ..... rank on him and told the team to keep their regular schedules," John told his wife.  
(a) punching (b) pulling (c) pointing (d) piling
- Q9 "You want to get a job at the factory? I went to management school with the boss. I will see if I can pull some ..... and get you a job," Joe told his friend.  
(a) strings (b) punches (c) arguments (d) influence
- Q10 "Don't try to ..... the broken ankle thing on me again. Your ankle doesn't have anything to do with painting your planter boxes. Besides, your ankle healed more than four months ago," Joe said to his little brother.  
(a) point (b) pass (c) pile (d) pull

*English Slang Idioms (319)*

- Q1 "I am going to have to find another job. The state of California just pulled the ..... on our funding and our program has been shut down. I need to get out of the field of education," Brian told Janice.  
(a) gasket (b) wool (c) seal (d) plug
- Q2 "Christopher is such a jerk. I was planning a surprise party for my girlfriend and he pulled the ..... out from under me and told her about the party to get back at me for not loaning him some money," Stanley told Jake.  
(a) tape (b) blanket (c) rug (d) ground
- Q3 "My roommate really pulled the wool over my ..... this time. He was in an Accounting class last semester and offered to sell me is textbook for cheap. I took him up on it and then found out that the professor is going to use a different book this semester and my roommate knew that," Gilbert told Hank.  
(a) plans (b) boat (c) eyes (d) windows
- Q4 "It was hard to finish the semester when I got pneumonia but I pulled ..... and still got perfect grades in all of my classes," James told Anna.  
(a) off (b) through (c) out (d) in
- Q5 "The bus accident really made our family pull ..... We weren't half as close before Mom, Dad and Tom were injured in the crash," Bill told Melissa.  
(a) together (b) apart (c) close (d) around
- Q6 "I am glad the police officer was walking by that day. I was about to hit my coworker but the sight of a cop made me pull up ..... I can't believe I almost did something that stupid; hitting him would have caused so many problems," Jake told Greg.  
(a) swift (b) short (c) stop (d) emotion
- Q7 "My father was in the Air Force so every time I got used to a place or a school, we were pulled up ..... and moved away to a new town. I got to see a lot of places in the world but it was hard not living anywhere for more than a year or two," Bill told Jan.  
(a) stick (b) stake (c) stead (d) stack
- Q8 "My dad has a lot of authority in our family but my mom controls the ..... strings. She decides what is bought and when and my dad goes along with it," Craig said to Calvin.  
(a) pot (b) check (c) reserve (d) purse
- Q9 "He told me that if I run for school president against him, he will talk to the coach and get me kicked off the football team since the coach is a family friend. I am going to run anyway and I am not going to let him push me ....., " Joel said to his roommate.  
(a) back (b) ahead (c) around (d) apart
- Q10 "We need to get going now if we are going to get home by nightfall. Let's push ..... and head home," Brian said to his wife at the bed and breakfast.  
(a) off (b) vehicle (c) gas (d) across

*English Slang Idioms (320)*

- Q1 "I don't know why she lets him control her life; she's such a .....-over," Kelly said to her roommate about her sister and her sister's boyfriend.  
(a) knock (b) push (c) pass (d) pat
- Q2 "I have to find someone who will take care of my tortoise when I die. It will still be alive long after I am pushing up ....., " Matt said to Kim.  
(a) daisies (b) stones (c) trunks (d) memories
- Q3 "We are trying to put a new ..... on our company by being socially responsible and pursuing sustainable business practices. The days of obtaining profit at the environment's expense are gone as of now," the new CEO said in the press conference.  
(a) look (b) face (c) moral (d) value
- Q4 "I wish my little sister would stop being such a ....., She does whatever her friends want her to do and she is always the one spending all the money," Gracie said to her boyfriend.  
(a) door way (b) bath mat (c) place mat (d) doormat
- Q5 "It is my understanding that dangerous, potentially life-threatening hazing practices by fraternities are still taking place. We need to put an ..... to those practices. It is not worth someone's life or happiness," the college president said in the meeting with the school fraternities.  
(a) end (b) passing (c) barrier (d) conclusion
- Q6 "Can we put ..... our differences until after the wedding so that our son has an awesome day? I know we aren't going to get along but can we call a temporary truce until after it is done?" Ben asked his ex-wife.  
(a) back (b) ahead (c) aside (d) in
- Q7 "I got to see my mom for the first time in five years and it really put back the ..... I remembered so many things from my childhood I had forgotten about and I even felt younger," Mary told Billie.  
(a) clock (b) decade (c) time (d) memory
- Q8 "I know that you are friends with the hiring manager at the bank. I just applied there. Would you be willing to put in a good ..... for me?" James asked his friend.  
(a) phrase (b) idea (c) word (d) saying
- Q9 "I love that Mexican Food Restaurant. Their burritos are so good and big and their salsa is so fresh. We should go sometime," Amber said to Jane. Jane responded, "I just told you I was hungry. Stop putting ..... into my head. Now I really want to go to that restaurant."  
(a) food (b) ideas (c) plans (d) motivation
- Q10 "OK, I'll go to the restaurant with you at lunch. I am going to get their fish tacos, though. Their fish tacos are to ..... for," Jane said to Amber.  
(a) live (b) die (c) cry (d) work

*English Slang Idioms (321)*

- Q1 "Sergeant Wilson challenged my ideas about how to train the company and I sure put him in his ..... I reminded him that I outrank him and that he knows about telephone systems and nothing about leading troops," First Sergeant Kent told Sergeant Major O'Brian.  
(a) spot (b) plot (c) place (d) field
- Q2 "Your story of your hike in Mexico calls to ..... the time we were hiking in South Korea and my shoes fell apart. No one ever forgets something like that for some reason," Brain said to Paul.  
(a) mind (b) place (c) thought (d) confidence
- Q3 "Wow, is my roommate ever mad at me. He and his girlfriend started talking about politics and the military and, of course, I had to put in my two ..... worth. He said that I made him look stupid in front of her. I didn't mean to make him sound ignorant but he was wrong," Paul said to Ned.  
(a) copy's (b) thoughts' (c) minds' (d) cents'
- Q4 "Look at that idiot on the motorcycle popping a wheelie right by the police department. I wouldn't be putting on the ..... like that in front of the police," Ryan said to Steven.  
(a) cat (b) bird (c) dog (d) frog
- Q5 "You can move the pump out of the way. You just have to put your ..... into it," Sergeant Walter told Specialist Henning when he saw him attempt to move the pump they were using to pull the water out of manholes.  
(a) mind (b) back (c) hands (d) feet
- Q6 "I have been working this lousy desk job for the past eight months. They put me out of ..... after my heart attack. I can't retire for two more years. I guess I'll be stuck in this job until I retire," Detective O'Malley said to detective Hartford.  
(a) action (b) movement (c) bounds (d) motion
- Q7 Johnny and Grant made a bet about which one of them would score the most points in the semi-final basketball game. They were both currently tied at 15 points apiece. Johnny shot a three-point shot with less than 15 seconds left in the game. He turned to Grant and said, "Hah! I've won the bet. Put that in your ..... and smoke it!"  
(a) barbeque (b) oven (c) fire (d) pipe
- Q8 "I am sorry, Tim. I can't loan you any money right now. Paul just put the ..... on me for \$40 and now I am broke until Thursday," Matt told him.  
(a) jump (b) bat (c) bite (d) grab
- Q9 "My steaks turned out OK after I barbequed them but my friend Paul's barbequed steaks put mine to ....., " Chris told Beth.  
(a) shame (b) pasture (c) horrible (d) worse
- Q10 "I like our economics class but the teacher is so boring. He almost put me to ..... the last class," Bill told Brian.  
(a) bed (b) boredom (c) weakness (d) sleep

*English Slang Idioms (322)*

- Q1 "We need to start looking for other jobs soon. Management said that they are going to streamline the company and one of the most popular jobs to outsource is telephone-based customer service. I can put two and two ..... I think we are going to be laid off," Tommy told Julia.  
(a) together (b) away (c) aside (d) in usew
- Q2 "You put up a good ..... but you are no match for me," James jokingly said to Derrick after he beat him in chess.  
(a) try (b) plan (c) thought (d) fight
- Q3 "He acts like he is doing well, financially, by spending a lot of money in public but I think he is just putting up a good ..... His wife told me that they are two months behind on their mortgage payments and I know that he has a lot of credit card debt," Chris told Linda as they were discussing their friend Stan.  
(a) back (b) side (c) front (d) aura
- Q4 "I am mad at the cable company. We keep getting charged for equipment rental the cable box and remote and that was not part of the deal. I asked them up ....., when we arranged for the service, if we would have any other charges other than the monthly service and they said no," Ken said to Cathy.  
(a) front (b) close (c) personal (d) ahead
- Q5 "You keep telling us how good you are at table tennis. I have challenged you before but we haven't got around to playing. It's time to put up or ..... up. Let's play and see if you are as good at it as you say you are," James said to Tom.  
(a) close (b) can (c) shut (d) back
- Q6 "I can't wait to get my own place. I have had to put up ..... my roommate having company over all the time. It will be nice to be able to go to bed whenever I want without being woken up by someone else," Matt told his brother.  
(a) on (b) in (c) by (d) with
- Q7 "Your soon-to-be husband wants to become a rock star. He wants to leave school and join a band as a guitar player," Kyle told Linda. Chris said, "I have never indicated that I want to leave school and play in a rock band. Stop putting ..... in my mouth! That is what you want me to do — not what I want to do."  
(a) words (b) plans (c) goals (d) intentions
- Q8 "The state of California just passed a law saying that no house built before 1960 can be legally sold," Adam told Chris. Chris responded, "No, they didn't. You are putting me ..... The government wouldn't do that to people. So many people would lose their financial well-being if that were the case. There are lots of houses older than that in California — including mine."  
(a) away (b) on (c) back (d) shelf
- Q9 "Why were you so rude to our host at dinner? That was a serious ..... when you told him that if he goes to school he can get a decent job. What is wrong with his job? He likes his job," Sarah asked Tim.  
(a) putdown (b) put-off (c) put-up (d) beat down
- Q10 "You found the problem with that car pretty fast. You are pretty quick on the ....., " the boss complimented Hank.  
(a) talk (b) consumption (c) draw (d) use

*English Slang Idioms (323)*

- Q1 "I like James. He is quick on the ..... You only have to tell that guy how to do something once. He understands the importance of something and how it works very quickly," Jack said to his assistant.  
(a) intake (b) uptake (c) second take (d) take
- Q2 "You won't be disappointed by giving me this job. I am a ..... study," Kyle said to the hiring manager.  
(a) quick (b) simultaneous (c) fact (d) competent
- Q3 "Wow, we bought ..... a bit of groceries. I guess it goes to show that one shouldn't go to the grocery store when hungry. We originally were only going to get a couple bags of groceries and we bought eleven," Chris said to Linda.  
(a) quiet (b) quit (c) quite (d) quart
- Q4 "We did buy quite a ..... groceries, didn't we?" Linda responded.  
(a) many (b) couple (c) bit (d) few
- Q5 "I decided to leave my job for a ..... of reasons: the hours were irregular, the pay was bad, my abilities weren't being utilized and I wasn't learning any valuable skills," Henry told Bob.  
(a) digit (b) finite (c) number (d) letter
- Q6 "Apparently rave parties are quite the ..... now. A lot of my friends go to those and have invited me. They aren't really my scene, though. I don't like the loud music," Chris said to Jacob.  
(a) thing (b) object (c) stuff (d) apparel
- Q7 "My husband is funny. We will go to a nursery and, immediately, he zooms ..... on the succulent plants. Why, I don't know. I think that succulents are too small most of the time and are kind of boring," Linda said to Tabitha.  
(a) off (b) by (c) in (d) back
- Q8 "I can't wait to get to the hotel. We have been driving for 15 hours and I am zonked ..... I can't wait to get into bed," Karen said to Robert.  
(a) out (b) off (c) away (d) down
- Q9 "I told you not to say anything to my sister about what we were talking about. She called me today to yell at me for discussing her issues with you. You need to zip your ..... when I tell you secrets or personal stuff," Beth told Alyssa.  
(a) head (b) thoughts (c) teeth (d) lip
- Q10 "What is wrong with you lately? We use to have such a great time together. Now, it feels like you spend most of your time with me ..... in on my faults. Do you not like me anymore?" Greg asked Lisa.  
(a) zeroing (b) zipping (c) zapping (d) stringing



*English Slang Idioms (324)*

- Q1 "I went to the farmers' market to buy a succulent plant and got ..... They didn't have any succulents at all," Chris said to Paul.  
(a) zap (b) zilch (c) chipher (d) batch
- Q2 "This is a weird presidential campaign. I can't seem to find any information on the two candidates' platforms in the newspapers. All I can find on the candidates is ..... journalism talking about rumors and potential scandals about the two," Chris said to Linda.  
(a) green (b) brown (c) yellow (d) gray
- Q3 "One nice thing about Arcata, California that was not true about Alberta, Canada is that one can garden year-..... The winters are so mild," Linda said to Chris.  
(a) through (b) square (c) circle (d) round
- Q4 "We have all jumped off this bridge into the water a hundred times and have been fine every time. Will you stop being so yellow-..... and jump in?" Eric's older brother said to him on the bridge at the lake.  
(a) headed (b) bellied (c) footed (d) hearted
- Q5 "You are too much of a .....-man at work, Todd. The boss could tell you to shine his shoes and you would say Yes, Sir.' You need to stand up for yourself sometimes," Donna told him.  
(a) yes (b) yellow (c) yak (d) grunk
- Q6 "Would you like to go to the amusement park on Saturday, Tommy?" his dad asked him. Tommy replied, "You .....! I would love to go! That will be so much fun!"  
(a) wager (b) gamble (c) bet (d) barter
- Q7 "Make sure to take the car in to a mechanic before deciding to buy it," Cheryl told Sam. He replied, "Do you think I was ..... yesterday? I don't know anything about cars so of course I will take it in. I don't want to get ripped off."  
(a) educated (b) tried (c) naive (d) born
- Q8 "We need to end the war in Iraq and get the troops home. They don't want us there and we aren't accomplishing anything sustainable in my opinion. We need to bring them home because this country is supposed to be for the people, by the people' and the American public isn't in support of the war," James said to Simon. Simon said, "You can say that .....! Only something like 30 percent of the public is in support of the war."  
(a) loud (b) repeatedly (c) again (d) two
- Q9 "You can tell your grandfather to use a paint roller all you want but it is not going to do any good — no matter how good it is. He has been painting with a brush for at least 50 years. You can't ..... an old dog new tricks," Chris's grandma said.  
(a) learn (b) find (c) buy (d) teach
- Q10 "There is a sale on outdoor furniture sets at K-Mart right now," Sarah said to Bette. She responded, "You don't .....! That is great. We have been looking for a new set ourselves for a while now. I am going to go to K-Mart right away."  
(a) tell (b) say (c) know (d) think

*English Slang Idioms (325)*

- Q1 "The politicians in office today need to start looking for a solution to our Social Security program running out of funds instead of passing the buck to the next people in line," George said to Luke. "You ..... it! I am sick of hearing about problems in this country and never hearing about any solutions. I know that finding a solution is hard but if we work on it now it might not be too late," Luke responded.  
(a) thought (b) said (c) meant (d) post
- Q2 "It is too hot in Redding, California. I can't even sleep in this heat," Jack told Joe. Joe said, "You are ..... me! It was over 105 degrees at 1 o'clock in the morning. We had our air conditioners on all day yesterday and we were still hot."  
(a) learning (b) informing (c) entertaining (d) telling
- Q3 "Oh, they are coming out with a new red-headed Barbie and a new Ken," Rachel said to Joanna. Bart, Joanna's brother, said, "Yakety ..... You girls talk too much. You haven't shut up since we left home three hours ago. "  
(a) talk (b) smack (c) yak (d) mouth
- Q4 "You'd better be quiet. Professor Thomson has zero ..... for people talking in class. He'll stop teaching and kick you out of class if he catches you," Jill said to Steve and John.  
(a) affliction (b) affection (c) tolerance (d) benefit
- Q5 "I don't know why Paul decided to spend all of his money and go bankrupt. Your ..... is as good as mine. It doesn't make any sense to me. He was doing fine and then he lost it," Pauline said to Ashley.  
(a) guess (b) position (c) brain (d) argument
- Q6 "I don't want to spend my money on expensive cars, electronics and other possessions. I just want enough to get by and then spend my extra money on good times and on people. Buying expensive stuff seems stupid to me; you can't ..... it with you," Grace said to Joanne.  
(a) leave (b) buy (c) store (d) take
- Q7 "I can't find where I buried our time capsule that we made five years ago," Eric said to Gina. She replied, "Did you look for a big X? X always marks the ..... At least it does in the movies anyway."  
(a) point (b) sport (c) spot (d) identity
- Q8 "When I was a kid, I used to want X-ray ..... like some of the superheroes had. I don't think I want that anymore. There is a lot I would rather not see. A lot of personal things should remain personal," Zack said to Will.  
(a) motion (b) hearing (c) vision (d) touch
- Q9 The kids got caught trying to sneak into the X-..... movie playing down the street. The man working there that caught them said, "You don't want to see this trash. You might think you do right now but trust me, you don't. You will wish you hadn't and it will make you sick."  
(a) rated (b) reviewed (c) caliber (d) grade
- Q10 The paperwork had piled up on him again. He ..... in and gave it his best effort. It took until an hour after his workday was usually over to finish it. He vowed again never to let it pile up like that again but in the back of his mind, he knew it would happen again.  
(a) waded (b) wadded (c) wafted (d) waffled

*English Slang Idioms (326)*

- Q1 "I enjoyed the Gender and Communications class I took but there was so much reading. On average, I had to wade ..... a 75-page article on gender and society every other night," Chris told Ian.  
(a) through (b) off (c) on (d) away
- Q2 "Your parents are really good to you, Bob. When you are at their house, they wait on you hand and ..... When I am at my parents' house, I have to do everything myself and half of their chores too," Henrietta said.  
(a) mouth (b) mind (c) foot (d) glove
- Q3 "You are walking too fast. Wait ....."! Julia said to her boyfriend as he started power-walking up the trail.  
(a) off (b) up (c) back (d) slow
- Q4 "There are no more seats available for the global economics class but I can put you on the ..... list if you would like. That way, if anyone drops the class or doesn't show up, you might be able to get into the class," the lady who worked in Admissions and Records at the college said.  
(a) wondering (b) waiting (c) holding (d) perhaps
- Q5 "Health care is getting worse all the time in the United States. I went to the emergency room in a hospital about a month ago — when I burned my hand on my barbecue — and I was stuck in the ..... room for seven hours before I was seen by a doctor. Good thing I didn't have a life-threatening condition at the time," Wesley said to Adam.  
(a) waiting (b) lounging (c) time-killing (d) pausing
- Q6 "I know you miss Todd but you have to ..... up to the fact that he is not coming back," Allison told her sister. Her sister's boyfriend had left her to move to Scotland.  
(a) warm (b) wake (c) work (d) waltz
- Q7 "I feel like I am walking a ..... right now. I am working full-time and going to school full-time and I am always on the brink of getting fired for being too tired or taking too much time off for exams. At school, I am always on the brink of getting kicked out for getting poor grades. I don't have time, with work and school, to devote to studying enough to get good grades," Ellis said to Robert.  
(a) tightrope (b) fine line (c) obstacle course (d) mind game
- Q8 "You have to tell your roommate to buy more things for the apartment. He never gives you money for toilet paper or cleaning supplies and eats a lot of your food. You can't let him walk all ..... you," Ben's brother told him.  
(a) around (b) by (c) over (d) behind
- Q9 "There is a lot of money in renovating old houses and reselling them. We just sold the one we have been working on and we ..... away with \$75,000 more than what we paid for it," Justin told Hank and Rosa.  
(a) took (b) walked (c) backed (d) stole
- Q10 "You are going to have to work harder. The college is not going to let you walk off ..... a good grade you didn't earn. It takes time and effort to succeed in school," Dan told his daughter when she received some bad grades.  
(a) on (b) without (c) wearing (d) with

*English Slang Idioms (327)*

- Q1 California is an interesting place because one can find people from all ..... of life living together in harmony. There are business men and women in suits, hippies in tie-dye shirts, people from other countries and other cultures and a lot of people interested in science and ecology, among others.  
(a) works (b) forms (c) results (d) walks
- Q2 "I don't think we should kick ourselves for choosing this place over another. There was no way for us to know, knowing what we did then, the extent of repairs we would have to complete to make it livable. We are just going to ..... it up to a learning experience," Chris said to Linda.  
(a) chalk (b) draw (c) watch (d) categorize
- Q3 When the new manager found out how many mistakes the acting manager made before he got there, he made him walk the ..... He couldn't allow someone to work there who obviously didn't care about his work or the company.  
(a) board (b) trunk (c) beam (d) plank
- Q4 "I would recommend, if you are having problems making your papers sound academic enough, hanging around Hank for a while. He knows more obscure words than anyone I have ever met. He is like a walking .....; he can provide you with all kinds of interesting choices for words to use," Jasmine told Monica.  
(a) library (b) textbook (c) dictionary (d) definition
- Q5 "Sir, you shouldn't be eating a sandwich in front of everyone. You just told everyone they were not allowed to eat unless they were on break or lunch and you are on neither. Now that you put the rule out there, you are going to have to ..... the chalk. It hurts morale when leaders don't follow their own rules," the assistant told the boss.  
(a) walk (b) leave (c) eat (d) mimic
- Q6 "I caught Joe willfully making false statements on his paperwork and gave him his walking ..... I can't have someone working for me that is dishonest and fraudulent," Max told Jennifer.  
(a) receipt (b) declaration (c) permission (d) papers
- Q7 "John, there is no reason for you to be a ..... at the dance tonight. You are decent looking and you know how to dance. I know this because I taught you myself. You are never going to get a girlfriend without putting in some effort," Wesley told his cousin.  
(a) wall stud (b) scone (c) wallflower (d) wall socket
- Q8 "Wow, that hot sauce packs a .....! I was not expecting it to be that hot; especially since it says Medium' on it," Jack told his wife.  
(a) walnut (b) wallop (c) warning (d) whacking
- Q9 "Let's talk about this in the park after work. I don't feel comfortable talking about it here; even the walls have ....., " the FBI agent said to her partner.  
(a) opinions (b) agendas (c) information (d) ears
- Q10 "If you are looking for an inexpensive bicycle why don't you check the ..... ads in the paper? There are a lot of good deals in there," Phil said to Alexis.  
(a) want (b) wish (c) work (d) warrant

*English Slang Idioms (328)*

- Q1 "I am wearing this sweater tonight to ..... off the perverts. Every time I wear something revealing or form-fitting to the bar, I get hit on by every weirdo in the county," Vicky said to Loraine.  
(a) ward (b) warm (c) wish (d) want
- Q2 "Would you like something to drink?" Eleanor asked Ben and Sandy. Sandy replied, "How about some hot tea or coffee? I am freezing cold." Eleanor told her, "I have some fresh Oolong tea brewed. I'll give you some of that to warm your ....."  
(a) mind (b) feet (c) blood (d) thoughts
- Q3 "The coach took me off the starting position because I missed the last four practices. I guess I should be lucky that I wasn't kicked off the team but warming the ..... for the next three games is no good," Billie told Isaac.  
(a) bench (b) pulpit (c) recliner (d) hammock
- Q4 "Before we start the morning run, we are going to do some warm- ..... and some stretching. We'll stretch first and then do some jumping jacks, some mountain climbers and we'll run in place for two minutes," the physical education teacher told the class.  
(a) ons (b) ones (c) ups (d) dances
- Q5 "I am washing my ..... of the whole affair. I told the project coordinator that we would not be allowed to have a booth that serves food at the fair without a permit and she refused to look into getting one. I called the treasurer and told him and he told me to follow the project coordinator's directions. I tried and it is not going to be my fault when this club is broke because someone didn't want to get a permit," Johnny told Jill.  
(a) pants (b) car (c) mind (d) hands
- Q6 "Just telling me you are sorry is not enough to ..... the whole episode out of my memory. You got drunk and insulted my family and I to our faces. I am not going to forget that anytime soon. This relationship is over," Kathryn said to Barney.  
(a) wash (b) warm (c) will (d) want
- Q7 "My brother is incompetent and lazy. He got kicked out of school for poor grades, he washed ..... of the military and recently lost his job for taking too many sick days. He's pathetic," Tanner said to Diana.  
(a) in (b) off (c) out (d) because
- Q8 "I feel sorry for Jays' family. Now that he got fired from his job for stealing, he's washed ..... No one will give him a job in this town," Kendal said to Bartholomew.  
(a) away (b) tide (c) up (d) in
- Q9 "Don't go on a diet, Angela. You aren't fat. If you lose any more weight, you are going to ..... away," Carlotta said.  
(a) shrivel (b) waste (c) fly (d) dry
- Q10 "You might as well give it up; you are wasting your ..... He is not going to listen to you even though you are right," Marshall said to Martin when he tried to warn Fred that his car brakes were bad.  
(a) career (b) mind (c) breath (d) work

*English Slang Idioms (329)*

- Q1 "I was not expecting to buy a new set of tires this month. We are going to have to ..... every penny for the next little while or we aren't going to be able to pay our bills," Howie said to Eugenia.  
(a) examine (b) recycle (c) watch (d) record
- Q2 "You think you are a better mountain biker than I am and you think you can beat me in a race? Well, eat my ....., " Ernest said to Joey as he took off down the hill on his bicycle.  
(a) dust (b) rock (c) pebbles (d) tires
- Q3 "You better watch ..... or you are going to get fired. So far, the boss hasn't seen you come in late but he will one day. You have been late three out of the four days so far this week," Violet said to Anastasia.  
(a) time (b) clock (c) it (d) others
- Q4 "Bill cheats on every exam in college. It is only a ..... of time before he gets caught and expelled," Christian said to Aiden.  
(a) manner (b) matter (c) minor (d) foundation
- Q5 "We are in church! You better watch your .....! Juliette said to her boyfriend after he cursed.  
(a) approach (b) language (c) acts (d) thoughts
- Q6 "I want to show my mother that I know how to raise kids who are well behaved so will you do me a favor and mind your ..... at grandma's house tonight?" Dana asked Sue and Becky.  
(a) minors (b) matters (c) manners (d) motives
- Q7 "You better watch your ..... If you insult my wife again I am going to have to ask you to leave," Chris told the rude guest.  
(a) speech (b) phrase (c) teeth (d) mouth
- Q8 "The floor is wet right now so everyone remember to ..... their step!" the janitor told the staff.  
(a) inspect (b) watch (c) examine (d) look at
- Q9 "Make sure to watch ..... for people using your credit card for fraudulent purchases. Go through your bills each month and make sure you made every purchase listed," Jeff's father told him as he was getting ready to move away to college.  
(a) in (b) on (c) out (d) elsewhere
- Q10 "You might as well walk off and do something else; otherwise you will be standing here forever. A watched ..... never boils," Jerry said to Louisa.  
(a) pan (b) chili (c) paint (d) pot

*English Slang Idioms (330)*

- Q1 "We are going to have to pay someone to watch ..... the animals and plants while we go on vacation. They can't go that long without food and water," Jane said to Craig.  
(a) along (b) across (c) under (d) over
- Q2 "I like our boss. He gives compliments when they are due and doesn't water ..... his criticisms so you know exactly where you stand, what you are good at and what areas need improvement," Carol said to Byron.  
(a) away (b) on (c) back (d) down
- Q3 "Don't worry about standing me up the other night. I know you had a good reason for it and I don't have any hard feelings. It's all water over the ....., " Phil said to Lavonne.  
(a) dam (b) levy (c) barricade (d) gutters
- Q4 "Let's go out for a few drinks tonight. I know a local bar that is low-key and has upper-class clientele. The place is the local .....-hole for lawyers and judges so we won't have to worry about loud, rude college kids," Elsie said to Carolyn.  
(a) filling (b) watering (c) black (d) feeding
- Q5 "I know you don't like giving authority to employees but that is the way the wind ..... these days. Most companies in our industry are using empowered work teams and are reporting higher moral and better results than when they used the more rigid hierarchical system of authority," Jamie said to Bert.  
(a) aims (b) focused (c) blows (d) gusts
- Q6 "I don't know how or why he bought that house. He doesn't have the ways or ..... to afford a house like that. It is at least \$100,000 more than the houses that should be in his price range," Chris said to Linda.  
(a) means (b) possibilities (c) change (d) options
- Q7 "I thought that we would be together but once her career took off, he left me by the ....., " Frank said to Simon.  
(a) wayside (b) trenches (c) ladder (d) dump
- Q8 "My company pays me for gas mileage but they really don't factor in the wear and ..... that my vehicle gets from steady use," Jeff said to Alex.  
(a) bashing (b) rip (c) hammering (d) tear
- Q9 "My dad said that we can't go to the prom but we are steadily wearing ..... at him. I think there is a chance of him changing his mind," Jill told Danny.  
(a) off (b) back (c) in (d) away
- Q10 "My mom can usually spot someone who is lying to her but she seems to wear ..... around her new boyfriend. I don't trust him and have caught him lying to her several times," Tommy told Herb.  
(a) glasses (b) goggles (c) blinders (d) emitters

*English Slang Idioms (331)*

- Q1 "Johnny is a likeable guy but I can trust him as far as I can ..... him. I have seen him at work and he is slightly dishonest when it comes to fixing people's cars. He cuts corners and fixes things that aren't broken. I figure that same mentality transfers over to other areas of his life," Bob said to Harry.  
(a) see (b) throw (c) lose (d) trick
- Q2 "My husband won't let me paint the deck a burnt-orange color but I am starting to wear him ..... I keep bothering him about it so I hope he will get so tired of it and become less opposed to the idea," Janet said to Aurora.  
(a) down (b) in (c) off (d) back
- Q3 "Your brake pads are ..... out. You will need a new set in the front," the mechanic told Caleb.  
(a) burnt (b) broke (c) worn (d) fouled
- Q4 "I always like to see Kyle but he has been here too long. He is starting to wear out his ..... by asking for too many favors. I want to see him get back on his feet but I am starting to get annoyed with him," Paul told Chris.  
(a) acceptance (b) home (c) welcome (d) appeal
- Q5 "I can tell that Bob has some say in the family but his wife definitely wears the ..... I have heard him ask her permission to buy things and to go out with his friends," Julianne said to Tina.  
(a) shirts (b) shoes (c) hats (d) pants
- Q6 "The joke was funny the first time but it is starting to wear ..... He told me the same joke the last four times I have seen him," Jack said to Eric.  
(a) thin (b) skinny (c) tiny (d) down
- Q7 "My brother and I both told our parents we would help them move this weekend and now my brother has ..... out of it at the last minute. My dad has a bad back and my mother is a small woman so who do you think is going to be doing all the work?" Sean said to his girlfriend.  
(a) dogged (b) weaseled (c) fouled (d) ratted
- Q8 "My brother is a little overweight but he ..... it very well. It is evenly distributed throughout his body and with his ramrod-straight posture, he doesn't look bad at all," Alan said to Pat.  
(a) fashions (b) wears (c) looks (d) bears
- Q9 "I consider nice' to be a weasel ..... if it is used to describe something instead of someone. What does that term really tell you? Nothing," Jerry said to Chris.  
(a) thought (b) sentence (c) ward (d) word
- Q10 "It is hard living with one income right now when we are used to having two. We have ..... worse so I know we will get through it but I hope my husband finds a job soon for many reasons," Wanda said to Kara.  
(a) worn (b) weathered (c) battened (d) looked



*English Slang Idioms (332)*

- Q1 "I can't stand my neighbors. They have parties until the wee ..... of the morning almost every day in the apartment next door. They are so loud it is almost impossible to sleep through their parties.  
(a) feelings (b) thoughts (c) hours (d) times
- Q2 Basic Training serves two purposes: one, strengthens the recruits and gets them ready for military services and, two, ..... out the people who are unfit for duty.  
(a) pots (b) tunes (c) serves (d) weeds
- Q3 "It is time to weigh ..... and get on the road. We can make it to our destination if we leave right now and drive rather quickly. Otherwise, we'll have to spend another night on the road," Dan told Melissa.  
(a) anvil (b) artifact (c) boulder (d) anchor
- Q4 "I am sick of constantly being ..... down by debt. It will be nice to someday have enough money to go on a mini-vacation if we feel like it," Paul said to Chris.  
(a) weighed (b) willed (c) whacked (d) wounded
- Q5 "We are still waiting for the court to weigh ..... with the verdict. I'll call and let you know what happens as soon as I know something," Jack told his mom over the phone at the court house.  
(a) and compare (b) in (c) match (d) between
- Q6 "Knowing that my friend intends to divorce his wife and that I can't say anything to her is really weighing ..... me," Chris told Linda.  
(a) on (b) in (c) around (d) near
- Q7 "His threats about quitting don't ..... any weight with me. He threatened to quit many times and, recently, just bought an expensive car. He won't be able to quit now," the boss told her assistant.  
(a) find (b) load (c) carry (d) look
- Q8 "I am sorry but your problems are your own now. I've tried to help out for years and you keep getting into financial trouble. I can't afford to give you all of my money and I can't let your problems weigh me ..... any longer," Paul told his brother.  
(a) hard (b) down (c) daily (d) under
- Q9 "I love her family. They welcomed me with open ..... and made me feel and at home right away. I can't believe I was so nervous about meeting them," Carl said to his parents about his girlfriend's family.  
(a) arms (b) words (c) minds (d) wallets
- Q10 "Iraq could easily be the next Vietnam if we are not careful. We stayed too long in Vietnam and then abandoned our supporters to die. We need clear objectives and a clear timeline to measure our success and to know when to leave," Matt said to Kyle and Dustin. Dustin said, "That was very well ..... I couldn't have said it better myself."  
(a) moved (b) placed (c) put (d) had

*English Slang Idioms (333)*

- Q1 His main supplier had just gone out of business. He had to figure out a way to weather the ..... until he could find another.  
(a) rain (b) hail (c) storm (d) pass
- Q2 "My parents have always been well-..... Both come from moderately wealthy households and both have good-paying jobs. We've always lived in nice houses," Chris told Jake and Roxanne.  
(a) said (b) versed (c) paid (d) off
- Q3 "Is it OK if I take a quick break, boss? All this dust is making my mouth dry. I am going to go get something to wet my ....., " Sam said.  
(a) chops (b) whistle (c) muffler (d) speaker
- Q4 "Dad has been whaling ..... at the siding on the backside of the house for hours and it still won't come off. He has been steadily beating at it with a hammer and I think the hammer will break before the siding comes off," Sammy told his mom.  
(a) back (b) ahead (c) away (d) across
- Q5 "What a .....! And after all the gardening work you have done! To lose all your plants like that in one stupid heatwave is a real shame," Jill said to Eleanor.  
(a) sorry (b) bad (c) apology (d) pity
- Q6 "When I see that mailman, I am going to give him ..... for. I am going to chew him out because he didn't close the mailbox after he put our mail into it and then the rain destroyed half of it. I can't even see how much I owe on some of the bills and I will have to call each company to find out," Walter told Bette.  
(a) what (b) when (c) how (d) why
- Q7 "You are dating Sarah?" Bart asked with a sneer. Luke responded, "Yeah, and what ..... it? I like her so what is your problem?"  
(a) of (b) by (c) in (d) off
- Q8 Anthony walked into his apartment and saw his roommate and his best friend looking solemn and deep in thought. He asked, "What's .....? What are you guys worried about?"  
(a) baking (b) raining (c) cooking (d) steaming
- Q9 "When I was handling the bills and was late on one, you made me do the dishes, for a week, to pay for my mistake. Now you are late and you will do dishes for a week because what's good for the ..... is good for the gander," Emily told her husband.  
(a) chicken (b) goat (c) sheep (d) goose
- Q10 There were two men taking his shed apart and he could see them outside his window. He ran outside and yelled, " Hey! What's the big .....? Why are you touching my shed?" They responded that they had received a work order to come out and remove a shed. It turned out that they had the wrong house it was the neighbors' shed they were supposed to remove.  
(a) objective (b) idea (c) journey (d) plan

*English Slang Idioms (334)*

- Q1 His telephone rang and he picked it up. It was his brother. Ryan said, "Hey Rob. What am I doing? I am watching a movie on TV. Why? ..... 's up?"  
 (a) Where (b) Why (c) Who (d) What
- Q2 He noticed a big, ugly curtain hanging in his mom's living room and could think of no reason why it would be there because there were blinds behind it. "What's ..... the big curtain?" he asked her.  
 (a) off (b) with (c) why (d) on
- Q3 A law degree was not enough to get a job in the Supreme Court building. One had to wheel and ..... to get a job there.  
 (a) spin (b) feel (c) deal (d) barter
- Q4 "I'll work in a warehouse again when hell ..... over," Mark told his brother when his brother asked him to get a job at the warehouse to keep him company.  
 (a) clouds (b) blows (c) comes (d) freezes
- Q5 "My husband seems pretty meek but when push comes to ....., he is as tough and aggressive as any other man," Sylvia said to Hillary.  
 (a) swing (b) yell (c) shove (d) kick
- Q6 When it ..... to math, one has to remember to be meticulous and double-check for errors. It is too easy to make a mistake in one small calculation that carries over into the rest of the problem.  
 (a) sends (b) comes (c) lends (d) brings
- Q7 "I am telling you, Chu's is ..... it's at if you are looking for good Chinese food. There is no place that serves more or better quality Chinese food in this whole town," Jay said to Chris and Pauline.  
 (a) where (b) when (c) how (d) why
- Q8 He found that he did his best work when the ..... were down. When he was about to get fired or when he was close to losing a relationship due to financial instability, he found a way to succeed in a big way. He wasn't sure why his work suffered when things were going good and he wasn't sure he liked what that said about him.  
 (a) salsa (b) crackers (c) chips (d) cookies
- Q9 "Tammy, bring the dinner plates to the left-hand side table and bring the dessert plates to the kitchen please," Grace said. Tammy responded, "Which is .....? They are all the same size and color. Is there something that I am not seeing?"  
 (a) which (b) where (c) each (d) both
- Q10 "Are we getting close to the turnoff for Shelter Cove yet?" Linda asked Adam. He replied, "We are still a ..... away from it. I will let you know when we are close."  
 (a) pile (b) wall (c) will (d) while

*English Slang Idioms (335)*

- Q1 "We are not going out anymore. When did we break up? It was a while .....; must be about a month now," Greg told his brother when he asked how Amy was doing.  
(a) behind (b) ago (c) ahead (d) under
- Q2 "Where is the exit? Oh, we passed it a ..... back. I am sorry, I should have told you. I got caught up in the conversation and forgot to pay attention," Fred said to Amos.  
(a) where (b) will (c) while (d) whack
- Q3 "We can't go to Aaron's house without eating dinner first. Let me just ..... something up and we will eat quickly and go. It will only take a minute," Sally said to Ian.  
(a) whip (b) wipe (c) work (d) wish
- Q4 "If he keeps yelling at me, I am going to quit. I don't deserve the abuse. I work hard and my work is good. I am not going to be the boss's ..... boy for any amount of money," Grant said to Randall.  
(a) errand (b) sound (c) whip (d) punishment
- Q5 He told the judge that he would be a gangster for life. He started whistling a different ..... when the judge gave him a five-year sentence.  
(a) key (b) pitch (c) note (d) tune
- Q6 "Tommy told me that if the boss ever spoke to him like that, he would quit or tell him off. I think he's just whistling in the ..... I have heard the boss criticize him before and he gets very meek and polite," Joshua told Hank.  
(a) light (b) dark (c) sun (d) alley
- Q7 "Your computer is broken? Let's call my friend David. He is a ..... at fixing computers," Kyle said to Elizabeth.  
(a) whir (b) jingle (c) whiz (d) whistle
- Q8 "I am sorry, I can't make it for dinner after all. I have been feeling sick all day," Allison said to Marcie. Bill said, "Allison, you have been feeling fine all day. Why did you tell them you were sick?" Allison replied, "I didn't feel like going after I found out Greg was coming. I couldn't tell Marcie that because she likes him. It's no big deal; it's just a little ..... lie."  
(a) white (b) blue (c) green (d) pink
- Q9 Some college students in our town believe that the Bush administration is trying to ..... the amount of soldiers who have really died in Iraq.  
(a) backwash (b) window wash (c) color wash (d) whitewash
- Q10 "You boys are getting too rowdy to play in the house. Why don't you go whoop it ..... outside?" Al said to Josh and Braden.  
(a) up (b) away (c) down (d) again

*English Slang Idioms (336)*

- Q1 "We responded to a report of gang violence downtown and we went out to investigate. There were ten youths fighting each other and we attempted to break it up. They turned on us and started to attack us so we arrested the whole ..... of them," Peterson told the chief.  
(a) pallet (b) lot (c) order (d) flock
- Q2 "We went to the party last night and all of the who's ..... in Los Angeles were there. I have never been around that many famous or powerful people before. It was exhilarating," Tammy told Juliet.  
(a) how (b) there (c) listed (d) who
- Q3 "I love getting that wide-..... look of astonishment from customers when I show them how to use the remote-control. Most people don't know what all their electronics can do without someone pointing out all of their features and they become very happy once they realize all of the functions the electronics have," Jeff told Brian.  
(a) viewed (b) mind (c) load (d) eyed
- Q4 "I was watching the Frank Sinatra ..... last night and it was hilarious. All of his friends and co-workers had so many funny jokes that made fun of Frank Sinatra to tell," Beth said to Aaron.  
(a) roast (b) cookout (c) broil (d) braise
- Q5 "I responded to that tip we got over the telephone about the killer's whereabouts and I got led on a wild ..... chase. I went to about ten different spots and there was no evidence that the killer was ever at any of those locations," Bill, a detective, told his boss.  
(a) hog (b) mouse (c) goose (d) moose
- Q6 "The enemy is in range now. Fire at .....!" The commander told the troops.  
(a) want (b) ready (c) will (d) ease
- Q7 "I want to go to film school but my father will not ..... of it. He has decided that I will become a doctor like he did and no argument will change his mind. I don't care what he thinks, though. I am not going to become a doctor; I don't want to," Jesse told Ryan.  
(a) hear (b) thought (c) see (d) handle
- Q8 "My professor and I disagreed about what grade I should have received on my paper. He thought it was average work and I didn't agree. I fulfilled all of his requirements and then some. After a few hours in his office, my argument ..... out and he changed my grade to an A-," John said to Grant.  
(a) burnt (b) won (c) slammed (d) ran
- Q9 "I am a good student when it come to math, law and business but I am definitely behind the ..... when it comes to English. I have been lucky to make it through the English classes I've taken so far," Willy said to Keenan.  
(a) square (b) times (c) curtain (d) curve
- Q10 "We have been doing great this season. We have a six game winning ..... going and there are only a few more games until the playoffs. We will definitely get to the playoffs — if not further," Jay told his dad when his father asked how his baseball team was doing.  
(a) line (b) ladder (c) streak (d) chain

*English Slang Idioms (337)*

- Q1 "I hope that old ..... retires soon. He talks on and on but doesn't ever say anything of substance. He is hurting our firm by remaining in the figurehead position. People won't have confidence in us if they talk to him and figure out that for all the talking, he has nothing to say," Brent told Jim about the senior law partner in the law firm.
- (a) windmill (b) wind sock (c) windbag (d) wind sail
- Q2 "I know that a good night's sleep would increase my chances of success on tomorrow's final exam but I am too ..... up to sleep," Jill told Nancy.
- (a) wound (b) pulled (c) fast (d) energized
- Q3 "I like John but his wife is too ..... for my taste. She is always trying to dominate the conversation or activity I am involved in and she needs to be in control of virtually everything that happens," Jane told Jack.
- (a) bearing (b) overbearing (c) boring (d) bursting
- Q4 "I am sorry; could you repeat yourself? I didn't get much sleep last night and I am still a little ....., " Ned said to John.
- (a) groggy (b) grumpy (c) tipsy (d) matted
- Q5 "Who let Lisa out of the booby .....? Did you hear that argument she just made for shortening the work week? It made no sense at all," Brian said to Tina.
- (a) door (b) place (c) hatch (d) lock
- Q6 "I am lucky; my boss gives me a lot of ..... during the work week so I can tailor my days the way I want to. Some of my friends are on these tight, constricted schedules that dictate exactly what they do, how they do it and when the work is done," Jill said to Rosa.
- (a) headway (b) half-way (c) wiggle way (d) leeway
- Q7 "If you are looking for Mr. Rossini's office, it is in the west ..... of the building on the third floor. I think it is number 307 but I couldn't swear to it," Hank said to the man.
- (a) leg (b) fin (c) wing (d) head
- Q8 "We have to discipline Jeremy for what he did. Theft is nothing to ..... at. We can't allow him to think stealing is OK," Bill said to Nina.
- (a) wink (b) flap (c) wave (d) thumb
- Q9 I am scared of living anywhere where there are tornados. It is horrible to see whole towns that are ..... out by tornados on the news.
- (a) wiped (b) worn (c) whacked (d) wimped
- Q10 "I wouldn't challenge Chen to a game of chess if any of your friends are around. He will wipe the ..... with you," Sylvia said to Marisol.
- (a) rim (b) floor (c) car (d) desk

*English Slang Idioms (338)*

- Q1 "Did you see that kid crash his bike in the park just now. It was one of the worst ..... I have ever seen," Brenda said to Amanda.  
(a) whack outs (b) wash outs (c) wimp outs (d) wipeouts
- Q2 "No, I didn't see it. My brother is all beat up from ..... it on his bike. Crashing your bike can hurt and result in serious injury sometimes," Amanda replied to Brenda.  
(a) serving (b) eating (c) rubbing (d) drinking
- Q3 "I didn't think that he was using me until Paul put me ..... to what he was doing. After Paul presented his argument, there was no way I could deny what was happening," Blake said to George.  
(a) smart (b) wise (c) gullible (d) rooted
- Q4 "I can't wait until Joe is gone. He last day is next week. He is too much of a wise ..... for my taste. He is always cracking jokes at someone else's expense in a really poisonous way," Jeff said to Carl.  
(a) man (b) cat (c) guy (d) creature
- Q5 "I am sorry that you got used again but you have to wise ..... to the fact that a lot of guys are going to try to date you because you are rich and they want to spend your money," Alyssa said to Anne.  
(a) off (b) mind (c) on (d) up
- Q6 "I like a good ..... as much as the next person so it is hard for me to say this. We have to stop joking around at the office because some of the jokes hurt people. We can't let that happen since we are all a team," Bill told his staff.  
(a) wisecrack (b) wise man (c) wise quote (d) wise saying
- Q7 Rather than actually studying, many students will ..... on a variety of lucky charms or talismans in the hope of tapping into some divine luck that will assist them in passing a test they know nothing about.  
(a) want (b) wish (c) wash (d) will
- Q8 "I know there are a lot of people who claim to be Christians who aren't the best people in the world. However, people at the college I attend are constantly attacking Christians and saying horrible things about them as a whole group. If one says he or she is a Christian, some people start pouring out all of this hate at that person about the condition of the world — like it is that person's fault. It seems like the situation is one step away from becoming a .....-hunt," Chris said to Adam.  
(a) gnome (b) goblin (c) witch (d) werewolf
- Q9 "You all signed on with a ..... hand so don't complain to me that someone made you do it. It is time to accept the consequences of your actions and take the pain," the Drill Sergeant said to the new recruits.  
(a) free (b) unrestricted (c) purchased (d) own
- Q10 "How can you say that? I don't want your money! I love you with all my .....!" Autumn said to Logan.  
(a) head (b) mind (c) thought (d) heart

*English Slang Idioms (339)*

- Q1 "The way the other team acted when we won was a great example of how to accept defeat with very bad ..... . When we lose, we will congratulate the other team and shake their hands," the coach told the little league team.  
(a) grace (b) esteem (c) fault (d) mannerisms
- Q2 "Can I have a coffee please? No she can't have any caffeine right now because she is with ....., " Rosa said to the host.  
(a) youngster (b) newborn (c) child (d) little kid
- Q3 "If you want to become a singer you have to be extremely motivated at all times and give 110 percent effort while performing. You have to sing with your heart and ....., " the music teacher told Tommy when he mentioned pursuing a singing career.  
(a) mind (b) feelings (c) soul (d) core
- Q4 "If you touch my toys again I am going to beat you to within an ..... of your life," Bob told his younger brother.  
(a) mile (b) inch (c) atom (d) meter
- Q5 "You are going to go to truck-driving school? I you like it and I wish you the ....., " Chris said to Kyle.  
(a) victory (b) nicest (c) check (d) best
- Q6 "Don't you dare let that job opportunity ..... on the vine. You need to call tomorrow and accept the offer for your family's sake," Beth told her husband after he told her he had received a job opportunity three days before and hadn't told her.  
(a) grow (b) disease (c) wither (d) mature
- Q7 "At this company, we let our employees choose their own work schedules ..... bounds. You have to work in eight-hour blocks and it can't be on Sundays because the building is closed," the hiring manager said to the new employee.  
(a) without (b) within (c) where (d) when
- Q8 "I like staying at my parents' house. I can do anything I want to — within ....., " Ben said to Ian.  
(a) reason (b) lines (c) countries (d) confines
- Q9 "A tree fell and hit my brand new shed. It came down like a ton of ....., " Ben mournfully told his friend.  
(a) nails (b) bricks (c) pork (d) concrete
- Q10 "You don't have a spare tire? I guess we are up a creek without a ....., " The nearest store is over six miles away," Bob told Jared when he got a flat tire.  
(a) motor (b) life vest (c) rudder (d) paddle



*English Slang Idioms (340)*

- Q1 "The salesman just told me that I couldn't return the car or receive a refund without batting an ....., " James told Tina after his used car broke down.  
(a) ball (b) average (c) cleanup (d) eye
- Q2 "Jay is a dependable guy and I like that. He is always on time, here at 8 o'clock, without ....., " the manager told Kathleen.  
(a) trying (b) missing (c) fail (d) mistake
- Q3 "We haven't been able to ..... Mr. Anderson away from his current supplier. We will keep trying though," Ryan told his boss at the paper company.  
(a) woo (b) wonder (c) dine (d) success
- Q4 "Oh, I didn't know that Derrick had a bad back. No ..... he didn't offer to help me build my shed in return for my helping him landscape his yard," Mitchell said to Jacky.  
(a) question (b) debate (c) wonder (d) ambiguity
- Q5 "I don't mean to interrupt but you have told me that story, word for ....., a number of times," Kyle said to Eric.  
(a) word (b) phrase (c) copy (d) image
- Q6 "You might want to watch how many drinks you offer Bob. He will keep drinking until you have nothing left and then he will claim he is too drunk to drive. Then you will have to offer him a bed and breakfast in the morning. Just a word to the ....., " Mitchell said to Paul.  
(a) thinking (b) wise (c) pondering (d) experience
- Q7 "I love my car. I had to work my ..... to the bone to get it but it was worth every penny," Jason said to Lewis.  
(a) fingers (b) feet (c) back (d) chicken
- Q8 "You want us to add a brief history of the company into the promotional video? I think we can ..... that into the piece," Jesse said to Grant.  
(a) will (b) find (c) labor (d) work
- Q9 "I can't come to your house this weekend. I broke my neighbor's window playing baseball and my father is making me work that ....., " Hank said to Joey.  
(a) away (b) again (c) off (d) on
- Q10 "I have let myself get out of shape. I am going to start ..... out next week again. I am going to run, do pushups, sit ups, and lift weights," Barbara said to Nancy.  
(a) starting (b) working (c) flexing (d) clenching

*English Slang Idioms (341)*

- Q1 "Why did you go to the Sergeant Major to address your problem with your section sergeant? The person you should have talked to is your platoon sergeant. If he couldn't resolve it, then you could go to the first sergeant. You have to work through the ..... first," Sergeant Wallace said to Private Henry.  
(a) streams (b) channels (c) studs (d) transmissions
- Q2 "If you want me to testify, you are going to have to offer me some protection. I have been ..... over by the mob twice already; resulting in a broken arm and they threatened to kill me next time," Edward said to the police.  
(a) worked (b) warmed (c) walked (d) balked
- Q3 "I know that you don't like people who are late but you have to stop getting so worked ..... about it. You will be mad half your life if you get that mad every time someone is a little bit late," Sarah told Anna.  
(a) up (b) off (c) down (d) away
- Q4 "Don't feel bad about not being able to do as many pushups as I can. You have to ..... up to it. It takes a lot of time, patience and motivation. I have been doing this for a long time and I feel sure that when you have been here as long as I have, you'll be able to do more pushups than I can," Drill Sergeant Harris told Private Buckman.  
(a) stand (b) work (c) practice (d) repetition
- Q5 "If you graduate college with good grades, the world is your ..... You can do anything you want to do," Jerry's dad told him.  
(a) barnacle (b) clam (c) oyster (d) urchin
- Q6 "I am really sad about my best friend Paul. We used to be so close and so similar but now we are ..... apart," Chris told Linda.  
(a) worlds (b) mountains (c) parks (d) stars
- Q7 "That is awesome! You have a nice car, a nice house and a beautiful wife. You have really come ..... in the world since I last saw you," Bryant said to Fred. They worked together five years ago in the fast-food business.  
(a) away (b) off (c) up (d) across
- Q8 I don't know how he got in here. I told him he couldn't come to your party but he seems to have ..... his way in here somehow," Josh told his brother.  
(a) beetled (b) bees (c) wormed (d) ants
- Q9 "I respect a lot of lawyers but not Eddie Crankenborkel. He is a ..... who makes his money off of exploiting others' sorrows. He never does anything for anyone for less than \$500 an hour," Zack told Melissa.  
(a) worm (b) wombat (c) wand (d) winner
- Q10 "You may have beat me in cards the last five times we played but I have already won two games today in a row. I think the worm is starting to ....., " Art told Chris.  
(a) run (b) laugh (c) sleep (d) turn

*English Slang Idioms (342)*

- Q1 "I can't keep staying out late at night. I have been out late three times already this week and I am ..... to a frazzle," Janice said to Jasmine.  
(a) raked (b) roughed (c) warn (d) sanded
- Q2 "It is so hard to do anything with Shannon. She is such a ..... She asks a million questions that are all doom-related. For example "Are you sure your tires are good? I don't want to crash. Are you sure we won't get bitten by a wild animal on the hike? Are you sure we won't get sick from the food at the restaurant?" I have given up on inviting her to events," Shelly told Cara.  
(a) worry bat (b) worry person (c) worry mind (d) worry wart
- Q3 "Are you OK?" Paul asked Samuel when he fell down the stairs. "I am OK. My pride is hurt by I am none the ..... for wear," he replied.  
(a) harmed (b) best (c) bad (d) worse
- Q4 "If he is worth his ..... he will give you a quote for how much it will cost. Good contractors can estimate how long it will take and what they will need to get the job done," John said to Jeff.  
(a) pepper (b) salt (c) oregano (d) sage
- Q5 "Rhonda said that Kevin stole money from her. I wouldn't put it ..... him; he isn't a trustworthy guy," Shannon told Henrietta.  
(a) through (b) past (c) around (d) across
- Q6 "That shed has so much rot in the walls that it will cost more to repair than to buy a new one. I wouldn't give him a ..... for it," Fred said to Bob.  
(a) rock (b) rock (c) dime (d) plant
- Q7 "My boyfriend will buy me a new purse now that I have lost mine. He buys me what I asked him to; I have him wrapped around my ....., " Lisa said to Jennifer.  
(a) heart (b) pocket (c) finger (d) hat
- Q8 "I have to go make some calls and you all have work to do so let's ..... this meeting up," the boss told the staff.  
(a) twist (b) knot (c) tape (d) wrap
- Q9 "Paul is way too wrapped ..... in himself. All he talks or cares about is himself," Sean said to Rick.  
(a) up (b) off (c) loosely (d) heavy
- Q10 "The stupid caterpillars have ..... havoc with my garden," Beth said to Gina.  
(a) wrapped (b) wrought (c) whacked (d) wreaked

*English Slang Idioms (343)*

- Q1 "I gave up on trying to hang out with Jimmy. He never puts any effort into our relationship," Hillary said to Natasha. She responded, "I know what you mean. I ..... him off after he didn't return my calls. I am sure if I called him and got a hold of him he would want to hang out on his terms but that doesn't work for me."  
 (a) left (b) shucked (c) ripped (d) wrote
- Q2 "I can't believe it; I got written ..... for speeding again. If it happens again, I might lose my license," Alice told Lacy.  
 (a) away (b) in (c) up (d) letter
- Q3 "The play was a complete write-..... the acting was poor and the story was dumb," Jean said to Ed.  
 (a) block (b) bad (c) off (d) complaint
- Q4 "There is definitely something wrong with your plumbing. Something is ..... up the works. I would recommend calling a plumber," George told his friend.  
 (a) gumming (b) blinding (c) restricting (d) dampening
- Q5 "I am sorry I am late for work today, Boss. There was a ..... jam on the freeway and I was stuck in it for 40 minutes," Ron said.  
 (a) truck (b) thick (c) traffic (d) car
- Q6 "I can't seem to get this essay completed. I have had ..... block for the past four hours and I can't seem to break through it and think of anything to write," Kyle said to his roommate.  
 (a) composers (b) writers (c) literature (d) typists
- Q7 "Do you mind if I use your computer to finish making these notes? I have writers ..... in my right hand really badly," Dan said to Hans.  
 (a) crimp (b) clench (c) burn (d) cramp
- Q8 "Can you believe that my mom won't let me date Frank because she says he's from the wrong side of the ..... ? Who cares if he is poor and doesn't live in a nice area? That doesn't say anything to me about who he is. She just said I would understand when I am older and have kids of my own," Clarissa said to Winter.  
 (a) bus (b) tracks (c) building (d) planet
- Q9 "I have been trying to get a hold of Hank but it has been in ..... He never seems to be home. Have you been able to reach him?" Abbey asked her sister.  
 (a) vain (b) none (c) absence (d) failure
- Q10 "There is so much talk about family ..... these days. What do people actually mean when they bring that topic up?" Bill asked Adam.  
 (a) characteristics (b) aspects (c) facets (d) values

*English Slang Idioms (344)*

- Q1 "John is an idiot. Everything that comes out of his mouth, in my opinion, is ..... diarrhea. It is either useless information or it is incorrect," Bill said to Paul.  
(a) phrasal (b) plural (c) verbal (d) dictionary
- Q2 "Tom complained about Joanne to their boss last year. Joanne found out about it and complained to the boss about Tom. Tom caught word of it and complained about Joanne and it has been a vicious ..... ever since," Jeff said to Grace.  
(a) chain (b) circle (c) square (d) completion
- Q3 "I am sorry that I can't speak louder. I have a cold that seems to have settled in my ..... box. I haven't been able to talk normally for three days," Linda croaked to Sam.  
(a) volume (b) projection (c) amplification (d) voice
- Q4 "I think Hank is a good person. I get a good ..... from him every time I see him," Lynn said to Cindy.  
(a) vibration (b) wave (c) signal (d) motion
- Q5 "You had better be on time in the future if you want to keep this job. The boss takes a dim ..... of people being late to work," Cheryl said to Steve.  
(a) eye (b) bulb (c) look (d) view
- Q6 "I think Beth's older daughter is really cute but her little one is kind of an ugly ....., " Julia said to Nancy.  
(a) duckling (b) birdie (c) kitten (d) king fisher
- Q7 "I won't go on a blind date that you set up, Jack. No offense but your last girlfriend was as ugly as a ..... fence," Tom said.  
(a) white (b) wood (c) mud (d) picket
- Q8 "The boss told me today, in no ..... terms, that he will fire me if my stats don't go way up in the next month," Tammy said to Jonathan.  
(a) uncomfortable (b) uncertain (c) unwise (d) unlearned
- Q9 "Donald Rumsfeld left office under a ..... — as did several others. There have been a lot of rumors of people doing dishonest or amoral things in the Bush administration," Bart said to Kyle.  
(a) cloud (b) haze (c) smoke (d) hail
- Q10 There are many car accidents caused each year by intoxicated ..... age drivers.  
(a) less (b) not (c) mediocre (d) under

*English Slang Idioms (345)*

- Q1 "You are ..... arrest!" the police officer informed the criminal.  
 (a) in (b) under (c) on (d) behind
- Q2 "Our new store is still under ..... but it will open by the beginning of next month," the manager told her staff.  
 (a) building (b) contraction (c) working (d) construction
- Q3 "You guys have to let me go! I am a policeman, you jerks," Billy, an under ..... agent told the policeman when they arrested him at the scene of a drug deal.  
 (a) secret (b) cover (c) acting (d) order
- Q4 "Our company is really under ..... in the media at the moment for refusing to cover acupuncture," the health insurance representative said in the meeting.  
 (a) fire (b) blasting (c) bashing (d) aggression
- Q5 "You better keep the alcohol under ..... and key when Josh comes over. He has a tendency to drink too much and become obnoxious," Herb told the Jamison's.  
 (a) safe (b) house (c) lock (d) drawer
- Q6 "I am making more money these days. I can charge more now because I have ten years of experience and now a degree under my ....., " Gerome said to Mike.  
 (a) folder (b) records (c) belt (d) shoes
- Q7 "I am sorry that they heard me say that I couldn't eat the food. I tried to say it under my ..... but I guess I said it too loud. I will have to apologize," Hank said to Jenna.  
 (a) tongue (b) breath (c) teeth (d) thumb
- Q8 "I can't believe that our son has been drinking right under our ..... for the last few months. How did we not see that?" Jake asked Kim.  
 (a) brows (b) hat (c) inspection (d) nose
- Q9 "She must have resented him for trying to keep her under his ..... He was kind of a tyrant about it," Ben said to Jessica when they were talking about their friend's divorce.  
 (a) laces (b) socks (c) toes (d) heel
- Q10 "I made it through college under my own ..... but I had to ask for a loan for the down payment for this house," Sarah told her brother.  
 (a) rain (b) steam (c) mist (d) hail

*English Slang Idioms (346)*

- Q1 "Jared has been hitting on me all night and I am definitely under his ..... I am going to ask him out on a date for tomorrow," Lilly said to Jacky.  
(a) potion (b) spell (c) trickery (d) hypnosis
- Q2 "My dad keeps the household pretty well under his ..... He does a good job but I am ready for some independence," Jeremy said to Joel.  
(a) fingernails (b) ring (c) palm (d) thumb
- Q3 "Joe and I go way back. He was having a hard time in basic training so I kind of took him under my ..... and then, when I had a hard time in the advanced training, he helped me," Ken said to Ron.  
(a) hand (b) fin (c) wing (d) paw
- Q4 When the civilian was shot by the soldier, the government needed to find out whether the soldier was ..... orders at the time. If he was not, he is going to jail.  
(a) after (b) under (c) on (d) in
- Q5 "I will resign but I am resigning under ..... and I want that on the record," Matt said when the government asked him to leave for talking to the press about a matter they wanted to keep secret.  
(a) retaliation (b) refusal (c) complaining (d) protest
- Q6 "I really wanted my mother to come stay with us but under the ..... I understand why she is not coming. The fire is so close to her house that she can't leave and have a good time," Ben said to Jasmine.  
(a) happenings (b) actions (c) events (d) circumstances
- Q7 "I only make \$15 an hour at the construction job but it is all under the ..... so it works out to be more since I am not paying taxes on it," Jack said to Craig.  
(a) table (b) cover (c) chair (d) stool
- Q8 "It isn't just you that finds his comments offensive. Everything under the ..... takes offense to his comments," Jill said to Leanne.  
(a) sun (b) roof (c) umbrella (d) star
- Q9 "I am going to throw a party for my brother but keep that under ..... for now until I know for sure what day it is going to be on," Ned said to Ty.  
(a) paper (b) packing (c) wraps (d) boxes
- Q10 "I don't work for Head First. My organization is under the same ..... of education though," Peggy said to Irma.  
(a) umbrella (b) rock (c) notebook (d) drawer

*English Slang Idioms (347)*

- Q1 "Everything you see is for sale in this garage except for the chainsaw. The chainsaw is not up for ....., " Tom told the first people to arrive at his yard sale.  
(a) reaches (b) squeezes (c) grabs (d) heists
- Q2 "Johnny! You are up and .....! I was getting worried about you. You were really sick for the past two weeks," Kyle told his nephew.  
(a) across (b) about (c) in (d) jumped
- Q3 "Alright, up and ..... em. It's time to go to work," Steve's dad informed him at 6:30 in the morning.  
(a) behind (b) at (c) in (d) off
- Q4 "I know you planned to have the foundation completed sooner but you don't know what we're up ..... out there. We are still working on it but hitting all that rock has put us back about three hours. I will call you as soon as I have an update," Sean told Bob.  
(a) against (b) on (c) behind (d) across
- Q5 "I told my son that I forbade him to join the Marine Corps and he ..... against my wishes and joined anyway. I miss him so much and hope he is OK," Hank said to his best friend.  
(a) want (b) washed (c) stumped (d) went
- Q6 "The mayor just announced today that he won't support the bill everyone is talking about and the whole town is up in ..... Some people have called for his resignation and some others have recommended impeachment," Sally told her daughter when she came for dinner.  
(a) hats (b) color (c) motion (d) arms
- Q7 "Would I like to go to a plant sale with you? Yes, I would. As you know, gardening is one of my favorite hobbies so a plant sale would be right up my ....., " Chris told Adam.  
(a) pathway (b) driveway (c) alley (d) fire escape
- Q8 "I know you like to have a schedule that we stick to but do you have to be so up ..... about it? We were five minutes late to our first destination and you got really angry. Can you relax on the schedule a bit?" Linda asked Chris.  
(a) seated (b) tight (c) loose (d) snug
- Q9 "I can't believe my boss gave me another report to analyze. I am already up to my ..... in reports that need to be analyzed," Beth said to Ellis.  
(a) neck (b) toes (c) ankles (d) knees
- Q10 "Can you find us another screwdriver? This one is not up to ..... The tip is stripped and won't turn the screw," Matt's father said to him.  
(a) rub (b) stitch (c) scrub (d) scratch



*English Slang Idioms (348)*

- Q1 "We are going to have to find another saw with more power. The battery-powered ones, like the one you have, die very easily. This one is just not ..... to snuff," Jared told Sam.  
(a) down (b) up (c) on (d) geared
- Q2 "I just can't seem to get on top of this pile of work. I am constantly buried ..... to the hilt in over-due cases. I will have to work overtime if I want to get this done," Jenny told Tom.  
(a) up (b) onto (c) into (d) down
- Q3 Designing sustainability programs for companies that want to go "green" is a major up-and-..... industry in the United States right now.  
(a) arriving (b) getting (c) motivating (d) coming
- Q4 "We managed to get our project into the boss's office on time but it was close. We were editing it right up to the last ....., " John told Harris.  
(a) minute (b) iota (c) molecule (d) partition
- Q5 "I am very glad that we did get the project in on time. It was pretty ....., wasn't it? I wasn't at all sure we would have it done in time," Harris responded to John.  
(a) grainy (b) choppy (c) dicey (d) wavy
- Q6 It is hard for college kids to afford school these days. Not only must they come up with the cost of tuition and books, they must come up with the money to purchase the most up-to-..... computer programs to be able to complete their assignments.  
(a) period (b) spectrum (c) technology (d) date
- Q7 "I am glad that I took it ..... myself to help that old lady seal her roof. She never would have got it sealed otherwise," Chris told Linda.  
(a) into (b) back (c) around (d) upon
- Q8 Everyone, regardless of socioeconomic levels, has to deal with problems. Poor people really do have to deal with more problems, though, than the upper ..... of society.  
(a) bun (b) condiments (c) crust (d) icing
- Q9 "I understand why you would want to streamline the company by laying people off and transferring jobs overseas. However, do you really want all those people out of work on your .....?" Kyle asked Ian.  
(a) feet (b) head (c) trunk (d) cubicle
- Q10 "When Tina stood me up at my wedding, it turned my whole ..... upside down. I was crushed," Zack told Jesse.  
(a) sea (b) room (c) person (d) world

*English Slang Idioms (349)*

- Q1 "I didn't have the money with me when I went through the toll and the person working in the toll took my name and address and told me that he would send me a bill. When I received the bill, they had ..... on a late charge since I didn't have the money with me at the time and another random penalty," James told Hank.  
 (a) tacked (b) glued (c) bolted (d) darted
- Q2 "That guy has been nothing but trouble since he started working here. I know I shouldn't feel this way but after all the problems he caused here, I felt good about seeing him leave here with his ..... between his legs," Mr. Simon said to his assistant.  
 (a) belt (b) pants (c) tail (d) hat
- Q3 "I have always wanted to see the movie you rented. I walked in on the tail ..... of it and it looked very good," James told his wife.  
 (a) tip (b) hair (c) end (d) wag
- Q4 "I miss smoking tailor-..... cigarettes. Now that I am in college and broke, I can only afford the kind you roll yourself," Ben said to Ian.  
 (a) made (b) furnished (c) measured (d) created
- Q5 "This is the man who is responsible for breaking every sales record in company history. James, take a .....!" the manager told him at the company get-together.  
 (a) bow (b) hand (c) bend (d) glance
- Q6 "I heard that you have had a hard time getting one of the stumps out of your backyard. For \$25, I'll take a ..... at it," Bill said to the couple.  
 (a) fissure (b) fracture (c) shatter (d) crack
- Q7 "I think your friend is mad that we got married. He just tried to take a ..... at me by insinuating that my job would not make us enough to support ourselves," Willy said to Amanda.  
 (a) hole (b) dig (c) mound (d) wipe
- Q8 "I am going to have a whiskey on ice. Would anyone else like to take a .....?" Max asked the party.  
 (a) drop (b) river (c) deluge (d) tear
- Q9 "I have always liked gardening but my husband didn't like it in the past. It is only recently that he has taken a ..... to gardening," Linda told Alice.  
 (a) extravagant (b) pricey (c) fancy (d) classy
- Q10 "I can't believe that Sylvia left the party after Steve made that little comment. He was obviously joking around and told her so as well. Can't she ..... a joke?" Julia said to Harris.  
 (a) take (b) grab (c) find (d) snatch

*English Slang Idioms (350)*

- Q1 "Hey, Jim. How are you doing? Why don't you sit with me and take a ..... off your feet? We haven't seen each other for a while and we need to catch up," Phil said.  
(a) heavy (b) shoe (c) pressure (d) load
- Q2 "I am so embarrassed. I invited my parents to see the play I am in and it ..... The singing and acting was bad and the lead forgot her lines twice," Irma said to Kathy.  
(a) fell (b) flopped (c) flipped (d) tripped
- Q3 "I am starting to see some clouds. Let's hurry up and get this window back into your house before the weather takes a ..... for the worse," Chris said to Derrick.  
(a) turn (b) hike (c) trip (d) run
- Q4 "I know you like to joke around and you don't like our boss but taking a ..... at him in public was not a good idea. You know our boss has a long memory and no sense of humor," Paula said to Ricky.  
(a) look (b) hand (c) poke (d) pull
- Q5 "You better watch out when you go down the stairs in those high-heels, Brooke. There is a lot of ice on the stairs and it would not be fun to take a ..... down them," Kayla said.  
(a) juggle (b) tip (c) spill (d) fumble
- Q6 "I can't seem to get this nut off of the chassis. It is really stuck on there. Would you take a ..... at it, Bob?" Simon asked.  
(a) snipe (b) whack (c) talking (d) sock
- Q7 "I couldn't believe someone could get so mad over a misunderstanding. One day, I didn't say hello to one of my neighbors when she was walking by on her daily jaunt. I was busy and had my hands full. I apologized later and was ..... aback by the ferocity in her voice. She accused me of being rude, mean and all sorts of other things. I don't understand," Linda said to Roxanne.  
(a) taken (b) given (c) left (d) dropped
- Q8 "You got a full scholarship to Harvard University? You are going to go, right? You have to take ..... of that great opportunity!" Simon said to his best friend.  
(a) superiority (b) dominance (c) advantage (d) victory
- Q9 "Your boy can eat so much food and he never gains a pound!" Lisa said to Brandy. She responded, "He ..... after his father in that respect. Max can eat and eat and he never gains a pound either."  
(a) takes (b) stands (c) looks (d) shadows
- Q10 "The boss seems so nice but he can sure be tough when he wants to be. I was late turning in my expense report and he took me ..... in his office for about ten minutes. Let's just say I felt decidedly humble afterwards," Sally told Jennifer.  
(a) away (b) together (c) across (d) apart

*English Slang Idioms (351)*

- Q1 "I accused my husband of seeing someone else after I caught him on the phone with another woman. I felt about three feet ..... when I found out that he was planning a surprise birthday party for me and he was inviting my best friend from high school who I haven't seen in ten years," Sarah said to Jessica.  
(a) wide (b) away (c) down (d) tall
- Q2 "Your mother wasn't smart enough to go to college. That is why she stays at home," Billy the Bully told Steven. Steven said, "You better take that comment .....,," and clenched his fists in anticipation of a fight.  
(a) away (b) home (c) back (d) off
- Q3 "The other team was supposed to be better than our team but we took them by ..... The final score was 108 to 21," Bill told his father after the basketball tournament.  
(a) storm (b) running (c) hurricane (d) tornado
- Q4 "I can't believe my husband was able to organize a surprise party for me that was so big and included so many of my friends. I had no hint of it whatsoever; the party took me completely by .....,," Beth said to Alyssa.  
(a) surprise (b) shock (c) scare (d) probability
- Q5 "I am glad we bumped into each other. It was good to see you again. .... care!" Thomas said to Steve.  
(a) Show (b) Find (c) Give (d) Take
- Q6 "Bill walks around here like he is the greatest thing this planet has ever seen. He isn't half as great as he thinks he is. I wish someone would take him down a .....,," Gail said to Pauline.  
(a) turn (b) knob (c) notch (d) gear
- Q7 "Jim, you are looking like you are too hot. You are sweating and pale. I am worried about you. Why don't you ..... five in the shade and then come back," the foreman told him.  
(a) leave (b) give (c) try (d) take
- Q8 "Of course I am not going to watch that stranger's dog while she goes to another country. I have never seen her before in my life. What do you ..... me for?" Chris asked Derrick.  
(a) size (b) define (c) take (d) throw
- Q9 "I miss Rosa so much. I took her for ..... for too long and she left me for being a jerk. I wish she would come back so I can tell her how I really feel," Michael told Robert.  
(a) given (b) granted (c) gifted (d) benefit
- Q10 "I know you are depressed about failing the Accounting midterm but take .....,!" There is enough extra credit available in that class to more than make up for that poor grade. You still have a great chance of getting a good grade in that class," Grant's roommate told him.  
(a) soul (b) body (c) mind (d) heart

*English Slang Idioms (352)*

- Q1 "Bob always makes fun of me at work but I just take it in ..... and refuse to let it bother me. He makes himself look bad when he does it," Matt told Amber after she asked him if he was alright after a particularly acidic round of comments from Bob.  
(a) walk (b) stride (c) fall (d) stretch
- Q2 "I am sorry, Joe. You are such a good employee that I didn't want to take ..... with you for being late but I decided I had to so that you know my policy. I know that sometimes being late is inevitable but give me a call and let me know. You could have — given your situation," the boss told him.  
(a) issue (b) controversy (c) habit (d) instance
- Q3 "I will be ready to go to the hotel in a few minutes. Just give me a little while to take it all ..... Everything is so beautiful," Kim said to Jack after they stepped off the plane in Hawaii.  
(a) on (b) in (c) there (d) back
- Q4 "Now it is my pleasure to introduce this band from Atlanta, Georgia. They are renowned for their blues and jazz routines. I give you the Squirrels! Take it ....., boys!" the emcee directed the band.  
(a) down (b) back (c) ahead (d) away
- Q5 "I am sorry I messed up on the chorus again," the guitar player told the band. "Let's take it from the ..... and this time I won't make that same mistake again."  
(a) head (b) front (c) start (d) top
- Q6 "I know that you are very angry with your boyfriend but don't ..... it out on me. I didn't do anything wrong," Lisa's brother said.  
(a) give (b) trounce (c) take (d) tell
- Q7 "When I started my second job, I felt fine. I still had energy and motivation. But, the long hours are starting to take their ..... on me. I am tired and apathetic almost all the time," Jill said to Alice.  
(a) price (b) toll (c) charge (d) time
- Q8 "I am so tired of that lady coming by at all hours to ask us for favors. I don't take ..... to people who ask for favors when I barely know them and they haven't done anything for me or even offered to," Chris told Linda.  
(a) sweetly (b) happily (c) nicely (d) kindly
- Q9 "I have given you a lot of leeway on your project but you are taking ..... that I can't allow. You are abusing my trust," the boss told Jack after he bullied another department and then told them that the boss had given him the authority to do so. "I didn't say you could do that or anything like that," the boss continued.  
(a) liberties (b) free will (c) mock authority (d) play time
- Q10 "The cable company is charging us a late fee. I paid the bill on time and I can prove it. I called them and explained that and they refused to remove the late fee from the amount owing. I am not going to take this ..... down. I am going down there to talk to the manager and anyone above him or her if I don't get resolution to this," Bill told his wife.  
(a) face (b) lying (c) starting (d) pressing

*English Slang Idioms (353)*

- Q1 "Bill told me that he would meet his sales requirements but I don't hold any ..... in that. He says a lot of things but doesn't always live up to what he says," Martin said to Al.  
(a) bonds (b) cash (c) stock (d) investments
- Q2 "Hey, take ..... of that tall blond walking down the street. She is sure attractive," 16 year-old Billy said to his friend Greg.  
(a) note (b) letter (c) pitch (d) declaring
- Q3 "I felt so bad for this guy tonight. The master of ..... was announcing the next performers and he was walking around as he was doing it. He then tripped over his microphone cord and fell off the stage. Luckily, only his pride was hurt," Nelly said to Samantha.  
(a) events (b) actions (c) culture (d) ceremonies
- Q4 "I can't believe that Tina and George left our party five minutes after they got here because of a call from a friend on their cell phone. I ..... offense to things like that!" Nick said to Mike.  
(a) give (b) talk (c) tread (d) take
- Q5 "Matt won't talk to me at the moment. I told him the other night that the way he interacted with his girlfriend when they were fighting was funny. He was quite witty at the time and I thought he would take it as a compliment. Unfortunately, he took it the wrong ..... and thought I was making fun of him," Jenny told Chris.  
(a) path (b) way (c) meaning (d) choice
- Q6 "I hate the loud volume and people crashing into me at the concerts you take me to. Don't get me ..... I like the music and I like the concerts; I just don't like the volume and people in my space," Shelly told Bob.  
(a) wrong (b) incorrectly (c) off (d) different
- Q7 "The view of Shasta, Trinity and Butte County on top of Mount Lassen is truly amazing. The first time I got to the top of the mountain, the view took my ..... away," Bonnie told Kevin.  
(a) mind (b) speech (c) breath (d) thoughts
- Q8 "I am so scared, every day, that my husband won't come home. It is hard to be the wife of a police officer. He takes his ..... in his hands every day and he might get killed by some crazy criminal," Lydia told Jacky.  
(a) fortune (b) well being (c) mortality (d) life
- Q9 "I am disappointed that you didn't keep your word but I have got my ..... of you now. I am happy that this happened so I know not to do any major business with you," Frank told Jimmy.  
(a) meter (b) measure (c) size (d) depth
- Q10 "I swear to God that I didn't break the window," Billy told his parents. "Don't take the Lord's name in ..... again! It's a sin. I know that you broke the window! I saw it myself and wanted to know if you would tell the truth," Dan told his son and then grounded him for two weeks.  
(a) accident (b) wrong (c) selfishness (d) vain

*English Slang Idioms (354)*

- Q1 "I am going to build a planter box this weekend. I am going to take my ..... and do it slowly and perfectly. I am not going to rush or work on it like I have a deadline," Chris said to Linda.  
(a) boundaries (b) period (c) end (d) time
- Q2 "I like jokes but I am not going to take ..... in the practical joke you are planning. Some people get mad or hurt when a joke like that is played on them," Doug said to Kevin and Robert.  
(a) role (b) part (c) practice (d) acting
- Q3 "I know that lady is annoying; always asking for favors from us but I kind of take ..... on her. She is old and alone. I know that she could do a lot of these things herself but it is much harder for her to do them," Luke said to Eugenia.  
(a) sorry (b) pathetic (c) pity (d) empathy
- Q4 "This has been a rough year for us. We opened a business and had to put ourselves into a lot of debt until the company took ..... in this community. It was a very stressful time," Craig said to Jan.  
(a) planting (b) grab (c) root (d) bonding
- Q5 "Your planter box is starting to take ..... I know that you have more to do but it is starting to look good," Bill told Chris.  
(a) shape (b) size (c) rigidity (d) mold
- Q6 "Let's go out to eat today. How about trying that new Indian food restaurant?" Jill asked Jacob. He responded, "Sounds good to me. That place looks pretty ....."  
(a) binding (b) promising (c) oath (d) swearing
- Q7 "We understand that a number of our toys have lead paint in them. We are taking ..... to minimize the damage to communities through recalls and getting the story on the news. We are also working, internally, to make sure this never happens again," the spokesperson for the company said during the press conference.  
(a) ladders (b) increments (c) steps (d) markers
- Q8 "You are going to have to confess to breaking the window or I will tell my parents you did it. I am not going to take the ..... for you," Billy told Joey.  
(a) rap (b) hit (c) price (d) bump
- Q9 "We are trying to convince the witness to take the ..... and testify against the mob but he is too scared to do so at the moment. Maybe if we offer some protection, he'll change his mind," Detective Roberts said to the chief.  
(a) standing (b) box (c) stand (d) seat
- Q10 "You can tell that Joe is already half in the .....; he is laughing more than I have ever seen him laugh and he has already ran into about half of the tables and stools in this bar," Kylie said to Steve.  
(a) box (b) bag (c) pool (d) safe

*English Slang Idioms (355)*

- Q1 "I can't believe you won't help me move after I took the ..... to help you get a job and help you with your roof," Tim said to Jesse.  
(a) problem (b) trouble (c) anxiousness (d) uncomfortable
- Q2 "I can't believe you just brought up the fact that the boss hasn't paid you for all of your overtime and that your computer still hasn't been fixed right after he started reprimanding you because you failed to meet your performance targets," Jill said to Allison. Allison replied, "Well, the best ..... is a good offense."  
(a) retaliation (b) protection (c) scenario (d) defense
- Q3 "Well, this concludes my portion of the presentation. Next up is Mr. Stevens with a lecture on increasing efficiency in the workplace. Mr. Stevens, will you please take the .....?" Mr. Renner asked.  
(a) space (b) area (c) floor (d) door
- Q4 "Well, if that doesn't just take the ..... I can't believe that after we helped her clean her yard, paint her house and fix her car that she refused to let us borrow her shovel," Chris said to Linda.  
(a) pastry (b) cake (c) pie (d) brownie
- Q5 "Do you have any snack food I could have? I just need a little bit of food to take the ..... off until we go out to dinner. I haven't eaten for seven hours," Lacy said to Jim.  
(a) corner (b) lap (c) finish (d) edge
- Q6 "I hate when a case comes apart because a witness takes the ..... It is hard to know when information overlaps. I didn't realize that by testifying against the defendant, the witness would be incriminating himself. I think I just lost this case," the prosecuting attorney told the District Attorney.  
(a) refuse (b) fifth (c) no (d) won't
- Q7 "I am sorry to hear that your mother just passed away. Why don't you take the next couple of days ..... and come back to work when you are ready," the boss told Jacqueline.  
(a) away (b) leave (c) off (d) home
- Q8 "I know that it is risky and crazy to move from Indiana to Hollywood on the off-chance that I can get a job as an actress. I have always wanted to be an actress so I am going to take the ..... I am going to move away in two weeks," Becky told her friend.  
(a) fall (b) dive (c) fly (d) plunge
- Q9 "The hike up that hill — in this muggy, hot weather — sure took the ..... out of me. I am exhausted and don't feel like doing anything but sitting down," Maggie told Gina.  
(a) starch (b) smart (c) fold (d) iron
- Q10 "I made a promise to myself that I am going to take time ....., every day, to do something I enjoy like gardening. I have been working, doing chores or cleaning from the time I wake up until the time I go to bed for too long," Jill said to Bethany.  
(a) away (b) back (c) out (d) break



*English Slang Idioms (356)*

- Q1 "I think I can get the time ..... from work to go to the concert with you since I have plenty of time to arrange it at work. I will call you and let you know very soon whether I can go with you or not," Kelly said to Roxanne.  
(a) back (b) off (c) away (d) left
- Q2 "I am happy with the way that turned out. It could have turned out very badly. When I caught the guy stealing, I was afraid he was going to attack me but he just took to his ..... and ran off," George told his wife.  
(a) shoes (b) heels (c) pavement (d) muscles
- Q3 "Removing the rocks from the backyard wasn't as hard as I thought it would be. My friend Adam came over and he, my wife, and I all ..... turns hauling them out in my wheelbarrow. It went fast and none of us got tired quickly," Luke told his mom.  
(a) told (b) tread (c) tried (d) took
- Q4 America, before World War 2, didn't want to go to war again. It wasn't until after Pearl Harbor was bombed that the public was ready to take up ..... and join the fray.  
(a) arms (b) hands (c) legs (d) stances
- Q5 "Why did you take it ..... yourself to clean the garage? I told you I would do it tomorrow," Bill said to his wife.  
(a) into (b) upon (c) to (d) by
- Q6 "I don't understand Willy. He had a perfectly nice girlfriend and now he has taken ..... with a mean viper of a woman," Eleanor said to Maude.  
(a) back (b) in (c) steps (d) up
- Q7 "You know how good Ryan is at the theater. I finally got him an appointment with a talent ..... in Hollywood. This could be his big break!" Lisa told Henrietta.  
(a) observer (b) inspector (c) scout (d) examiner
- Q8 "George is kind of hard to talk to. We all talk about things that are going on or things that we are interested in at the moment. All he does is tell ..... tales that may or may not be true. Whether they are true or not, I am not sure why he tells them we don't want to hear about a fish he might have caught twenty years ago," Rhonda told Sylvia.  
(a) small (b) tall (c) big (d) half
- Q9 "Wow, your friend Paul can sure talk a blue .....! I don't think he quit talking the whole hour and a half he was here. I think he might be a compulsive talker," Randy told Chris.  
(a) sky (b) car (c) chip (d) streak
- Q10 "Jesse, don't talk ..... to your mother when she asks you to do something. Just do it. If you have a good reason why you can't, tell her. But, if not, just do it without the attitude," Ben told his son.  
(a) back (b) away (c) big (d) in

*English Slang Idioms (357)*

- Q1 "Bill, I hate when you talk ..... to me. I know all about the subject we are talking about; I specialize in it but you talk to me like I am either a little kid or ignorant. I am neither," Tom said.  
(a) small (b) little (c) basic (d) down
- Q2 "You talk ..... but can you back it up? I am challenging you to a game," Linus said to Bart after he bragged about how good he was at chess.  
(a) massive (b) expansive (c) mass (d) big
- Q3 "Bob, I hate to interrupt, but you are talking in ..... Can you please give us a definite answer?" the boss asked the head of accounting at the meeting.  
(a) circles (b) squares (c) spheres (d) cylinders
- Q4 "Jake, you are talking over our ..... We know a little about auto mechanics but the things you are talking about are way beyond our skill or experience level. Can you dumb it down a bit?" Charlie asked.  
(a) backs (b) smarts (c) heads (d) minds
- Q5 "Jerry, you are talking a lot of ..... None of what you say is true, feasible or desirable. We would not be better off as a species if we took pills to suppress our emotions — even if it were possible," Dan said.  
(a) spoil (b) rot (c) mold (d) fungus
- Q6 "Since the boys are all talking ..... and we can't understand what they are talking about because we don't work there, let's get out of the heat and talk about more interesting subjects," Jill suggested to the wives who were at the barbeque.  
(a) cubicle (b) warehouse (c) floor (d) shop
- Q7 "I know you have been trying to decide whether you want to sell you boat and, if so, what price you want for it. Have you decided? Are you ready to talk .....?" Matt asked Alex.  
(a) sparrow (b) pheasant (c) quail (d) turkey
- Q8 "You want me to pump all of the manholes on this post, by myself, by the end of today? That is kind of a ..... order, don't you think, Sergeant? There are 26 manholes on this post and it takes about a half-hour to pump one," Private Jones said.  
(a) mass (b) long (c) tall (d) stretched
- Q9 "If dad catches you stealing change from his piggy bank he is going to tan your ....., " Jerry told his little brother.  
(a) covering (b) chassis (c) exterior (d) hide
- Q10 "I am working for a local auto dealer now. My hot rod business ..... after the price of gasoline shot up," Kevin told a friend he hadn't seen in a while.  
(a) bummed (b) tanked (c) blinked (d) braked

*English Slang Idioms (358)*

- Q1 "We get a lot of business in the summer time and then it ..... off about October or so. When the weather gets cold, people don't want to go boating anymore," Jack said to Greg.  
 (a) tapes (b) tapers (c) ticks (d) takes
- Q2 "You are wondering if I am going to leave you because your hair fell out during chemotherapy? I can assure you, that ..... never passed through my mind. I love you, hair or not," Bart told his wife.  
 (a) plan (b) concept (c) calculation (d) thought
- Q3 "I know that I hurt you earlier when I told you that you needed to be more detailed in your work. However, this tit for ..... business is just going to hurt our relationship. You shouldn't have done what you did to pay me back for hurting you earlier," Shannon said to Haley.  
 (a) trot (b) trip (c) tat (d) till
- Q4 "I knew that we had to go but it was very hard to ..... myself away from the garden show. I was having so much fun looking at all the plants!" Chris said to Linda.  
 (a) pluck (b) tear (c) burn (d) bump
- Q5 "Don't even think about ..... up, Joe. You are going to be fine. You just scraped your knee," Luke said to his brother.  
 (a) crying (b) sobbing (c) wailing (d) tearing
- Q6 "I just watched the movie The Notebook for the first time and it is such a ..... I wholeheartedly recommend it," Lisa told Amber.  
 (a) tearjerker (b) tear ripper (c) tear nibbler (d) tear puller
- Q7 "I had to wait in line for 20 minutes before I got to the receptionist at the Department of Motor Vehicles. Once I got there, she said that I had to fix one line on my form before I could get helped and made me go to the back of the line to fix it. I was so ..... off!" Travis said to Randall.  
 (a) kicked (b) punched (c) teed (d) bunched
- Q8 "I looked at the plants you told me to look at and I couldn't ..... them apart. I think the differences are too subtle for someone who isn't very interested in plants," Jane told Chris.  
 (a) speak (b) pry (c) talk (d) tell
- Q9 "The mailman left the door of my mailbox open again and it's raining. I am going to tell him ..... next time I see him," Walter told Maxine.  
 (a) away (b) off (c) back (d) up
- Q10 "I can't believe Tom ..... on me for writing notes in class. I thought we were friends!" Luke said to Joey.  
 (a) told (b) yelled (c) spoke (d) boasted

*English Slang Idioms (359)*

- Q1 "Stop playing the guitar out in your yard in the afternoon. It's annoying," Shelly, Josh's next-door neighbor told him. "Where do you get ..... telling me what to do in my own yard?" He asked.  
(a) off (b) in (c) on (d) back
- Q2 "These days you spend most of your time at Geraldine's house taking care of her yard. You told me you aren't getting paid, so what's ..... it for you?" Bill's roommate asked.  
(a) off (b) in (c) for (d) filling
- Q3 "Johnny's so dumb, he can't tell .....!" The bully said in class  
(a) clock (b) hours (c) periods (d) time
- Q4 "You should stop stealing files on the Internet. You are ..... fate by doing that. It would break you if you got caught," Lilly told Lewis.  
(a) asking (b) tempting (c) arousing (d) trying
- Q5 "We will put your plan into play on Monday. Now, in ..... of the other matter we discussed earlier, we are going to have a meeting on Wednesday to figure out which branch of the business we should close down," the CEO said to the others in the meeting.  
(a) conditions (b) lines (c) squares (d) terms
- Q6 "Why do you always have to ..... me when I am tired?" Josh asked his son when he refused to clean up his toys.  
(a) quiz (b) examine (c) exam (d) test
- Q7 "..... to Jacky, we have this wonderful buffet to enjoy at lunchtime," the boss told the staff.  
(a) Congratulations (b) Effects (c) Thanks (d) Grateful
- Q8 "Do you need any cream or sugar for your coffee?" the person asked as he handed the cup to Jay. Jay replied, "Nope; that'll ....."  
(a) complete (b) satisfy (c) perfect (d) do
- Q9 "Josh swore he was getting a job at a nursery," Jill told his brother, Frank. He replied, "My brother do manual labor? That'll be the ....."  
(a) sight (b) day (c) scene (d) event
- Q10 "I cook my husband breakfast, clean the house, cook him lunch, clean again, cook dinner, and clean again. That's the ..... of my life," Kelly said to her best friend.  
(a) picture (b) explanation (c) definition (d) story

*English Slang Idioms (360)*

- Q1 "He showed up two hours late and then stole five dollars off of my coffee table," Lilly whined to his brother. James replied, "Well, that's Kyle for ....."
- (a) description (b) definition (c) you (d) examining
- Q2 "Hey, there's a coffee shop right there! That's the ....."! Linda said after she and her husband started looking for a coffee shop.
- (a) ticket (b) coupon (c) admission (d) pass
- Q3 Jake fingered the steroids in his pocket. They would give him the ..... he needed to out-play everyone else on the football field. At least he thought so.
- (a) edge (b) frontier (c) side (d) trim
- Q4 "Mr. Thompson told Eddie that if he ever saw him in this town again he would report him to the police for stealing. I don't think we'll see the ..... of him anymore," Greg told Jeff.
- (a) desires (b) wants (c) particulars (d) likes
- Q5 "So you want to go to the park? That is interesting! I just thought about going to the park the ..... day!" Jill said to Helene.
- (a) different (b) other (c) passed (d) identical
- Q6 "Did you hear that school is starting a week early this year? Isn't that just the ....."? Josh asked Jason.
- (a) pits (b) seeds (c) rinds (d) casings
- Q7 "We can pour some of dad's alcohol out of the bottle and replace it with water and no one will be the .....", 15 year-old Tim said to his younger brother.
- (a) smarter (b) knowledgeable (c) enlightened (d) wiser
- Q8 "I don't think I want to go with you to the store. Then ....., I probably should since I am out of shaving cream," Jack told his wife.
- (a) repeat (b) again (c) twice (d) replay
- Q9 "I know you are scared to use my circular saw but there is ..... to it. It is easy and once you are used to it, you won't remember why you didn't want to in the first place," Jay told Jennifer.
- (a) zero (b) nothing (c) cipher (d) equal
- Q10 "Here is the saw. Just push down on the trigger. There you .....! Now just keep it straight," Jay said as Jennifer cut her first board.
- (a) run (b) go (c) move (d) left

*English Slang Idioms (361)*

- Q1 "Why do I have to come to work on Saturday? I worked on Saturday the time before last," Sarah said to the boss. He replied, "That's just the way the ..... bounces. We need so many people and you were one of the people available. Maybe next time you won't have to come in."
- (a) rock (b) flow (c) ball (d) heart
- Q2 "I just found out I am getting a raise and my car repairs are going to be less than I thought by about half. Things are ..... up!" Matt said to his girlfriend.
- (a) standing (b) growing (c) flowering (d) looking
- Q3 "Sir, can you please not ..... aloud? The rest of the people in here need silence," the librarian told Tommy as he was talking to himself.
- (a) examine (b) think (c) contemplate (d) troubleshoot
- Q4 "Wesley got into a drunken bar fight last night? That seems so unlike him. I thought ..... of him than that," Irma told Shannon.
- (a) longer (b) lengthier (c) better (d) often
- Q5 "Thank you so much for the gift of the drill! That will really help me out when I build my deck," Hank said to Bill. He replied, "Think ..... of it. I have three others and I am not using the one I gave you."
- (a) nothing (b) absence (c) zip (d) blank
- Q6 "I know you are reluctant to sell your bike for less than \$100 but please ..... it over and let me know if you would accept \$75," Ken said to Brian.
- (a) ponder (b) think (c) till (d) turn
- Q7 He had always wanted to work at RAND — the leading think ..... To work next to some of the smartest people in the world and try to solve some of life's hardest questions sounded like a dream come true.
- (a) container (b) jug (c) can (d) tank
- Q8 "Ouch! Did you see that skateboarder fall down those stairs? That must have hurt. He'll ..... twice before he does that again," Bill said to Janice.
- (a) think (b) turn (c) talk (d) tank
- Q9 "I didn't want to move out suddenly and leave you without a roommate but I have no choice. I got a great job in New York and I am leaving next week. It's just how the ..... crumbles," George told Jesse.
- (a) cookie (b) cheese cake (c) chocolate cake (d) licorice
- Q10 "This stupid car has been a ..... in my side ever since I bought it. It constantly breaks down and in the worst places. It takes most of my spending money each month and is usually in the shop," Jimmy said to Lewis.
- (a) shirt (b) belt (c) itch (d) thorn

*English Slang Idioms (362)*

- Q1 "My wife and I have spent the last four hours trying to thrash ..... a plan for the move to Tennessee. There is a lot to consider and plan," Tim told his buddy.  
(a) back (b) on (c) out (d) in
- Q2 He came upon a sign on the road that said, "Not a ..... street." He always wondered why the government phrased it that way.  
(a) complete (b) full (c) circuit (d) through
- Q3 "Dad, Tommy is ..... a fit again! He's screaming, crying, and throwing his toys everywhere!" Jill yelled.  
(a) giving (b) throwing (c) taking (d) grabbing
- Q4 "I know this is your first time managing money so I will pay your car bill this time. However, you always have to be prepared for life to ..... you a curve. You never know when you will be faced by an unexpected bill," Hank told his son.  
(a) roll (b) bat (c) grade (d) throw
- Q5 The high school kids decided to throw a ..... on the night of their graduation to celebrate.  
(a) event (b) social (c) party (d) action
- Q6 "You can't quit now! You've already made it through two and a half years of college. You can't throw it all ..... now!" Jake's mom cried.  
(a) away (b) back (c) off (d) again
- Q7 "I doubt she'll go out with me; she's the most popular girl in school and I'm just a nerd. I think I'll throw caution to the ..... and ask her out anyway, though. I'll hate myself if I don't try," Edward said to Ralph.  
(a) water (b) wind (c) woods (d) books
- Q8 "When Adam said he never wanted to see me again, it threw me for a ..... I didn't see it coming; not in a million years," Jacky said to Veronica.  
(a) minus (b) zero (c) negative (d) loss
- Q9 "It seems like kids just don't turn out right around here. Take James's kid for example: he got good grades when he was young and now he's thrown his ..... in with a biker gang. There are so many stories like that here," Walter told Harris.  
(a) shipment (b) lot (c) pallet (d) storage
- Q10 "I hate how Isaac is always trying to throw his ..... around here. He may have been a big shot in his last job but he is of equal rank here," Kyle said to Ned.  
(a) words (b) shoes (c) weight (d) agenda

*English Slang Idioms (363)*

- Q1 "She broke up with me after I embarrassed her at the party. I am going to throw myself at her ..... tonight and see if she'll take me back," Randy told Greg.  
(a) feet (b) feelings (c) head (d) arms
- Q2 "I don't want you to do anything nice for me or give me anything. Don't do me any favors. I know that whatever you do now, you'll throw in my ..... later," Christian said to Lisa.  
(a) head (b) space (c) path (d) face
- Q3 "I know that the Bush administration has made some key mistakes but Bush will be out of office soon and we'll have a different Republican leader, hopefully. Just because you don't like Bush doesn't mean that the rest of the party is bad. Let's not throw the ..... out with the bath water," Steve said to Justin.  
(a) soap (b) sponge (c) baby (d) plug
- Q4 "It is so hot outside. Instead of walking the whole way, why don't we try to ..... a ride?" Jeff asked Todd.  
(a) hand (b) toe (c) arm (d) thumb
- Q5 "I am sorry Bob can't come to the phone right now. He's grounded. I asked him to take out the trash and he thumbed his ..... at me. He is grounded for one week," Beth said to Joey.  
(a) ears (b) eye (c) teeth (d) nose
- Q6 "When I first saw him, he was ..... through a magazine in our office," Georgia said to Louise.  
(a) indexing (b) thumbing (c) eyeing (d) running
- Q7 "This is horrible. I have been paying through the ..... for this SUV and now that gas has gone up it has no trade-in value," Luke said to Tom.  
(a) pants (b) nose (c) fingers (d) shoes
- Q8 "Why did you hit Mr. Edwards in the face?" The cops asked Mr. Jackson. He replied, "He threw a ..... at me and I responded in kind."  
(a) hand (b) ball (c) punch (d) force
- Q9 "I am pretty ..... off. I went to my mother's house and my roommate ate all of my food while I was gone and has no money to pay me back," Lewis told Jerry.  
(a) ticked (b) tocked (c) trunked (d) tackled
- Q10 "I had to scold Johnny for putting on my clothes but I was tickled ..... when I walked into the room and saw his 3 foot body in my 6 foot suit," Alex said to Rhonda.  
(a) green (b) gigantically (c) pink (d) blue



*English Slang Idioms (364)*

- Q1 "Do you have an extra cigarette? I am going to the store in an hour to get more," Jerry asked his best friend. He responded, "Here is two cigarettes to ..... you over until you get more."  
 (a) time (b) wave (c) talk (d) tide
- Q2 "That is the third game of checkers I've won in a row. It feels pretty good after losing eight consecutive games to you. It looks like the tide has ....., " Alistair said to William.  
 (a) swapped (b) tanned (c) turned (d) trotted
- Q3 "I just inherited \$25,000 from a cousin I didn't even know I had. That's a pretty tidy ....., don't you think?" Derrick said to his wife.  
 (a) whole (b) sum (c) piece (d) plot
- Q4 "After going out with Nancy for three years, I think I will just casually date people for a while. I don't want to be ..... down for a good while again," Jay told his brother.  
 (a) lashed (b) taped (c) tied (d) knotted
- Q5 "The idea of justifiable reliance ..... into our earlier lecture on the letter of the law versus the idea of the law; the purpose the law is supposed to serve," the Law professor told the class.  
 (a) tapes (b) ties (c) takes (d) tried
- Q6 "I asked John if he when he was getting married; I heard from his brother that he is, and he was pretty tight- ..... about the whole thing. He wouldn't even confirm that he was getting married let alone go into the details," Shannon said to Christa.  
 (a) lipped (b) faced (c) wadded (d) information
- Q7 "The suspect hasn't confessed yet. I think we are going to need to tighten the ..... a bit to get him to talk. Let's threaten him with some jail time for what we already know he did," Detective Samuels said to Detective Michelle.  
 (a) bonds (b) loops (c) nails (d) screws
- Q8 "With all the extra bills we have had this month, money is getting pretty ..... We'll have to watch what we spend for a while," Chris said to Paula.  
 (a) tight (b) dwindled (c) small (d) weak
- Q9 "That's OK. We've had to tighten our ..... before. We still had fun, though. Remember the last time — about six months ago?" Pauline asked Chris.  
 (a) pockets (b) cords (c) belts (d) hats
- Q10 "Dad is such a ..... He told us we can't date until we are sixteen and he says, now, that we can't go to dances either until we are sixteen because he thinks they are the same as a date. He says that since we would go with a boy to the dance, it's a date," Rachel told her sister.  
 (a) tight end (b) tight wad (c) tight squeeze (d) tight belt

*English Slang Idioms (365)*

- Q1 "I volunteered for the Saturday shift. I hope that is alright with you. They are paying us ..... and a half so I will have a big check coming up," Brenda told her husband.  
(a) bill (b) check (c) time (d) dime
- Q2 "I have told you time and ..... not to come into the house with your dirty shoes on," Christy admonished her boys.  
(a) again (b) twice (c) repeat (d) rerun
- Q3 "Jerry threw his food on the floor because he says he doesn't like it. I put him in a ..... out for ten minutes so don't talk to him until the time is up," Greg told Eliza.  
(a) talk (b) trip (c) time (d) top
- Q4 "Why haven't you bought your books for school yet?" Linda angrily asked Chris. He replied, "I will when the time is ..... Not all of them are available yet."  
(a) cooked (b) ripe (c) grown (d) complete
- Q5 "Be quiet, Paul! You are going to ..... him off about the surprise party," Marlene yelled at him when he loudly asked, over his cell phone, what time the band would arrive while on his best friend's back deck.  
(a) talk (b) trip (c) tap (d) tip
- Q6 He was able to tip the ..... in his favor by serving free coffee, soda, and beer at his college presidential rally. He and the opponent had been roughly tied up until then.  
(a) board (b) balance (c) equation (d) fulcrum
- Q7 He was thankful that the monthly statistics on how each employee did came out right before the manager had to make a decision as to who would be promoted. He hoped that his numbers would be sufficient to tip the ..... in his favor. He really wanted to get promoted.  
(a) scales (b) measures (c) pens (d) pencil
- Q8 "I don't think I am going to the fair with you two. I am ..... out after that hike this morning," Paul told Alex and Ed.  
(a) wheeled (b) talked (c) tired (d) tilled
- Q9 "What you say is true, to a ..... The federal bank does try to expand the economy by injecting money into it. However, they don't do this solely by printing more of it, like you said. The bank injects money into the economy, mostly, by purchasing government bonds," Al told Hank.  
(a) temperature (b) degree (c) spectrum (d) number
- Q10 "To a ..... extent, what you say is true. My buddy is a jerk. However, he is trustworthy and can be very nice sometimes," Bob said to Alice about his friend Harley.  
(a) large (b) long (c) far (d) mass

*English Slang Idioms (366)*

- Q1 The National Guard troops, to a ....., made it through the long, arduous run.  
 (a) one (b) man (c) single (d) nail
- Q2 The presidential advisor was not sure that the president would survive, politically, the ..... out if the press got word of the scandal.  
 (a) bottom (b) shove (c) fall (d) floor
- Q3 "You said that Ned is a self-centered, egomaniac who uses shock tactics to appear cool and rebellious? That description fits him to a ....." Blake said to Eileen.  
 (a) T (b) V (c) B (d) D
- Q4 "You are asking which guitar amp is better? Those two are the same, for all intents and .....", James told Paul.  
 (a) tasks (b) uses (c) purposes (d) jobs
- Q5 "I am so tired! I have been running ..... and fro from here to different stores and back in preparation for our big trip," Shelly said to Angela.  
 (a) two (b) here (c) to (d) towards
- Q6 "Now that I am done with my presentation, Jeff Berz is up to ....., He is going to talk to us about ergonomics in the workplace. Let's give him a big round of applause," Lisa told the conference.  
 (a) kick (b) punch (c) plate (d) bat
- Q7 "The man I talked to wasn't very informative and he was rude to .....! I think we should call a different company for insurance," Lilly said to her husband.  
 (a) shoe (b) sandal (c) heels (d) boot
- Q8 "If one more person in this office tells me that same joke, I am going to scream! That joke has been told to .....!" Juliet said to Mark.  
 (a) death (b) kill (c) rest (d) pass
- Q9 "The neighbor asked us to stop having guests over since one of them sleeps during the day after night shift and one sleeps at night. To hell ..... that! I didn't buy this expensive house to not have guests over," Tommy told his girlfriend.  
 (a) on (b) off (c) with (d) by
- Q10 "I heard Jill said that I use people. I wish she would say that to my .....! I hate when people talk about you behind your back. You have no chance to explain or rebut what they are saying," Matt said to Craig at the party.  
 (a) face (b) head (c) persona (d) reputation

*English Slang Idioms (367)*

- Q1 "Can I have some more chicken and corn, Mrs. Robins?" Tim asked. She replied, "There is plenty of food. Have some more. Eat to your heart's ....."
- (a) conclusion (b) content (c) accord (d) acceptance
- Q2 "I don't think we should invite Wesley to the movies. He doesn't have a dime to his ..... so one of us will end up having to pay his way. I don't think any of us can afford that," Josh said to Joey and Luke.
- (a) breed (b) safe (c) stature (d) name
- Q3 "You should have some grits this morning for breakfast. Grits are one of those foods that stick to your ..... and keep you full until lunchtime," Nancy said to Jeff.
- (a) shins (b) ankles (c) ribs (d) skin
- Q4 "He is really bad with his money to put it .....", Shannon said to Zack in an effort to deter him from going into business with Jack.
- (a) tiny (b) miniscule (c) watery (d) mildly
- Q5 "You have to find a job now. You have no money. Why won't you listen to ..... and put away those video games?" Shelly asked her boyfriend.
- (a) argument (b) reason (c) lecture (d) sermon
- Q6 "I am glad we worked out a plan of how I will deal with my mom and you with your mother-in-law. Now we can finally put that issue to .....", Dave said to Alexis.
- (a) stop (b) pause (c) rest (d) slow
- Q7 "The restaurant you took me to was gorgeous, to say the .....", Jenny said to Mike.
- (a) less (b) least (c) little (d) short
- Q8 "If I get a job outside the home instead of work here, I will have to spend money on uniforms and make-up, to say ..... of the gas money it will cost to get to work," Linda said to Chris.
- (a) nothing (b) absence (c) zero (d) cipher
- Q9 When I took Drafting in high school, I learned how to draw large buildings to ..... It is interesting to think of distances in proportions rather than set distances.
- (a) model (b) ratio (c) class (d) scale
- Q10 "Are you sure that is how much money you made last year?" The Internal Revenue Service agent asked Hank. He replied, "The figure I gave you is true, to the ..... of my knowledge."
- (a) most (b) big (c) large (d) best

*English Slang Idioms (368)*

- Q1 "To complete your project, you will need some wood glue, epoxy, or something to that ....., " Bob said to Adam.  
(a) effect (b) result (c) cause (d) task
- Q2 "We are putting the new software program into ..... next Tuesday," Jan told the staff when Steve asked when they would be switching over to the new program.  
(a) cause (b) task (c) work (d) effect
- Q3 "He meant so much to so many people and tried to live his life the best he could. On that ....., we are going to end the eulogy portion of the funeral and we will sing some hymns," Pastor Dave told the people at the funeral.  
(a) pitch (b) note (c) clap (d) bang
- Q4 "We all miss John. At least we can take solace in the fact that he lived his life to the ....., " Pastor Dave said at the funeral.  
(a) lengthiest (b) largest (c) biggest (d) fullest
- Q5 "The railing you want to build on your deck looks good to the ....., but trust me, it's not very strong and will probably break if you lean on it. I wouldn't do it if it were me," Paul told Chris.  
(a) taste (b) eye (c) opinion (d) debater
- Q6 "We don't need any more comments from the ..... gallery today. Just sit there and listen," Professor Todd said to the class after a rude someone yelled out that the class was boring.  
(a) walnut (b) garden (c) peanut (d) tree
- Q7 "I am sorry that Chris is gone and in the army but I think it's for the ..... He'll get college money, job experience, and will get to travel," Art told Bette.  
(a) most (b) biggest (c) best (d) top
- Q8 "I gave Bob his first assignment and he followed my instructions to the ..... That shows that he is a good listener and is motivated to do a good job to me," Jay said to his assistant.  
(a) period (b) letter (c) paper (d) phase
- Q9 "Does it cost a lot to get a transmission fixed, Dad," Hank asked. He replied, "Yeah; to the ..... of \$1,000 or more."  
(a) line (b) words (c) tune (d) song
- Q10 "No, I haven't seen your bike — come to ..... of it. Have you checked everywhere?" Dan said to his son.  
(a) realize (b) see (c) notice (d) think

*English Slang Idioms (369)*

- Q1 "Can I have your business phone number?" Mary said to Linda. She replied, "Yes. You can call me, .....-free, at (xxx) xxx-xxxx."
- (a) price (b) money (c) fee (d) toll
- Q2 "I don't mind you kids playing and having a good time but can you ..... it down a bit? Your mom is trying to sleep in the back room and you are keeping her up," Jerry said to Aaron and Lewis.
- (a) wind (b) tone (c) hand (d) lean
- Q3 "You just said, Pete Patter potted plants in pewter.' Say that ten times fast if you can. That's a real ..... twister and it's funny!" Jack said to Kylie.
- (a) tongue (b) thought (c) plan (d) brain
- Q4 "Did you refuse to do your chores before going out with your friends? I think you are getting a little too ..... for your britches, young man. You are grounded for your bad attitude," Lisa told her son.
- (a) long (b) lengthy (c) wide (d) big
- Q5 "Can I start again? I got a little tongue .....?" Jack asked the teacher during his speech. He had abruptly stopped talking previously.
- (a) bound (b) cinched (c) tied (d) strapped
- Q6 "Did you see that driver run the red light and almost hit the back of our car? That was way too close for ....., " Beth said to Christian.
- (a) comfort (b) ease (c) relaxation (d) resting
- Q7 "We need one person to call the shots and the rest of us need to follow the instructions. We are wasting too much time arguing about what should be done and not enough time doing. Too many cooks spoil the ....., " Carl said to his friends as they readied to build an extra room onto Steve's house.
- (a) broth (b) equation (c) balance (d) focus
- Q8 "I agree that we have too many ..... and not enough Indians, Carl. Let's all say how much experience we have and the person with the most experience will make the decisions and the rest of us will follow them," Joe said.
- (a) bosses (b) foreman (c) supervisors (d) chiefs
- Q9 "This chicken soup is delicious, Linda!" Ashley said. She responded, "I don't mean to toot my own ..... but it did turn out well."
- (a) pipes (b) piano (c) horn (d) guitar
- Q10 This day was not going well. His car broke down and he had to walk the rest of the way to work. To ..... all off, it was raining and, now, his suit was all muddy. He had to give a presentation in 15 minutes and he looked horrible.
- (a) run (b) fill (c) top (d) jump

*English Slang Idioms (370)*

- Q1 "This is really good whiskey. I can tell it's some top-..... stuff," Bob said to Jack after he poured him a glass and asked what he thought of it.  
(a) material (b) pocket (c) drawer (d) down
- Q2 "Why don't you ..... back that drink? We have to go home," Jerry said to his roommate.  
(a) loss (b) toss (c) drop (d) wave
- Q3 "What happened to you last night? One minute you were hanging out with us and, the next minute, you were gone. Why didn't you say goodbye?" Jill asked Steve. He responded, "This guy started pushing me when I went to get another drink. I punched him and the bouncer ..... me out of the bar."  
(a) rolled (b) moved (c) removed (d) tossed
- Q4 "How did it go with your truck? I know you got it stuck in the mud," Paul said to Trevor. He replied, "It was ..... and go for a while. We almost got the truck out and then the winch almost broke. We got it out, though."  
(a) touch (b) try (c) snitch (d) pass
- Q5 "I think I can come to that dentist appointment at three o'clock. Let me touch ..... with my boss and I will call you right back with an answer," Alice said to the receptionist.  
(a) home (b) base (c) subject (d) back
- Q6 The broken air conditioners almost touched ..... a riot in the county jail.  
(a) back (b) off (c) pulse (d) toward
- Q7 "We are going to talk about the Constitution and then move onto business law. Then, we are going to briefly touch ..... criminal law," the Law professor said to the class on the first day.  
(a) aside (b) hard (c) softly (d) on
- Q8 "I am almost finished painting the deck. I just have to touch ..... the paint on the railings and it'll be done," Brent told Bette.  
(a) firmly (b) forward (c) up (d) in
- Q9 "The last band was very good. They will be a tough ..... to follow," Mike said to the drummer of his band at the Battle of the Bands.  
(a) event (b) action (c) time (d) act
- Q10 "You deserve to be punished but that's a tough ....., kid," the cop told Kyle after the judge gave him the longest sentence possible for a relatively-minor offense.  
(a) call (b) break (c) crack (d) snap

*English Slang Idioms (371)*

- Q1 "I don't think I would pick on Zack if I were you, Tommy. I know you are fairly big but he's a tough ..... I don't think you can beat him in a fight.  
(a) dog (b) cat (c) frog (d) tortoise
- Q2 "I can't believe I just saw your 79 year-old grandma haul a five-gallon bucket full of water up those stairs. She is one tough ....., " Nancy said to Rosa.  
(a) cookie (b) pastry (c) brownie (d) pie
- Q3 "I know some of you guys are thinking about quitting and are missing home. You only have to tough it ..... for three more weeks and then you are done with basic training. Don't quit now," the company first sergeant said.  
(a) up (b) off (c) out (d) in
- Q4 "Tough ..... I don't care if you need a car to get to work. You don't have insurance so you aren't borrowing mine," Christian said to Karl after he asked again to use Christian's car.  
(a) road (b) gamble (c) situation (d) luck
- Q5 "This town is basically a ..... trap. If it wasn't for the tourists, there would be no revenue or businesses here. Every business here caters to tourists and their products are marked up way above their market value," Bob said to Shannon.  
(a) visitor (b) wanderer (c) tourist (d) temporary
- Q6 "I did a lot today. I picked up those heavy rocks, I lifted those heavy boards and organized them and then I moved those huge bags of dirt," Ed told his wife. She sarcastically said, "Yes, you are a ..... of strength alright. My grandma could have done all that in half the amount of time it took you."  
(a) tower (b) house (c) hotel (d) ship
- Q7 "I've been ..... with the idea of moving to Portland, Oregon after I graduate from school. I am still not completely sure, though, where I am going to move to. Where are you going to go?" Sam asked his roommate Paul.  
(a) playing (b) toying (c) kicking (d) rolling
- Q8 "I can't find my wallet anywhere. It seems to be gone without a ....., " Joe said to his wife.  
(a) stencil (b) copy (c) picture (d) trace
- Q9 "We don't have any saw blades for that saw on our shelves but I might be able to ..... some down in the warehouse. Let me see what I can find and I'll call you back," Greg told the contractor.  
(a) track (b) path (c) run (d) mack
- Q10 "The last candidate for the job tried to ..... on his reputation and ask for twice the pay we offer. His reputation isn't half that good," Bill said to Jack with a laugh at the candidate's audacity.  
(a) push (b) play (c) trade (d) sell



*English Slang Idioms (372)*

- Q1 "How did you learn what plants would do well here?" Ashley asked Nancy. She replied, "I learned by trial and ..... I tried growing lots of different kinds; some died and the rest are what you see here."  
 (a) mistake (b) fail (c) error (d) loss
- Q2 "I don't think I would buy an SUV right now if I were you. They have next to no trade- ..... value due to the price of gasoline at the moment," Jeff said to Al when they were at the car lot.  
 (a) off (b) on (c) out (d) in
- Q3 "In the long run, there seems to be no trade ..... between unemployment and inflation. However, there is in the short run," the Economics professor told the class.  
 (a) in (b) off (c) deficit (d) balance
- Q4 "Do you have all the camping gear packed up and in the car? Good. Let's ..... trial!" Ryan said to Alyssa.  
 (a) burn (b) splice (c) roast (d) blaze
- Q5 "Let's try not to pack too much stuff. If we travel ....., we'll have a much easier time walking to the hotel room once we get off the plane," Jim said to Gavin.  
 (a) light (b) small (c) short (d) close
- Q6 "Wow, walking up that hill was pretty ..... I am exhausted!" Luke said to Jenny.  
 (a) tolling (b) trekking (c) telling (d) taxing
- Q7 "I figure if we help Jim replace his carpet with hardwood flooring, we'll pick up some of the tricks of the ..... so once we replace our carpet we will know how to do easier and faster," Kyle said to Hannah.  
 (a) task (b) tack (c) trade (d) exchange
- Q8 "The guy they assigned to the training department keeps trying to ..... me up and I don't know why. He gives me the wrong information and then laughs when I do it the wrong way. He also purposefully tells me the incorrect location of things in the office," Jeff told Holly.  
 (a) wax (b) trip (c) push (d) bump
- Q9 "I am not sure Ben would be a good choice for the management position. He is too trigger ..... If someone proposes a cause of action, he implements it without thinking about the consequences or whether the plan is a good one or not," Jim said to his boss.  
 (a) prone (b) impulsive (c) happy (d) using
- Q10 "Did you hear the crazy things that guy was saying? He's pretty ..... out. He must be on drugs to think that not paying taxes is a good idea," John said to Francis.  
 (a) flopped (b) walked (c) tripped (d) thought

*English Slang Idioms (373)*

- Q1 "I can't trust your friend George. He ..... out on me again. He promised to come by with his truck to help me get the leaves out of my yard yesterday. I waited for him all day and he never showed up or called," Nick said to Brian.  
(a) hailed (b) flanked (c) flaked (d) hopped
- Q2 "My brother and his wife have been fighting for the last week because he showed up drunk and late the other night. I have tried to pour oil over troubled ..... by telling her that it was because his best friend died and that it wouldn't happen again but she won't listen," Steve said to his girlfriend when she got back from her trip.  
(a) waters (b) parts (c) salad (d) pans
- Q3 "I swear I am innocent. These charges are trumped ..... Someone in the government is trying to frame me!" Zack said at his trial.  
(a) off (b) high (c) up (d) close
- Q4 Again, his best friend refused to help him get his wife back. He still had his trump ....., though, and would use it soon. He had paid his best friend's hospital bill when he was broke and hadn't told him.  
(a) disk (b) card (c) chip (d) board
- Q5 "I have never done any plumbing before but I want to try my ..... at it before we call anyone. Plumbers charge a lot of money!" Carl told his wife.  
(a) tools (b) brain (c) brand (d) hand
- Q6 "You have to try this ..... This soup Nancy made is delicious," Dan's wife told him.  
(a) to you (b) in (c) out (d) on
- Q7 "The kids have to go to bed now. Will you ..... them in?" Sally asked Derrick.  
(a) tie (b) tuck (c) trap (d) lash
- Q8 Bob and James played tug-of-..... with the new toy James got for Christmas. James barely pulled it away and ran outside with it before Bob could try grabbing it again.  
(a) contest (b) will (c) challenge (d) war
- Q9 "That movie was really sad. It ..... at my heart something fierce," Allison said to Grace.  
(a) tugged (b) snatched (c) handed (d) reached
- Q10 "Yes it was. I was moved to ..... myself," Grace replied.  
(a) tears (b) sniffing (c) gloominess (d) melancholy

*English Slang Idioms (374)*

- Q1 "I miss Lisa so much. I wish I could just turn back the ..... and do something different. If I hadn't started that fight with her, we would still be together," Nick said to his brother.  
(a) week (b) hour (c) day (d) clock
- Q2 "We got a lot of work done today. Those concrete forms were heavy, weren't they? I am all tuckered ....., " Chris said to Matt.  
(a) in (b) out (c) by (d) back
- Q3 "How can you put up with Steve and his discussions on politics? He doesn't have an informed opinion; he just rambles on and on. He is OK when he talks about other things but when he brings up politics, he doesn't make any sense," Jerry said to Max. Max replied, "When he talks about politics, I just ..... him out and think about other things until he is finished. "  
(a) adjust (b) time (c) tune (d) let
- Q4 Two important inventions, the internal combustion engine and the airplane, were perfected around the ..... of the 19th century.  
(a) tune (b) tilt (c) table (d) turn
- Q5 "I am going to tune ..... to the local news really fast to check for tornado warnings. It will only take a minute and then we can leave for downtown," Miles said to Paul.  
(a) onto (b) in (c) around (d) by
- Q6 "Make sure to make an appointment to get your car ..... up before your long drive to Los Angeles," Chris's mother told him.  
(a) torn (b) ticked (c) tuned (d) turned
- Q7 "I went out to investigate the crash and I am afraid we have a murder investigation on our hands. The man's brakes were ..... with and I believe that the faulty brakes caused the crash," Detective Wilson told his superior.  
(a) tampered (b) tempered (c) tilted (d) trilled
- Q8 "You had better get some ice on your eye. It is starting to turn ....., " the coach told Jesse after the wrestling match.  
(a) different (b) bigger (c) color (d) inflated
- Q9 "You guys go ahead without me. I think I am going to turn .....; I am very tired. I will see you tomorrow," Jim said to Al and Frank when they asked him to go to the bar with them after playing a few games of pool.  
(a) down (b) in (c) ahead (d) up
- Q10 "I tried begging my parents to let me go to the prom. I even told them that my social life would be ruined forever if I couldn't go. They turned a ..... ear to my plight, though, and still refused to let me go," Kathy told Christa.  
(a) deaf (b) loud (c) hearing (d) cold

*English Slang Idioms (375)*

- Q1 "I asked Bob if he would come help with the project but he ..... me down. He said he is too busy and that is why I am calling you," Larry said to Tom.  
(a) timed (b) tuned (c) turned (d) trod
- Q2 "Your mother would be turning ..... her grave if she knew you wanted to get your eyebrow pierced. You know how she hated things like that," Jenny said to her younger sister.  
(a) on (b) by (c) near (d) in
- Q3 "Don't talk to me about economics or I will turn my brother ..... on you. He has a master's degree in economics and is a compulsive talker," Lisa told Mathew.  
(a) loose (b) free (c) unrestrained (d) closer
- Q4 "I agree not to bring up economics again. I have met your brother. The last time I saw him, he almost talked my ear ....., " Mathew replied.  
(a) down (b) away (c) back (d) off
- Q5 "The fact that I have to pay a fee in order to volunteer with that troubled children's organization is such a turn ..... I really wanted to work with these kids but I am not going to pay a lot of money for the privilege of working for free," Chris told Derrick.  
(a) off (b) back (c) away (d) down
- Q6 "I love this new car. It is built for rally racing and can turn on a ....., " Kyle said to his brother after he purchased an all-wheel drive Subaru.  
(a) bill (b) dime (c) check (d) loan
- Q7 "Don't turn your ..... on me, Steve. I really need your help. I will lose my house if you don't lend me some money," Greg pleaded with his older brother.  
(a) head (b) mind (c) wallet (d) back
- Q8 "I can't stand Michelle. She turns up her ..... at everyone but she is nothing special. She isn't rich, smart, or good looking," Melanie said to Roxanne.  
(a) eyes (b) hands (c) nose (d) opinions
- Q9 "I don't know why but the smell of garlic ..... my stomach. For some reason I can't stand the smell of it and lose my hunger if anything with garlic is served," Brian said to Chris after he put lots of garlic into the soup they were about to eat.  
(a) tilts (b) spins (c) tacks (d) turns
- Q10 "We got a pretty good turn ..... today. I was not expecting so many people to come and help wash cars to raise money for homeless people," Jack said to Kate.  
(a) out (b) around (c) in (d) by

*English Slang Idioms (376)*

- Q1 "Some inmates turn over a new ..... and become productive members of society after they get out of jail but not that many — in my opinion," the police officer told his friend.  
(a) twig (b) leaf (c) habit (d) action
- Q2 "When I got to basic training, I had to turn ..... all of my clothes and possessions to the drill sergeants. I didn't see a regular pair of jeans again for almost six months," Jay told Matt.  
(a) away (b) ahead (c) over (d) back
- Q3 "So, just because you got a bad grade, you are going to turn ..... and run away?" Bill asked his younger brother.  
(a) behind (b) tail (c) foot (d) fin
- Q4 "I know that you hate people who insult you but sometimes you have to turn the other ..... You can't go through life punching people because they called you something you don't like. You will end up in jail that way," Ben said to his teenage son.  
(a) cheek (b) hand (c) eye (d) tail
- Q5 "You have to be able to develop a sense of confidence. Turning ..... and hiding in your shell will not solve any problems," Jesse said to his brother when he left baseball tryouts early because he was nervous.  
(a) snail (b) ostrich (c) carmel apple (d) turtle
- Q6 Jake was happy that he was able to turn the ..... on Wes in the chess match. He had been losing but was able to capture his opponent's queen in a cleverly lain trap.  
(a) turtles (b) tacks (c) tables (d) trunks
- Q7 It is hard for a manager to reduce the ..... rate at work when the job is stressful and doesn't pay much.  
(a) turnover (b) turn back (c) turn away (d) turn down
- Q8 "What took you so long to get here? I have been stuck for the past twenty minutes twiddling my ....., waiting for you," Hank said to Tim.  
(a) palms (b) hands (c) feet (d) thumbs
- Q9 "I can't believe that guy wanted \$30 for that lawnmower. I wouldn't give him two ..... for that piece of junk," Kyle said to Jack.  
(a) nails (b) piles (c) parts (d) bits
- Q10 "I can't be late again or I will get fired. I already have two ..... against me for my tardiness so I have to go right now. We will have to continue this conversation when I get off work," Jeff said to his girlfriend during an argument.  
(a) balls (b) dings (c) sheets (d) strikes

*English Slang Idioms (377)*

- Q1 "If you want me to pay for your schooling, you are going to have to get better grades; there's no two ..... about it. I am not going to pay for you to fail," Robert told his son after he received his first report card.  
(a) minds (b) opinions (c) hassles (d) ways
- Q2 "I don't like two-..... people like Jessica. She acts like she likes someone and then talks badly about him or her behind his or her back," Beth said to Tina.  
(a) heading (b) faced (c) acted (d) opinionated
- Q3 "Don't invite your brother on the camping trip unless he brings a friend. Two is company; three's a ....., " Matt said to Nate.  
(a) lot (b) army (c) crowd (d) classroom
- Q4 "I don't think those two countries will go to war. They are talking tough but I think it is just saber ..... I don't think that the threats and posturing are serious," Nick said to Paul.  
(a) buying (b) recycling (c) rattling (d) picturing
- Q5 "I am still tired from the weekend. I will come to your house but I am going to ..... out for a couple of hours first," Jimmy said to Joel.  
(a) shut (b) sack (c) sink (d) sort
- Q6 "Don't mess with Chris' succulent plant collection. I saw you break off a piece of one of his plants. That is messing with his sacred ....., " Linda said to Jared half-jokingly.  
(a) sheep (b) frogs (c) birds (d) cows
- Q7 "I am sorry, guys. I am ..... with my little brother again today so I can't go to the fair with you. They won't let him on the rides since he is too small," Joey said to Lewis and Tony.  
(a) shuttled (b) shingled (c) shuffled (d) saddled
- Q8 "I am not that mad at you for being late. I am just glad you made it back home safe and ....., " Matt's mom told him in a loving way.  
(a) complete (b) simple (c) built (d) sound
- Q9 "Make sure if you go out for a walk that you take your brothers. There is safety in ....., " Lane's mom told him at the campsite.  
(a) letters (b) qualities (c) numbers (d) digits
- Q10 "The first accounting course was much easier than I thought it was going to be. I ..... right through it!" David said to Marty.  
(a) shot (b) sailed (c) shuffled (d) shifted

*English Slang Idioms (378)*

- Q1 "I hate how in commercials people say that the product is great, awesome, superior, or something like that. Those words don't tell you anything real about the product; it's just ..... talk," Kyle said to Nick.  
(a) super (b) shift (c) superior (d) sales
- Q2 "I like a lot of the people in this town; especially the farmers. Many of the farmers are the ..... of the earth types. No ulterior motives and what you see is what you get," Jacky said to John.  
(a) sand (b) sea (c) salt (d) sails
- Q3 "I think we need to find an alternative to gasoline as a fuel. There is only so much of it and it causes a lot of problems," Jim said. Tom responded, " ..... here. We need to find something cheaper, cleaner, and more abundant."  
(a) Same (b) Identical (c) Copy (d) Mirror
- Q4 "So many kids sit inside playing computer games on nice, sunny days. When I was young, I played football in the street and many other outdoor games," Jack said to Fred. Fred said, "I did too. The neighborhood kids and I played many a game of ..... lot baseball and other games. I would never stay inside unless I had to."  
(a) concrete (b) house (c) mud (d) sand
- Q5 "I made the mistake of bad mouthing people who owned sports utility vehicles when Phil, the guy I was with, owned one. I tried to save ..... by going on to say that it was only the people who didn't haul cargo in their vehicles that bothered me but I think he was still insulted," Bob said to Will.  
(a) face (b) head (c) picture (d) perception
- Q6 "I have been keeping a jar full of quarters for a ..... day for years and have over \$300 saved up," Timmy said to George.  
(a) summer (b) cloudy (c) windy (d) rainy
- Q7 "Do you have some money that I could have to go to the store with my friends on our bikes?" Larry asked his dad. He replied, "I think I have some loose ..... that you could have. Let me check."  
(a) commodity (b) asset (c) change (d) sense
- Q8 "I know you want to stop Henry from stealing from work but you might as well save your ..... He will do what he wants to do and nothing you say can change that. Trust me; many have tried," Zack said to Billy.  
(a) thoughts (b) breath (c) time (d) muscles
- Q9 "Will you help me study for the final exam? You have already taken this class and you owe me a favor. Remember, I saved your ..... that time you needed someone to proof your final paper — at the last minute — for the English class you were in," Jared said to Christian.  
(a) teeth (b) back (c) neck (d) ears
- Q10 "Thanks for going to the store and grabbing that birthday cake. You really ..... the day. My kid's birthday party wouldn't have been half as good without the cake," Jill said to Greg.  
(a) rescued (b) caught (c) bested (d) saved

*English Slang Idioms (379)*

- Q1 "I don't have the money to go to the movies with you right now. I am trying to save ..... for a new bike," Robbie said to Jeff.  
(a) away (b) back (c) up (d) around
- Q2 "Joe is such an idiot around the workplace sometimes. He makes a lot of mistakes and if he was anyone else, I would have fired him a long time ago. His saving ..... is that he is so nice and genuinely cares about the customers. I know he doesn't mean to make so many errors," Hank said to Tom.  
(a) grace (b) feature (c) aspect (d) mannerism
- Q3 "Your friend Jack sure can say a ..... He has more to say about just about everything than anyone I've ever me," Gina said to Tom.  
(a) face full (b) mouthful (c) brain full (d) lungfull
- Q4 "I know that you don't want advice on this but I have come to the conclusion that I have to say my ..... or I won't be doing my job as a parent," Greg said to Alice when she said she wanted to quit her job to move to Hollywood to become an actress.  
(a) spread (b) piece (c) area (d) slant
- Q5 "You know that I would come and work for you anytime you needed me. Just say the ..... and I'll quit my job and come work for you," Jimmy said to his dad.  
(a) sentence (b) spiel (c) word (d) phrase
- Q6 "Can you offer me any documentation from professionals that can verify that I will money on this transaction? Buying a house just to resell it — is too big of a risk to undertake on your .....-so alone," Ben said to Isaac.  
(a) tell (b) speak (c) is (d) say
- Q7 "John has some cool things in his house. For instance, he has a scaled-..... model of a Shelby Cobra with amazing detail," Chris said to Paul.  
(a) down (b) away (c) less (d) small
- Q8 "You know how the news covered the burglary happening in our area? Last night, I heard someone walking around in my yard and I was scared out of my ..... I called the police and it turned out that it wasn't a person; it was a big raccoon," Lilly said to Pauline.  
(a) wallet (b) clothes (c) wits (d) scents
- Q9 "Can you do my wiring today?" Al asked Chris. He responded, "Let me see if I can ..... up some connectors. If I can, I will do the job today. If I can't, we'll have to wait until I can pick some up. I can get some connectors, if I don't have any, in the next couple of days."  
(a) threaten (b) scare (c) startle (d) surprise
- Q10 "I don't want to bring Joe on our rafting trip. He is too much of a scaredy-..... He will spend the whole time crying about the danger of hitting a rock or drowning in the current," Liam said to Bill.  
(a) dog (b) bird (c) lizard (d) cat



*English Slang Idioms (380)*

- Q1 "You had it rough because you had to start working when you were twelve to support your family after your dad died. I went to the ..... of hard knocks myself. I grew up with a single mom who worked all of the time; she worked two jobs and I had to take care of my two sisters and look after the house for years," Kyle said to Ellis.  
(a) training (b) seminar (c) school (d) teaching
- Q2 "I just found a transmission in the junk yard for my car that only cost \$100. I put it in and it works great. Talk about a major .....!" Al said to Nick.  
(a) point (b) score (c) tally (d) wicket
- Q3 "Jim, I just got your call asking me if I have an extra alternator for your car. I don't at the moment but I am going to the junk yard today already. I will ..... around for one for you while I am there and I will call you if I have any luck," Alex said over the phone.  
(a) observe (b) spy (c) inspect (d) scout
- Q4 "Dad told me that you might get expelled from college for cheating and that you will lose your income if you get kicked out of school. You got yourself into a heck of a ..... this time, brother," Ian said to Todd.  
(a) scratch (b) scrape (c) bruise (d) cut
- Q5 "All of the employees who we have got on this job have been dumb and lazy. We are really scraping the bottom of the ..... with this group. We need to raise our standards," Will told Frank.  
(a) barrel (b) can (c) pan (d) glass
- Q6 "I just got an offer from a hotel in Reno, Nevada claiming that if we can scrape ..... \$100, we will get a hotel for three nights and six free meals. We should do it," Lyle said to Henrietta.  
(a) closer (b) away (c) around (d) together
- Q7 "I was thinking that if you could give me a good deal on lumber in the future, I can give you good deals on electrical wiring for houses. If you scratch my ....., I'll scratch yours and, together, we can save each other a lot of money on our various jobs," Sam said to Ron.  
(a) jacket (b) hand (c) head (d) back
- Q8 "I can tell that your sister makes you quite angry at times," Lilly said to Sarah. She replied, "You didn't even begin to scratch the ..... with that comment. I have so many bad memories about our childhood together and she infuriates me."  
(a) wood (b) tape (c) patch (d) surface
- Q9 "If you tickle me anymore, I will scream bloody ..... and our mom will ground you for a week for picking on me," Jillian said to her older brother, Todd.  
(a) killing (b) assault (c) murder (d) attack
- Q10 "I have watched you two for the past ten minutes and neither of you have done any work in that time. You need to stop ..... around and get some work done," the boss told Ron and Jim.  
(a) nailing (b) hammering (c) drilling (d) screwing

*English Slang Idioms (381)*

- Q1 "I am in trouble with my boss for screwing ..... on my expense sheet. I made some errors that I should have caught before turning it in," Craig said to Janice.  
(a) in (b) down (c) up (d) away
- Q2 I love being able to go on road trips on a ..... The flexibility of my work schedule allows me some spontaneity," Kylie said to Melissa.  
(a) wind (b) whim (c) whine (d) worm
- Q3 I am always scrounging ..... for change on laundry days. I check my car ashtray, my pockets, and my drawers.  
(a) away (b) around (c) ahead (d) aside
- Q4 "I had a very hard time getting my sea ..... when I first bought this boat. I used to fall down everywhere and I felt imbalanced all the time. Now, walking on the boat is no problem," Harry told Aaron.  
(a) standing (b) lungs (c) stance (d) legs
- Q5 "I think my grandma is going through a second ..... She has been buying a bunch of stuffed animals and she arranges them on little wooden swings, in make-believe tea parties, or other strange things," Wesley said to Amanda.  
(a) adolescence (b) preschool (c) elementary school (d) childhood
- Q6 "I remember having to look at the keys while typing. I have been typing so long that the skill has now become second ..... to me and I no longer have to look at the keys. You will be able to type without looking soon, too," Kim said to Rosa.  
(a) element (b) nature (c) character (d) face
- Q7 "The new Ford Mustang is second to ....., in my opinion. It looks great and is very powerful. I can't think of a car that is superior to it," Paul, a Ford fanatic, said to Justine.  
(a) none (b) zero (c) zilch (d) absence
- Q8 "The Chicago brand saws are alright for small projects or infrequent use but, in my opinion, they are kind of a second-..... tool when compared to some of the other brands offered in hardware stores," Paul said to Chris.  
(a) standard (b) fund (c) rate (d) judge
- Q9 "Don't ever second ..... me again in public, Jim. If you disagree with a plan I have or a way of doing things, tell me off to the side. Otherwise, it erodes my authority and I may just fire you on the principle of the thing," the boss said.  
(a) opinion (b) guess (c) try (d) thought
- Q10 I like going to ..... stores to look for tools and planters. One can find some really good deals sometimes.  
(a) second place (b) second best (c) second choice (d) secondhand

*English Slang Idioms (382)*

- Q1 "Sometimes I think that the bath tub is kind of a security ..... for me. When I don't feel good about things, I have a bath and then I feel a lot better about my life and the world around me," Donna said to Larissa.  
(a) blanket (b) bed (c) pillow (d) sock
- Q2 "If you could stop judging for a moment and see beyond your ....., you would see that the reason your little brother is working there is to impress you," Aaron's girlfriend told him.  
(a) teeth (b) nose (c) hair (d) house
- Q3 "Why do you keep picking on your little brother? Do you get your jollies ..... of seeing people cry?" Matt's mom asked him.  
(a) off (b) in (c) on (d) back
- Q4 "I don't care about your opinion. I am the boss and I have three times the experience you do so I will do the job however I see ....., " Jonathon said to Juan.  
(a) size (b) land (c) clothes (d) fit
- Q5 "I can't come to your party yet. My sister is going to Korea for two months and is leaving today. I am going to see her ..... and then I will come over," Bill said to Sam.  
(a) around (b) away (c) ahead (d) off
- Q6 "I told my brother not to lend too much money to his friends. He lends out more than he can afford to and he won't see ....., He is going to go bankrupt one day and none of his friends have any money to bail him out when he needs it," Jack said to Kim.  
(a) example (b) argument (c) raison (d) reason
- Q7 "The boss makes me so mad when he yells at us for his mistakes that I start seeing ....., " Kyle said to Nancy.  
(a) red (b) green (c) yellow (d) blue
- Q8 "Ouch! I just hit my head so hard I started seeing ....., " Jimmy said to Joey.  
(a) planets (b) sun (c) stars (d) sky
- Q9 As Matt chased the bully away from his brother, Tim, the bully yelled, "You go off easy today, Tim, but you haven't seen the ..... of me!"  
(a) exit (b) last (c) finality (d) moving
- Q10 "You are right, Todd. There is way more money in construction at the moment than in white-collar work at my level. I am quitting my job and am getting a job as an electrician," Adam said. Todd said, "Good. I have been waiting for you to see the ..... Now you can make some real money!"  
(a) sound (b) land (c) lurch (d) light

*English Slang Idioms (383)*

- Q1 "I almost quit several times since the job was so hard but I am glad I stayed to see things ..... Now I have the satisfaction of enjoying a job well done," Jim said to Tony.  
(a) complete (b) final (c) through (d) behind
- Q2 "I don't expect to change apathetic students overnight but I hope that some of the things I say will plant a ..... that will grow over time so that they will find some purpose and motivation one day," the college professor told his friend.  
(a) thought (b) reason (c) plant (d) seed
- Q3 America romanticizes and idolizes the self-..... man. The person who started with nothing and, through hard work, was able to achieve his dreams and reach economic prosperity.  
(a) built (b) made (c) constructed (d) fabricated
- Q4 "Tim is too self-..... for me. I won't date a man who always talks about himself and only cares about himself," Lilly said to Nancy.  
(a) held (b) interested (c) embodied (d) possessed
- Q5 "I can't believe you ..... me down the river by telling the teacher I snapped Bill with a towel. I can't even figure out what you would have got out of doing that. I thought we were friends," Jake said to Nick.  
(a) sent (b) pushed (c) sold (d) sunk
- Q6 Many rock bands in the United States have been accused — at one time or another — of ..... out. Fans complain that they change their styles to make more money instead of continuing to make their own unique brand of music.  
(a) standing (b) shopping (c) swapping (d) selling
- Q7 "Being humble is a good thing but don't sell yourself ..... You are extremely talented at graphic design and you should be proud of that. It is OK to be confident in your work," the boss told Elizabeth.  
(a) little (b) tiny (c) small (d) short
- Q8 "Bill is such a good salesman. He is actually the best I have ever seen. He could sell ..... to the Eskimos!" The boss told her assistant.  
(a) seals (b) birds (c) snow (d) boats
- Q9 "The new guy showed up to the job site drunk so I sent him ....., " Joe told the boss when he asked about the new guy.  
(a) stuffing (b) packing (c) shoveling (d) pressing
- Q10 "I am glad you sent him about his ..... Work sites become dangerous if a drunken employee is working on the construction site. Good job, Joe!" The boss told him.  
(a) business (b) dreaming (c) agenda (d) working

*English Slang Idioms (384)*

- Q1 "Hi, Joe. I sent the package to you today. Will you send ..... when you receive it?" Jake asked over the telephone.  
(a) caption (b) ratification (c) word (d) mortification
- Q2 "Here at basic training, we are going to separate the ..... from the boys over 13 of the worst weeks of your lives!" The drill sergeant yelled at the new recruits.  
(a) women (b) men (c) kids (d) seniors
- Q3 "That robber we caught last week is going to court today. I think he will end up getting at least a five-year ..... . Does anyone want to bet different?" Detective O'Brian asked the other policemen.  
(a) team (b) commitment (c) penalty (d) sentence
- Q4 "I heard Josh beat you at chess and publically rubbed it in your face. It serves you ..... after all the times you beat him and then laughed at him for long periods of time," Lisa said to Bethany.  
(a) right (b) perfect (c) fit (d) correct
- Q5 "I heard your brother just got busted for driving drunk. He will serve ..... for doing that and he should, no offense," Ian said to Carl.  
(a) long (b) government (c) waiting (d) time
- Q6 "Apparently there is an arsonist on the loose around here. The Mason's old barn was ..... ablaze last night and the police said they found a burnt gas can and parts of a fuse right outside the barn," Jerry said to Barney.  
(a) forced (b) made (c) created (d) set
- Q7 "Do you know Rosa? She is the prettiest girl I have ever set ..... on. I am going to ask her to the dance," Jordan said to Bill.  
(a) vision (b) gaze (c) looks (d) eyes
- Q8 "Get off my property and never set ..... on it again!" Barney yelled at the salesman.  
(a) walking (b) foot (c) mind (d) standing
- Q9 "We ..... forth for the mountain range two weeks prior to reaching the base of the mountains," Bill read in the old account of a settler going out West.  
(a) put (b) stood (c) stuttered (d) set
- Q10 "I know that your way is better, Chris, but Grandma is too set in her ..... to be willing to change. She has been doing things In the same way — for at least 60 years!" Peggy told him.  
(a) methods (b) alternatives (c) ways (d) paths

*English Slang Idioms (385)*

- Q1 "What did you get for Christmas from your brother?" Lewis asked Jack. He replied, "A new CD, a computer game, and a cool new set of ....."
- (a) stitches (b) threads (c) sewing (d) darning
- Q2 "Let's set ..... for home. If we leave now, we can get home by dark," Paul said to Chris.
- (a) in (b) on (c) away (d) off
- Q3 "I just talked to Steve so you can set your mind at ....., Mom. He is OK; the reason he is late is he got a flat tire. He said he will be home in about an hour," Louisa said.
- (a) horizontal (b) rest (c) relax (d) stop
- Q4 "What do you want to do when you get out of school, Bill?" Nicole asked. He replied, "I have my ..... set on the position that just opened up at that law firm across the street from your apartment."
- (a) vision (b) eyes (c) measurements (d) sights
- Q5 "I watched this show last night where the contestants had to suffer several indignities like eating bugs. At one point, the contestants had to eat spiders. Just the thought of having to do that sets my ..... on edge," Dan said to Isaac.
- (a) nails (b) fingers (c) toes (d) teeth
- Q6 "We are going to go running for three miles and then do some pushups and sit-ups. I'll set the ..... today," the First Sergeant told the company.
- (a) pace (b) stride (c) frequency (d) channel
- Q7 The Bush Administration, by continuing the war in Iraq, may have set the ..... for a change in power from a Republican to a Democratic president in the 2008 elections.
- (a) play (b) farce (c) theater (d) stage
- Q8 Often, in nature, a predator will set ..... the weak animal or animals in a herd.
- (a) onto (b) into (c) upon (d) around
- Q9 "We have experienced several ..... but I think we will have a finished product ready for production by early next month," the research and development coordinator said to the middle manager.
- (a) get backs (b) setbacks (c) step backs (d) give backs
- Q10 "That kid has been picking on me for weeks and it is time for me to settle the ..... I am going to fight back the next time he tries something," Bill told his best friend.
- (a) bill (b) score (c) argument (d) equation

*English Slang Idioms (386)*

- Q1 "I am going to ask Amanda to marry me and if she says yes, I will buy a house in our area. I am 30 years old now and I am ready to ..... down," Steve told his best friend over the phone.  
(a) shuffle (b) settle (c) sand (d) cycle
- Q2 "I know we wanted to make some money from selling our bath tub that we removed during remodeling project but at this point, I would settle ..... having someone just pick it up and haul it away for us," Chris said to Linda.  
(a) for (b) in (c) by (d) onto
- Q3 "Thank you for agreeing to watch our house and water our plants for us while we are on vacation. I know we agreed to pay you \$45 for your time and effort. Is it OK with you if I ..... up with you when we get back from vacation?" Chris said to Adam.  
(a) shuffle (b) single (c) settle (d) saddle
- Q4 "When I saw the mountain lion 30 feet away from my tent, I was so scared that I was shaking in my ....., " Adam said to Derrick.  
(a) hat (b) car (c) belts (d) boots
- Q5 "I know that it irritates you when people call you names but you can't get into a physical confrontation every time something like that happens. You have to figure out a way to ..... it off and either ignore the person or defend yourself using words," Matt's dad told him after he got into another fight at school.  
(a) shake (b) swim (c) sling (d) storm
- Q6 "Some managers believe that work teams function better when there is one person on the team who doesn't agree with the rest of the team just to ..... things up a bit. Otherwise, the team will not question the methods they use to get work done or look for better ways to do things," the Management professor told the class.  
(a) slick (b) shake (c) stick (d) shack
- Q7 "Who was that on the telephone?" Jennifer asked her husband. He responded, "It was the local fire department. They tried to give me the ..... saying that they needed donations to be able to afford a new fire truck."  
(a) stir down (b) slick down (c) stock down (d) shakedown
- Q8 "I talked to Hank about taking too many breaks and not getting his work done. Since that talk, he has really shaped ..... and is working much harder with shorter breaks," the boss told his assistant.  
(a) down (b) in (c) up (d) off
- Q9 "I am not going to tell you again about making sure your work is of a high quality standard. Either shape up or ..... out!" The boss told a problematic employee.  
(a) stomp (b) slip (c) ship (d) slap
- Q10 "We heard that you are closing a major branch of your business but we don't know why. Can you please shed some ..... on why you are doing that?" the reporter asked the CEO of the corporation.  
(a) light (b) sound (c) sun (d) skin

*English Slang Idioms (387)*

- Q1 "Too many Americans are ..... these days. People in governmental positions tell them what to do and what to think and they do what they are told without question," Matt said to Ryan.  
(a) cats (b) dogs (c) sheep (d) cows
- Q2 "Getting plumbing fixed is so expensive! I just had to ..... out \$200 to get my sink unclogged," Max said to Alex.  
(a) slough (b) scuff (c) stamp (d) shell
- Q3 "I heard that you are getting deployed to Iraq. When are you going?" Max asked his buddy in the army. Tom responded, "We are due to ..... out in a month and a half."  
(a) slide (b) sneak (c) ship (d) stick
- Q4 "Wow, you guys did a great job of renovating this office. It's in ..... condition now!" the boss told the contractors.  
(a) ship sailing (b) ship painted (c) shipshape (d) ship out
- Q5 "Private Bilby is great to work with. He follows instructions well and never tries to shirk his ..... I can't remember a time when he has tried to avoid work and I never have to worry about whether the job I give him will be completed or not," Sergeant Johnson told the first sergeant.  
(a) duty (b) business (c) work (d) position
- Q6 "Don't shoo ..... that cat! I have been putting food out for him and I like him!" Jenny told her husband when she saw him chase the cat away.  
(a) on (b) away (c) near (d) into
- Q7 "Do you think you will win the election for school president?" Jennifer asked Amber. She replied, "I know I will; it's a shoo ..... The latest survey of the student body shows that 75 percent of the students favor me over the other candidate."  
(a) back (b) day (c) in (d) session
- Q8 "I thought I was going to win the race on Saturday. I was well ahead of the other guys and then the guy to the left of me suddenly ..... ahead of me at the last moment and won the race," Bill told his brother.  
(a) stomped (b) slammed (c) stuck (d) shot
- Q9 He had a reputation at work as a guy who shot from the .....; quick to think how to criticize people but slow to realize how his words might make someone feel.  
(a) holster (b) hip (c) prone (d) far
- Q10 "Why do you always ..... off your mouth when you are around the boss? That big mouth of yours is going to get you into trouble if you keep doing that," the supervisor told the employee.  
(a) slap (b) launch (c) shoot (d) send



*English Slang Idioms (388)*

- Q1 "I am so tired. I had to work overtime last night because we got a call that there was a shoot ..... at the local bar. Two rival gangs were shooting at each other when we got there and it took a couple of hours to arrest everyone and take statements. I didn't get to leave until three in the morning," Detective Wilson told Detective Simon.  
(a) away (b) off (c) in (d) out
- Q2 "It has been a long day. I thought I would just give the lecture at the college and leave but the students just kept ..... questions at me. Since they were so interested in my work, I stayed to answer all of their questions. Two hours later, I finally left and had to work extra hard and fast to make up for that extra time I spent at the school," Robert said to his wife.  
(a) slapping (b) shooting (c) sticking (d) swirling
- Q3 "Jimmy is a hard worker and a ..... shooter. I would recommend him to anyone," Jimmy's old boss said when asked by the construction company if he was a good employee.  
(a) straight (b) clear (c) smart (d) reliable
- Q4 "Do you have time to shoot the ..... for a little while? I have a thirty-minute lunch break and just wanted to see how you were doing," Kyle said to Adam at Adam's work.  
(a) wind (b) rain (c) weather (d) breeze
- Q5 "Hey, Rob. Did they ever catch those guys who shot ..... your store a while back? No? Did your insurance cover all the damage?" Tim asked his good friend.  
(a) near (b) on (c) in (d) up
- Q6 "I don't know what it is with kids these days but it seems like most of them who come into this store — are ..... My parents taught us not to steal but I just don't know if these kids are taught that anymore," Max said to Phil.  
(a) shop grabbers (b) shop takers (c) shoplifters (d) shop removers
- Q7 "When you dug the wine cellar under your house, did you remember to ..... up the concrete floor you dug under with wooden posts?" Nick asked Ian.  
(a) beach (b) shore (c) island (d) bunch
- Q8 "Boss, do you have a minute? I just want to run an idea by you," Alex said to Gwen. She replied, "I do but you'll have to make it short and .....; I have a meeting to go to in ten minutes."  
(a) beautiful (b) splendid (c) fine (d) sweet
- Q9 "My parents passed away about two years ago and split their estate up between my two brothers and me. I got the short end of the ..... though. They each got \$50,000 and I only got \$25,000 and a used car," Henry said to Pauline.  
(a) stick (b) rock (c) tape (d) siding
- Q10 "Before I come to your house, I have to take a load of plywood over to a guy's house. It is a short ....., though. He lives fairly close to me so it won't take me more than an hour or so. I will come over right after I am done," Bill said to William and Rachel.  
(a) carry (b) haul (c) line (d) move

*English Slang Idioms (389)*

- Q1 "I need to stop for a second; I am a little ..... of breath," Lisa told Tom after they climbed the tall hill.  
(a) less (b) small (c) short (d) skinny
- Q2 "We need to make another order soon; we are ..... on bread, barbeque sauce, beef and lettuce," the grocery store manager said to one of the staff members.  
(a) less (b) small (c) sick (d) short
- Q3 "Wow, he sure gave me short ..... I asked him for time off to go to my aunt's funeral and he treated me like I was trying to avoid work. He didn't even give me his condolences; he just said no," Bob said to his coworker.  
(a) shift (b) shrift (c) stock (d) shaft
- Q4 "Your friend Joe is so ..... spoken. I can barely hear him when he speaks. Does he ever raise his voice; even when he is mad?" Jane asked Mike.  
(a) out (b) quiet (c) tiny (d) soft
- Q5 "I have to sit down for a moment before I go back to work. I have gotten ..... since I left the army and am not as strong as I used to be," Brandon told Ricky.  
(a) soft (b) simple (c) saucy (d) sordid
- Q6 "We have to go back to the supermarket. The person at the cash register ..... me. I gave her two twenty dollar bills and the bill was \$30. She only gave me a \$5 bill back," Jim said to his wife as they were pulling out of the parking lot.  
(a) less changed (b) shortchanged (c) stole changed (d) stake changed
- Q7 "I don't like Tom's work. He takes too many ..... and uses cheap materials," the foreman told the client.  
(a) simple cuts (b) short walks (c) shortchanges (d) shortcuts
- Q8 "I spent most of the day filing out applications for Harvard Law School. I know it's a ..... in the dark since my grades aren't that good but it is worth a try. If I can get into that school, my future is made," Christian said to Jay.  
(a) light (b) throw (c) kick (d) shot
- Q9 "I am sorry that your boyfriend broke up with you. If you need a shoulder to ..... on, let me know and we will go out for coffee or dinner. Or, you could come to my house or vice versa," Janice said to Chloe.  
(a) grab (b) lay (c) talk (d) cry
- Q10 "I told you to leave my house so shove ..... already!" Hank told the disrespectful guest when he didn't leave promptly after being asked to leave at once.  
(a) off (b) away (c) in (d) back

*English Slang Idioms (390)*

- Q1 "I can ask the judge for a warrant to search the suspect's house but we have to show ..... We need to gather more evidence to convince the judge to give us a warrant," Detective Peterson said to the new officer.  
(a) cause (b) explanation (c) definition (d) picture
- Q2 "Let's take a vote on what plan we will adopt. Can we have a show of ..... for all of those in favor of Mr. Stevens' plan?" The team leader asked the work team.  
(a) wrists (b) hands (c) arms (d) speech
- Q3 "Bill is such a ..... off. We were showing our girlfriends some of the bike tricks we learned lately and he had to ride by and do all of the professional stunts he does every day at work to make us look bad," Nick said to Joey.  
(a) glamour (b) look (c) steal (d) show
- Q4 "Jeff has always acted like he is everyone's best friend but we got to see his true ..... the other night. He told Hank's girlfriend about some of his and Hank's personal conversations in an effort to get her to break up with Hank and go out with him," Will said to Johnny.  
(a) sounds (b) smell (c) positions (d) colors
- Q5 "After what you did to Tommy, you better not show your ..... around here ever again," Tommy's big brother told Kyle the next time he came over. Kyle's behavior caused Tommy to lose his job.  
(a) head (b) person (c) face (d) personality
- Q6 "Jerry must be having a hard time at work right now with all of the long hours he works. He is starting to show ..... of being stressed out. He has been irritable lately and looks extremely tired. He also hasn't wanted to do any of the things he usually does," Nick told Nate.  
(a) markers (b) signs (c) pictures (d) characters
- Q7 "Can I go to Billy's today mom? Billy and Stevie are finally having the ..... we have all been waiting for. They have been talking about fighting each other on the video game for months!" Kyle said to Kate.  
(a) showdown (b) show off (c) show on (d) show up
- Q8 "I broke up with Allison last Tuesday. I told her I had a problem I wanted to talk to her about and she told me that I need to see a ..... and get professional help instead of talking to her. That was the end; I can't be with a girl who would say such a thing for no good reason," Ben said to his brother.  
(a) head (b) couch (c) shrink (d) brain repairman
- Q9 "Yes, Mom. Ben broke up with Allison. She told him to see a psychologist and that was the final ..... I was worried about their relationship because they had been fighting a lot lately and it looks like my worry was warranted," Sam said.  
(a) rock (b) brick (c) straw (d) board
- Q10 "I guess he tried to ..... it off and pretend that it didn't hurt him but the comment did. He told her that their relationship was over the next day," Sam said to his mom.  
(a) slip (b) slap (c) stamp (d) shrug

*English Slang Idioms (391)*

- Q1 "So, Paul left for Canada? Did he get his motorcycle checked out and get a new pair of tires before he left? I would ..... to think that he would ride through the Rockies with a bad pair of tires that might pop and kill him," Jill told his brother.  
(a) shake (b) shudder (c) stop (d) sick
- Q2 "For a while, I was pursuing a career in professional skateboarding but I had to shut that ..... once I got married. I had to provide for a family and skateboarding wasn't going to be steady enough or pay enough," Kyle said to Ned.  
(a) latch (b) knob (c) line (d) door
- Q3 "You had better ..... up right now. If you tell my girlfriend about that, I will punch you!" Joe said to his little brother as he was about to reveal an embarrassing story about Joe.  
(a) shut (b) stop (c) clench (d) push
- Q4 "I am tired. I think I am going to try to get some shut- ..... and I will call you when I wake up. Maybe then we can get together," Lou said to his best friend.  
(a) off (b) down (c) lid (d) eye
- Q5 "I don't think we should ask Alex to go to the amusement park with us. He shies ..... from heights in general and all of the rides there involve heights," Bill told his friends.  
(a) off (b) down (c) back (d) away
- Q6 "Take off your shoes before you come into the house. I am sick and ..... of cleaning mud off of the carpets," Nancy said to her two boys.  
(a) done (b) off (c) tired (d) annoyed
- Q7 "John, as you know, the vote for which plan will be implemented is coming up this week. We are old friends. Are you going to vote for my plan or ..... against me?" Zach asked.  
(a) choose (b) side (c) will (d) knock
- Q8 "I am sorry, Ian, but I am going to have to side ..... your brother. I think the house you want to buy is a bad investment. There is too much that needs to be fixed and the neighborhood isn't that great," Sammy said.  
(a) on (b) by (c) with (d) along
- Q9 "Is it OK if I bring my ....., Bear, with me? I bring my dog everywhere with me and I would like to bring him tonight — if that is alright with you," Hank said to Bob.  
(a) sidekick (b) sidewalk (c) siding (d) sidearm
- Q10 "A river! That is a sight for ..... eyes. We need to bring water with us next time we go hiking; I am parched! I am going to go get a drink," Linus said to Steve and Ricky.  
(a) painful (b) gritty (c) burning (d) sore

*English Slang Idioms (392)*

- Q1 "Can I have you sign ..... please, Sir? The doctor will be with you in a moment he just reads down the list and calls the next person on the list. You have only one person ahead of you and then it is your turn," the receptionist said to Greg.  
(a) on (b) along (c) in (d) off
- Q2 "You are going to have to talk to the boss about getting a company phone. If he signs ..... on your request, I will give you one but, if not, you are out of luck," Bob said to Jim.  
(a) away (b) off (c) along (d) around
- Q3 "I am sorry; I can't take the job. I just signed ..... with the local electrical company. Thank you for the offer, though," Jim told the caller.  
(a) by (b) aside (c) along (d) on
- Q4 "Greg, we warned you that if you didn't pay your protection money, bad things would happen. Joe told me that you refused to pay; you just signed your own death ....., " the crime boss's assistant said.  
(a) description (b) time (c) warrant (d) picture
- Q5 "My mother is going to sign ..... the registration to the old car to me in two days. I will ask her if she would be willing to do it tomorrow so we can leave a day early," Craig said to Brian.  
(a) in (b) over (c) across (d) near
- Q6 "It seems like there are so many special interest groups in America that are setting the trends for what is morally or politically right in America. Those groups have enough money to get on TV or in the newspapers and, since their opinion is all that is voiced in the media, people are tempted to think everyone thinks that way. However, I don't believe the ..... majority agrees with the special interest groups as often as the groups make it out to seem; they just aren't vocal about it or don't have the avenues to get their opinion out," Max said in his Political Science class.  
(a) steadfast (b) silly (c) staunch (d) silent
- Q7 "You need to ..... down, Alice. I know you feel strongly about this issue but you need to relax a bit. You are getting too worked up," Alice's mom said.  
(a) slimmer (b) somber (c) shimmer (d) sham
- Q8 "Amber told me that if I don't have the house clean by the time she gets home, she won't make chicken for dinner tonight. She is making me ..... for my supper," Joe told his friend.  
(a) sound (b) stand (c) stretch (d) sing
- Q9 "I know that there are some here who don't think we should expand our product line; Hank, for one. However, our research shows that offering a line of shoes would be quite profitable," Nancy said to the group. Hank said, "Why did you have to ..... me out? Why didn't you just say that some didn't think we should expand? Now I am embarrassed and have to defend my position."  
(a) shuffle (b) single (c) shaft (d) sound
- Q10 "Is it alright with you if my son does some of the electrical work on your house? He has been studying electrical work for a while and has been longing to sink his ..... into something like this," Al said to his friend John.  
(a) hands (b) gums (c) teeth (d) knowledge

*English Slang Idioms (393)*

- Q1 "I think Alex is ready to go out on the job by himself. We need to know whether he will sink or ....., " his supervisor said to the boss.  
(a) stand (b) run (c) swim (d) paddle
- Q2 "Kevin, I am warning you, if you don't stop taking company property, I will tell the boss. I am not going to sit ..... and watch you ruin our chances of getting new tools because the company has to spend all of their money replacing what you've taken," Bob said when they got back to the shop.  
(a) off (b) back (c) away (d) along
- Q3 "Jay, are you going to join us for a game of badminton?" Ken asked. He replied, "No, I think I am going to sit this one ..... My shoulder is pretty sore from yesterday's activities."  
(a) out (b) away (c) zero (d) past
- Q4 "Look, we need to make a decision right now. I need a straight answer from each of you. No one has time to sit on the ..... I need a final decision in two minutes," Sergeant Jamison told his squad.  
(a) chair (b) divider (c) fence (d) wall
- Q5 "Kim, you aren't going to make me sit ..... another boring game of cards with your parents, are you? Every time they come, we play that dumb game. Can't we do something else this time?" Kevin asked his wife.  
(a) across (b) away (c) by (d) through
- Q6 "Sergeant, you promised me an answer about whether I could get a pass or not this weekend. Have you got an answer?" Private Thompson asked. Sergeant Kreg replied, "I am going to see the First Sergeant in about 15 minutes. Just sit ..... and I will have the answer for you very soon."  
(a) close (b) clenched (c) hard (d) tight
- Q7 "I am so tired. My son had food poisoning last night and I had to sit up ..... him all night. He was constantly throwing up. It was horrible," May said to Jenny.  
(a) on (b) off (c) with (d) across
- Q8 "My boss told me that I should work faster and that I don't have to do the well efficiency is the most important thing in his mind. However, that doesn't sit ..... with me. Any job that is worth doing is worth doing right," Bill told his wife.  
(a) on (b) pretty (c) well (d) along
- Q9 "It has been a long time since we had a moment away from the kids together. Why don't we hire a ..... on Friday and go out for dinner and a show together?" Lewis asked Mary.  
(a) sitter (b) squatter (c) stander (d) observer
- Q10 "The president thinks that all is well in the Middle East since the Israelis and the Palestinians have been negotiating and haven't fought in a while. I know that talking is the first step to resolution but both groups are still sitting on a ..... keg. Until they make a lasting agreement about territorial rights, war is still only one step away," Jason said to Nick.  
(a) beer (b) salt (c) powder (d) volatile

*English Slang Idioms (394)*

- Q1 "I just got my report card and I got perfect grades this semester. I feel like I am sitting on top of the .....!" Max said to his sister.  
(a) mountain (b) poles (c) dreams (d) world
- Q2 "Hank has no idea what it is like to work here; sitting ..... in his office. He comes down to the warehouse and pretends like he knows what is going on but he doesn't," Luke said to Zack.  
(a) beauty (b) pretty (c) wanted (d) desirable
- Q3 "Is Karl an idiot? He keeps saying that we need to reject my plan and adopt his. His is the same as mine! His plan is six of one and mine is a half ..... of the other!" Greg said to Jeff.  
(a) load (b) pallet (c) case (d) dozen
- Q4 "I try to ..... up each one of the candidates for the job to see if I think they can physically perform the job. Then I ask them about their skills and experience," Lou said to Chris when he asked how he conducted job interviews for the warehouse.  
(a) stand (b) size (c) shape (d) picture
- Q5 "I wouldn't talk back to the boss if I were you. You are already ..... on thin ice around here. Your performance statistics are horrible and you took a lot of sick days last month," Katy said to Aaron.  
(a) skipping (b) drawing (c) skating (d) camping
- Q6 "I wouldn't mind endorsing you for office. You are qualified and I agree with you on a lot of issues. You don't have any ..... in the closet that might come out, do you? Any illegal campaign money, drug use or fraudulent activity — anything like that?" the senator asked the potential candidate.  
(a) dirty clothes (b) scary stories (c) skeletons (d) soiled history
- Q7 "Our boss got caught embezzling from the firm and now he is on ..... row. Make sure everything you do is ethical; there are a lot of temptations in this job. If you give into them, though, your career will be over," Jennifer said to Jesse  
(a) skid (b) skate (c) scrounge (d) silt
- Q8 "I broke up with Gillian. Her father hates me and told me he would skin me ..... if he caught me with her. I know he is just talking and it's a figure of speech but I am scared of him!" 15 year-old Johnny said to his buddy.  
(a) away (b) down (c) around (d) alive
- Q9 "Your friend is too skinny; he's just skin and ..... Why don't you invite him over for dinner and I'll make sure I feed him four or five steaks; get him fattened up," Ben told his son.  
(a) frames (b) clothes (c) joints (d) bones
- Q10 "Oh, just ..... it! You always make your parents out to be horrible people but they aren't. I know them, remember? You are just lazy and that bothers them," Jake said to his friend Vance.  
(a) slip (b) skip (c) pass (d) shoot

*English Slang Idioms (395)*

- Q1 "I know you are mad at me for spending too much money on the TV so stop trying to skirt ..... the issue. I worked overtime this week so we will be able to afford it," Vince said to Gina.  
(a) off (b) behind (c) on (d) around
- Q2 "If you get good grades, go to a decent school and do well there, the sky is the ..... You can get any job you want, do anything you want and get rich in the process," Jack told his son, Paul.  
(a) restriction (b) limit (c) stopping point (d) axis
- Q3 "I need to bear down and do some extra studying. I have been ..... off too much this semester and now I am behind. It will be hard to catch up but I can do it with some hard work," Aaron said to his older brother.  
(a) stopping (b) snacking (c) slacking (d) swimming
- Q4 "I got passed up again for promotion. They hired Ned for the position. Talk about a ..... in the face; he has worked for the company half the amount of time I have and he has less qualifications," Simon angrily said to his wife.  
(a) slap (b) stick (c) swipe (d) scratch
- Q5 "I thought my parents were going to kill me when I came home drunk but I only got a slap in the ..... for it; I am grounded for three days and that is it!" Vicky said to Emma.  
(a) foot (b) wallet (c) wrist (d) freedom
- Q6 "We forgot to bring the tent poles. Just give me a minute and I'll ..... together a make-shift tent out of these tarps, a big stick, this rope and this tree," Josh said to his two friends.  
(a) slap (b) switch (c) stack (d) snake
- Q7 "That is too bad. He was slated ..... graduating with honors from this school but the board won't let him now that he has been arrested for doing drugs on campus," Professor Thompson said to the Assistant Dean.  
(a) down (b) for (c) near (d) in
- Q8 "I just caught the new temporary employee stealing drill bits from the tool shed. I threw him out on his ..... right quick," Josh said to the main boss.  
(a) feet (b) vehicle (c) ear (d) back
- Q9 "So, what do you think of the job offer, Jim? It requires moving to a new city but it is a lot more money," Kyle said. Jim replied, "I don't know if I want to move. Let me ..... on it and I will have an answer for you by tomorrow; about noon or so."  
(a) skip (b) stand (c) sail (d) sleep
- Q10 "I don't think I would date her if I were you. She has a reputation of ..... around too much and she could hurt your reputation here; she's already been with half the staff," Bob warned the new employee.  
(a) standing (b) sleeping (c) sneaking (d) stomping



*English Slang Idioms (396)*

- Q1 "I feel great today. I had a warm bath last night before bed and I slept like a ..... I haven't got that much sleep in at least a month," Chris said to Bert.  
(a) branch (b) tree (c) board (d) log
- Q2 "James, we can't let you work today; you're drunk. Why don't you go home and sleep it ..... We'll see you tomorrow, OK?" Vince said.  
(a) down (b) away (c) off (d) smaller
- Q3 "I am sorry, Boss. I wasn't paying attention. I drank a cup of coffee at 9 o'clock last night and I didn't sleep a ..... last night. Can you please repeat yourself?" Craig asked.  
(a) blink (b) wink (c) nod (d) tad
- Q4 "My boss is such a slave .....; he is always trying to get more and more work out of us in the same amount of time. People are skipping their breaks and lunch just to get their work done," Ben told his girlfriend.  
(a) owner (b) worker (c) driver (d) picker
- Q5 "I can't believe the nerve of that guy! He asked me to ..... with him; he knows I am good friends with his wife! What a creep!" Marisol said to Allison.  
(a) snooze (b) skip (c) steal (d) sleep
- Q6 "My wife got into a slinging ..... with her sister the other night and it was ugly. I had to force her to leave her sister's house with me before it got any worse," Simon said to Matt.  
(a) game (b) match (c) job (d) position
- Q7 "I have to be really careful at work. I made my boss mad and now he is just waiting for me to slip ..... If I make one mistake in my paperwork or on the telephone, I am gone," Damien told Sarah.  
(a) in (b) away (c) down (d) up
- Q8 "I am sorry that I didn't pick up any chicken soup for you at the store. It completely slipped my .....; I got your crackers, though," Laura said to her roommate.  
(a) ideas (b) mind (c) focus (d) recorder
- Q9 "This party is pretty boring. Why don't we ..... off and go get a beer at the karaoke bar down the street. It is kind of fun to hear all the bad singing," Brian said to Elizabeth.  
(a) stand (b) slide (c) slip (d) snap
- Q10 "I didn't know what to do. The only way I could provide for my wife was to work long hours on the job. We had a lot of bills that we accrued when we married. I had to watch our relationship slip through my ..... as she became even more distant the more I worked. Finally, she left me because she said I was never around," Fred told his old friend.  
(a) gloves (b) netting (c) trap (d) fingers

*English Slang Idioms (397)*

- Q1 "You shouldn't have embarrassed our boss in front of her boss. She will be waiting for you to slip ..... and if you do, she'll fire you. She is a very vengeful person," Chen said to Eric.  
(a) down (b) up (c) short (d) around
- Q2 "Matt is a little ..... on the uptake, isn't he? I have heard the boss tell him how to build a wall several times and he just doesn't get it. It isn't a hard concept to understand," Max said to Tony.  
(a) small (b) short (c) slow (d) long
- Q3 "What kinds of music do you like, Rob?" Sarah asked. "I like mainly ..... tunes: folk songs, Rhythm and Blues, light jazz, and some orchestra. How about you?" He replied.  
(a) short (b) slow (c) tiny (d) small
- Q4 "Hey, Jake! Can you ..... up a minute? You are walking too fast for me and I need to ask you a question," Bill said.  
(a) stand (b) slouch (c) smoke (d) slow
- Q5 "I am sorry. I know your kid has been getting bullied by Joe but I can't let kids ..... it out at school. There are rules that must be adhered to and fighting is not the answer," the vice principal told Jay after his kid received a three-day suspension.  
(a) stitch (b) slam (c) slug (d) steam
- Q6 "When you see Joe ask him to come to my party, will you? Please tell him on the ....., though. I don't want anyone else overhearing and getting hurt because they are not invited," Brent said to Steve.  
(a) sill (b) sense (c) sly (d) sneaky
- Q7 "Look at little Stevie over there. He is smacking his ....., waiting for that fried chicken. He sure loves his mom's fried chicken," John said to his son about his brother.  
(a) face (b) teeth (c) tongue (d) lips
- Q8 "I can't believe that just happened. I was walking toward the door to go outside and suddenly Jim opened it — unexpectedly. It caught me smack-..... in the face!" Sarah told Kim and she laughed at the expression on Sarah's face.  
(a) blot (b) dab (c) wipe (d) across
- Q9 "Go home, small ..... We don't want any little kids hanging around our clubhouse," Billy said to his little brother.  
(a) fry (b) shrimp (c) beetle (d) snail
- Q10 "I am no good at small ..... I have a lot to say to people once I get to know them but I am no good at finding things to say to people I just meet," Nadine said to Kim.  
(a) voice (b) words (c) talk (d) speech

*English Slang Idioms (398)*

- Q1 "I like where I work. It is a small-..... outfit but we still do a lot of business and I get paid well. I like working for family-owned businesses more than big corporations; you get a lot more freedom to do the job the way you see fit," Fred said to Albert.  
(a) job (b) time (c) store (d) change
- Q2 "I was so nervous about singing in front of all of those people. I shouldn't have been, though. The song was a ..... hit! Everyone cheered and clapped. It made me feel really good," Ben said to his family.  
(a) pinch (b) smash (c) stomp (d) slap
- Q3 "I think we need to interview the company president again; I smell a ..... I think they are up to something illegal; I am just not sure what yet. Whatever it is could be the key to this whole case, though," Detective Christianson said to his partner.  
(a) cat (b) dog (c) hog (d) rat
- Q4 "Did you have to cut that Limburger cheese right before the guests arrived? Way to ..... up the place," Paul said to Heather.  
(a) stench (b) smog (c) smell (d) slop
- Q5 "I will never go on another road trip with Wes. He ..... like a chimney! Every twenty minutes, we had to pull over so he could light up. It drove me nuts," Jessica said to Terra.  
(a) smokes (b) smells (c) billows (d) steams
- Q6 "I can assure you that if the criminal is anywhere near our town, we'll ..... him out," the chief of police said to the reporters in the press conference.  
(a) snake (b) sneak (c) smoke (d) shape
- Q7 "I don't believe the government's explanation regarding what happened that day. I think it is just a smoke ..... to conceal what really happened. It is too neat and tidy and is out of character for the people involved," Sergeant Johnson said to his pal in the FBI.  
(a) screen (b) stack (c) wall (d) story
- Q8 "I tried to ..... things over with my roommate but she is still mad at me. She won't even listen to my explanation about why I acted the way I did and I have a good reason for it," Jill said to Veronica.  
(a) sand (b) steam (c) smooth (d) seam
- Q9 "Bobby is such a ..... in the grass. He has been sleeping with his wife's best friend for years and won't break up with her or tell her. She is so nave; she won't believe that he is doing it," Danielle said to Brianna.  
(a) snake (b) snail (c) stake (d) stork
- Q10 "I know you didn't get much sleep last night but you need to stop ..... at me. I didn't do anything wrong so you stop talking to me like that with that tone of voice," Brendon said to Kylie.  
(a) slipping (b) snapping (c) strapping (d) staring

*English Slang Idioms (399)*

- Q1 "You are going to have to wait. I am busy. I can't always do what you want me to do as soon as you snap your ....., " Amanda said to Adam.  
(a) hands (b) pencil (c) fingers (d) tone
- Q2 "Why are you sitting outside, William?" his neighbor asked. He replied, "My wife is in a foul mood right now and I am waiting for her to ..... out of it. She usually does after a little while so I am going to find a project out here to do for a half-hour or so."  
(a) sneak (b) stream (c) sail (d) snap
- Q3 He knew he had to rush back to work but he couldn't resist taking a ..... of the sea and sunset scene. It was strikingly beautiful and had poignant blues, purples, pinks and some reds.  
(a) snap memory (b) snap scene (c) snapshot (d) snap picture
- Q4 "You scared me, Jake. Don't ..... up on me like that. Say something or knock on the door next time," Dean said to his roommate after he got startled.  
(a) stand (b) slide (c) sneak (d) slip
- Q5 "Your friend Adam's house is beautiful. It may be the nicest house I have ever seen. Of course, your brother's house is ..... to sneeze at, either. Your brother's house must have cost a pretty penny also and has some really cool architecture in it," Samantha said to Aaron.  
(a) nothing (b) everything (c) something (d) seeing
- Q6 "Why don't you have a seat in the waiting room, Mrs. Ellison? I don't know what the problem is with your car but our team will sniff it ..... I no time," Jeff said.  
(a) off (b) on (c) away (d) out
- Q7 "The first week we were here after moving from down south, we got snowed ..... for three days and couldn't get out to get food. It was rough," Billy told his two friends.  
(a) off (b) down (c) in (d) blind
- Q8 "Are you warm enough with just that blanket on?" Sylvia asked Norton. He replied, "Yes. I am as snug as a bug in a ....."  
(a) sweater (b) sock (c) hat (d) rug
- Q9 "I can't stand when people smoke cigarettes in their houses when they have kids living there. If you want to smoke, so ..... it, but don't make your kids sit in your smoke!" Bill said to Riley.  
(a) let (b) break (c) brunt (d) be
- Q10 "Are your renovations still going well?" Thomas asked Mike. He replied, "So far, so ..... I haven't had many problems and I am getting a lot done. I should be done with the kitchen in about a week."  
(a) nice (b) pleasant (c) good (d) neat

*English Slang Idioms (400)*

- Q1 I promised I would build this house and I will, so ..... me, God. I have got the concrete work and the framing completed already and it has only been two months," Bill said to his brother when he expressed doubt as to whether Bill would start and finish the house or not.  
(a) make (b) force (c) hurt (d) help
- Q2 "Will you come help me do the siding on my house?" Derrick asked Chris. He replied, "I will, so ..... as you get all of the materials first and you don't expect me to help you every day."  
(a) big (b) long (c) wide (d) high
- Q3 "I am done with sealing the roof! So ..... for that job!" Chris shouted to his wife.  
(a) many (b) big (c) large (d) much
- Q4 "How do you install laminate flooring?" Derrick asked Chris. He responded, "Well, the edges of the boards are a tongue-in-groove style, so to ..... You just fit the edges of the two boards together and then press down on the second board. Then, they just snap together and stay that way. You do that over and over and pretty soon, you have your floor."  
(a) speak (b) explain (c) define (d) convince
- Q5 "I don't like your friend Melissa. All she does is gossip; she never talks about anything other than so-and-..... said this and this person said that. It is superficial and annoying," Chris said to Veronica.  
(a) do (b) who (c) so (d) see
- Q6 "What do you think of your new position? Do you like it better than your last one?" Kara asked Jacky. "It's just ..... Some parts I like better but it is very stressful much more so than my last job there. I also have to spend much more time on paperwork," she replied.  
(a) naughty and nice (b) so-so (c) show-and-tell (d) definite
- Q7 "What are you going to do tonight? I was thinking about going to the bar," Jason asked Fred. He responded, "I don't know. I am probably going to stay home and ..... in a movie. I don't have a lot of money and I am tired so I probably won't do much."  
(a) spend (b) soak (c) strap (d) stop
- Q8 "I am going to the beach to soak ..... the sun before the weather gets cold. Want to come?" Dina asked Juliet.  
(a) off (b) away (c) back (d) up
- Q9 "One of the hardest parts of being a supervisor, for me, is listening to all the ..... stories. People are constantly calling in and asking for time off for all of these drawn-out reasons. I know half of them are lies anyway. One person called and said he couldn't come in because his grandma's dog died," Jerry told Bart.  
(a) cry (b) somber (c) sob (d) sneeze
- Q10 "My last girlfriend was a ..... climber. I will never date one of those again. She wanted to spend all of her time going to the Right parties with the Right people. It was all about image and nothing about having fun or being ourselves," Jim said to Luke.  
(a) school (b) group (c) gang (d) social

*English Slang Idioms (401)*

- Q1 "Why did you fight that boy at school, Josh? I thought we agreed you wouldn't fight at school anymore," Steve said to his boy. He replied, "Dan ..... me in the face. What did you expect me to do? I had to defend myself."  
 (a) stacked (b) sopped (c) socked (d) sacked
- Q2 "Many believe that American kids are getting fat due to the massive amounts of ..... drinks they drink every day. Some people we interviewed said that their kids drink as many as twelve sodas a day," the newscaster said on TV.  
 (a) shelf (b) sugar (c) soft (d) snack
- Q3 "I have no sympathy for people like that. My husband is more ..... than I am and would probably give those people an excuse for their behavior," Linda said to Jack.  
 (a) simple hearted (b) weak hearted (c) brittle hearted (d) softhearted
- Q4 "My husband isn't sure he wants to buy that car but I am ..... on it. I think it is a great deal; we won't have to repair it often, it's affordable, it looks good and it gets great gas mileage. What more could one want?" Jesse said to her friend.  
 (a) stolen (b) sealed (c) stacked (d) sold
- Q5 "Your friend is something ..... I have only met him three times and, in that time, he told me he is going to be a doctor, a lawyer, a car salesman and a professional bowler," Katy said to Oliver.  
 (a) besides (b) after (c) still (d) else
- Q6 "Honey, that son of a ..... stole my saw! Call the police!" Matt yelled as the stranger sped away.  
 (a) cat (b) bitch (c) sow (d) hen
- Q7 "Well, son of a ..... Our plants made it! I didn't think they would survive without water for two weeks in the summer but somehow they did," Chris said to Linda when they got back from vacation.  
 (a) cannon (b) sword (c) fist (d) gun
- Q8 "My best friend thinks he is so smart. He thinks he can get away with stealing from work, indefinitely, but he will get caught ..... or later. I guess if you are dumb enough to steal from work, you are dumb enough to think you'll never get caught," Axel said to Beth.  
 (a) shorter (b) sooner (c) smaller (d) nearer
- Q9 "I could tell you were going to ask Jesse more about his parents' divorce. Don't do it; their divorce is still kind of a sore ..... with him. He doesn't like to talk about it," Dan said to Billy.  
 (a) arm (b) mark (c) spot (d) blot
- Q10 "Did you take the saw to get yourself some spending money?" Danny's dad asked. "Sort ..... My girlfriend's car broke down and if she doesn't get it fixed, she'll lose her job. Neither of us has any money and she only has one more day off. I wanted to ask you but I was afraid you would say no," he replied.  
 (a) partially (b) of (c) maybe (d) away

*English Slang Idioms (402)*

- Q1 "Why did your brother leave here to work in that small town? It seems like an odd decision," Kelly asked Carrie. She responded, "He left to get a new perspective on life. He has some issues he needs to ..... out and he didn't think he could figure out the answers here with all his friends and family around."
- (a) sort (b) staff (c) source (d) slap
- Q2 "Did you think about the question I asked you, Roberta?" Ricky asked. She replied, "After some soul- ....., I decided that I can't marry you. I can't start a life with someone who sells stolen goods for a living — no matter how much I love the person."
- (a) observing (b) inspecting (c) searching (d) looking
- Q3 "I heard the boss mention to her boss that training people in India to speak to Americans over the phone will be difficult. I am worried that we might lose our jobs," Sandy, a customer service representative, said to Phil. Phil said, "I don't like the ..... of that at all. It sounds like the work we do here may be outsourced really soon. We better start looking for another job."
- (a) smell (b) theory (c) sound (d) scene
- Q4 "I don't like the new Star Wars movies. They may have better special ..... than the old ones but they just don't have the same feel to them at all. I don't think the acting or the dialogue is as good either," Bill said to Mark.
- (a) visuals (b) entertainment (c) effects (d) graphics
- Q5 "When a drill sergeant asks you a question, you had better ..... off! None of these whispery voices you use at home. I want to hear you loud and clear. Do you understand?" Drill Sergeant Gary told the new privates.
- (a) sound (b) breath (c) steam (d) project
- Q6 "Do you think the boss would allow us to work four ten-hour shifts instead of five eight-hour shifts? I think the team would really like to have three-day weekends each week," Shelly said. Bart replied, "I don't know if he would go for that but I will sound him ..... to see what he thinks. I'll let you know what he says after I get a chance to ask him."
- (a) out (b) in (c) back (d) close
- Q7 "I am so mad. Some kid with a .....-up truck just spun his tires out of the parking lot. Some of the gravel got kicked up and busted my windshield," Tommy said to Rhoda.
- (a) stacked (b) slapped (c) souped (d) snapped
- Q8 "Why didn't your boy stay with Wendy? She seemed like such a nice, smart girl. She loved him, too," Brandy said to Steve. He replied, "I don't think she did anything wrong. I don't think he is ready to settle down yet. I think he needs to sow his wild ..... first. You know how it is with young guys."
- (a) grain (b) oats (c) trees (d) plans
- Q9 "What are you thinking about? We were talking and then, all of a sudden, you got quiet and started staring out into ....., " Chris said to his wife in the restaurant.
- (a) space (b) scenery (c) sand (d) sea
- Q10 "I think that girl is on drugs or something. She was pretty spaced ..... I asked her where a store was and it took her almost 30 seconds to answer. Then, her answer made no sense at all," Brian said to Audrey.
- (a) on (b) away (c) out (d) abroad

*English Slang Idioms (403)*

- Q1 "I know you are looking for a fight but I am not going to ..... with you today. I know you are mad at me for moving away with her but I am going and that is it! I am not going to talk about it anymore!" Ted said to his old friend.  
(a) step (b) spar (c) dance (d) stand
- Q2 "Do you want to go to the bar tonight?" Joe asked Lisa and Tom. She replied, "We'd love to." Tom said, " ..... for yourself. I have to work early tomorrow and have to be in bed soon. I can't show up with a hangover; I have meetings all day."  
(a) Explain (b) Spoke (c) Speak (d) Snap
- Q3 "I can't stand Joey. He always crashes our parties and doesn't bring anything," Shelly said at the party. Zack said, "Speak of the ..... and he may appear. There is Joey now and he has nothing in his arms."  
(a) gnome (b) gnat (c) devil (d) troll
- Q4 "I like Ashley; we speak the same ..... She likes what I like and we have the same views on most things," Linda said to Chris.  
(a) language (b) tongue (c) words (d) thoughts
- Q5 "The fact that he didn't cheat on his wife when given the opportunity on the business trip speaks ..... to me about what kind of man he is. A guy that would break his promise to his wife like that would do anything," the boss said to his assistant.  
(a) novels (b) movies (c) magazines (d) volumes
- Q6 "He must be an alright guy. Our boss ..... well of him and she doesn't say anything good about anyone," Shelly said to Jessica at work.  
(a) looks (b) sells (c) shines (d) speaks
- Q7 "I already told you that the report had to be in at five o'clock. Why was that hard to understand? What did you want me to do-..... it out for you?" the boss said to the slow employee.  
(a) spell (b) say (c) snail (d) sell
- Q8 "The boss mentioned going on a trip to China. That spells ..... for us, I think. Our job could easily be outsourced to China. I hope that is not why she is going," Bill, the production specialist, said to Ellis.  
(a) road signs (b) trouble (c) pothole (d) retraining
- Q9 "Mom, is it OK if Stevie ..... the night tonight? We could rent some movies and I promise we'll be in bed by 11 o'clock," Nick said.  
(a) shelves (b) stands (c) spends (d) steals
- Q10 "I still can't go with you even though I just got paid. I don't have any spending ..... all of it has to go to bills," Jerry said to Aaron.  
(a) change (b) power (c) money (d) ability



*English Slang Idioms (404)*

- Q1 "You know how dirty my house was. I spent most of the day cleaning and now everything is spick-and-..... You should come over and see it now that it's clean," Joseph said to Laura.  
(a) span (b) spit (c) stock (d) slippery
- Q2 "Why did your sister and Todd break up? I know you know the reason. Come on; spill the ....., " Alice said to Abbey.  
(a) seeds (b) pepper (c) rice (d) beans
- Q3 "Bob isn't very knowledgeable but he sure can ..... a yarn. That guy has some of the funniest stories I have ever heard," Christian said to Kyle.  
(a) send (b) slip (c) spin (d) stop
- Q4 "Have you seen the show The Office on TBS with Steve Carrel. It is a spin ..... of the English show called The Office and it is quite funny, in my opinion. If you haven't seen it, you should watch it," Dana said to Craig.  
(a) off (b) on (c) around (d) ahead
- Q5 "Josh doesn't say much but you can see the ..... spinning. There is a lot going on in his head and his ideas are quite intelligent," Bob said to Jenny.  
(a) bobbins (b) bearings (c) wheels (d) knobs
- Q6 "Did you see the movie Seven? It is a spine-..... suspense that will keep you guessing until the end," Chris said to Derrick.  
(a) blowing (b) breezing (c) warming (d) chilling
- Q7 "We are going to ..... your little brother away for the day. Is that OK with you? We are going to take him rafting," Craig said to Tom.  
(a) sport (b) spirit (c) skirt (d) sand
- Q8 "Oh, darn. I have to change my shirt before we go to dinner. The baby just ..... up on me," John said to Shirley.  
(a) sat (b) split (c) spit (d) slipped
- Q9 "Can we move on? This argument is over inconsequential details. We are splitting ..... here and wasting time," Nancy said to the team.  
(a) nails (b) wood (c) socks (d) hairs
- Q10 "We were driving home last night and the roads were quite icy. We took off after stopping at a light and, in a split ....., we were in a ditch. It took at least a half-hour to get out," Bill told Marlene.  
(a) minute (b) moment (c) second (d) sense

*English Slang Idioms (405)*

- Q1 "Did you hear that Greg and Jenny ..... up? They were together for four years and I thought they were doing fine. Apparently they weren't; now they won't even talk to each other," Josh said to his sister.  
(a) parted (b) spent (c) slipped (d) split
- Q2 "Everything on the table is for sale except for the saw. The saw is already ..... for. The guy who bought it is coming back later to pick it up," Zack said to the new-comers at the garage sale.  
(a) marked (b) called (c) spoken (d) sent
- Q3 "Dan, I know you like Kyle but he is ..... off of you too much. Surely you can see that! I know you wanted to help him in his time of need by letting him stay with you but he is never going to move out on his own," Paul told him.  
(a) spending (b) sitting (c) sacking (d) sponging
- Q4 "Lilly is so lazy and immature. She won't work for anything and gets everything for free from her parents. Everything has to be .....-fed to her; she won't make the slightest bit of effort to obtain whatever it is herself," Pauline said to Laura.  
(a) simple (b) spoon (c) stamp (d) spot
- Q5 "The majority of your job is going be comprised of doing spot ..... at our different factories to make sure that random samples of our products meet our quality standards," the boss told Tim.  
(a) checks (b) observations (c) looks (d) challenges
- Q6 "I know you honestly think the boss is doing the right thing and that she is very intelligent but aren't you spreading it on kind of .....? Telling her that the business world has never seen a genius like her before and that they never will again is it a bit much," Jason said to Aaron.  
(a) big (b) large (c) deep (d) thick
- Q7 The news about the boss being led out of his office in handcuffs spread like ..... Within minutes, everyone at the office knew about it and reporters were already arriving to get statements.  
(a) flood (b) tornados (c) wildfire (d) windfall
- Q8 "I shouldn't have bought that last condominium. Now I am spread a little too ..... I have four mortgage payments now and I am not sure there is going to be enough money to go around," Mathew said to his brother.  
(a) small (b) tight (c) long (d) thin
- Q9 "Honey, we need to buy a new hose. Ours has sprung a ....., " Chris said to his wife.  
(a) leak (b) river (c) break (d) quit
- Q10 "I can't find my wallet anywhere. What did it do, ..... wings and fly away?" John said to his roommate.  
(a) spray (b) sport (c) split (d) sprout

*English Slang Idioms (406)*

- Q1 "Why are you all ..... up?" Tim asked his normally unkempt roommate when he walked in and found Wes in a suit and polished shoes.  
(a) sprouted (b) strapped (c) spruced (d) sapped
- Q2 His family thought that his getting bad grades would cause him to give up and quite school. Oddly enough, given his previous character, the bad grades ..... him on to want to do better. His next report card contained almost perfect grades.  
(a) sprinted (b) spurred (c) slapped (d) slammed
- Q3 "You already paid back part of the loan and now that you helped me with the tiles in my house, we are ..... Consider the debt paid in full," Tony said to Bobby.  
(a) square (b) round (c) rectangle (d) sphere
- Q4 "Did you clean the bathrooms on the west side yet, Nick?" the boss asked. He replied, "Not yet. I am on my way to ..... them away right now."  
(a) square (b) squeeze (c) spot (d) staff
- Q5 "Were you happy with the work you received from those contractors you had over at your place? Did they charge a fair price? I might give them a call depending on your opinion," Max said to Rodney. Rodney said, "They were a little expensive but I feel like I got a square ..... They worked hard and did a great job. They also put in some extras for free. I would recommend them to you."  
(a) change (b) deal (c) receipt (d) experience
- Q6 "I like many things about the army. The food wasn't bad either. I got three square ..... a day and, many times, the food was cooked by a professional chef since I worked with officers," Art told Chris.  
(a) foods (b) napkins (c) troughs (d) meals
- Q7 The crowd waited in anticipation for the boxers to square ..... and begin fighting. A lot of people thought it was the match of the century.  
(a) in (b) back (c) on (d) off
- Q8 He was nervous; he always was before job interviews. He knew he needed to hide that fact so he squared his ..... and opened the door with a big smile on his face. Better to look confident than worried.  
(a) arms (b) heads (c) backs (d) shoulders
- Q9 "I don't fit in at my new school with all of the Seventh Day Adventists since I am a Protestant. I feel like a square ..... in a round hole," Jason said to his buddy.  
(a) cup (b) screw (c) peg (d) ball
- Q10 "I have a few errands to run before we can meet up. My dad loaned me some money and I have to go ..... up with him. I also have to go to the post office," Hank said to Chen.  
(a) stand (b) step (c) strike (d) square

*English Slang Idioms (407)*

- Q1 "You want to quit school and move to Hollywood to become an actor? I won't ..... for it! You are finishing school and then you can do whatever you want. You are under my authority until you are 18 years old!" Bob told his 15 year-old son.  
(a) stop (b) slip (c) step (d) stand
- Q2 "I would hire Jim in a heart-beat. He is smart and a stand-..... guy. He is reliable and trustworthy," Karl said to Owen.  
(a) off (b) near (c) up (d) on
- Q3 "Accounting was hard for me. I barely managed to ..... by with a passing grade," Ollie said to Frank.  
(a) stop (b) squeak (c) strip (d) sing
- Q4 "I know you were about to get extra duty from Sergeant Ramos when you didn't show up for work on Tuesday. How did you manage to ..... out of that one?" Simon asked Brian when he surprisingly saw him out on the town that night.  
(a) snake (b) lizard (c) squeeze (d) sack
- Q5 "I am very angry at the world right now. My best friend just ..... me in the back and was sleeping with my fiance," George said to his brother when his brother asked how things were going for him.  
(a) sliced (b) stepped (c) stabbed (d) slapped
- Q6 "Don't ..... your stack, Sir; we'll make it right. There is no need to get angry. Let me figure out what I did wrong and I promise you, you will get all of the money back you are owed," the store clerk said when the customer informed him that he had been overcharged.  
(a) blow (b) steal (c) lose (d) drop
- Q7 "I am sorry, Sergeant. We shouldn't have beat him up but we caught him ..... the deck during our poker game. He managed to take us for over \$300 before he got caught and he refused to give it back after we caught him cheating," Private Jackson said.  
(a) stacking (b) stopping (c) stepping (d) shirking
- Q8 "I am sorry, Honey. You can't come with me to Adam's house on Wednesday. It's a ..... party; no girls allowed," Jimmy said to his girlfriend.  
(a) strong (b) man (c) stag (d) bull
- Q9 "I can't believe I forgot my lines during the play on Wednesday. I think I forgot because of stage ..... There were way more people there than I expected," Mary said to Henrietta.  
(a) fright (b) nervousness (c) anxiety (d) scariness
- Q10 "Together, we are going to ..... out all sexual harassment. We can't allow any to go on or else our business will suffer," Chen said to the staff.  
(a) strip (b) slip (c) stamp (d) lend

*English Slang Idioms (408)*

- Q1 "What are you doing for Christmas break," Adam asked his college buddy. He replied, "I am going home to my old ..... grounds for a couple of weeks. How about you?"  
 (a) sneaking (b) slopping (c) stamping (d) stopping
- Q2 "Dad, why are you on strike instead of working?" Danny asked. "Sometimes you have to take a ....., son. The company isn't paying us for all of the work we do and the union I am a part of is going to help us put an end to that."  
 (a) stomp (b) stand (c) stead (d) strap
- Q3 "I am going to tell her what you are doing. I am not going to stand ..... and watch you take advantage of a nice person like her," Jared told Bobby.  
 (a) off (b) away (c) by (d) near
- Q4 "I thought you brought up a good point. Why are you changing your mind and are going to stay quiet about the things that are going wrong here? You have to stick by your .....; I'll stand by you," Helen said to Melissa.  
 (a) guns (b) brain (c) knives (d) offense
- Q5 "I don't know why some people in the army stand in ..... of high-ranking officers. They are just people and they put on their pants the same way we do every morning. There is nothing scary or God-like about them," Corporal Stevens said to Specialist Thomas.  
 (a) confusion (b) patronization (c) awe (d) place
- Q6 "I have to go to my dad's funeral on Tuesday. Can you stand ..... for me at work? I will cover your shift when you need to go somewhere if you do," Chris said to Brian.  
 (a) in (b) on (c) around (d) there
- Q7 "You know I want to go to college in New York and that if you backed me, Dad would probably agree to let me go. So why are you standing in my .....? Why do you keep telling him I shouldn't be allowed to go?" Ellis asked his brother.  
 (a) house (b) dreams (c) way (d) line
- Q8 "Did you and Gina ever come to an agreement and stop fighting?" Billy asked. Phil replied, "No, we are kind of in a ..... off. Neither one of us will give in and compromise."  
 (a) swing (b) step (c) slip (d) stand
- Q9 "I understand. Both of you are pretty obstinate. I am not surprised that neither of you is willing to ....., " Billy said.  
 (a) slide (b) fold (c) uncle (d) relapse
- Q10 "I am sick of that bully always running me off the basketball court so he can play. Next time, I am going to stand my ..... and refuse to leave. If I get to the court first, I have the right to play," Davie said to Kyle.  
 (a) turf (b) pad (c) street (d) ground

*English Slang Idioms (409)*

- Q1 "I don't believe in evolution but I know most people do. I don't want to ..... out and be the only one to disagree. I know it is weak but it is easier to not have to argue with others in the class and the teacher," Jesse said to Paul.  
(a) stomp (b) stake (c) stamp (d) stand
- Q2 "It is better to use square-drive screws when you need a long screw and if you are screwing into hard wood. The bit has more of the screw to grab onto to turn it than a Philips-head screw," Paul told Chris. "I guess that stands to ..... Especially since the Philips screws often don't exactly fit the bit and are cheaper. At least that has been my experience," he replied.  
(a) explanation (b) rigor (c) proof (d) reason
- Q3 "All of those who agree that we should work extra hard this weekend so that we don't have to work during the Christmas vacation, stand up and be .....!" the First Sergeant said to the company.  
(a) lettered (b) counted (c) ordered (d) shuffled
- Q4 "Bill, you have been my best friend for many years. As you know, I am getting married in two weeks. Will you ..... up for me and be my best man at the wedding?" Axel asked.  
(a) let (b) stand (c) stint (d) shut
- Q5 "Your friend Mike is pretty ....., isn't he? I tried to get him to talk a few times but he either gives me one-word answers or doesn't answer my questions at all. I can tell he doesn't like people very much," Maxine said to Jerry.  
(a) outspoken (b) understated (c) underestimated (d) standoffish
- Q6 "Matt is such a pain. He always has to be the ..... of everything he does. He is always like Look at me! Look at me!" anytime we are in a group function together. He always wants to seem better than everyone else around him," Josephine said to Stan.  
(a) star (b) middle (c) power (d) monument
- Q7 "Chloe is in love with your brother, you know. You can see the stars in her ..... every time you mention his name," Chloe's mom said to Jennifer.  
(a) mind (b) talk (c) speech (d) eyes
- Q8 "Why do you keep trying to start ..... with my sister? Every time she comes around, you start insulting her or accusing her of something. What did she ever do to you?" Dave asked Caroline.  
(a) anything (b) everything (c) something (d) nothing
- Q9 "How does it feel now that your own mistakes are ..... you in the face? Do you still feel better than everyone around you?" Dan asked his egotistical brother.  
(a) blinking (b) stepping (c) staring (d) sneaking
- Q10 "Technology has come a long way since I was a kid. Take that state-of-the-..... music player you just bought. It will hold 2,000 songs at a time. The record players I grew up with would hold maybe five songs," Arthur told his grandson.  
(a) music (b) performance (c) advancement (d) art

*English Slang Idioms (410)*

- Q1 While cellular phones serve a purpose, they are also ..... symbol in the United States. The better the phone, the richer the person who has it seems.  
(a) social (b) status (c) statistic (d) strata
- Q2 "We were barely able to ..... off the run on the bank that started this morning. If the Federal Bank hadn't given us a loan, we might have had to close our doors," the Chief Financial Officer said to his colleague.  
(a) save (b) stave (c) send (d) slip
- Q3 "Dad, this is Timmy. I just popped a tire and I am out in the middle of nowhere. I am twenty minutes away from Hills Market on Skyway." Frank replied, over the phone, "Just stay ..... and I will be there as soon as possible to help you change the tire."  
(a) dead (b) racked (c) disgruntled (d) put
- Q4 "Josh, I can't stay ..... her after she stole my guitar equipment and sold all of it. You might be able to forgive someone for that but I can't. I am glad we decided not to move in together. I told her that we were no longer together last night," Bill told his brother.  
(a) on (b) behind (c) with (d) after
- Q5 "This party is dull and the people are boring. Let's ..... away for a drink at the local bar," Kyle said to Eileen.  
(a) steal (b) stretch (c) stop (d) stare
- Q6 "I am going to open my own business. At least I will get the recognition I earned for the work I have done. I am sick of my boss stealing my ..... Every time I succeed or invent something, he takes all the credit," Dan said to Al.  
(a) lightening (b) hurricane (c) tornado (d) thunder
- Q7 "I hate to say it but the band that played before my kid's band ..... the show. They were much better than any of the other bands. Don't tell Jeff that, though," Greg said quietly to his wife.  
(a) pinched (b) sneaked (c) snaked (d) stole
- Q8 "I just want to do a good job but some of my co-workers just want credit. One of the guys wanted to steal the ..... so bad that he broke into my locked desk drawer to steal my ideas so he would look good," Jesse said to Helena.  
(a) spotlight (b) headlight (c) flashlight (d) night light
- Q9 "Ever since I ate lunch, I kind of ran out of ..... I was working hard and fast before that and now I am tired and don't want to do anything," Joe said to Lewis at work.  
(a) air (b) water (c) steam (d) tea
- Q10 "There is no reason to get steamed ..... we are still going to go where you want to go today. We are just going to stop at the store on the way there," Peggy said to her son.  
(a) off (b) on (c) down (d) up

*English Slang Idioms (411)*

- Q1 "You had better steer ..... of the boss today. He is in a really foul mood. He has yelled at everyone he has seen already," Marsha warned Isaac.  
(a) across (b) away (c) clear (d) back
- Q2 "I thought the workers were going to revolt when they heard that our office is closing. I was able to stem the ..... by grabbing a bullhorn and turning on the alarm. Then, they were willing to listen and I was able to explain that this office was just transferring across town," Jenny said to the boss.  
(a) plant (b) rain (c) tide (d) breaking
- Q3 "I know he is the boss but I am not going to let him ..... all over me. He might direct the work but he needs me to get it done. He can't force me to work overtime every time he makes a mistake," Gerald said to Owen.  
(a) slip (b) slap (c) step (d) sneak
- Q4 "May I have your attention please? I have decided to step ..... as CEO of this company and appoint Jerry to take my place. I have worked here for 40 years and it is time for me to retire and do some traveling. It has been great working with all of you," Maxwell told the staff.  
(a) off (b) back (c) along (d) down
- Q5 "Mike isn't going to finish his job today. If he doesn't, he'll get fired. He's a good guy so let's all ..... in and give him a hand," Hank said to Ned and Bill.  
(a) strap (b) step (c) slide (d) stamp
- Q6 "This fight does not concern you. You had better ..... off before it does," the gangster said to the helpful stranger who wanted to help the gangster's victim.  
(a) strip (b) stomp (c) step (d) stash
- Q7 "We are going to be late if you keep driving this slowly. You had better step on ..... if we are going to get there on time," Harris said to Lane who was the carpool driver for that day.  
(a) that (b) this (c) forward (d) it
- Q8 Lane stepped on the ..... and they all started to make better speed. Unfortunately, a cop just happened to be passing by and pulled them over for speeding.  
(a) lever (b) switch (c) gas (d) metal
- Q9 "I would trust him with my life. He's got a sterling ..... and has never let me down," Bill said to his friends about Robert.  
(a) core (b) frame (c) actor (d) character
- Q10 "I am going home. Incidentally, is the movie you are about to start any good? I have been meaning to watch it and haven't got around to seeing it yet," Helen asked Veronica and Jacky. Jacky responded, "Why don't you ..... around and find out? You don't have to go home yet; tomorrow's Saturday and you don't have to work."  
(a) stretch (b) stop (c) shuffle (d) stick



*English Slang Idioms (412)*

- Q1 "I can charge him with intent to commit a crime but I can't make it ..... Any competent lawyer would be able to get that charge tossed out. We'll have to let him go until we get more evidence," Chief O'Donnell said to the two detectives when they wanted him to figure out a way to detain the suspect.  
(a) glue (b) adhere (c) tape (d) stick
- Q2 "I have to be there for my best friend in his time of need. He stuck ..... me when no one else would and I am not about to leave him hanging," Jim said to Alice.  
(a) around (b) near (c) on (d) by
- Q3 "Quit sticking your ..... into other people's business. It is rude and people don't like it," Jerry told his inquisitive son when he asked the guest why he wasn't married anymore.  
(a) nose (b) head (c) heart (d) hands
- Q4 "I love the gate you built, Honey, but you have to cut that one post shorter to match the rest. It sticks out like a sore ....., " Brian said to Gladice.  
(a) toe (b) head (c) stomach (d) thumb
- Q5 "Johnny is such a good-natured guy. He puts up with a lot of ..... from his brothers and he never gets mad," Alison said to Gracie.  
(a) ribbing (b) packing (c) wrapping (d) nicking
- Q6 "Bill, I don't have a lot of time here so can you please stick to the ..... You were asking me about the upcoming change in software and now you are telling me that your chair is uncomfortable," the boss told him.  
(a) period (b) concept (c) point (d) dot
- Q7 "You were right there when Gina accused me of going out drinking with some girls the other night. I was with you watching a movie that whole time. Why didn't you ..... up for me and tell her I was with you?" Danny asked Mitchell.  
(a) suck (b) stick (c) slip (d) sneak
- Q8 The armored car driver rolled down his window when the policeman motioned him to do so. To his surprise, the officer pulled out a gun and said "This is a stick-.....! Get out of the vehicle and open the back. Give me all of the money." The driver hadn't thought to verify whether the man was a real police officer or not before rolling down the bullet-proof window.  
(a) in (b) back (c) up (d) off
- Q9 "We shouldn't drink alcohol. We are only 16-years-old and we aren't allowed to drink until we are 21," Billy said to his girlfriend and her friends. She replied, "Quit being such a ..... in the mud and have a drink," and handed him the bottle.  
(a) stump (b) stick (c) shoe (d) slip
- Q10 His specialty was still ..... paintings. He didn't like the more abstract variety that didn't look like anything.  
(a) life (b) world (c) planet (d) atmosphere

*English Slang Idioms (413)*

- Q1 "Dad, why did you let Johnny go to the dance and not me?" Dan asked over supper eight years later. Johnny said, "Dan, don't ..... up the past. Who cares what happened back then. Let it go."  
 (a) swim (b) stand (c) sock (d) stir
- Q2 "I thought Dan was going to punch Steve in the face when he brought up Dan's previous drinking problem in front of Dan's new girlfriend; Dan was as mad as a ....., " Owen said to Luke.  
 (a) hornet (b) fly (c) leech (d) mosquito
- Q3 "I can't ..... these new horror movies. They are so graphic and gory. They, and the people that make them, make me sick," Jennifer told Rosa as she put a horror movie in the DVD player.  
 (a) swallow (b) eat (c) stomach (d) digest
- Q4 "I tried to find out where Specialist Wilson was transferred after he was sent to the brig but I got stone ..... by the MPs. The military police refused to give me any information at all and their commander ordered me not to inquire about his whereabouts again," Sergeant Ellis told Private Gonzales.  
 (a) housed (b) rolled (c) walled (d) floored
- Q5 "Is there a hardware store around here?" Bill asked Harvey. He replied, "Yes, there is one just a stone's ..... away from here. It is up one block and on the right."  
 (a) roll (b) wall (c) placement (d) throw
- Q6 "I hate sleeping on plywood but I am stone-..... at the moment. As soon as I get paid, I am going to buy some carpet," Matt told Paul when Paul enquired about the renovations.  
 (a) smashed (b) lacking (c) braked (d) broke
- Q7 "He can't hear you; you'll have to go out to the garden if you want to converse with him. My father is stone-.....," Ellie said to the salesman.  
 (a) hearing (b) deaf (c) blind (d) dumb
- Q8 "I can't believe you told the guards that I had a pack of cigarettes so that you could get extra privileges. I never figured you for a stool ....., Davis," Jared told the other prisoner.  
 (a) animal (b) sample (c) crow (d) pigeon
- Q9 "You were willing to spend your kids' college fund to go gamble in Las Vegas? Will you stop at ..... to fulfill your dream of competing against the best card players in the world?" Beth asked Michael.  
 (a) nothing (b) zero (c) absence (d) vacuum
- Q10 "He tried to move his pieces down here to checkmate me but I stopped him ....., " Chris told Linda when she asked him how the chess game between him and Derrick went.  
 (a) dry (b) dark (c) cork (d) cold

*English Slang Idioms (414)*

- Q1 "I don't mind taking you to the park. I have to warn you, I have a few ..... to make: I have to go to the hardware store for a lock kit, I have to the video store and return some movies and I have to drop off some paperwork at work," Lewis said to his son, Titus.  
(a) places (b) shapes (c) stops (d) sports
- Q2 "I don't mind if you stop ..... at those places. I am not in a big hurry," Titus said to his dad.  
(a) out (b) off (c) around (d) back
- Q3 "Mom, look! We have a ..... away. I found this small mouse hiding in the back of our moving truck," Davis said to Jenny.  
(a) stop (b) stash (c) sleep (d) stow
- Q4 "My mother gave me \$25 as a reward for getting ..... A's this semester. Let's go to the movies tonight," Laurie said to Linda.  
(a) successive (b) stranded (c) shaped (d) straight
- Q5 "Dan, do you have to start drinking straight .....? We just started our road trip and it is only 7:30 in the morning," Ben said to his roommate.  
(a) in (b) back (c) off (d) laced
- Q6 "You had better straighten him ....., Jack. He is your soldier and you better let him know that his back-talk is going to get him in trouble around here. We are not going to tolerate disrespect," Sergeant Price said to Sergeant Jack Simon.  
(a) in (b) out (c) ahead (d) now
- Q7 "You had better straighten ....., Private Bryson. If you disrespect another officer, I am going to write you up. You had better press your uniform and shine your boots as well. You look like heck!" Sergeant Simon said after his conversation with Sergeant Price.  
(a) up (b) down (c) in (d) along
- Q8 "John is a pretty ..... fellow. He doesn't drink, use bad language or tell lies. I never have to worry about him being too hung over to come into work unlike a lot of these other guys," the foreman said to the building superintendant as they discussed various tradesmen who worked for them at the job site.  
(a) straight shot (b) straight lined (c) straight laced (d) straight aimed
- Q9 "I have to take this opportunity to work overtime, Honey. We are pretty ..... for cash right now and we have a baby on the way that we have to pay for," Pat said to his wife.  
(a) stopped (b) sloped (c) shorted (d) strapped
- Q10 "I found a good drill for \$10 last week and now I have sound a really good router for only \$25. Both are excellent deals! I haven't found either for less than three times those prices. What a streak of .....!" Chris told Linda.  
(a) luck (b) richness (c) savings (d) happiness

*English Slang Idioms (415)*

- Q1 "We went back and forth with offer and counteroffer for hours. We were unable to ..... a bargain. I can't afford his services — even after he knocked his prices down a little bit — so we will have to call someone else to do our drywall," Ellis told Nancy.  
(a) sound (b) solve (c) strip (d) strike
- Q2 "How can you possibly think that I was out drinking with some girls last night instead of being where I said I was. Your idea is a bit of a stretch of ....., isn't it. I haven't drank an alcoholic beverage in over a year?" Isaac said to his jealous girlfriend.  
(a) creativity (b) imagination (c) fairy tale (d) fantasy
- Q3 "John, we really struck ..... with that new employee you hired. He is so good with customers and is such a fast learner. Not only that, he's an honestly nice guy," William, his boss, told him.  
(a) silver (b) lead (c) gold (d) copper
- Q4 "I think I chose the wrong profession. Here I am, sitting in this cubicle, making \$12 an hour and my best friend just struck it ..... in California. He is a gold miner. I didn't even know people did that anymore. Apparently, he just found \$350,000 worth of gold," Steven told Al.  
(a) wealthy (b) rich (c) ransom (d) loaded
- Q5 "I don't know what kind of shoes I want, Mom," Jane said. "Well, why don't we go to the store and see what they have. We'll keep looking until a pair strikes your ....., " she replied to Jane.  
(a) fancy (b) idealism (c) model (d) wants
- Q6 "I asked Angela to the dance and I struck ....., She told me she would never go anywhere with me, let alone the dance," Nick told Joey.  
(a) down (b) off (c) away (d) out
- Q7 "Why was your sister so mean to you tonight?" Paul asked Rosa. She replied, " She is unhappy with her life and tries to strike out ..... anyone who is happy with his or her life."  
(a) off (b) in (c) at (d) near
- Q8 "Your friend is kind of a jerk. I tried to strike ..... a conversation with him and he refused to answer my questions. Why go to a party, that is full of people, if you don't want to talk?" Jeff said to Luke.  
(a) along (b) back (c) aside (d) up
- Q9 "Dan offered you a job two days ago and you haven't accepted it? What are you doing? You have to strike while the ..... is hot. Dan isn't going to wait long before hiring someone else. That job would pay twice what you are earning now," Shelly told her brother.  
(a) burger (b) iron (c) day (d) engine
- Q10 "I am going to break up with Brad. He is just stringing me ..... I know he doesn't like me and is just going out with me because I'm convenient and just until he finds someone else," Rhonda said to Tina.  
(a) along (b) around (c) aside (d) ahead

*English Slang Idioms (416)*

- Q1 "If I catch the guy who broke into my car and stole my brand-new stereo, I am going to ..... him up!" Bill angrily told his friend after he discovered the theft.  
(a) slip (b) string (c) strip (d) swing
- Q2 "I will help you build your deck today but there are ..... attached. You have to help me put in a new window and help me seal my roof next Tuesday," Adam told Derrick.  
(a) strings (b) straps (c) ropes (d) files
- Q3 "You hate your brother? That is pretty ..... language, don't you think? I know you are mad at him but surely you don't hate him," Max said to Louise over lunch.  
(a) big (b) strong (c) shamed (d) slippery
- Q4 "I can come over to your house but I have to bring Sammy. I am stuck ..... watching my little brother until my parents come home at 5 o'clock," Chris said to Tim.  
(a) after (b) around (c) with (d) across
- Q5 "I know you are thinking about quitting your job because it doesn't pay as much as some others do right now. But if you stick ..... the company you work for, you will be getting paid much more when you are 40 years-old than many others will. Stay there and think of it as a long term investment; they are an excellent company to work for," Randy's dad told him.  
(a) hard (b) close (c) along (d) with
- Q6 "Your sister is so .....-up! She thinks she is better than everyone else on this planet!" Wendy told Amber.  
(a) stacked (b) stand (c) nosed (d) stuck
- Q7 "I think I am getting a cold. I am all ..... up and my throat feels scratchy," Justine said to Steve.  
(a) pressured (b) stuffed (c) filled (d) sniffed
- Q8 "I just happened to stumble ..... the best movie I have seen in years at the local video store. You have to watch the movie The Perfect Stranger," Lou said to Kathy.  
(a) across (b) by (c) near (d) thunder
- Q9 "My faith in humanity is a little rattled at the moment. I just found out my mentor at the police department, the guy I have looked up to for 30 years, has been on the ..... this whole time. One of my informants told me that he was accepting payoffs from the mob and, of course, I didn't believe him. It turned out to be true; the guy has been on their payroll for years," Pat said to his wife.  
(a) bake (b) take (c) leave (d) siphon
- Q10 "Sir, your card member agreement mentioned that you would be ..... to an increase in interest rates if you were late making your monthly payment," the customer service representative told Tom when he called to question why his credit card bill was so high.  
(a) forced (b) signed (c) enslaved (d) subject

*English Slang Idioms (417)*

- Q1 "You have it pretty good so why do you look at life as if the ..... is half empty instead of half full? You have good parents and I don't. You have a lot of possessions and I don't. Why are you so unhappy?" Kurt asked Lewis.  
 (a) hat (b) pants (c) car (d) glass
- Q2 "Sorry, I am going to have to sit this one out. Going to loud, noisy bars late at night is not my ....., " Nick said to Jerry and Aaron.  
 (a) fad (b) creativity (c) image (d) style
- Q3 "Well, this is my house — ..... as it is. It is old and needs paint but I like some of the interesting features in it," Harris said to Jennifer.  
 (a) stump (b) such (c) stamp (d) sack
- Q4 "I am sorry I am late. I turned on the TV and the show House was on. I wasn't intending to watch more than 10 minutes of it but I got ..... in on accident," Bill said to Eileen and Ray.  
 (a) grabbed (b) slipped (c) shucked (d) sucked
- Q5 "My sister Rebecca tells me that she loves her boyfriend, Bob, who is 25 years older than she is. What she loves, in my opinion, is his money. He is just her sugar ....., " Lisa said to Kim.  
 (a) baby (b) candy (c) daddy (d) cousin
- Q6 "Rebecca has always been a gold ....., though. She has always been more after money than love," Kim said to Lisa.  
 (a) finder (b) maker (c) wearer (d) digger
- Q7 "I am really in the mood for some Mexican food. Is it OK if we go out for Mexican food today for lunch?" Jared asked Paul. He responded, "Mexican food would ..... me fine. Let's do it!"  
 (a) wear (b) suit (c) shape (d) sweater
- Q8 "I know that I did something to offend you and you are too nice and polite to tell me what I did. Please don't sugar ..... it; tell me what it is as bluntly as possible," Jack told Ashley.  
 (a) cook (b) cover (c) on (d) coat
- Q9 "I will be ready to go to baseball practice in 20 minutes, Dad. I just have to suit ..... and grab my bat and glove," Bobby told him.  
 (a) up (b) on (c) out (d) off
- Q10 "No, Dad. I don't want to go to eat Chinese food again with the family. I want to stay home and watch movies. I am old enough to stay by myself now," Richard said. Paul responded, "Well, suit ..... If you want to stay home, you can."  
 (a) me up (b) yourself (c) alone (d) lonely

*English Slang Idioms (418)*

- Q1 "My dad always insisted that we go to church as a family every Sunday and in our Sunday ..... We had to press our clothes, shine our shoes and comb our hair every morning," Hank said to Vicky.  
 (a) Suits (b) Clothes (c) Best (d) Standards
- Q2 "How do you want your eggs, Sir? Scrambled, over-easy, or sunny-..... up?" the waitress asked Mike.  
 (a) day (b) light (c) heat (d) side
- Q3 "Mathew, can you clean up the kitchen before going home tonight? It would really help us out," the boss asked. He replied, "Sure ....., Nate. That will be no problem at all."  
 (a) object (b) example (c) event (d) thing
- Q4 "Bill told me not to look for other jobs since he can arrange for me to get a job at his company. I asked him if the job he was talking about was a ..... thing or not and he said it was. I am still going to look for other jobs but it sounds like I might have a job soon!" Nicholas told Jane.  
 (a) surefire (b) sure basket (c) sure water (d) sure aspect
- Q5 "On the ....., he seems like a nice guy but I can assure you, he is not. You should stay away from him, Laurie, or you will get hurt," Pauline warned her.  
 (a) skin (b) layer (c) coating (d) surface
- Q6 "Larry, the police officer I have been working with, has assured me that I am not ..... suspicion for the crime. I hope that means that I can come back to work now," Nick said to his boss over the phone.  
 (a) about (b) under (c) behind (d) by
- Q7 "Often, little businesses get ..... up by larger corporations because they can't compete, price-wise, with the big companies but may have a product or products that the big companies want," the professor told the students in the Introduction to Business class.  
 (a) slipped (b) swiped (c) chewed (d) swallowed
- Q8 "I don't like that cleaner but my mother ..... by it. I think it leaves a lot of streaks on the windows," Nancy said to Rosa when she asked about the stuff in the round bottle.  
 (a) promises (b) brags (c) swears (d) hammers
- Q9 "Sherriff, we need to ..... in more deputies. The Oakland brothers have shot up the town and a few ranches and we don't have enough officers to arrest all of them," Billy said.  
 (a) commit (b) swear (c) serve (d) swap
- Q10 "Ouch. My head hurts so bad after drinking all that wine last night. I am going to swear ..... alcohol forever! No more hangovers for me," Sarah said to Lillibeth.  
 (a) off (b) by (c) away (d) in

*English Slang Idioms (419)*

- Q1 "I have had this darn cold for the past two days. I am going to take a really hot bath and try to sweat it ....., " Chris said to his wife, Linda.  
(a) away (b) back (c) down (d) out
- Q2 "My sister is an idiot. She is always complaining that she doesn't have a boyfriend but she barely leaves the house and she never goes on dates. I doubt someone is going to randomly come to her house and ..... her off her feet," Marilyn said to Elsa.  
(a) smack (b) sweep (c) swipe (d) steak
- Q3 "Nick, you have to work things out with your brother. You can't just sweep the problem under the ..... and pretend that it will go away on its own. You insulted his wife and he is not going to forget that. Why don't you give him a call and try to work it out today?" Lisa asked.  
(a) tiles (b) carpet (c) tub (d) shoes
- Q4 "When I conduct job interviews, I like to make the candidate wait for me for a while to make him or her ..... for a little bit. I like to see how the candidate will deal with stress and nervousness," the manager said to Chris during the interview for Chris' college paper.  
(a) sweat (b) beat (c) hyper (d) cry
- Q5 "I saw you having coffee and lunch with that girl, Sarah, from your work. Are you getting ..... on her, Jim? She is pretty and it has been too long since you dated anyone," Carl told his son.  
(a) sour (b) stupid (c) love (d) sweet
- Q6 "My old boss is trying to sweet ..... me into coming back to work for him since they are short on qualified people at the moment. I don't think I want to work there again, though," Paul said to Derrick.  
(a) talk (b) phrase (c) con (d) word
- Q7 "Bob, I think you did a very good job on your last project. Don't get a ..... head from that compliment, though. You are still in your probationary period and I am still going to be watching you," Bill, the supervisor, said.  
(a) filled (b) swelled (c) sweat (d) sweet
- Q8 "I know you don't want to learn to work on computers but don't swim against the ....., Todd. You won't get anywhere. Our business, like all others, is becoming more computer-based every day. You are just going to have to resign yourself to the fact that computers and work go hand in hand now," Jared said.  
(a) water (b) ocean (c) current (d) pool
- Q9 "Mike is such a ..... all women are sex objects to him and he thinks that they are just waiting for him to come along. Like anyone would be attracted to that ogre," Jill said to Marina.  
(a) crow (b) frog (c) swine (d) cat
- Q10 "Why are you so surprised that Israel and Palestine are not getting along? They have been ..... enemies for years," Jake said to another student in his Political Science class.  
(a) promised (b) sworn (c) contacted (d) contracted



*English Slang Idioms (420)*

- Q1 "I am sorry, Jack. I don't have time to talk. My project is due on Friday and I am in a ..... against time. I'll have to call you this weekend," Brian said.  
(a) run (b) race (c) game (d) meet
- Q2 "The military really is about hurry up and .....! For instance, we had to run, and I mean run, from the barracks to the medical ward to get shots. Once we got there, we had to sit, as a company, for two hours," Peter said to Bobby.  
(a) lag (b) waste (c) sleep (d) wait
- Q3 "It is like that in my job also. We have to race over to the job site every morning to wait for hours for the contractor to get out of his meetings. It is another exercise in race to ..... still," Larry said to Peter and Bobby.  
(a) stand (b) sleep (c) slap (d) sort
- Q4 "You kids want everything handed to you and you aren't willing to work for it. I went through rack and ..... just to get into this country. When I came, I had nothing. Only through hard work was I able to achieve what I have," George said to Brandon and Paul.  
(a) redemption (b) randomness (c) wrong (d) ruin
- Q5 "I have been racking my ..... all morning trying to think of where I might have put the CD you let me borrow. If I can't find it by tonight, I'll buy you a new one," Jay said to Randy.  
(a) heart (b) recording (c) brain (d) head
- Q6 "Where did you get that sweater? I love it!" Maxine said to Peggy. She replied, "Oh, this old .....? I am not sure. You are welcome to it if you want it."  
(a) napkin (b) rag (c) rind (d) roach
- Q7 The schedule had been running him ..... Three 17 hour shifts in a row had left him more tired than he had been in a long time.  
(a) ratted (b) reclined (c) ragged (d) righted
- Q8 He felt ripped off. He spent 15 years at the company he worked for and they had recently ..... him out since he was outspoken about his religious beliefs.  
(a) rafted (b) railroaded (c) responded (d) ratified
- Q9 "You know that I have been looking forward to this concert for a long time. Let's talk about our problems later after the concert is over. Don't rain on my .....!" Christian said to Pauline.  
(a) playground (b) parade (c) lunch (d) camping trip
- Q10 "We are going to have the barbecue for sure; rain or ..... If it is raining, we'll just put the barbecue under the awning," Chris said to Adam.  
(a) snow (b) sun (c) shine (d) break

*English Slang Idioms (421)*

- Q1 "I hope our baseball game doesn't get ..... out. I am really looking forward to beating the Indians this weekend," Tommy said to Will.  
(a) racked (b) rained (c) rowed (d) ridden
- Q2 "I know you are mad at your sister but do you have to raise a ..... right now? We are in a group setting and the rest of us don't want to hear about this," Jay said to Erin.  
(a) smell (b) slick (c) stink (d) sight
- Q3 "Are you sure you should wear that band T-shirt to the funeral? That shirt is guaranteed to raise ..... Why don't you pick out something that looks decent?" Jerry said to his little brother.  
(a) awareness (b) heads (c) eyebrows (d) talking
- Q4 "Hi, my name is Jerry Mack. I am trying to raise ..... for the soldiers in Iraq. We are going to take the money and use it to buy phone cards so they can call their families. Would you be willing to donate some money?" Jerry asked Peter.  
(a) cheese (b) sausage (c) funds (d) shrimp
- Q5 "Stop ..... your voice! We don't want the neighbors to hear us fighting, do we?" Rhonda asked Brandon.  
(a) raising (b) heightening (c) increasing (d) pumping
- Q6 "Come on! Put your hands in the air! Help us raise the .....!" the band shouted to the audience.  
(a) beams (b) studs (c) lights (d) roof
- Q7 "I don't mind volunteering for a ..... cause that helps people. I am not going to work for free for a group that is trying to further their own aims, though," Jesse told the other college student.  
(a) just (b) blight (c) correct (d) equal
- Q8 "We had a fund raiser for young amputees over the last week and we managed to rake ..... \$3,500! This community is pretty caring," John said to Sally.  
(a) up (b) down (c) in (d) out
- Q9 "I am getting sick of the college. I am there to learn about business not get a bunch of special-interest groups' politics rammed down my ....., " Chris said to Linda.  
(a) shirt (b) pocket (c) brain (d) throat
- Q10 "Jake, are you still ..... on about the state of the economy in America? I left for two hours and you were talking about the economy when I left!" Lewis said at the party.  
(a) roping (b) reaching (c) rambling (d) relishing

*English Slang Idioms (422)*

- Q1 "I can't believe you ratted me ..... to Dad for breaking the vase. I wouldn't have done that to you. It wasn't like he was blaming you for it and you had to tell him," Jenny said to Georgia.  
(a) down (b) away (c) by (d) out
- Q2 "I didn't ..... on you. You were the only one home so he knew it was you!" Georgia replied.  
(a) slip (b) yodel (c) narc (d) preach
- Q3 "I don't know if I believe that. You have ratted ..... me before. I will let it go this time, though. Just don't tell on me again!" Jenny said.  
(a) off (b) in (c) behind (d) on
- Q4 "My grandma doesn't mess around. My mom will just ask you not to do something nicely if you are bugging her. My grandma, on the other hand, will give you a quick ..... on the knuckles and it hurts," Micah said to Jake.  
(a) rip (b) rap (c) romp (d) ripe
- Q5 "A lot of people are moving from the city into the smaller towns to get out of the ..... race. They want to find a place with a slower pace and less stress," Paul said to Chris.  
(a) monkey (b) rot (c) rife (d) rat
- Q6 "You can learn a lot from hanging out with my friend, Paul. He ..... off facts all day about all kinds of things. I find it fun," Chris said to Linda.  
(a) rips (b) ripples (c) rattles (d) rats
- Q7 Have you seen the Batman movie, The Dark Knight?" Mark asked Sam. He replied, "Is that the movie starring Christian Bale that everyone has been ..... about lately?"  
(a) ripping (b) raving (c) romping (d) ramping
- Q8 "I am so mad. I just got fired from my job because I followed instructions. They have this policy that we are not to pay insurance claims until we have certain information. This lady called and refused to give the information so I told her we couldn't pay her claims. The boss said I was right to not pay them but that I should have tried harder to get the information. Boy, did I get a raw .....!" Billie said to Tammy.  
(a) situation (b) action (c) event (d) deal
- Q9 "I like Paul's house but there is too much ..... dazzle in it for me. Too many flashing lights, electronic equipment and gaudy, expensive stuff that says I want to show off," Rachel said to Tom.  
(a) razzle (b) ripple (c) rankle (d) dizzy
- Q10 "I called Mr. MacGuffy to see if he would be willing to buy office supplies from us and I didn't even reach first .....; he hung up after I introduced myself and told him who I worked for," Jake said to Bob.  
(a) place (b) mark (c) sign (d) base

*English Slang Idioms (423)*

- Q1 "My dad always told me When setting goals, reach for the ..... ' He said to work hard and aim big and one could do anything they wanted to do," Kylie said to Vicky.  
(a) roof (b) trees (c) sky (d) point
- Q2 "You are right; that is exactly what he said. You missed the message, though. It wasn't what he said, it was what he didn't say. Sometimes, you have to read between the ..... to get what people really mean," Phil said to Mike.  
(a) covers (b) clothes (c) pauses (d) lines
- Q3 "I think you are ..... into what he was saying too much. I think he meant exactly what he said. You are over-analyzing the situation," Mike responded.  
(a) examing (b) reading (c) writing (d) poking
- Q4 "Greg, will you please read ..... what the letter says to the team?" Mary asked.  
(a) in (b) out (c) off (d) forward
- Q5 "I can tell you are pretty pleased with the way the little garden turned out," Lisa said. Matt replied, "How can you tell? I didn't say anything." Lisa said, "After being married to you for three years, I can ..... you like a book."  
(a) follow (b) reach (c) understand (d) read
- Q6 "Let's get this trash out of here, Joe. This criminal needs to be behind bars. Read him his ..... and let's get going," Detective Simonson said to Detective Davis after they chased down the drug dealer.  
(a) rights (b) wrongs (c) restrictions (d) rituals
- Q7 "Honey, you really must communicate with me more. I had no idea that you assumed we would go see your parents on my birthday. I already made plans with my friends. You shouldn't be mad at me for not knowing since you didn't tell me. I can't ..... your mind," Josh said to Jessica.  
(a) reach (b) rope (c) read (d) research
- Q8 "Hey, Bob, could you read ..... these blueprints when you get a chance and tell me what you think? You have a pretty good eye for spotting potential problems," Max said.  
(a) around (b) over (c) whole (d) back
- Q9 "You know Alice feels horrible about missing your wedding. Why did you have to rub ..... into the wound and spend the whole night talking about who wasn't there and how mad you were at those people?" Dan asked Jane.  
(a) sugar (b) salt (c) vinegar (d) lime
- Q10 "How was work today, Mike?" Dina asked. He replied, "You know; same old, same ..... It was boring and long."  
(a) experience (b) time (c) old (d) deal

*English Slang Idioms (424)*

- Q1 "You owe me one, Todd. I really saved your ..... tonight. No one else would have come all the way out here at 2 o'clock in the morning to pull your truck out of the mud," Brian said.  
(a) apple (b) bacon (c) pizza (d) hot dog
- Q2 "Jim, you scared the living ..... out of me! Why didn't you knock before coming in? Not that I care that you came in without permission; just that you didn't warn me!" Luke said.  
(a) daylights (b) nightlights (c) northern lights (d) fluorescent lights
- Q3 "I am really glad we decided to make planter boxes and sell them at the farmer's market. They are ..... like hotcakes!" Linda said to Chris.  
(a) tasting (b) reaping (c) selling (d) slipping
- Q4 "I like my job but I am not going to do anything illegal to keep it. If you are hoping that I will sell my ..... for a few bucks so I can be your partner in petty crime, you are sadly mistaken," Christian told Ryan.  
(a) solace (b) heart (c) shell (d) soul
- Q5 "I think I am going to get promoted. It isn't set in ..... yet but the boss said that Mr. Ellison was most likely leaving and when he does, I'll get his position. Isn't that great?" Norton said to his wife.  
(a) rubber (b) stone (c) sand (d) steel
- Q6 "You should come work in Seattle. Making good money there is as easy as shooting ..... in a barrel," Jimmy said to Chris.  
(a) pickles (b) fish (c) monkeys (d) bottles
- Q7 "I can't come to your house tonight for dinner, Jake. I am sick as a ..... I have been throwing up all day," Brian said.  
(a) cat (b) bull (c) dog (d) rat
- Q8 "Everywhere I go, people seem to be talking about whether gay marriage should be legal. I am ..... to death of the whole issue. If I hear one more of my friends mention it, I am going to scream," Shannon said to Julia.  
(a) headed (b) sick (c) angry (d) mad
- Q9 "Matt, you and your friend need to be quiet during the movie if you want to watch it. Silence is ....., you know," Jared said.  
(a) silver (b) nice (c) golden (d) respectable
- Q10 "My girlfriend left me to move to Hollywood. She wants a change at the silver ..... I have seen her act in a school play and she was horrible. I wish her the best of luck but I don't think she has a chance at becoming an actress," Hank said to Brent.  
(a) walk (b) team (c) crowd (d) screen

*English Slang Idioms (425)*

- Q1 "Don't be surprised when the people in this town are rude to you. They have been rude to people since ..... immemorial. My grandfather told me stories of when they were rude to him 50 years ago," Juliet told Brianna, the new employee at the restaurant.  
(a) period (b) time (c) era (d) century
- Q2 "You think your buddies are going to protect you and they won't tell the police what you've done. Just wait until we threaten them with prison sentences and offer to drop the charges if they tell us what they know. All of your so-called friends are going to ..... like canaries," Detective Samuels said to the leader of the gang.  
(a) walk (b) look (c) smell (d) sing
- Q3 "I feel so good. I sat in the hot springs last night and then went directly to bed. I slept like a .....!" Chris said to Jimmy.  
(a) dog (b) baby (c) boulder (d) tree
- Q4 "Don't try to buy as much as you can possibly afford. Save your money and build up your assets slowly. Slow and ..... wins the race," Jay's dad told him.  
(a) showy (b) steady (c) sorted (d) shallow
- Q5 "Ben, you need to hurry up and get this floor swept. You are moving slower than ..... this morning," the boss told him.  
(a) butter (b) oil (c) molasses (d) water
- Q6 "I wouldn't try to trick Isaac into buying this broken saw. He will see what the problem is with it right away and will refuse to buy it. He is as ..... as a whip," Jared said to Ned.  
(a) slow (b) smart (c) straight (d) super
- Q7 "Honey, you did a great job sanding the dresser. The surface is as smooth as a baby's ....., " Chris said to Linda.  
(a) bottom (b) hand (c) head (d) foot
- Q8 "You and your brother have been mad at each other for months over a stupid broken coffee cup. Don't you think it's time to pass the ..... pipe and forget about it?" Sarah said to Ian.  
(a) tobacco (b) water (c) happiness (d) peace
- Q9 "I know it is hard when there is no resolution to a case. I know you have wanted to solve this case for 20 years but I think it is time to let it go. You aren't going to find the smoking ..... after all these years," Detective Benson said to Detective Olsen.  
(a) knife (b) paperwork (c) gun (d) evidence
- Q10 "Now that you have explained why I have a problem with my girlfriend and a supposed resentment toward my father, why don't you explain why you feel the need to convince people that you know so much Mr. Smarty .....?" Henry asked Bill.  
(a) Hats (b) Socks (c) Shirts (d) Pants

*English Slang Idioms (426)*

- Q1 "Did you see that story on the news about actresses buying a cream with bird feces in it to make their skin smoother? I can't believe people believe these snake ..... salesmen who have these dumb products that claim that bird poop will make them look younger. How gullible can people get?" Chris said to Linda.  
(a) skin (b) eye (c) charmer (d) oil
- Q2 "You need to quit smoking. You would feel much better and you would have a lot more money," Bette said to Chris. He responded, "The spirit is willing but the ..... is weak. I want to quit sometimes but I never have time to deal with the withdrawals."  
(a) wallet (b) hand (c) spirit (d) flesh
- Q3 "I know you are mad at me and you have something you want to say that you are not saying. Well, come on. Spit it ..... What is it that has you so mad," Elizabeth said to Michael.  
(a) down (b) away (c) up (d) out
- Q4 "I heard this guy on TV talking about how much money it would cost to save a life in some parts of Africa. The guy went on to say how selfish American rich people are. He mentions this singer who takes showers with bottled water. He says that it should be vastly more important to save a life than to indulge in a silly luxury like that. I think that line of reasoning is ..... on," Jeremy said to Paul.  
(a) spot (b) squat (c) circle (d) blemish
- Q5 "I called the credit card company and told them I couldn't pay this month since I lost my job. They said that I would have to pay or they would send my account to a collections agency. I told them that sending my account to a collection's agency wouldn't help you can't get blood out of a ....." Luke said to Nick.  
(a) apple (b) zucchini (c) turnip (d) pear
- Q6 "Oh, Daddy! Did you see that last firework that just went off? It was in the pattern of the Stars and .....! It had white explosions, red, and blue explosions," Sally said to Ken.  
(a) Circles (b) Stripes (c) Strips (d) Squares
- Q7 "Why do you always want to change everything in our relationship? I think the ..... quo is pretty good," James said to Cathy.  
(a) simple (b) striping (c) present (d) status
- Q8 "John, you have a kid now. You need to find a job and step up to the ..... You have to provide for your son because who else will?" John's best friend asked him.  
(a) plate (b) pan (c) pot (d) bowl
- Q9 "I am not completely sure who you are talking about but that name strikes a ..... in me somehow. I recognize that name from somewhere," Chris said when Linda was talking about her friend.  
(a) pitch (b) sound (c) harmony (d) chord
- Q10 "I don't know how to hang a door properly. I will read ..... on it tonight and we can install the door tomorrow," Derrick said to Lucy.  
(a) up (b) down (c) right (d) in

*English Slang Idioms (427)*

- Q1 "You should come to work at our job site. There is lots of ..... money available. The work isn't too hard, there is plenty of it, and you can basically set your own hours," Axel said to Paul.  
(a) today (b) present (c) now (d) ready
- Q2 "This conversation is getting too much into the ..... side of life. Let's stop talking about sex and bodily functions and talk about more edifying things," Alyssa told the group.  
(a) jointed (b) seamy (c) tapered (d) adhered
- Q3 "You have always been such a big jerk when you are right and someone else is wrong. You always rub it in his or her face in public. How does it feel now to have your argument shot down in ..... by an 11 year-old?" Jenny asked Marsha.  
(a) water (b) fields (c) flames (d) puddles
- Q4 "To me, letting a teenager get plastic surgery to fix a minor defect is a ..... slope. When the teenager gets older and his or her body changes, they might want to fix every little thing with surgery instead of work out or live with whatever it is. The person might start seeing problems that aren't there as well," Chris said to Derrick.  
(a) slippery (b) skiing (c) sliding (d) squishy
- Q5 "Mom, I shouldn't have to rake the leaves. The leaves decompose which provides food for the other plants in the yard," Sammy said with a saintly grin. His mother responded, "Don't be a ..... Alec. The leaves have to get raked and that is it! Go out and rake them."  
(a) Stupid (b) Sarcastic (c) Smart (d) Snippy
- Q6 "I know I won't change a non-motivated student overnight; I am just sowing the ..... The student may not get inspired until five years from now and I am OK with that. I just want to install a love for learning in students — whether it kicks in today or years later," the professor told the cynical staff member who said that affecting change in today's generation was not possible.  
(a) seeds (b) grass (c) pigs (d) cows
- Q7 "You are going to have to write off the debt Paul owes you, I think. He is flat-broke and you can't get blood out of a ..... — no matter how hard you try," Chris said to Adam.  
(a) tree (b) steak (c) sandbar (d) rock
- Q8 "I appreciate that you want to look professional while at work but you don't have to be so ..... -necked here. Most people are in shorts and t-shirts and you are in slacks, a vest, and dress-shoes. Relax a little," the boss told Cuthbert.  
(a) rubber (b) polished (c) stiff (d) clean
- Q9 "You might as well give up on Grandpa. He isn't going to do the laundry; he will always make mom do it. In his generation, men didn't do laundry. Not only that, he has already said no and you know that he is as stubborn as a ..... when he makes up his mind," Jenna told Joshua.  
(a) bird (b) mule (c) dog (d) ogre
- Q10 "Thank you for offering but I can't possibly eat another bite. I am stuffed to the ....., " Chris said to Gina after the wonderful seven-course meal.  
(a) hubs (b) windows (c) cuffs (d) gills



*English Slang Idioms (428)*

- Q1 "Greg is hilarious but he has the worst language of anyone I know. He swears like a ..... constantly. I am embarrassed to be around him in mixed company," Shirley told Tony.  
 (a) sailor (b) soap opera (c) steel worker (d) shift worker
- Q2 "We have put off talking about the discrepancies in the expense accounts for too long. Let's ..... that issue before we go on to anything else," Joe said to the group at work.  
 (a) push (b) shove (c) tackle (d) trip
- Q3 "We have to figure out a way to deal with the product recall in the press. Our stocks ..... a nosedive over the weekend and, of course, the stockholders are worried," James said to the committee.  
 (a) ran (b) took (c) stole (d) tripped
- Q4 "I am sorry that it had to be you who told me your section is on track. Your platoon sergeant should have been the one to inform me of that. It takes ..... to tell a first sergeant, as a private, that he is wrong," First Sergeant Jones told Private Harrison.  
 (a) stomach (b) back (c) muscles (d) guts
- Q5 "If you insult my wife one more time in my presence, I am going to take you out to the ....., " Bill said to Bart.  
 (a) storage unit (b) woodshed (c) birdhouse (d) game room
- Q6 "I am giving you ten minutes to confess to the neighbors about what you did. If you don't, I will tell on you. I am not going to take the ..... for breaking the window when I had nothing to do with it," Brian said to Jackson.  
 (a) push (b) slip (c) fall (d) grasp
- Q7 "Just be sure that you can take the ..... with the smooth before deciding to marry her. Don't think that you can change the behaviors you don't like. If you can love her the way she is right now, without changing a thing, you have a decent chance with her. If not, you might want to call it off," Jake told his son.  
 (a) rough (b) sharp (c) abrasive (d) aggressive
- Q8 "I don't want one of those tables that you have to put together when you get it home. I don't care if I have to pay extra but I want one of those ready-..... tables that are all in one piece," Jesse said to Kara.  
 (a) created (b) made (c) thought (d) existing
- Q9 "Bob said he is going to give me his old table saw. I am very happy about that," Jeff said to Nick. Nick replied, "I wouldn't believe it until I see it. Talk is ....., you know. He told me, numerous times, that he was going to give me some free wood and I haven't received one single board from him."  
 (a) inexpensive (b) rare (c) affordable (d) cheap
- Q10 "We should ask Mark to ask the teacher to let us drink soda in class. She won't let us if we ask but she might if her favorite student, the teacher's ....., asks her," Joey said to Donny.  
 (a) dog (b) plant (c) pet (d) apple

*English Slang Idioms (429)*

- Q1 "I hate kits that you have to put together yourself. This little fountain came with these teeny ..... screws and I dropped one on the carpet. I have been looking for it for a half-hour and it is too small for me to see," Jason said to Eric.  
(a) small (b) weeny (c) insignificant (d) puny
- Q2 "Joe is just trying to test the ..... like all little kids do. He is trying to see if he will get in trouble for doing what he isn't supposed to do. He is testing your limits," Jane said to Zack and Marcie.  
(a) mud (b) grounds (c) waters (d) rocks
- Q3 "My brother is very smart. He just graduated with honors with a degree in Art History from Chico State University," Ellie said. Joe responded, "Big deal. That and a \$1.50 will get him a cup of ..... If he was so smart he would have got himself a degree that will help him make some money. There are barely any jobs available for someone with an Art History degree. They aren't very applicable in today's job market unless you are Indiana Jones or something."  
(a) tea (b) soda (c) beer (d) coffee
- Q4 "You want to put interior paint on the client's deck? That dog won't ..... The paint will peel up in a week," Chris told Ron.  
(a) fish (b) bark (c) hunt (d) dig
- Q5 "Hey, is that job still open with your company? If so, I want to take it," Bill said to Vance. He replied, "That ..... has sailed, partner. I told you about that job opportunity a month ago. It was taken a week and a half ago."  
(a) raft (b) fish (c) plane (d) ship
- Q6 "Well, that's all she ..... The deck is finished and is ready for the client," Max said to his team.  
(a) wrote (b) sang (c) played (d) said
- Q7 "He told you that you couldn't put in a request for a new chair? He is not the be all and ..... all around here. He is just a supervisor's assistant. Take that request to the supervisor and then the manager if the supervisor can't help. I have had to do that before," Brian told Julie.  
(a) start (b) done (c) end (d) stop
- Q8 "Dad, Matt stole my wallet at school and I can't get it back because he is bigger than I am," Denny said. Steve replied, "We can either go to the school or you can try to fight him first. Don't be worried about his physical size. The bigger they are, the harder they ..... Size doesn't have that much to do with who will win. Let me know what you decide when you are ready and I love you either way."  
(a) fall (b) trip (c) push (d) breath
- Q9 "It turns out that Danny may not have been kicked out for fighting at school. He may have been kicked out for cheating — according to one of his friends," Shelly said. Shannon responded, "Ooh! The ..... thickens. I knew there was more to the story than that; most kids don't get expelled for their first fist fight."  
(a) plot (b) stew (c) paint (d) glue
- Q10 "You want to play Rugby? No offense but that is a pretty ..... and tumble sport and you don't usually like contact sports. Remember how much you hated tackle football?" Johnny said to his little brother.  
(a) hard (b) bash (c) push (d) rough

*English Slang Idioms (430)*

- Q1 "I am serious! Dad told me that he is going to quit his job and buy a motor home," five year-old Thomas told his brother Nate. Nate responded, "Yeah. And the sun might ..... in the west. Dad is a workaholic. He isn't going to quit. Besides, he still has at least ten more years before he can retire and take his pension."  
 (a) set (b) sink (c) spin (d) rise
- Q2 "You are going to try to sail around the world? You are 80 years old! Don't you think the ..... of time are a little against you at this point? It is a little late for that sort of thing," Phil told his dad.  
 (a) rocks (b) sands (c) markers (d) clocks
- Q3 "I finally bought a restaurant, Mom! It comes — fully furnished — with all of the pans, pots, plates, and all that sort of thing. I bought the whole ..... match for only \$30,000!" Bob told Maryanne.  
 (a) tennis (b) shooting (c) chess (d) pool
- Q4 "You said Paul is going to give you a free miter saw? I have to warn you, there is no such thing as a free ..... After you take that saw, he is going to call you at least once a week and pressure you for help with his household chores. Trust me; I got a free drill," Robert said to Jack.  
 (a) car (b) pool (c) burrito (d) lunch
- Q5 "There is a fine ..... between creativity and insanity in many cases. At least that is what I have found through reading a lot of books closely related to the subject," Dan said to Vince, his roommate.  
 (a) board (b) line (c) paint (d) covering
- Q6 "Do you have to be so stubborn, Michael? The union does have a fairly good reason to strike right now. I am not saying that you need to give in to all their demands but, in the interest of the company and our customers, can't you at least throw them a ..... or two?" David, his old friend, told him.  
 (a) cup (b) bone (c) board (d) trinket
- Q7 "Why did you throw me under the ....., Jack? I thought we were friends. You had to blame all of your mistakes on me while I was away from work on vacation? Now the boss is seriously mad at me. Even if I tell him the truth, I will look like I am trying to point the finger," Kyle said.  
 (a) tracks (b) bus (c) plane (d) boat
- Q8 "What did the court do about the broken curfew?" John asked Sammy. Sammy said, "They are trying to crack down on teens so they threw the ..... at me. I got 100 hours of community service the largest penalty anyone has received in this county for this infraction."  
 (a) chair (b) word (c) book (d) shackles
- Q9 "Why didn't you stand up for me when my parents were yelling about my poor grades in school? You, of all people, shouldn't have thrown me to the ..... — considering that you were a big reason for my doing poorly in college," Larry said to Carl.  
 (a) jaguars (b) bears (c) wolves (d) coyotes
- Q10 "It is six o'clock already? Time sure ..... when you are having fun," Paul said to Chris.  
 (a) runs (b) rides (c) rises (d) flies

*English Slang Idioms (431)*

- Q1 "I know I should graduate from university next year but I think I am going to take a year off to go to Europe. I am still young and time is on my ..... There will be plenty of time to finish my degree when I get back," Laurie said to Stacey.  
 (a) gang (b) side (c) back (d) list
- Q2 "I am sorry. I had something good to say but that crane outside made me lose my ..... of thought. I can't remember what I was going to say," Luke said to Cathy and Frank.  
 (a) line (b) train (c) chain (d) ride
- Q3 "Sure you can help me figure out how to build this deck. Two ..... are always better than one," Derrick said to Ralph.  
 (a) necks (b) hands (c) heads (d) backs
- Q4 "I am not surprised that our transportation expense is becoming a major problem. I have been waiting for that problem to rear its ugly ..... for quite a while," Jack said to Jason.  
 (a) back (b) head (c) hands (d) ears
- Q5 "I can't believe that Bob is asking \$30 for that 9 volt drill. I wouldn't give him a red ..... for that thing. The one he has doesn't have enough power to screw into the frame of a pair of sunglasses," John said to Marcus.  
 (a) rock (b) board (c) cent (d) hat
- Q6 "Will you watch my plants for a week? I am catching the ..... eye flight back here on Sunday and I'll be home by about 2 o'clock," Danny said to George.  
 (a) black (b) blue (c) brown (d) red
- Q7 "That movie star did what? She freaked out and hit a policeman with her umbrella when he asked her to wait in line instead of cutting to the front of the line? This is going to be a red — ..... day for the paparazzi," Grant said to Eugene.  
 (a) letter (b) shirt (c) flag (d) train
- Q8 "I should have recognized the red ..... that kept popping up around my ex-boyfriend. I should have asked him to explain why he was unemployed when I met him — among other things. It turns out that he has such a problem with authority, that he can't hold down a job for more than a week," Janet said to Dana.  
 (a) flags (b) posters (c) patches (d) ground
- Q9 Soldiers in the army are forbidden to go to the red light ..... in other countries. Not only does it tarnish the reputation of the army, those places are dangerous for soldiers.  
 (a) county (b) housing (c) district (d) mountain
- Q10 "George knows so many facts about almost everything. He can ..... off information for hours on almost any topic," his girlfriend proudly told her friends.  
 (a) reel (b) run (c) wheel (d) round

*English Slang Idioms (432)*

- Q1 "The answers to the problems on the homework don't have to be super-detailed. You can ..... off the numbers to the second decimal place," the Accounting professor told the class.  
(a) sand (b) brush (c) round (d) burn
- Q2 "I guess I should just resign ..... to fate and join the army. My father pressured me to join and I didn't. My best friend tried to get me to join with him and I didn't. Now, I got myself in some legal trouble and the judge said I could either go to jail or join the army," Bill said to Mathew.  
(a) myself (b) words (c) dreams (d) standards
- Q3 "You don't have to worry about getting your bike back from Tom. Rest ....., I'll get your bike back tonight or things will get ugly between me and Tom," Ryan's big brother, who was renowned for being tough, said to him.  
(a) placated (b) assured (c) peacefully (d) relaxed
- Q4 "I am going to invite my mother to live at our house. I know it will be hard but I just can't bear to put her in a ..... home. Who knows what kind of care she'll get?" Bert said to Ellie.  
(a) sleep (b) relax (c) nap (d) rest
- Q5 "Will you hold my coffee, Honey? I have to go to the rest ....., " Kyle said to Abbey.  
(a) club (b) portion (c) cubicle (d) room
- Q6 "Since this car is old, it takes quite a bit of time to warm up. More time than we can afford to sit here. We can drive off in it but just make sure not to ..... up the engine too much for the first 10 miles," Jack said to Elena.  
(a) rev (b) run (c) rig (d) ride
- Q7 "I am going to have to go out and ride ..... on my little brother. I guess he is in the local bar again and is drunk and starting fights. I am going to drag him out and give him what for," Danny said to his wife late Tuesday night.  
(a) pack (b) gaggle (c) flock (d) herd
- Q8 "I hate when Jim, Ben, and Harry get into fights. It makes it hard to live with them. At times like this I feel like moving out. I am going to ..... it out like I always do and wait for them to make up. I can't afford my own place yet but when I can, I am moving that day," Fred said to Louisa.  
(a) romp (b) ride (c) fly (d) run
- Q9 "I overheard Matt telling you how to fix your car. Don't listen to him; he doesn't know ..... He used to date my sister and he messed her car up really bad," Derrick said to Todd.  
(a) sit (b) rat (c) squat (d) stretch
- Q10 "Your friend is riding for a .....; spending more money than he makes and picking fights with the wrong guys. He thinks he looks cool but most people are going to stay away from people like him," Wesley said to Chris.  
(a) slip (b) crash (c) accident (d) fall

*English Slang Idioms (433)*

- Q1 "Thank you for the compliment. However, I couldn't have completed the project ahead of schedule without my .....-hand man Tim Robinson. He has worked his tail off and deserves a promotion," the boss told his boss.  
(a) back (b) iron (c) right (d) rough
- Q2 "Jamie Thomas? I can't think of who that person is but the name ..... a bell. How would I know her?" Nancy asked Janine.  
(a) breaks (b) sounds (c) bangs (d) rings
- Q3 "Jake, I was wondering if you would like to come to a party at my house to ring ..... in the new year?" Rosa asked.  
(a) down (b) up (c) in (d) out
- Q4 "So you are saying that pine is a hard enough wood for a hardwood floor? That doesn't seem to ring ..... in my mind. Pine is really soft and seems like it would get damaged too easily," Hank said to Raphael.  
(a) true (b) complete (c) finished (d) justice
- Q5 "We caught some of his goons but the ..... of the gang managed to escape," the detective told the chief.  
(a) ring bearer (b) ringleader (c) ring maker (d) ring seller
- Q6 "Jed is responsible for the mess all over the floor? He just left work and left all of this food and soda all over the place? I am going to ..... into him as soon as he gets to work," the angry boss said to the clerical employee.  
(a) ride (b) rind (c) rip (d) writhe
- Q7 "I got the stereo out of the box and plugged it in. It didn't work so I took it back. The store wouldn't take it back because they said that they won't take anything back once it's out of the box. It wasn't the most expensive stereo but it wasn't the cheapest either. What a rip .....!" Ben told his friend at work.  
(a) off (b) out (c) back (d) on
- Q8 "Workers! The time has come to ..... up and put an end to these long hours with little pay. Are you with me?" The labor organizer said at the meeting.  
(a) ride (b) rise (c) rouse (d) risk
- Q9 "I hate road ..... like the guy in front of us. He just had to turn in front of us when there was no one behind us. Then he has to go half the allowable speed. What a jerk!" Harry said to his two friends.  
(a) hogs (b) thieves (c) hoarders (d) nabbers
- Q10 "We are going to have to find a different way to pay our employees rather than paying them with the money in inventory. Robbing Peter to pay ..... is never a good idea," Zack said to the new manager.  
(a) Ryan (b) Steve (c) Paul (d) Luke

*English Slang Idioms (434)*

- Q1 "We have been to this hardware store so often and spent so much money during our home renovation project that I am surprised they don't roll out the red ..... when they see us coming," Chris said to Linda.  
(a) mat (b) carpet (c) asphalt (d) letter
- Q2 "Relax, we don't have to get all of our renovations done today. Rome wasn't built in a ..... and we are still young. There is plenty of time to complete everything," Chris said to Linda.  
(a) day (b) week (c) month (d) year
- Q3 "You were wondering about where we could stay for a good price a while back. I just found an advertisement on the Internet of a place that offers room and ..... for only \$15 a night!" Alice said to Ben.  
(a) pillow (b) blanket (c) bed (d) board
- Q4 "I am so happy that I found this job; it makes me want to shout from the ....., I've got a job and I am proud of it!," Dana said to Jill after his second month of being unemployed.  
(a) ballpark (b) rooftops (c) sidewalks (d) hallway
- Q5 "Darn it. I was looking forward to having a weekend off. My grandma just called and she ..... me into helping her clean her gutters and paint her deck," Christian said to Beth.  
(a) roped (b) lashed (c) ripped (d) rapped
- Q6 "Let's have a race to the pool. Last one there is a ..... egg!" Tim shouted to Jay and Phil as he took off running.  
(a) deviled (b) scrambled (c) rotten (d) hardboiled
- Q7 "I know you both think Greg is a nice guy but he is not. I can assure you, he's rotten to the ....., I wouldn't trust him if I were you," Jeff warned Elizabeth and Steven.  
(a) coating (b) inside (c) covering (d) core
- Q8 "I don't think Henry should join the army. He's got a yellow ..... to him. He is afraid of any kind of physical harm or confrontation. If he went to war, he would surely run away and leave his buddies to fight without him. If captured, he is the type who would tell the enemy everything they wanted to know and more," Larry told his friend Ben.  
(a) spot (b) streak (c) shade (d) sheen
- Q9 "I am not surprised that no one has agreed to help Kyle move. If he was nicer about it, he would have better results. Instead, he tries to guilt people into helping by insulting them. He asked me and before I could answer he called me lazy and a bad friend. I know he was hoping that I would say yes just to defend my character. Doesn't he know that you catch more flies with honey than with .....?" Dan asked Paul.  
(a) vinegar (b) soda (c) grapefruits (d) cranberries
- Q10 "I know you don't like the new tax that was passed by the government but there is nothing you can do about it other than pay it. You can't fight City ....., " Larry said to Henry.  
(a) House (b) Hall (c) Workers (d) Garden

*English Slang Idioms (435)*

- Q1 "Bob is always complaining about not having any money. The problem is that he doesn't want to work and never has. I even found him a job at my work and, mysteriously, he couldn't work during the designated hours. Well, you can lead a ..... to water but you can't make it drink," Dana said to Thomas.  
(a) dog (b) gazelle (c) horse (d) cat
- Q2 The kids had got kicked out of the swimming pool for repeatedly breaking the "no ....." rule. Now they have to call their parents and suffer the consequences.  
(a) rough shoving (b) roughhousing (c) rough gaming (d) rough timing
- Q3 "Johnny said he wouldn't pay the protection money. I bet he will if we rough him ..... a bit," the gang member in the show said to the other.  
(a) out (b) off (c) up (d) down
- Q4 "Are you done with the house?" the contractor asked the team. Joe responded on behalf of the team by saying, "Well, roughly ....., we are done. We only have little details to finish: some baseboards downstairs and a wall that needs to quickly be patched and repainted."  
(a) wording (b) enunciating (c) speaking (d) communicating
- Q5 "You should find a new boyfriend. I don't like that ..... that you are currently dating. In the three months you two have been together, he has been arrested for assault and has been in four fist fights," Lisa's dad said.  
(a) roughneck (b) leatherneck (c) rough skin (d) rough head
- Q6 "Sir, there are about ten youths outside fighting. Can you come out here?" the store owner asked the police officer over the telephone. He responded, "We'll be right out to ..... them up. Thanks for the call and have a good day."  
(a) circle (b) round (c) surround (d) cordon
- Q7 "I went to the coolest party last night. There were a lot of movie stars there and I was able to rub ..... with Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie," Sarah said to Rhonda.  
(a) heads (b) elbows (c) hands (d) opinions
- Q8 "You know Jack is more competitive than you are. You know how angry he was when you beat him at pool, so did you have to go over to him when he was sitting with his girlfriend and ..... it in? Telling him he wasn't good enough to play you again was a little uncalled for, don't you think?" Jessica said to Vance.  
(a) feather (b) paint (c) slap (d) rub
- Q9 "I don't know why but I can't stand Heather. There is something about her that rubs me the wrong ....., " Chris told Linda.  
(a) speed (b) pressure (c) style (d) way
- Q10 "It is gross how you rub ..... to the boss. What's next? Are you going to shine his shoes and wash his car? Maybe do his laundry?" Jared asked Sam, the company brownnoser.  
(a) around (b) off (c) up (d) across



*English Slang Idioms (436)*

- Q1 "Just a word of advice: you might want to be more polite when addressing the managers at the meeting. You ruffled a few ..... last time when you interrupted some of the managers and when you called Mr. Timson an idiot when he explained his new idea," Dana told Frank.  
(a) shirts (b) wigs (c) tails (d) feathers
- Q2 "I am not completely sold on your plan but I am not ready to rule it ..... either. I just need some more information. Please bring me a copy of a report that shows how much it will cost us and whether it has worked in other companies in the past," Mr. Williams said to Todd.  
(a) down (b) out (c) off (d) away
- Q3 "Dan talks big but we all know who rules the ..... He has to ask Sarah for permission to make plans, spend money, or rearrange things outside his house," Adam said to Dina.  
(a) rooms (b) birdhouse (c) roost (d) roster
- Q4 "Hi Adam. I was at the thrift store and I ran ..... a router. I bought it for you as an early birthday present since you mentioned needing one," Chris said over the phone.  
(a) over (b) across (c) onto (d) around
- Q5 "We aren't making any progress; we are just running around in ..... Let's work through each task — one at a time," Chris said to the group.  
(a) circles (b) squares (c) chaos (d) shifts
- Q6 "I am fairly good at using a drill and sinking screws but if you need someone to hammer nails into your deck, you should ask my wife to help. She runs ..... around me when it comes to nailing nails," Chris told Derrick.  
(a) fast (b) circles (c) races (d) quickly
- Q7 "We have so many bills this month. We have to get our plumbing fixed and our well has run ..... A new well is going to cost \$8,000," Ron said to Bill.  
(a) empty (b) away (c) out (d) dry
- Q8 "The doctor said that there is nothing we can do for Jimmy since the sickness is a virus. She said that we should give him a lot of water, make sure he rests a lot and let the sickness run its ....., " Rachel said to her friend.  
(a) course (b) path (c) race (d) fastest
- Q9 "We thought we might have found a treatment for pancreatic cancer but we have run into a brick ..... The treatment only works on mice and not at all on humans," Dr. Bertram told the head of the research center.  
(a) house (b) foundation (c) wall (d) planter
- Q10 "These 17-hour shifts are slowly but surely running me into the ..... I can't take much more of these long days. I am waking up a little more tired every day. I could barely get up this morning and my work is starting to suffer," Bill, a manager at the local steel plant, told his wife.  
(a) ground (b) bed (c) field (d) door

*English Slang Idioms (437)*

- Q1 "Hannah is pretty dumb. I asked her what we should do about the economy and her answer was pretty lame, if you ask me," Carl said to the group. Vince responded, "If you keep running ..... at the mouth about my wife, we are going to have problems. You need to keep your opinions to yourself!"  
 (a) down (b) away (c) on (d) off
- Q2 "Before you go, can you give me the .....-down on what all you did during your shift and what has happened while you were on duty?" Specialist Mitchell asked PFC Thompson.  
 (a) race (b) rip (c) run (d) roll
- Q3 "Wait! What did you say? Will you run that ..... me again? Did you say that our whole computer system has crashed and no one is available to repair it for three days? How will we get any work done?" The shift supervisor asked the manager during the conference call.  
 (a) behind (b) by (c) on (d) over
- Q4 "Let's run ..... the agenda for the day and then we will take a quick poll to see how everyone feels about the proposed change brought up during the last meeting," Helen said to the group.  
 (a) on (b) away (c) off (d) through
- Q5 "Is it true that your boyfriend had another run- ..... with the police? If it is, you seriously need to find someone who is more law-abiding and stable," Veronica's dad told her.  
 (a) in (b) back (c) on (d) out
- Q6 "The film came with some cool additional features. We watched an hour-long piece on where and how it was filmed. There was a running ..... provided by the actors in the film that described some of the problems and setbacks they had during the filming. It was quite interesting and informative," Linda said to Ashley.  
 (a) confessional (b) commentary (c) debenture (d) roast
- Q7 "I know you want to renovate this mobile home but I don't think you should spend that much money on the project. Fixing it up will make it look better but it will still be an old, small mobile home that is only going to be worth so much — no matter what you do. You can't make a ..... purse out of a sow's ear," Paul said to Chris.  
 (a) wool (b) silk (c) polyester (d) denim
- Q8 "I am glad you apologized for what you said but that doesn't erase the memory of hearing it. You can't take words back and you can't ..... a bell," Brian said to Amber.  
 (a) sound (b) bang (c) unring (d) lose
- Q9 "I can't believe this drill broke the second time I used it. I guess I shouldn't be surprised; I bought it for \$10 and you get what you ..... for," Jared said to Luke.  
 (a) buy (b) spend (c) pay (d) shop
- Q10 "I can't believe what just happened. My sister just told me she is getting married. I was so surprised that you could have knocked me down with a ..... I didn't even know she was dating anyone. She lives at home with my mom," Jay said to his friend Paul.  
 (a) feather (b) hammer (c) hat (d) rock

*English Slang Idioms (438)*

- Q1 "Why are you so surprised that you didn't get the promotion? You barely do any work — no offense. The guy who got the job has worked extra shifts and always gives 110 percent effort. You reap what you ....., " Larry said to Adam.  
(a) buy (b) pick (c) try (d) sow
- Q2 "You were late again for work this morning? When the boss finds out, you are ....., He already warned you about being late twice, didn't he?" Maxine asked Jenny.  
(a) bread (b) toast (c) sandwiched (d) hammered
- Q3 "This organization needs some young ..... in it to bring some fresh ideas to the table. I vote that we hire a young manager from outside of this company to work on our research and development team," Mr. Roberts said to the board.  
(a) muscle (b) blood (c) bones (d) skin
- Q4 "I don't care how you choose the team; it's your ....., " the manager said to the supervisor.  
(a) shot (b) letter (c) projection (d) call
- Q5 "I know you are hoping that your husband will quit drinking alcohol but you need to wake up and smell the ....., He has been saying that he is going to quit drinking for the past 15 years. It isn't going to happen," Harry said to Sheila.  
(a) feet (b) coffee (c) apples (d) perfume
- Q6 "The doctor said that you have pneumonia? I think you should see that as a .....-up call that you need to quit smoking or you are going to get sick more often until you are finally dead from a smoking-related illness," Peggy told Chris.  
(a) wipe (b) wrap (c) slip (d) wake
- Q7 "I know you think that Paul should be able to do more than he currently does with his condition since some other people are able to do more. I know there are different degrees of severity with that illness and I don't think we can judge him without first ..... a mile in his shoes," Sally said to Bertha.  
(a) driving (b) swimming (c) walking (d) living
- Q8 "He is so angry and so quick to snap out. Every day he gets more angry about less and less. I think he needs to get help before someone gets hurt or he loses his job because he is unable to control his anger. He has become a walking time-..... just waiting to go off," Jeremy said to Owen.  
(a) bomb (b) piece (c) watch (d) meter
- Q9 "The organization I work for is currently in a war of ..... with the office of education. Each is constantly accusing the other of incompetence and overspending. The problem began when the state budget was cut. Now both organizations have to compete for the little money available and only one will get the funding it needs," Jenny said to Bob.  
(a) phrases (b) words (c) intentions (d) bickering
- Q10 "The boss is not the warm and ..... sort, is he? He never compliments anyone and tolerates no excuses. He berates people at length and has no sympathy for feelings or physical ailments," Johnny said to William.  
(a) watery (b) flowery (c) fuzzy (d) beautiful

*English Slang Idioms (439)*

- Q1 "Why don't you throw that spare wood away? I don't think it is good for anything," Linda said to Chris. He responded, "Yes it is. If we start a project that needs a small piece of wood, we have it on hand and don't have to go buy it. We can get the project done whether we can afford to buy wood or not. You know what they say," he said with a saintly grin, "Waste not, ..... not."
- (a) take (b) have (c) crave (d) want
- Q2 "I like John as a person but, as a plumber, he is a waste of ..... He has worked here for over a year and he still has to have help to complete even the simplest tasks. He can't figure out even the most rudimentary problems," Ralph said to Jesse.
- (a) hair (b) skin (c) clothes (d) shoes
- Q3 "I hate doing accounting homework. It is about as fun as watching ..... grow," Lilly said to Steve.
- (a) grass (b) money (c) knowledge (d) kids
- Q4 "You are right. It is boring but not as much as reading about economics. Reading that textbook is as fun as watching paint ....., " Steve replied.
- (a) color (b) dry (c) mix (d) run
- Q5 "Hank asked me to marry him. I still feel a little weak in the ..... I am so glad he asked. I have been waiting for him to ask me for over a year and I was starting to worry that he wouldn't," Crystal said to Brianna.
- (a) arms (b) back (c) legs (d) knees
- Q6 "The basketball team at this school was horrible two years ago. Now they are like a well-..... machine — efficient and reliable. They rarely make a mistake anymore and have won every game this year. They are 10 and 0 for the season," Coach Marcus told his friend.
- (a) understood (b) oiled (c) broken (d) sold
- Q7 "Maxine, stop eating the spaghetti with your fingers and use a fork. Were you born in a ..... or something?" her brother asked her at the table.
- (a) camp (b) barn (c) book (d) workshop
- Q8 "Jesse is mad because Allison showed up for their date an hour late but he is always, at least, an hour late for all of his engagements. What ..... around, comes around," Vicky said to Larissa.
- (a) races (b) runs (c) reaches (d) comes
- Q9 "OK, Bob, I'll get you a beer. James, what's your .....? Beer, wine, or whiskey?" Ned asked at the party.
- (a) mixture (b) position (c) poison (d) elements
- Q10 "I just heard that President Bush is not going to pull the troops out of Iraq anytime soon. What is your ..... on that? Do you think America should stay over there or pull the troops out?" Chris asked Jocelyn.
- (a) take (b) leave (c) drain (d) punch

*English Slang Idioms (440)*

- Q1 "Jenny told you she saw me at a rap concert? It wasn't me; she must be mistaken. I don't like rap music. I'll go to a rap concert when pigs ..... and not before then," Jason said to Nancy.  
(a) roll (b) run (c) swim (d) fly
- Q2 "Mom, she can't marry that jerk! You have to stop her," Bart said. Tina replied, "I can't stop her and it is her decision. There is nothing you can do about it either. What will be ..... be."  
(a) won't (b) will (c) maybe will (d) can't
- Q3 "I don't care what music you play but thanks for asking. It's your party so play whatever ..... your boat," Jesse said to Adam.  
(a) floats (b) anchors (c) sinks (d) launches
- Q4 "He says his brother is an excellent cabinet maker but he has a tendency to exaggerate. I guess we'll tell if he is any good where the rubber meets the ....., " Ryan said to Zack.  
(a) sky (b) plane (c) tire (d) road
- Q5 "I don't think you are going to be able to get that sheet of metal siding off of that mobile home without more tools," Jason said to Chris. He responded, "It is coming off. It has to come off or my wall will leak. Where there is a will, there's a ....."  
(a) solution (b) way (c) chance (d) fix
- Q6 "We are going to have to get some more food on the way home. The Marshall's never serve enough food when they invite us to dinner. That one small hamburger was just enough to whet my ..... and no more," Chris said to Linda.  
(a) craving (b) desire (c) satisfaction (d) appetite
- Q7 "Reynold is so withdrawn. His family says that he has always been like that but they are very cruel to people when they don't agree with them or if the others are different. He is very different, so what came first, the chicken or the ....."? Brian asked Trent.  
(a) rooster (b) feed (c) egg (d) goose
- Q8 "Why am I not surprised that Chrystal spent a ton of money while her husband was on a business trip? You know the old saying, When the ..... is away, the mice will play.' He yells at her all the time for buying the smallest things and he makes good money. He yelled at her one time four spending four dollars on a set of cups," Alice said to Janine.  
(a) rooster (b) dog (c) cat (d) bird
- Q9 "You should have seen the look on your face when you turned around and saw us. We must have really startled you. Your face went white as a ....., " Shirley and Amanda said to their mom.  
(a) barn (b) fence (c) appliance (d) sheet
- Q10 "You better give Mark a ..... berth today. He is in a really grouchy mood. He is liable to yell at you if he sees you," Vanessa said to Jacky at work.  
(a) shallow (b) wide (c) deep (d) large

*English Slang Idioms (441)*

- Q1 "James will never approve your request for a new chair," Lewis said. Mark said, "Oh yeah? James is on vacation and Steve is covering for him. You know how much of a push-over Steve is." Lewis replied, "Oh, if Steve is covering for him, that's a whole new ..... game. I should ask him for one, too."
- (a) chess (b) tennis (c) ball (d) poker
- Q2 "Joe, why are doing that expense sheet? Isn't that the assistant manager's job? Why keep a dog and ..... yourself?" Lane, his boss asked.
- (a) chase (b) dig (c) herd (d) bark
- Q3 "Joe, you have to do a better paint job than that. That will never ..... with the customer. There are spots showing and you need to put on another coat around the stairs," Billy said.
- (a) swim (b) fly (c) float (d) run
- Q4 "The other team won by a ..... They beat us during overtime by a field goal. We'll get them next time, though," Wesley told his father.
- (a) land (b) plot (c) rack (d) nose
- Q5 "Bob, you can't just paint over that bubbled and discolored area. That is just ..... dressing. It is bubbling because the wood behind it is sopping wet and rotten. You have to stop the leak first, replace the wood second, and then you can paint. Otherwise, there is going to be more mold and problems. You will have to repaint in a few weeks also," Jeremy said to Bob.
- (a) window (b) salad (c) turkey (d) shadow
- Q6 "I think we should stay away from Alex. The eyes are the windows to the ..... and he has a really creepy look in his eyes most of the time," Jenny said to Alyssa.
- (a) soul (b) speech (c) intention (d) body
- Q7 "Yes, that joke was really funny. Everyone is laughing at me. Keep on laughing and I will ..... the smile off of each one of your faces!" The over-sensitive teen said to the group.
- (a) whisk (b) slip (c) wipe (d) will
- Q8 "Your friend just stole \$20 from you and ran off with your boyfriend? With friends like that, who needs .....?" Francesca said to Rosa.
- (a) challenges (b) opponents (c) aggressors (d) enemies
- Q9 "How did the robbery go? Did anyone see you? Did you have any problems?" The mastermind asked the crew. The leader responded, "It came off without a ....., Boss. No one saw us and everything went smoothly."
- (a) hitch (b) hatch (c) bump (d) divot
- Q10 "I have extra duty on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve," Private Jackson said to Private Ellis. He responded, "That is horrible! That is cruel and unusual punishment!" Private Jackson said, "I know. Woe is ....."
- (a) me (b) you (c) on (d) up

*English Slang Idioms (442)*

- Q1 "I am trying to think of a way to put what I am trying to say but the words ..... me. I will keep thinking about it and tell you what I want to say later when I can think of a way to communicate the thought," Jim said to Jack.  
(a) forget (b) false (c) fail (d) betray
- Q2 "Did the saw I let you borrow help you get the work done faster?" Paul asked Chris. He responded, "Yes, it worked like a ..... I was able to get the work done at least twice as fast."  
(a) talisman (b) charm (c) trick (d) magic act
- Q3 "I am exhausted. I have been working like a ..... lately. I worked 17 hours of overtime this week alone," Jeremy said to Aaron.  
(a) cat (b) dog (c) bird (d) frog
- Q4 "I still can't get a new rucksack from the supply department," Private Willis said to PFC Derringer. PFC Derringer said, "Don't go to the guy in there. Go to your platoon sergeant and ask him. He will go bully one out of the supply department for you. You just have to learn how to ..... the system."  
(a) work (b) slip (c) grease (d) traipse
- Q5 "Why don't you pour us a drink while I ..... into something more comfortable," Heather said to her husband in a sexy tone of voice.  
(a) trip (b) slip (c) morph (d) mutate
- Q6 "I am going to take a day off. I have had work my ..... off lately. I worked through the past three weekends and it looks like I might have to work this week," Jason told Harris.  
(a) foot (b) trail (c) ribs (d) tail
- Q7 "Justine sure has a ..... up to protect her. It doesn't seem like she is willing to share anything personal about herself whatsoever. She wouldn't even answer questions about what she likes to do," Matt said to Alice.  
(a) hill (b) closet (c) blind (d) wall
- Q8 "Lately he's had a lot on his mind and has been prone to making Freudian ..... Last week, he looked at one of his employees, who is a little overweight, and said Good job! You are a really fat worker.' He meant to say fast' and, of course, his comment created an embarrassing moment," Helena said to Beth.  
(a) knots (b) events (c) slips (d) maneuvers
- Q9 "Do you think this saw can be fixed and if so, is it worth it to try and fix it or would it be better to buy a new one?" Derrick asked Paul. Paul replied, "It would save you money if you could fix it and, yes, I think it is worth a ..... We can try to fix it."  
(a) bounce (b) shot (c) roll (d) trip
- Q10 "I am really surprised at how the government has changed their policy concerning economics. Just a year ago, they said they were committed to the previous path and now they have made a complete U- ..... There must be some major problem for them to totally reverse their path of action," Lewis said to Tony.  
(a) shape (b) stop (c) turn (d) change

*English Slang Idioms (443)*

- Q1 "I can tell you want to end our relationship. It is ..... all over your face. I wish we could have worked things out but I guess we can't," James said to Tina.  
(a) written (b) brushed (c) painted (d) drawn
- Q2 "You had a right to be mad at me for playing my guitar so late last night but throwing it in the garbage was uncalled .....," Brian told his roommate.  
(a) on (b) out (c) off (d) for
- Q3 "When I went to basic training, I was determined to stay under the ..... I figured if I didn't stand out, I wouldn't get picked on. As soon as I got there, I angered one drill sergeant and he picked on me every day until I left," Joe told Greg.  
(a) sonar (b) microscope (c) radar (d) eyeglass
- Q4 "This award is going to Tom for five years of hard work and unwavering ..... to this company," the boss said in front of the staff.  
(a) friendliness (b) happiness (c) intelligence (d) loyalty
- Q5 "Originally, we were going to offer a bonus of \$50 for people who achieve the top 10 percent of the company's performance statistics. We have decided to up the ..... and do away with that offer. Now, the award is only open for the top 5 percent but, if you are in that percentile, you will receive a \$250 bonus," the boss told the staff.  
(a) competition (b) ante (c) dare (d) promise
- Q6 "I hate when people start joking with each other about leaving each other because they are moving into dangerous ..... . It may start off as a joke but it only takes one comment to turn the conversation into serious and hurtful one," Jacky said to Gina.  
(a) soil (b) air (c) waters (d) counties
- Q7 "I told you to get Adam a Christmas present. I might not have used that exact verbatim but I did tell you in so many ..... . Why didn't you pick one up when you went to the store?" Jack asked Lisa. Lisa responded, "All you said is that Christmas is coming and we need to remember to get all of our friends a present. You didn't mention Adam, specifically, nor did you say that I had to get one today."  
(a) thoughts (b) intentions (c) words (d) actions
- Q8 "This was supposed to be a fun game for the group to enjoy. How did it turn into such a ..... competition?" Henrietta asked the group.  
(a) cutthroat (b) push-shove (c) bashing (d) lacking
- Q9 "We are lost. Can't you read a map? How did you miss the exit we are supposed to take?" Nancy asked Luke. He replied, "Relax, will you? We are just ..... up to it now. See the sign for it?"  
(a) coming (b) seeing (c) glancing (d) nearing
- Q10 "We are going to make some good money off of this concert. Look at all the teenagers lining up like ..... to the slaughter just waiting to come in here and spend their parents' money," Randall said to Hank.  
(a) dogs (b) cats (c) larks (d) lambs



*English Slang Idioms (444)*

- Q1 "I got such a good deal on this business I purchased. I bought it lock, stock, and ..... for a little under \$20,000. It came fully furnished and has a good name in this community," Jack said to Chris.  
(a) barrel (b) pitcher (c) pot (d) tool
- Q2 "I am sorry, Dad. We didn't mean to break your big flower pot out front. We were just ..... around and Jay ran into it. It wasn't on purpose," Billy said.  
(a) dogging (b) working (c) monkeying (d) batting
- Q3 "Why don't we ask Todd what the name of that movie we went to see in 8th grade was called? He has a ..... like an elephant," Kyle said to Dan.  
(a) recorder (b) memory (c) library (d) dictionary
- Q4 "If you keep talking about my brother in that way I am going to boot you over the .....!" Willy said to Bart.  
(a) planet (b) world (c) sea (d) moon
- Q5 "We haven't gone out as a group for a while. Why don't we all get together and paint the town ..... tonight?" Lilly said to Rachel, Veronica and Andie.  
(a) new (b) old (c) red (d) again
- Q6 "Are we ready to start pumping the oil out?" Ben asked. Harry replied, "Yes. All systems are ..... and the engines are warmed up."  
(a) forward (b) go (c) ahead (d) back
- Q7 "I have to go to bed, guys. I need my ..... sleep," Jane told Joel and Tom.  
(a) beauty (b) appearance (c) impression (d) reputation
- Q8 "The plan to redo the ceiling by using paneling seemed good at the time but it ..... up in my face. When I got the sheets home, I couldn't figure out how to arrange them so that they looked good," Chris told Tony.  
(a) slipped (b) dropped (c) blocked (d) blew
- Q9 "I am proud of my son. He was afraid of water and was very scared at the beginning of our rafting trip but he ..... it out. He made it all the way down the river without complaining or wanting to get out. I think the trip may have helped him get over his fear of water," Luke said to Steve and Phil.  
(a) gunned (b) braved (c) strengthened (d) forced
- Q10 "I don't know about you but I don't want to stay in my tent all day or walk around in the rain. Why don't we ..... camp and head home a day early?" Jasmine asked Steve.  
(a) bend (b) stretch (c) lean (d) break

*English Slang Idioms (445)*

- Q1 "I tried to start talking to her and she gave me the .....-off. Are you sure she told you I was cute and would be willing to go to dinner with me?" Billy asked his sister.  
(a) step (b) brush (c) sand (d) sweep
- Q2 "I am going to lose weight. I have decided to ..... most of the sugar out of my diet and I am not going to eat anything after 5 o'clock in the afternoon," Laurie said to Tammy.  
(a) break (b) slip (c) cut (d) reel
- Q3 "We are out of time. I am sorry but we are going to have to cut this meeting ..... We will reconvene at the end of the week," Julia said to the staff.  
(a) short (b) smaller (c) fast (d) tiny
- Q4 "The plant is closing down in a month. The ..... of it is that my wife and I moved from California solely for this job. Talk about some bad luck," Jared said to Tom.  
(a) monster (b) ogre (c) gnome (d) devil
- Q5 "I think Manuel is a good choice for Lilly. I am sure he will do ..... by her and her kid. He is a good guy and anyone can tell that he cares about her a lot. He works hard and has a good set of values," Zack said to Marsha.  
(a) correct (b) right (c) complete (d) handily
- Q6 "You smashed pumpkins on Mrs. Ellison's front porch? For .....! She is 80 years old! She can't clean those up. You two should be shot," Elizabeth told the two eighth graders in class.  
(a) shame (b) embarrassment (c) humor (d) fun
- Q7 "I must be getting sick. I have absolutely no get up and ..... this morning. I just want to stay in bed and do nothing," Joanne said to Callie.  
(a) jump (b) go (c) run (d) relocate
- Q8 "I can't give you any information about that in a formal sense. Off the ....., I can tell you that not all of the committee members are on the board because of their superior performance. Some may even be related to a certain leader." John said to the reporter.  
(a) topic (b) easel (c) record (d) taping
- Q9 "I thought you disliked the popular group in school. You said that you didn't like the way they treated other people. Now you are with them all the time," Rachel said to Emma. She responded, "I realized that I can't change how they act or eliminate their group — and they are kind of fun. If you can't ..... them, join them."  
(a) surround (b) surrender (c) beat (d) eliminate
- Q10 "We used to talk almost every day and now I barely ever hear from you. You don't call and you don't return my calls. What .....?" Ashley asked Marybeth.  
(a) stays (b) goes (c) bends (d) gives

*English Slang Idioms (446)*

- Q1 "All of this emotion and name calling is not going to help us resolve our disagreements. Can we agree to stay ..... during these discussions?" the president of the Gem and Mineral club asked.  
(a) civic (b) civil (c) political (d) radical
- Q2 "What kind of job do you want after we are out of school? One that pays a lot of money or perhaps one that is fun? I think I want a job where I can make a ..... I want to be part of making this world a better place for our kids and I want to be able to right some wrongs," Owen said to Raquel.  
(a) effort (b) evolution (c) subtraction (d) difference
- Q3 "No one cares about me. My own boyfriend was a half-hour late for our date. My best friend hasn't called me for a week," Jenna whined to her sister. Christa replied, "Oh, ..... me a river. You never call anyone and you are always at least an hour late. You don't even have the decency to sincerely apologize when you are that late."  
(a) whine (b) cry (c) wail (d) complain
- Q4 "We are going to have to keep our plans to go rafting on ..... for a little while, guys. I have to work the next three weekends," Joe told Owen and Juan.  
(a) rocks (b) broil (c) sand (d) ice
- Q5 "On the ..... of it, it looks like a bad investment since it is old and broken. However, if we fix it up a little bit, we will have a basically new tractor for a fraction of the cost of a new one," John told his partner.  
(a) gaze (b) face (c) cover (d) casing
- Q6 "I didn't break the vase and flower pot, Mom. I swear!" Johnny said. She replied, "Sure. I suppose it was the one-..... man. Be serious! They were fine before I left and you are the only other person who has been in here."  
(a) armed (b) headed (c) footed (d) fingered
- Q7 "Paul and Preston are in a contest of ..... at work and since it is resulting in more productivity, I am not going to say anything to them," Josh said to his assistant.  
(a) one-better (b) one-superior  
(c) one-upmanship (d) one-winner, one-loser
- Q8 "I am so mad at Ralph. Up until now, he's been my good friend so I loaned him \$50 and he told me that he would be able to pay it back by Friday. Do you think he paid me back? No, he ..... me. I just found out he moved to another city," George said to Ben.  
(a) waxed (b) stiffed (c) straightened (d) sacked
- Q9 "Just because we can genetically alter food doesn't mean that we should. We know a little bit about what genetics do but we don't know enough about the subject to mess with something as important as our food supply. It is just another example of man's ..... exceeding his grasp," Luke said to Maxwell.  
(a) fist (b) poke (c) reach (d) shake
- Q10 "Did you hear that Davis got arrested for driving drunk? He will definitely spend some time in the ..... for that one," Ian said to Chris.  
(a) oven (b) microwave (c) cooler (d) toaster

*English Slang Idioms (447)*

- Q1 "I am glad that issue is resolved. Now that we have that ..... of the way, let's move on to planning a leadership development course," Ryan said to the committee.  
(a) by (b) down (c) ahead (d) out
- Q2 "Hah! How does that feel? I have beat you the last two hands and now you have to pay up!" George said to Fred. Fred responded, "It doesn't bother me. I have won the last three nights we've played. I am ..... you back with your own coin."  
(a) sending (b) investing (c) paying (d) lending
- Q3 "I don't think your brother was telling the whole truth about why he wasn't able to come over last night. I picked a huge ..... in his story and he didn't have any answer for it," Harvey said to Paul.  
(a) seam (b) knot (c) spot (d) hole
- Q4 "I can't believe that little pip-..... just tried to pick a fight with me. Not only was it over something stupid, he isn't a big enough guy to be able to beat up a mouse," Greg said to Allison.  
(a) talk (b) whine (c) wail (d) squeak
- Q5 "I kicked those guys out of my store when they asked me to help launder money for the mob. I don't play ..... with criminals," Arthur said to Gerald.  
(a) soccer (b) volleyball (c) footsie (d) Pictionary
- Q6 "You have to get your car fixed. It won't fix itself. You can't just play ....., stick your head in the sand and pretend that the problem is going to go away on its own. It is only going to get worse," Paul told Blake.  
(a) quail (b) ostrich (c) rooster (d) crow
- Q7 "I know I should just play ..... and pretend to like Wesley since he can give us a really good deal on lumber but I can't. I can't stand the guy and I can't pretend to like him," Derik said to Bryce.  
(a) politics (b) government (c) altruism (d) college
- Q8 "I don't think I want to get together with Vince any time soon. I am really ..... off by his racist comments and his foul language in front of children," Chris said to Ryan.  
(a) backed (b) shoved (c) put (d) acted
- Q9 "Do you want to come to my house for a cup of coffee so we can catch up? It has been a long time since we hung ..... together," Linda said to Brandy.  
(a) on (b) off (c) down (d) out
- Q10 "Jesse thinks this job is the best thing that ever happened to him and that there is nothing annoying about it. He'll figure out where the shoe ....., like the rest of us did, soon enough," Axel said to Jeremiah.  
(a) fits (b) grabs (c) laces (d) pinches

*English Slang Idioms (448)*

- Q1 "Thanks to this new computer program, that reduces the amount of paperwork we have to do, I have much more time and much less stress. This job has definitely taken a turn for the ....., " Larry said to Thomas.  
(a) extreme (b) super (c) better (d) sunny
- Q2 "Have you talked to the janitorial staff about the poor job they have been doing in the restrooms?" Elliot asked Jay. He responded, "Yes, I took them to ..... about that this morning. They all assured me that they would do a better job from now on."  
(a) task (b) work (c) aspect (d) factory
- Q3 "What was one of the scariest moments of your career as a police officer?" Randy asked. Rob replied, "Once, there was an idiot who was going to shoot a two year-old if he wasn't given a million dollars. Luckily, after four hours of discussion, we were able to talk him ..... and he dropped the gun and came away peacefully."  
(a) down (b) back (c) out (d) away
- Q4 "I am going to have to teach you a ..... about breaking other's things," Dan said to Jared as he got out the paddle.  
(a) fable (b) story (c) lesson (d) fact
- Q5 "I am at the ..... of my tether at work. If the boss yells at me one more time for his or anyone else's mistakes, I am going to get up and walk out," Jerry said to Phil.  
(a) back (b) front (c) start (d) end
- Q6 "So, even though he was the one who cheated on her, he is going to take her to court to make sure she gets nothing out of the divorce?" Dana asked Ralph. "That's about the ..... of it," he replied.  
(a) reply (b) dimensions (c) size (d) location
- Q7 "I am glad Bart is a member of the team. He is smart but quick. He can really think on his ..... and his solutions are always helpful," Ronny said to Carol.  
(a) duff (b) head (c) feet (d) shift
- Q8 "I am exhausted. I just got away from Bill and, boy, can that guy sure talk!" He talked non-stop about this, that and the ..... for the past two hours. I couldn't get away," Rachel said to Becky.  
(a) next (b) other (c) forgone (d) same
- Q9 "At first, his story seemed to make sense and it threw me ..... I started questioning whether I was imagining things or not. Later, when I got to thinking about it, I realized that his story was true. He was coming back into the building after work to steal instead of stealing during his shift," Bob said to the police.  
(a) back (b) away (c) off (d) out
- Q10 "I am almost finished painting my deck and then I can come over. I just have some ..... to do and then I'll get cleaned up and leave," Chris said to Simon.  
(a) touch offs (b) touch ins (c) touchdowns (d) touchups

*English Slang Idioms (449)*

- Q1 "You don't have any idea where my miter saw is? I can't find it anywhere," Chris said to Linda. She replied, " ..... me. I have no idea. Did you check the garage really thoroughly?"  
 (a) Watch (b) Search (c) Examine (d) Critique
- Q2 "Paul has been trying to ..... me on one of those new thin air mattresses for camping. I think he has a point; they make camping much more comfortable, they are relatively inexpensive and they don't take up much room," Greg said to Marisol.  
 (a) buy (b) trade (c) invest (d) sell
- Q3 "There are various theories on how to separate the ..... from the chaff in the workplace and, unfortunately, none work for each type of organization. Identifying non-productive employees can be more difficult than you might think," the Management professor told the class.  
 (a) apples (b) grapes (c) wheat (d) melons
- Q4 "Of course, if you don't ..... out the bad employees, the good employees won't see a good incentive to remain good employees," the Management professor continued.  
 (a) weed (b) wind (c) wash (d) blot
- Q5 "I have done more than my fair share. I am going to sit back on my ..... for a little bit and let some of these lazy guys do some of the work," Private McEwen said to Private Granzelli.  
 (a) laces (b) heels (c) cufflinks (d) straps
- Q6 "My parents are refusing to talk to my brother because he ..... up with a girl who isn't a Christian. They are so stubborn. I don't think they will ever talk to him again if something doesn't change," Julia told her friend Abbey.  
 (a) barracked (b) penned (c) shackled (d) tented
- Q7 "Tommy isn't a very trusting soul, is he? He wouldn't even tell me what part of town he lived in for almost a year," Matt said. Ronald replied, "No, he doesn't show his ..... very often, does he?"  
 (a) foot (b) hand (c) face (d) toes
- Q8 "Nice slip of the ....., there. I know you think she is stupid but did you have to blurt that out when she disagreed with you?" Rachel asked Vincent.  
 (a) teeth (b) brain (c) gums (d) tongue
- Q9 "Wow! You got Rob to agree to go to rehab, Amanda? That is great! For those who don't know Rob, it is no ..... wonder that she got him to agree to rehab. He is probably the biggest alcoholic I've ever known," Brent said to Hank, Amanda, and Alyssa.  
 (a) short (b) small (c) quick (d) long
- Q10 "I hate how things change sometimes. I used to love hanging out with Gracie but now her life is a ..... opera and I have to hear every little detail. This friend broke up with that one. It is pathetic!" Gina said to Arlene.  
 (a) wax (b) pipe (c) scrub (d) soap

*Newspaper Headlines*

- Q1 Some people only read the ..... lines in a newspaper.  
(a) top (b) big (c) main (d) head
- Q2 You should always check the sell ..... date of things you buy in the supermarket.  
(a) in (b) through (c) by (d) off
- Q3 When the building was completed, all the workers were paid .....  
(a) off (b) through (c) out (d) over
- Q4 The boss was good enough to ..... my mistake.  
(a) oversee (b) overtake (c) overdo (d) overlook
- Q5 It is always ..... when you misunderstand the customs of other countries.  
(a) embarrassing (b) peculiar (c) singular (d) attitude
- Q6 Newspapers are ..... to people's doors every day.  
(a) taken (b) distributed (c) delivered (d) handed
- Q7 In her speech she expressed her ..... for all the help she had been given.  
(a) thankfulness (b) gratitude (c) gratefulness (d) thanking
- Q8 In ..... nothing much happened at the meeting.  
(a) quick (b) briefly (c) short (d) shortly
- Q9 At the end of the speech the whole assembly gave the speakers a standing .....  
(a) ovation (b) applause (c) cheering (d) support
- Q10 Politicians pretend to ignore opinion .....  
(a) votes (b) figures (c) numbers (d) polls

*Learning tips and instructions*

- Q1 Start reading the story from page 4 and then go on until you ..... the end of the chapter.  
(a) arrive (b) reach (c) touch (d) achieve
- Q2 Answer the questions at the back of the book and make ..... that you check your answers carefully.  
(a) obvious (b) definite (c) sure (d) clear
- Q3 The whole purpose of all these exercises is to ..... your knowledge of grammar and vocabulary.  
(a) test (b) probe (c) investigate (d) interpret
- Q4 A useful way to ..... your vocabulary is to read as much as possible.  
(a) amass (b) increase (c) collect (d) gather
- Q5 You should read not only newspapers but also novels so that you can see examples of ..... language.  
(a) idiomatic (b) automatic (c) axiomatic (d) symptomatic
- Q6 Another important activity is to ..... your spoken language.  
(a) train (b) practise (c) exercise (d) emphasise
- Q7 If you can ..... the cost of travel, there is of course no substitute for visiting the country itself.  
(a) afford (b) spend (c) expend (d) calculate
- Q8 Try to ..... a native speaker to talk to you so that you can record the conversation.  
(a) influence (b) persuade (c) encourage (d) impress
- Q9 Play the tape back as many times as you like and ..... everything that the native speaker has said.  
(a) hold (b) take (c) hear (d) repeat
- Q10 If you manage to do all these things, it won't be long before you find yourself speaking the language .....  
(a) flowingly (b) fluently (c) knowingly (d) frequently



*Phrasal Verbs*

- Q1 If you want to join that club, you have to ..... a form and send it to your secretary.  
 (a) fill up (b) fill out (c) fill into (d) fill over
- Q2 Don't worry we'll have to wait a little longer because I'm sure he'll ..... soon.  
 (a) turn up (b) turn in (c) turn into (d) turn down
- Q3 Last week I ..... that book you wanted in a small shop.  
 (a) came up (b) came into (c) came across (d) came by
- Q4 What you have to do is to ..... a new idea that will enable us to make a lot of money.  
 (a) think over (b) think out (c) think about (d) think up
- Q5 I need to find some kind of chemical that will ..... the weeds in the garden.  
 (a) keep off (b) keep out (c) keep down (d) keep on
- Q6 When spring comes, people often feel inclined to ..... their houses.  
 (a) do over (b) do through (c) do up (d) do in
- Q7 The time has now come when it will be necessary to ..... making a plan.  
 (a) see about (b) see over (c) see through (d) see into
- Q8 It's easy to see from the way the garden is looking that winter has .....  
 (a) set out (b) set in (c) set up (d) set off
- Q9 You need not worry that you'll be left on your own because I'll always ..... you.  
 (a) stand for (b) stand to (c) stand by (d) stand from
- Q10 You can tell by the way she talks and behaves that she ..... her mother.  
 (a) takes to (b) takes in (c) takes back (d) takes after

*Time Expressions (1)*

Q1 There's no need to worry, we shall get to the station long before the train leaves as we have ..... of time.

- (a) sacks (b) packets (c) parcels (d) bags

Q2 The concert doesn't start at least an hour and so we have time to .....

- (a) kill (b) murder (c) remove (d) destroy

Q3 The station isn't far away and the train leaves in about ten minutes so there is no need to worry — we have time to .....

- (a) save (b) store (c) spare (d) place

Q4 The problem is he has no work to do and with time on his ..... he is likely to get into trouble.

- (a) hands (b) fingers (c) feet (d) legs

Q5 I told him time and ..... not to do it but he takes no notice.

- (a) often (b) already (c) again (d) frequently

Q6 I always like to get to an appointment in ..... time.

- (a) good (b) best (c) fine (d) clear

Q7 It's ..... time she learnt to look after herself.

- (a) of (b) in (c) about (d) through

Q8 We're not living here for good but just for the time .....

- (a) seeing (b) trying (c) going (d) being

Q9 Time ....., it's difficult to believe that we've been here all day.

- (a) flows (b) flies (c) flees (d) files

Q10 Time will ..... whether we have made the right decision.

- (a) say (b) know (c) tell (d) find

*Time Expressions (2)*

- Q1 The business has lost a lot of orders recently and is going through a ..... time.  
(a) slender (b) poor (c) thin (d) acute
- Q2 The railways system is very efficient as the trains always arrive ..... time.  
(a) up (b) at (c) for (d) on
- Q3 My opinion is that they don't know what to do and are merely playing ..... time.  
(a) to (b) for (c) at (d) in
- Q4 You can tell just looking at their out of date equipment that the company is well ..... the times.  
(a) behind (b) across (c) under (d) outside
- Q5 His invention showed that he understood what was going to happen in the future and proved he was ..... of his time.  
(a) in front (b) before (c) ahead (d) forward
- Q6 You can tell she has hit the ..... time because of the huge car she drives.  
(a) high (b) massive (c) large (d) big
- Q7 If you really want to send that letter off today, it's ..... time you went to the post office.  
(a) high (b) quick (c) proper (d) right
- Q8 The orchestra are meant to ..... time with the conductor.  
(a) hold (b) keep (c) take (d) show
- Q9 If you want to grow as a business and attract new customers you must ..... with the times.  
(a) move (b) follow (c) keep (d) hold
- Q10 The parcel eventually arrived six weeks later, and not ..... time!  
(a) after (b) before (c) since (d) for

*Interviews and Jobs*

- Q1 Before you start applying for any job, you must be absolutely sure you have the right paper .....  
 (a) qualities (b) qualifiers (c) qualifying (d) qualifications
- Q2 In advance of drawing up the job specification and advertisement, you have to sit down and work out the ..... you have in mind for the ideal employee.  
 (a) portrait (b) profile (c) picture (d) sketch
- Q3 As soon as the ..... arrive, it will be your job to show them round the work place and give them a general history of the company for which they want to work.  
 (a) chosen (b) selected (c) candidates (d) appliers
- Q4 At the moment the company is doing an extensive advertising campaign with a view to ..... new staff.  
 (a) recruiting (b) catching (c) reaching (d) taking
- Q5 After you've read the details of the job, made some notes and written a draft letter, check the details, write the final letter and then ..... your application.  
 (a) pursue (b) submit (c) undergo (d) undertake
- Q6 I think you were asking too much of that new member of staff when you expected her to ..... with a cost-cutting scheme.  
 (a) come over (b) come through (c) come by (d) come up
- Q7 I think that you've chosen a very good area of work to seek employment in because I've heard that jobs are ..... there.  
 (a) many (b) abundant (c) frequent (d) plenty
- Q8 Interviewing applicants for an important job can be a very time ..... process but it's worth it in the end.  
 (a) lasting (b) developing (c) consuming (d) taking
- Q9 When you are interviewing someone, it is obviously necessary to ask questions relevant to their job experience but discussing someone's other ..... is also useful.  
 (a) deeds (b) accomplishments (c) doings (d) holdings
- Q10 We can offer you a salary that will be ..... with the duties and responsibilities that the job demands.  
 (a) level (b) equal (c) connected (d) commensurate

*At the Doctors*

- Q1 As soon as the doctor looked at her, he was able to ..... the cause of her frequent headaches.  
(a) decide (b) diagnose (c) define (d) describe
- Q2 Treatment of this particular disorder was beyond the doctor's capability and he ..... the patient to a specialist.  
(a) referenced (b) returned (c) referred (d) reduced
- Q3 He left the surgery feeling a lot better than when he arrived because the doctor had reassured him that his condition was not .....  
(a) clear (b) serious (c) determined (d) possible
- Q4 The doctor took out of her bag an unusual ..... but promised her young patient that it would not hurt her.  
(a) utensil (b) method (c) control (d) instrument
- Q5 I must confess I feel much better today, as I have found that the medication prescribed has been most .....  
(a) effecting (b) effects (c) effective (d) affective
- Q6 Under the policy of the new health regulations if you decide to cancel your ..... and don't notify the surgery, you will be fined.  
(a) meeting (b) appointment (c) rendezvous (d) date
- Q7 Before she was allowed to leave the hospital, a physiotherapist had to ..... the extent of her mobility.  
(a) assume (b) accept (c) assess (d) assert
- Q8 The treatment has proved very successful but to check progress he has to arrange to visit the doctor's .....  
(a) usually (b) always (c) principally (d) annually
- Q9 It is much easier to ..... an illness than it is to cure it.  
(a) prepare (b) prevent (c) postpone (d) prefer
- Q10 Before they could start any kind of treatment, they had to write to the previous hospital in order to obtain her .....  
(a) writings (b) prescriptions (c) records (d) recordings

*Mistaken Identity*

|     |                                                                                       |                        |                               |                      |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Q1  | Interviewer: Perhaps you could start by telling us why you've .....                   |                        |                               |                      |
|     | (a) obtained for this job                                                             |                        | (b) applied for this job      |                      |
|     | (c) intended for this job                                                             |                        | (d) asked for this job        |                      |
| Q2  | Candidate: I think the main reason is because I like working in .....                 |                        |                               |                      |
|     | (a) the free air                                                                      | (b) the clear air      | (c) the pure air              | (d) the open air     |
| Q3  | Interviewer: You mean you like the idea of an office with .....                       |                        |                               |                      |
|     | (a) air control                                                                       | (b) air managment      | (c) air conditioning          | (d) air condition    |
| Q4  | Candidate: I'm sorry I don't understand what you're .....                             |                        |                               |                      |
|     | (a) in about                                                                          | (b) on about           | (c) for about                 | (d) off about        |
| Q5  | Interviewer: I should have thought this was .....                                     |                        |                               |                      |
|     | (a) clear obvious                                                                     | (b) mostly obvious     | (c) pretty obvious            | (d) mainly obvious   |
| Q6  | Candidate: Not to me, .....                                                           |                        |                               |                      |
|     | (a) it isn't                                                                          | (b) it can't be        | (c) it won't be               | (d) it will be       |
| Q7  | Interviewer: I think there must be a mistake, I .....                                 |                        |                               |                      |
|     | (a) put it you're Mr Johnson                                                          |                        | (b) take it you're Mr Johnson |                      |
|     | (c) place it you're Mr Johnson                                                        |                        | (d) try it you're Mr Johnson  |                      |
| Q8  | Candidate: I'm Mr Jensen. I'm afraid it's a case of .....                             |                        |                               |                      |
|     | (a) mistaken personality                                                              |                        | (b) mistaken character        |                      |
|     | (c) mistaken person                                                                   |                        | (d) mistaken identity         |                      |
| Q9  | Interviewer: So you're not after the job of guardian, .....                           |                        |                               |                      |
|     | (a) I presume                                                                         | (b) I pretend          | (c) I prefer                  | (d) I preview        |
| Q10 | Candidate: No, sorry as I said I like working outside, I want to be a gardener, ..... |                        |                               |                      |
|     | (a) if you don't care                                                                 | (b) if you don't agree | (c) if you don't mind         | (d) if you don't see |

*Letter Writing (1)*

- Q1 Dear Sir, I am writing this letter to describe the ..... I've been having with one of your products.  
 (a) incidents (b) instances (c) problems (d) examples
- Q2 I am referring to your lawnmower ..... in the catalogue as 'Supercut'.  
 (a) described (b) deferred (c) considered (d) mentioned
- Q3 To begin with I would like to take ..... over the name itself.  
 (a) outcome (b) issue (c) trouble (d) pains
- Q4 'Super' to my mind suggests ....., which it does not possess.  
 (a) outstanding (b) wonderful (c) excellent (d) excellence
- Q5 'Cut' I should have thought was an essential ..... of any lawnmower.  
 (a) require (b) requirement (c) requires (d) requiring
- Q6 Unfortunately this does not ..... to 'Supercut'.  
 (a) concern (b) attribute (c) apply (d) confer
- Q7 The first time I tried to use it, your lawnmower simply ..... over the grass but did not cut it.  
 (a) walked (b) rolled (c) strode (d) tripped
- Q8 ..... the grass was flat but it was still as long as when I had started.  
 (a) Confessing (b) Confessed (c) Admitted (d) Admittedly
- Q9 What I would like you to do is to pay me ..... my money and take 'Supercut' away.  
 (a) back (b) return (c) again (d) reply
- Q10 Finally I want someone to come and cut my grass at your .....  
 Yours faithfully, Herb Grass.  
 (a) expenditure (b) expense (c) expending (d) expends

*Letter Writing (2)*

- Q1 Dear Charles I thought it was ..... time I wrote to you and told you what I've been up to.  
 (a) in (b) about (c) at (d) by
- Q2 My main news is that Mary has at long last ..... to marry me.  
 (a) concerned (b) convened (c) concerted (d) consented
- Q3 She puts it another way and says she will be able to make an ..... man of me.  
 (a) honest (b) honour (c) honestly (d) honourable
- Q4 And now I come to a very important ..... I want to ask of you.  
 (a) favourite (b) favour (c) favourable (d) favouring
- Q5 Putting it ..... I should be delighted if you would agree to be my best man at our wedding.  
 (a) easily (b) quietly (c) fairly (d) simply
- Q6 I can ..... you that the duties are not in any way complicated.  
 (a) confirm (b) assure (c) assert (d) affirm
- Q7 In fact you could not possibly say that the job of best man is at all .....  
 (a) arduous (b) articulate (c) ardent (d) arduously
- Q8 This brings me to another point: why aren't you and Sara tying the .....?  
 (a) noose (b) rope (c) knot (d) string
- Q9 After all why should you two continue to be free and I have to give up my .....?  
 (a) latitude (b) liberty (c) scope (d) immunity
- Q10 Let me have your ..... as soon as possible.  
 Your old friend, Mick.  
 (a) return (b) response (c) respect (d) recur



*Letter Writing (3)*

- Q1 Dear Sir, having read your advertisement, I should like to ..... this letter as my application for the post of marketing manager.  
(a) deliver (b) submit (c) return (d) send
- Q2 As you will see from my ..... C.V., I am currently working as a waiter.  
(a) endorsed (b) included (c) attached (d) appeared
- Q3 You may think that this is a ..... job for someone who is applying for a marketing post.  
(a) peculiar (b) stranger (c) usual (d) typical
- Q4 Perhaps I should explain the ..... reason for working in a restaurant as a waiter in preparation for a marketing job.  
(a) underground (b) undercover (c) understanding (d) underlying
- Q5 As I see it, a restaurant is a market and it is the job of a waiter to ..... the clients into choosing products from the menu.  
(a) push (b) pervade (c) tempt (d) instruct
- Q6 I am sure I could very easily ..... all the requirements of the job.  
(a) complete (b) fulfil (c) commit (d) finish
- Q7 For example some of my clients cannot decide whether to have ..... fruit or tiramisu.  
(a) picked (b) wet (c) fresh (d) plucked
- Q8 On such an occasion like that I market well and always make them ..... the one we have most of.  
(a) decide (b) believe (c) select (d) effect
- Q9 I am sure I could ..... my skills as a waiter to the tasks that are needed for your advertised post.  
(a) transfer (b) translate (c) transpose (d) transverse
- Q10 Finally I look forward to ..... from you and as you will understand I don't want to 'wait' very long.  
Yours faithfully,  
I.A.M. Hopeful.  
(a) hear (b) hearing (c) heard (d) hears

*Letter Writing (4)*

- Q1 Dear all, just to let you know that we reached our ..... after a dramatic start.  
 (a) goal (b) aim (c) end (d) destination
- Q2 I could say that we are having a wonderful time but that would be ..... from the truth.  
 (a) distant (b) far (c) long (d) further
- Q3 Everything started to go wrong the moment we arrived at the airport because of the industrial ..... taken by the baggage handlers.  
 (a) activity (b) acts (c) acting (d) action
- Q4 These baggage handlers had decided they didn't want to ..... our cases on to the plane.  
 (a) lead (b) load (c) lode (d) led
- Q5 The result of this was that we were held ..... for six hours in the departure lounge waiting for the end of the dispute.  
 (a) up (b) on (c) by (d) about
- Q6 By the time the plane took off as you can ....., we were all tired, hungry and miserable.  
 (a) believe (b) anticipate (c) imagine (d) think
- Q7 When we eventually arrived at the hotel, we had to ..... our luggage at reception.  
 (a) sort out (b) sort of (c) sort in (d) sort by
- Q8 The big problem was that our luggage wasn't there — it had simply .....  
 (a) disintegrated (b) distorted (c) dislodged (d) disappeared
- Q9 Our first day was spent in the local shops ..... all the things that we believed we had brought with us.  
 (a) finding (b) looking (c) purchasing (d) searching
- Q10 On the last day of our holiday the manager of the hotel greeted us ..... from ear to ear to inform us that our luggage had arrived at reception!  
 See you soon  
 Meggy and Tom.  
 (a) screaming (b) beaming (c) streaming (d) stretching

*Flying across the Channel*

- Q1 Do you have any idea what BASE jumping .....?  
(a) signifies (b) means (c) says (d) tells
- Q2 Apparently it is an ..... where the letters in the word are the first letters of a group of words.  
(a) abbreviation (b) addition (c) anomaly (d) acronym
- Q3 In other words the letters ..... building, antennae, span and earth, all of which you can jump from.  
(a) stand up (b) stand in (c) stand for (d) stand by
- Q4 Felix Baumgartner recently basejumped out of a plane 9,000 metres ..... Dover, a port on the south coast of England.  
(a) up (b) above (c) higher (d) at
- Q5 He intended to ..... across the channel with a parachute and land on the coast of France near Calais.  
(a) fly (b) flee (c) flew (d) flow
- Q6 He started very early in the morning so that he was able to ..... commercial flights.  
(a) evict (b) avoid (c) eject (d) abject
- Q7 During the flight his supporters ..... that he will have reached 200 kmh.  
(a) attain (b) argue (c) claim (d) dispute
- Q8 The fact remains that he ..... and managed with the help of oxygen supplies to complete the crossing in ten minutes.  
(a) lived (b) continued (c) achieved (d) survived
- Q9 He created a new ..... and joins Louis Bleriot, the first to fly across the channel in 37 minutes and Matthew Webb, the first to swim across in 22 hours.  
(a) record (b) recorder (c) recording (d) records
- Q10 These are amazing achievements but if like me you want comfort, warmth and food on the journey, take the ferry crossing ..... 90 minutes.  
(a) during (b) lasting (c) duration (d) while

*Teaching your Wife to Drive*

- Q1 Teaching someone to drive is one of the ..... experiences you can have.  
(a) cruellest (b) heaviest (c) scariest (d) latest
- Q2 You sit in the passenger seat and ..... your learner to do what you would normally do.  
(a) learn (b) perform (c) compose (d) instruct
- Q3 The problem is that if your learner doesn't understand, you can both end up in the .....  
(a) side (b) ditch (c) drain (d) floor
- Q4 The situation is more ..... if the learner is a member of your family.  
(a) confirmed (b) contorted (c) complicated (d) confused
- Q5 If this relative is also your wife, then things become even more disastrous because it could end in .....  
(a) divorce (b) division (c) distance (d) diversion
- Q6 The secret of being a good driving teacher is never on any occasion to lose your temper or your .....  
(a) brain (b) thought (c) idea (d) head
- Q7 If you do lose one of them or both, your learner will lose confidence and also lose ..... of the car.  
(a) control (b) check (c) break (d) stop
- Q8 In my ..... none of this happened — all I did was shout and scream, which made me feel better.  
(a) example (b) case (c) instance (d) incident
- Q9 I am proud to say that I taught my wife and my two sons and they all ..... first time.  
(a) past (b) passing (c) passed (d) pass
- Q10 The only ..... to me is as they were successful on the first attempt, how come some years before it had taken me four tries!  
(a) confusion (b) mystery (c) intrigue (d) unknown

*One is always going to lose...*

- Q1 Building Societies currently find themselves in a ..... situation because they try to please the savers and also the borrowers and yet one group is always going to lose.  
 (a) perfect (b) precarious (c) pretentious (d) pertinent
- Q2 Whenever there is a meeting between the finance minister and the governor of the bank, people start asking questions and rumours .....  
 (a) abut (b) about (c) abound (d) abide
- Q3 Invariably if interest rates go up, the building societies pay more to their savers and borrowers complain at the increase they have to pay and maintain the societies are ..... their affairs.  
 (a) mistaking (b) misplacing (c) misfiring (d) mishandling
- Q4 Chief executives then start making pleasant speeches and smile a lot because they want to ..... the concerns of their borrowers.  
 (a) assuage (b) assert (c) assemble (d) assent
- Q5 Months go by and most people forget their problems and get used to the idea of paying more and then talks ..... and the whole process starts all over again.  
 (a) retake (b) resume (c) repeat (d) return
- Q6 The government then has to show that it is involved in the whole business of saving and lending and tries to convince everyone that it is ..... of both savers and lenders.  
 (a) supporting (b) supporter (c) supportive (d) supported
- Q7 The government next announces that measures are due to come into ..... that will change the whole process.  
 (a) forces (b) forced (c) force (d) forcing
- Q8 They say this but then the difficulty is trying to find out when the measures are coming into effect and when they will be .....  
 (a) rated (b) ratified (c) rates (d) rating
- Q9 This is all very disappointing for the ..... house buyer who doesn't really know what's going to happen next and how much the interest rate will be.  
 (a) would-go (b) would-try (c) would-see (d) would-be
- Q10 Our poor potential buyer reads the papers, watches the television news and gets excited at the prospect of another meeting of the financiers but in the end nothing of ..... comes of it all.  
 (a) note (b) notice (c) noting (d) noted

*A Public Figure*

- Q1 Imagine an ..... public figure attacked by press and public, who is facing an inquiry into allegations of having obtained money by deception.  
(a) empowered (b) endangered (c) embattled (d) engrossed
- Q2 Any arguments he put up in his defence were regarded as a ..... by people who were determined to see him convicted.  
(a) cloud (b) smokescreen (c) confusion (d) fog
- Q3 People tended not to believe a word he said and maintained that his protestations of innocence were wearing a bit .....  
(a) scarce (b) bare (c) scant (d) thin
- Q4 There was very strong support for the police who were determined to ..... this kind of crime.  
(a) restrain (b) manage (c) curb (d) kill
- Q5 The press had been ..... by an unknown source to make as much publicity about him as they could.  
(a) prompted (b) picked (c) promoted (d) proposed
- Q6 His agent spent a lot of time ..... the press on his background in the hope that they would present a balanced view.  
(a) training (b) briefing (c) showing (d) clearing
- Q7 Views as to his guilt or innocence even before the trial started ..... from utter conviction that he was guilty to wild support for his innocence.  
(a) started (b) began (c) ranged (d) swept
- Q8 Gradually however as the days went by even his greatest supporters were beginning to ..... him.  
(a) destroy (b) desert (c) despair (d) destruct
- Q9 Then two days before the trial was due to start, new evidence came to ..... proving he was totally innocent.  
(a) light (b) see (c) show (d) indicate
- Q10 By then of course it was too late because the damage had already been done to his career, which ..... everything else he did for the rest of his life.  
(a) overtook (b) overcame (c) overran (d) overshadowed

*State Secrets*

- Q1 We often hear that such and such a piece of information cannot be released into the public ..... in the interest of national security.  
(a) dominion (b) domination (c) domain (d) domestic
- Q2 Journalists however love to get hold of a story somehow but they run the risk of facing a ..... if they break the official secrets act.  
(a) back whip (b) backlash (c) backstore (d) back strike
- Q3 When there is a ..... inquiry taking place, the rush to get more details is intense.  
(a) high profile (b) high brow (c) high intensity (d) high drama
- Q4 The more the authorities try to conceal what is happening, the more it fuels ..... about what might be happening.  
(a) speculative (b) spectacle (c) speciality (d) speculation
- Q5 Sometimes a journalist will get hold of sensitive information knowing that he will get ..... by government agencies if he dares reveal it.  
(a) wild (b) torn (c) savaged (d) ravaged
- Q6 The person in charge of the enquiry will occasionally ..... what can be disclosed in newspapers.  
(a) signal (b) signify (c) sign (d) seal
- Q7 Once this disclosure is ..... it's the job of the journalist to follow it through to a satisfactory conclusion.  
(a) heightened (b) highlighted (c) high pitched (d) hightailed
- Q8 Mind you it has to be a convincing article because the reading public can soon see through the ..... of a weak argument.  
(a) clarity (b) clearness (c) transparency (d) transparent
- Q9 The question must always be in the mind of the writer whether what is being written is likely to ..... a threat to the safety of the community at large.  
(a) place (b) put (c) start (d) pose
- Q10 The last possible thing that anyone wants to happen to their country is to turn it into a ..... for troublemakers.  
(a) port (b) harbour (c) haven (d) location

*The News*

- Q1 Here is the news read by Alan Townend. Today the Government is ..... plans for a new scheme to help society.  
 (a) opening (b) unveiling (c) undoing (d) showing
- Q2 The idea behind the scheme is to try and ..... stealing in the country.  
 (a) curb (b) kill (c) maintain (d) confuse
- Q3 The scheme will be ..... into the school curriculum at the beginning of next academic year.  
 (a) entered (b) presented (c) welcomed (d) introduced
- Q4 Children will be taught to respect other people's property and .....  
 (a) belongings (b) attachments (c) added (d) additions
- Q5 If child A steals child B's exercise book, child A will have to stand up in front of the school and ..... to being a thief.  
 (a) conduce (b) confess (c) conduct (d) conform
- Q6 The Government ..... said the Prime Minister was sick and tired of papers disappearing from his office.  
 (a) speaking person (b) speak person (c) spoken person (d) spokesperson
- Q7 Last week the Prime Minister had to give an important address to an international ..... when he found his speech had disappeared.  
 (a) assembled (b) assembly (c) assembling (d) assembles
- Q8 This was of course very embarrassing for the P.M. and ..... of the speech he told funny stories.  
 (a) in spite (b) in case (c) instead (d) intend
- Q9 The worst part of the incident was that the audience did not see the funny ..... of his stories.  
 (a) edge (b) side (c) line (d) part
- Q10 I regret I cannot continue with the news because someone has ..... the next page.  
 (a) misappropriated (b) misconstrued (c) mistaken (d) misread



*Talking through his hat*

- Q1 I do take my hat ..... to the new director for having pulled the company back from bankruptcy.  
(a) by (b) on (c) to (d) off
- Q2 Whatever you do take no notice of him because he's not thinking straight — he's talking ..... his hat.  
(a) up (b) through (c) at (d) under
- Q3 It was one of those society weddings you know when the men wear ..... hats and tails.  
(a) tall (b) long (c) top (d) full
- Q4 I hope you can keep a secret because I'd like you to keep this information ..... your hat.  
(a) under (b) in (c) by (d) over
- Q5 At last she's made her mind up and decided to throw her hat in the ..... and become a candidate.  
(a) circle (b) ring (c) round (d) middle
- Q6 I don't think she stands a chance in the election and if she does win, I'll ..... my hat.  
(a) bite (b) consume (c) eat (d) chew
- Q7 You simply can't trust that politician because he changes his mind every five minutes at the ..... of a hat.  
(a) fall (b) tumble (c) jump (d) drop
- Q8 If you want to keep up with the latest fashion, you shouldn't wear that — it's ..... hat now.  
(a) late (b) old (c) finished (d) gone
- Q9 In view of the special efforts our coach driver has made today, I think it would be nice to ..... round the hat for him.  
(a) offer (b) give (c) place (d) hand
- Q10 In his present job there are so many different responsibilities involved that he has to ..... several hats.  
(a) take (b) put (c) wear (d) dress

*Consider this*

- Q1 The most difficult part for the salesperson is to ..... potential customers of the usefulness of the product.  
(a) consider (b) convince (c) contract (d) confirm
- Q2 If you want to get the best out of your sales force, they must believe in the product and be ..... enough to promote it vigorously.  
(a) inspired (b) invested (c) included (d) indebted
- Q3 A ..... customer will always return to the same firm and buy again.  
(a) interested (b) encouraged (c) satisfactory (d) satisfied
- Q4 That style of dress was once considered to be a ..... but now it is coming back into fashion.  
(a) fuss (b) fad (c) fidget (d) fun
- Q5 One of the first things to do when you want to ..... a new product is to ascertain its potential demand.  
(a) maintain (b) master (c) market (d) muster
- Q6 The main business interest at the moment is to watch the supermarkets ..... for the same clientele.  
(a) contrasting (b) competing (c) concerning (d) confusing
- Q7 Our sales meetings were reduced to once a fortnight because the weekly meetings were not considered to be ..... enough.  
(a) productive (b) producing (c) produced (d) products
- Q8 Her ability to ..... facts and figures quickly was the main reason for her rapid rise in the business.  
(a) consumer (b) consumption (c) consume (d) consuming
- Q9 The success of our website is due to the fact that customers can ..... different prices for the same article.  
(a) continue (b) conclude (c) confer (d) compare
- Q10 If you want to keep ..... with the latest developements in your field, you have to read the relevant magazines.  
(a) currant (b) current (c) currents (d) currently

*Scandal*

- Q1 Mathew Smith was a highly respected member of parliament with no ..... on his character.  
(a) sign (b) indication (c) stain (d) point
- Q2 At least that's what he thought until the press started trying to ..... up something about his past.  
(a) push (b) dig (c) spade (d) fork
- Q3 Apparently when he was still at school, he didn't have a ticket for his train journey one day and he was .....  
(a) found (b) founded (c) funded (d) fined
- Q4 This piece of information was discovered by one keen local reporter and was ..... up out of all proportion by the national press.  
(a) blown (b) blew (c) blowing (d) blows
- Q5 Headlines appeared maintaining that Mathew was a dishonest ..... thief.  
(a) laying (b) liar (c) lain (d) lying
- Q6 Other papers asked the question: How can we trust our politicians if they ..... on society?  
(a) chat (b) chafe (c) cheat (d) chance
- Q7 There was even talk that incidents like this one could ..... the Government.  
(a) tipple (b) topple (c) tackle (d) tickle
- Q8 The Prime Minister called Mathew in to talk to him and said he couldn't tolerate any ..... of scandal in his Party.  
(a) whiff (b) scent (c) smell (d) stink
- Q9 At last Mathew decided to speak ..... for himself and tell the truth.  
(a) on (b) to (c) up (d) off
- Q10 The reporter had got it ..... wrong because he found his ticket and he wasn't 'fined', he was simply 'fine'.  
(a) fully (b) fairly (c) complete (d) completely

*You have to go*

- Q1 My job has gone because my boss has ..... me.  
 (a) burned (b) fired (c) lit (d) flamed
- Q2 I shan't be working tomorrow because I've just been given the .....  
 (a) bag (b) case (c) container (d) sack
- Q3 I was ..... this morning and had to empty my desk this afternoon.  
 (a) departed (b) deterred (c) dismissed (d) disliked
- Q4 I was handed my ..... yesterday and so today I'm looking for a new job.  
 (a) tickets (b) cards (c) books (d) papers
- Q5 The company decided to get ..... of me last week and so I had to leave.  
 (a) rid (b) rod (c) red (d) ride
- Q6 I have been made ..... because my work here is no longer needed.  
 (a) repellent (b) reduced (c) redundant (d) repeated
- Q7 The firm has decided to ..... which means they don't want me.  
 (a) resize (b) upsize (c) in size (d) downsize
- Q8 They told me to go because I was said to be ..... to requirements.  
 (a) excess (b) surplus (c) recess (d) excessive
- Q9 It was quite clear they didn't want me because I was told not to ..... to come back to work tomorrow.  
 (a) care (b) concern (c) bother (d) worry
- Q10 No, I didn't ask the boss for more money today because he gave me one month's .....  
 (a) information (b) news (c) facts (d) notice

*Speed*

- Q1 There was absolutely no hesitation on her part and quick as a ..... she paid the bill.  
 (a) spark (b) light (c) flash (d) switch
- Q2 As a child he had no problems learning foreign languages mainly because he was very quick on the .....  
 (a) downturn (b) upstart (c) downfall (d) uptake
- Q3 He just couldn't play fast and ..... with his employees any longer simply because they never knew where he was.  
 (a) slow (b) loose (c) weak (d) tight
- Q4 He ..... a fast one at the entrance because he handed over 4 tickets although there were 5 of them entering the exhibition.  
 (a) pulled (b) pushed (c) took (d) gave
- Q5 Since he left the army, he misses the excitement and danger and still wants to live life in the fast .....  
 (a) track (b) path (c) street (d) lane
- Q6 You'll have to be quick off the ..... if you want to buy one of those houses because they're selling very fast.  
 (a) point (b) stage (c) mark (d) spot
- Q7 He's one of the ..... rich quick fraternity who believe in making money as quickly as possible.  
 (a) get (b) take (c) put (d) pull
- Q8 He sees financial gain everywhere and never misses an opportunity to make a fast .....  
 (a) pound (b) buck (c) pence (d) shilling
- Q9 Now that the company has made its first million, there's no stopping it and it's full ..... ahead.  
 (a) power (b) vapour (c) strength (d) steam
- Q10 I appreciate your hard work but sometimes you're so fast that you miss the details and I think it's a case of more ..... less speed.  
 (a) hurry (b) hasty (c) haste (d) hurried

*Up in the Clouds*

- Q1 Have you noticed how much more the price of petrol is today? It's really sky ..... now.  
 (a) up (b) high (c) through (d) on
- Q2 I was asked how many tests I would write and I said the sky's the ..... — in other words as many as possible.  
 (a) end (b) finish (c) limit (d) top
- Q3 Her boss thought she was wonderful and always ..... her to the skies.  
 (a) complimented (b) congratulated (c) flattered (d) praised
- Q4 I simply don't believe the scheme will ever succeed, it's just ..... in the sky.  
 (a) meat (b) pie (c) food (d) meals
- Q5 Question: What do they call those huge buildings in New York? Answer: They're called sky .....  
 (a) scratchers (b) ticklers (c) scrapers (d) touchers
- Q6 You can see the sun if you look at the roof through the sky .....  
 (a) space (b) light (c) opening (d) window
- Q7 It's a very pale version of the colour and that's why it's called sky .....  
 (a) blue (b) pink (c) yellow (d) red
- Q8 The rocket was fired and quickly took off sky.....  
 (a) long (b) broad (c) wards (d) length
- Q9 He just wouldn't take anything seriously and could always be found playing about and generally sky .....  
 (a) larking (b) joking (c) playing (d) birding
- Q10 I think you're either mad or very brave to jump out of a plane and wait some time before opening your parachute in a sky.....  
 (a) drop (b) fall (c) crash (d) dive

*Papers*

- Q1 You can hear everything that's going on next door because the walls are paper .....  
(a) long (b) wide (c) thin (d) tall
- Q2 We're going to the college tonight to hear Professor Kent ..... a paper on language learning on the net.  
(a) speak (b) deliver (c) raise (d) talk
- Q3 I can't see the point of trying to settle the dispute between those two institutions because you'll just be papering over the .....  
(a) fissures (b) splits (c) divisions (d) cracks
- Q4 After the first revolution the dictator no longer had much control and became just a paper .....  
(a) lion (b) tiger (c) elephant (d) cat
- Q5 The cross country run where the runners follow a track of pieces of paper is called a paper .....  
(a) chase (b) race (c) relay (d) sport
- Q6 Some countries have some very interesting designs on their paper .....  
(a) cash (b) coinage (c) money (d) pay
- Q7 Not that it has happened yet but the age of the computer was meant to introduce the idea of the paper ..... office.  
(a) minus (b) few (c) least (d) less
- Q8 The main work has just been completed and all we have to do now is finish the paper .....  
(a) task (b) job (c) work (d) function
- Q9 She was given a very decorative paper ..... to stop all her papers blowing away once the window was opened.  
(a) weight (b) heavy (c) block (d) stone
- Q10 Her first novel was a huge success and it was only a few weeks after publication that the paper ..... came out.  
(a) side (b) edition (c) back (d) book

**Bones**

- Q1 I hung the washing out only two hours ago but it is already bone ..... thanks to the hot sunshine.  
(a) parched (b) dry (c) clear (d) dried
- Q2 They came straight out with their complaint ..... no bones about it whatsoever.  
(a) saying (b) trying (c) doing (d) making
- Q3 It was a miracle that he was still alive as he hadn't eaten for weeks and when they found him he was just ..... and bone.  
(a) skin (b) flesh (c) meat (d) cover
- Q4 It was quite simple really — he never did any work at all and was sacked for being bone .....  
(a) lazy (b) useless (c) idle (d) inactive
- Q5 It's impossible to say exactly why I think that's the case. All I can say is that I ..... it in my bones.  
(a) understand (b) feel (c) see (d) follow
- Q6 We're expecting a visit from a French couple soon so I'll have to bone ..... on my French.  
(a) in (b) to (c) with (d) up
- Q7 Ah, yes I've got a bone to ..... with you. You told me you would pay me back last week and I still haven't got the money yet.  
(a) pick (b) chew (c) taste (d) eat
- Q8 Although the TV programme was funny, my aunt was a bit shocked because some of the jokes were a bit ..... the bone.  
(a) next (b) close (c) near (d) by
- Q9 I won't go into the full details of the proposition, I'll just give you the ..... bones.  
(a) naked (b) bare (c) simple (d) stripped
- Q10 Her children were very ungrateful for all she'd done for them as she had really worked her ..... to the bone for them.  
(a) elbows (b) arms (c) legs (d) fingers



*Lucky You*

- Q1 He told us the usual things about how everything had gone wrong — it was a typical ..... luck story.  
(a) solid (b) hard (c) stiff (d) black
- Q2 With a little ..... of luck I think she'll pass her driving test first time.  
(a) section (b) particle (c) parcel (d) bit
- Q3 If I were you I would certainly accept the offer. If you ask for any more you're just ..... your luck.  
(a) pushing (b) probing (c) promoting (d) pending
- Q4 I thought the best thing was to wish them both ..... luck and hope that everything worked out well.  
(a) best (b) all (c) good (d) fine
- Q5 You really couldn't blame anyone for the accident because it was just a case of ..... luck.  
(a) worse (b) worst (c) foul (d) bad
- Q6 Last week they ..... it very lucky because they managed to win the lottery.  
(a) hit (b) struck (c) knocked (d) hammered
- Q7 She always seems to come out of any crisis unharmed and I'm convinced she was born under a lucky .....  
(a) planet (b) asteroid (c) moon (d) star
- Q8 He just couldn't make up his mind which to choose and so in the end he decided to take ..... luck.  
(a) pot (b) tin (c) can (d) box
- Q9 Everyone decided to help him by offering money as they'd heard he was ..... on his luck.  
(a) low (b) down (c) off (d) below
- Q10 After all his failures in the business world he decided to ..... his luck in the casino.  
(a) turn (b) endeavour (c) attempt (d) try

**Stages**

- Q1 All the ..... a stage said Shakespeare, meaning life is like a play in the theatre.  
 (a) earth's (b) world's (c) land's (d) country's
- Q2 This project has only just been started and is in its ..... stages at the moment.  
 (a) first (b) beginning (c) starting (d) early
- Q3 You don't have to pay for it all at once as you can buy it in ..... stages.  
 (a) facile (b) easy (c) simple (d) clear
- Q4 We've now ..... the stage where it's time to make our minds up.  
 (a) acquired (b) found (c) reached (d) got
- Q5 I've seen her act in many films but never live ..... stage.  
 (a) at (b) in (c) through (d) on
- Q6 It's quite normal when you make your first speech in public to suffer from stage .....  
 (a) fear (b) nerves (c) fright (d) anxiety
- Q7 As he didn't want anyone else to hear what he was saying he spoke to her in a stage .....  
 (a) whisper (b) hush (c) voice (d) tone
- Q8 He's always been fascinated by the theatre and has spent many years doing odd jobs as a stage .....  
 (a) worker (b) hand (c) man (d) holder
- Q9 From childhood she has been stage ..... and was delighted when she got her first major part in the play at the national theatre.  
 (a) hit (b) shocked (c) slapped (d) struck
- Q10 The whole event seemed very unnatural and had clearly been stage ..... appeal to the voters before the election.  
 (a) handled (b) managed (c) controlled (d) developed

*Venues*

- Q1 The first ..... was to hold the event in the open air but that posed many problems.  
(a) ideal (b) notion (c) plan (d) sketch
- Q2 This proposal was soon discarded because we might find difficulty with the local .....  
(a) regulations (b) rulings (c) rules (d) regulars
- Q3 After a lot of discussion we decided to hire a professional to ..... us.  
(a) enable (b) empower (c) devote (d) assist
- Q4 The first thing she recommended was for us to ..... all the people who were involved.  
(a) combine (b) conduct (c) coordinate (d) conduce
- Q5 The next thing we needed to work out was the exact ..... of the area that we needed in order to present the event.  
(a) diversions (b) directions (c) diagonals (d) dimensions
- Q6 In view of the large number of people the ..... of a parking area was considered very important.  
(a) proximity (b) approximate (c) prominence (d) profession
- Q7 After a great deal of discussion a ..... was eventually found, which seemed to be what was wanted.  
(a) sight (b) site (c) seat (d) sighting
- Q8 At this stage it was clear that they had to know the ..... number of people who were going to attend.  
(a) full (b) defined (c) determined (d) exact
- Q9 Invitations were sent out and in ..... the response was quite good.  
(a) all (b) general (c) common (d) ordinary
- Q10 Unfortunately the event was never ..... because no one had considered the reaction of the local people to the noise of a loud pop concert.  
(a) put up (b) given (c) staged (d) taken

*Trains*

- Q1 It was necessary to telephone ..... enquiries before we could get the number to ring up the railway station.  
 (a) dictionary (b) directory (c) survey (d) compendium
- Q2 We thought it was a good idea to take some sandwiches with us so that we'd have something to eat for the ..... of the journey.  
 (a) lasting (b) period (c) timing (d) duration
- Q3 As one of our party was over 60 she was ..... to a reduction in the price of the ticket.  
 (a) allowed (b) given (c) granted (d) entitled
- Q4 I suppose as we live in a very rural area, we are lucky that a train service actually ..... here.  
 (a) operates (b) works (c) functions (d) takes
- Q5 Mind you the cost of travel is very high and ..... went up again last month.  
 (a) stages (b) periods (c) fares (d) admissions
- Q6 All you can say is that the high price is somewhat ..... by being able to get to a large city quickly.  
 (a) upset (b) overturned (c) highlighted (d) offset
- Q7 The other advantage of this particular service is that by and large the trains are .....  
 (a) timely (b) punctual (c) pointed (d) exact
- Q8 On the day we travelled most people had decided to stay at home as the train was ..... empty.  
 (a) considerably (b) related (c) reliable (d) relatively
- Q9 We ate our sandwiches and for the ..... of the journey we enjoyed looking at the scenery.  
 (a) remainder (b) remaining (c) remained (d) remains
- Q10 Before we knew what had happened we had left our ..... village behind and were in the middle of the big city.  
 (a) removed (b) far (c) remote (d) released

***Bite, Bit, Bitten***

Q1 She certainly won't invest in that company again having lost a fortune — it's a case of once bitten twice .....

- (a) nervous (b) coy (c) shy (d) reserved

Q2 He may seem very angry but don't worry his ..... is worse than his bite.

- (a) bark (b) growl (c) snort (d) snarl

Q3 They were so angry with me they practically bit my ..... off.

- (a) nose (b) hand (c) fingers (d) head

Q4 I think he'll succeed but it's a lot of work and sometimes he feels he's bitten off more than he can .....

- (a) digest (b) chew (c) taste (d) swallow

Q5 In view of the way things have improved I now feel confident enough to have another bite at the .....

- (a) banana (b) apple (c) pear (d) cherry

Q6 I'm very sorry to tell you that your scheme has failed and it has well and truly bitten the .....

- (a) powder (b) dust (c) fluff (d) ground

Q7 It must have come as a great shock to get the sack but I'm afraid you'll just have to accept it and bite the .....

- (a) shot (b) knife (c) bullet (d) blow

Q8 I can't believe that he's turning against his own parents — it's like biting the hand that ..... you.

- (a) brought (b) nourished (c) helped (d) fed

Q9 My advice to you is to resist saying anything at the moment and simply bite your .....

- (a) mouth (b) teeth (c) lip (d) gums

Q10 I know she would really like to say exactly what she feels but I believe she should bite her .....

- (a) cheek (b) nails (c) ear (d) tongue

*Issues*

- Q1 I agree in general with what you have said but I'm not happy about one point and I must ..... issue with you over that.  
 (a) bring (b) take (c) find (d) put
- Q2 The trouble with her is that she always exaggerates and ..... an issue out of everything.  
 (a) pulls (b) tries (c) gets (d) makes
- Q3 As far as I'm concerned his explanation was useless as it merely ..... the issue.  
 (a) confused (b) troubled (c) disturbed (d) upset
- Q4 I wish we could stick to the subject and just consider the topic ..... issue.  
 (a) on (b) by (c) at (d) in
- Q5 The value of one of the early copies of that book can be considerable if it happens to be a ..... issue.  
 (a) premier (b) prime (c) beginning (d) first
- Q6 It was a family that had had a long history but it came to a halt when George went because he died ..... issue.  
 (a) without (b) missing (c) incomplete (d) failing
- Q7 The police are very keen to talk to one particular man and have issued a ..... of him.  
 (a) naming (b) description (c) calling (d) describing
- Q8 We panicked when we got near the house because we could see smoke issuing ..... the top bedroom window.  
 (a) against (b) on (c) out of (d) into
- Q9 All the reporters of the war were issued ..... bulletproof jackets to give them better protection.  
 (a) on (b) by (c) at (d) with
- Q10 Turn on the television and look at the current news programme and you will find everyone discussing the ..... issue of the day.  
 (a) big (b) large (c) enormous (d) huge

*What a Cracker*

- Q1 He always believed in giving his children the same opportunities in life so that each one would have a fair crack of the .....  
(a) strike (b) blow (c) hit (d) whip
- Q2 This is going to be a difficult task but we'll get there in the end although it is a ..... nut to crack.  
(a) rigid (b) hard (c) solid (d) heavy
- Q3 It's a long way we have to travel tomorrow so we must get up very early in the morning at the crack of .....  
(a) dawn (b) dusk (c) day (d) sun
- Q4 In celebration at passing his examinations he invited everyone round to crack a ..... and have a drink with him.  
(a) glass (b) flask (c) bottle (d) jug
- Q5 In view of the falling standards the company decided to appoint a very ..... office manager who would be able to crack the whip a bit.  
(a) stiff (b) severe (c) serious (d) strict
- Q6 For goodness' sake hurry up because if we don't ..... cracking soon we'll miss the bus.  
(a) find (b) get (c) use (d) put
- Q7 I really think you should make an effort and apply for that job and at least ..... a crack at it.  
(a) have (b) do (c) place (d) try
- Q8 Well, I must admit that I was a bit disappointed with the exhibition after all the praise it's received — it isn't all it's cracked ..... to be.  
(a) off (b) up (c) over (d) in
- Q9 They haven't really put matters right at all because they've simply papered ..... the cracks.  
(a) through (b) along (c) beside (d) over
- Q10 They spent a huge amount of time and money to deal with that small problem and it's like taking a sledgehammer to crack a .....  
(a) pea (b) bean (c) nut (d) seed

*Lunch is served*

- Q1 I strongly recommend that restaurant as I was very ..... with how quickly they brought the food.  
(a) influenced (b) interested (c) impressed (d) induced
- Q2 Of course if speed is the most important thing, you can always ..... up your lunch from the take away cafe.  
(a) hand (b) hold (c) keep (d) pick
- Q3 The other night we went to a French restaurant and it ..... to Charles to translate everything on the menu for us.  
(a) went (b) fell (c) dropped (d) took
- Q4 What you like in the way of lunch very much depends on your ..... taste.  
(a) separate (b) strange (c) distinguished (d) individual
- Q5 It is customary for the office junior to make a ..... of what each colleague wants from the sandwich bar.  
(a) list (b) description (c) inventory (d) table
- Q6 Nowadays you can even order your lunch online and your food will be ..... to your office.  
(a) handed (b) reached (c) delivered (d) transported
- Q7 Personally I find that although the taste of your lunch is important, it should also look ..... on the plate.  
(a) content (b) rested (c) prettily (d) elegant
- Q8 There is nothing worse when you take important clients out for lunch to find that the choice of dishes is very .....  
(a) isolated (b) lonely (c) narrow (d) weak
- Q9 Mind you if there is a very long menu for lunch, it can be a problem for the waiter to deal with a ..... order.  
(a) various (b) multiply (c) multifaceted (d) multiple
- Q10 The worst part naturally of any meal whatever the time of day is having to ..... the bill.  
(a) settle (b) arrange (c) manage (d) control



*Dry as you like*

- Q1 I'm afraid I don't like this sherry because I find it too ..... and I prefer something nice and dry.  
(a) soft (b) sweet (c) gentle (d) tart
- Q2 We're not quite sure how it will work so today we're having a dry ..... to find out if there are any problems.  
(a) go (b) try (c) attempt (d) run
- Q3 She studies some very obscure things to do with ancient Greek documents — to most people a really dry as ..... subject.  
(a) powder (b) earth (c) dust (d) soil
- Q4 It was one of those scenes that made you want to cry your eyes out and I do believe there wasn't a dry ..... in the theatre.  
(a) eye (b) nose (c) cheek (d) face
- Q5 There was a terrible storm on the night we first stayed at the campsite but we were all right with our tent and were as dry as a .....  
(a) cover (b) bone (c) coat (d) sheet
- Q6 We all set out together early in the morning in different cars but ours broke down and nobody bothered to look for us so we were left ..... and dry.  
(a) up (b) top (c) on (d) high
- Q7 As a result of the very long heat wave last summer many of the rivers have now completely dried .....  
(a) off (b) up (c) over (d) through
- Q8 As it's still very warm outside I recommend you leave your swimming things in the garden to let them dry .....  
(a) in (b) to (c) out (d) under
- Q9 She's very subtle in the comments she makes and she has a wonderfully dry ..... of humour.  
(a) feeling (b) opinion (c) meaning (d) sense
- Q10 If you want to keep your customers coming in on a regular basis you mustn't let your stocks ..... dry.  
(a) go (b) turn (c) take (d) run

*Back Again*

- Q1 I'm suspicious really because at the back of my ..... I don't trust them.  
 (a) brain (b) mind (c) idea (d) thought
- Q2 He said he'd read my funny story and had laughed twice, which was a sort of back ..... compliment.  
 (a) slapped (b) hit (c) thrown (d) handed
- Q3 She was a very famous film star some 40 years ago but now she's regarded as unimportant — a sort of back .....  
 (a) figure (b) digit (c) number (d) person
- Q4 He's having trouble with his mother-in-law because she likes to control everything rather like a backseat .....  
 (a) conductor (b) driver (c) doer (d) goer
- Q5 Where we live is a sort of back..... because nobody here knows what's going on in the world.  
 (a) stream (b) river (c) pond (d) water
- Q6 She's the sort of person who can't bear being secretive and will never talk about you ..... your back.  
 (a) on (b) over (c) behind (d) across
- Q7 There's still some way to go with this latest project but I think we've ..... the back of it.  
 (a) smashed (b) broken (c) hit (d) crashed
- Q8 I've lived here all my life and know every single road and street like the back of my .....  
 (a) finger (b) palm (c) thumb (d) hand
- Q9 Poor woman since she got knocked down by a car, she's been ..... on her back.  
 (a) flat (b) prone (c) laying (d) straight
- Q10 He's one of those irritating people who manages within a few minutes of meeting someone to ..... their back up.  
 (a) shift (b) put (c) place (d) turn

*Bearing Information*

- Q1 Try and be a little more cheerful because if you don't bear ..... soon, you'll make everyone else miserable.  
(a) through (b) along (c) up (d) to
- Q2 We were in a small rowing boat and were terrified that the steamer hadn't seen us as it was bearing ..... on us.  
(a) down (b) across (c) over (d) under
- Q3 I fully understand your comments and bearing those in ....., I have made the appropriate decision.  
(a) brain (b) mind (c) thought (d) sense
- Q4 As we have all worked very hard this year, I'm hoping that our efforts will bear .....  
(a) produce (b) benefits (c) yields (d) fruit
- Q5 We all have our ..... to bear so I should be grateful if you would stop complaining all the time.  
(a) problems (b) situations (c) crosses (d) results
- Q6 There is really nothing much you can do to stop it and I'm afraid you'll just have to ..... and bear it.  
(a) scorn (b) grin (c) laugh (d) smile
- Q7 I hope you can be patient for a little longer and bear ..... me while I try and solve the problem.  
(a) by (b) on (c) at (d) with
- Q8 She has been proved right in everything she did as the report quite clearly bears .....  
(a) out (b) to (c) for (d) onto
- Q9 The judge dismissed the new evidence completely because it had no bearing ..... the trial.  
(a) to (b) on (c) into (d) by
- Q10 Quite honestly the two cases are so completely different that they really don't bear .....  
(a) confirmation (b) contrast (c) comprehension (d) comparison

*What the Devil*

- Q1 It's very hard trying to get the tenses right in English. In fact it's the ..... devil to know whether it's simple or continuous.  
 (a) same (b) very (c) usual (d) actual
- Q2 In a way it's probably just as well the deputy has become the new chief. It's a case of ..... the devil you know.  
 (a) easier (b) rather (c) harder (d) better
- Q3 Many people have been made redundant in the takeover and those who joined last were the first to go. The principle of devil take the ..... applied.  
 (a) final list (b) old list (c) hindmost (d) youngest
- Q4 We don't really get on with the new boss but he has some good ideas so we must give the devil his .....  
 (a) owing (b) right (c) share (d) due
- Q5 The work has to be done as we have no choice. As they say, needs must when the devil .....  
 (a) drives (b) guides (c) steers (d) races
- Q6 She likes to take the opposite point of view and play the devil's .....  
 (a) lawyer (b) advocate (c) support (d) attitude
- Q7 ..... of the devil. We were just talking about you before you came in the room.  
 (a) Quote (b) Announce (c) Utter (d) Speak
- Q8 When your parents find out what you've done, you'll be in serious trouble and there'll be the devil to .....  
 (a) show (b) pay (c) credit (d) hold
- Q9 You should really look through that agreement carefully before you sign because the devil is in the .....  
 (a) detail (b) exact (c) finery (d) precise
- Q10 It took me ages to set up my computer because I spent the devil of a ..... trying to understand the notes.  
 (a) duration (b) time (c) length (d) space

*Two For You*

- Q1 A bird in the hand is worth two in the ..... as they say when you have at least one definite thing in contrast to two uncertain things.  
(a) hedge (b) tree (c) bush (d) plant
- Q2 It wouldn't take much for me to cancel that trip in fact for two ..... I think I will.  
(a) needles (b) nails (c) points (d) pins
- Q3 Quite honestly I really can't decide which one to choose — I'm what you might say in two .....  
(a) minds (b) thoughts (c) ideas (d) views
- Q4 I promise I'll be very quick indeed and I'll be back in two ..... of a lamb's tail.  
(a) moves (b) shakes (c) twitches (d) wags
- Q5 I'll see to that in two ..... and it'll be all over in a minute.  
(a) times (b) crosses (c) ticks (d) strikes
- Q6 You honestly can't tell one twin from another as they are like as two ..... in a pod.  
(a) potatoes (b) tomatoes (c) bananas (d) peas
- Q7 I worked out the answer in the end by putting two and two .....  
(a) aside (b) apart (c) together (d) through
- Q8 I'm sorry I can't accept any other explanation. My mind is made up and there are no two ..... about it.  
(a) roads (b) paths (c) routes (d) ways
- Q9 I honestly wouldn't trust either of them. They both think the same way and they're two of a .....  
(a) type (b) kind (c) genre (d) sort
- Q10 I can see you're angry and want to do the same to them but remember that two wrongs don't make a .....  
(a) right (b) rite (c) correction (d) point

*At the End of the Day (1)*

- Q1 There are late risers and early risers, those who need a lot of sleep and those who need only a .....,  
(a) less (b) nothing (c) few (d) little
- Q2 some who take ..... to wake up and some who jump straight out of bed first thing,  
(a) long time (b) ages (c) periods (d) lengths
- Q3 but whatever the required ....., all of us need sleep at some time during the day or night.  
(a) sum (b) total (c) amount (d) lot
- Q4 And so it's not surprising the many ways we have of ..... it.  
(a) describing (b) defining (c) delineating (d) developing
- Q5 To start with there is a special ..... for children.  
(a) talk (b) language (c) speak (d) chat
- Q6 The sandman is coming is what we say to ..... children  
(a) dreamy (b) torpid (c) stagnant (d) sleepy
- Q7 following the old story about that strange man who ..... to drop sand in their eyes near bed time.  
(a) is required (b) is told (c) is supposed (d) is needed
- Q8 ..... we talk of the need for a child to start on his journey to slumber land or the land of nod  
(a) Differently (b) Alternately (c) Adversely (d) Alternatively
- Q9 and parents of a musical ..... of mind can speed their children on their way to this land of sleep with a lullaby.  
(a) twist (b) turn (c) corner (d) state
- Q10 Of course as you grow older, you ..... in the luxury of short sleeps during the day.  
(a) enter (b) fall (c) indulge (d) incur

*At the End of the Day (2)*

|     |                                                                              |                |                 |               |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Q1  | You can take a cat nap beside the fire or doze off on a train .....          |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) route                                                                    | (b) travel     | (c) voyage      | (d) journey   |
| Q2  | which all describe the kind of sleep that can be ..... at a moment's notice. |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) intervened                                                               | (b) interacted | (c) interrupted | (d) invaded   |
| Q3  | A more basic expression of this ..... is to have a little shuteye.           |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) trend                                                                    | (b) sort       | (c) tendency    | (d) variety   |
| Q4  | Should you wish for a little peace and ..... at the office,                  |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) quite                                                                    | (b) still      | (c) halt        | (d) quiet     |
| Q5  | put a ..... outside your door stating: Do not disturb — having 40 winks.     |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) notice                                                                   | (b) board      | (c) sign        | (d) tablet    |
| Q6  | Forty apparently is the ..... allowed for this kind of sleep.                |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) major                                                                    | (b) majority   | (c) maximum     | (d) macrocosm |
| Q7  | The strange ..... is that few people announce boldly:                        |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) matter                                                                   | (b) thing      | (c) point       | (d) event     |
| Q8  | Well, I think I'll ..... to sleep now.                                       |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) go                                                                       | (b) take       | (c) make        | (d) get       |
| Q9  | More ..... than not as a guest we'll say:                                    |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) possible                                                                 | (b) likely     | (c) probably    | (d) possibly  |
| Q10 | Well, I think if you don't ....., I'll turn in now.                          |                |                 |               |
|     | (a) care                                                                     | (b) say        | (c) mind        | (d) look      |

*At the End of the Day (3)*

- Q1 Without offending the ..... of your host, you could also say:  
 (a) hostelry (b) hospital (c) hospitable (d) hospitality
- Q2 I think it's time for me to hit the sack, which need be no ..... of the softness of the mattress.  
 (a) criterion (b) critique (c) criticism (d) critical
- Q3 And ..... very important people are not described as simply going to bed but rather retiring for the night.  
 (a) incidentally (b) eventually (c) absolutely (d) entirely
- Q4 Somehow it sounds just a bit more .....  
 (a) dignity (b) dignified (c) dignify (d) dignitary
- Q5 Of course should your guests be ..... to go home to their own beds  
 (a) uncertain (b) unclear (c) ungrateful (d) unwilling
- Q6 and you have a strong desire to be ..... of them and go to sleep  
 (a) riddance (b) ridden (c) rid (d) ride
- Q7 you could be subtle and ..... up the sitting room clock  
 (a) wind (b) stir (c) turn (d) take
- Q8 look at your watch ..... or even yawn.  
 (a) anxious (b) anxiety (c) anxiousness (d) anxiously
- Q9 But if you have no ..... at all, the best thing is to drop off or nod off in the middle of the conversation.  
 (a) restrictions (b) inhibitions (c) prohibitions (d) conditions
- Q10 And if all else ..... go upstairs and come down again in your pyjamas.  
 (a) falls (b) fell (c) fails (d) feels



*At the End of the Day (4)*

- Q1 There are several ..... that describe the state of being asleep  
 (a) impressions (b) expressions (c) conditions (d) digressions
- Q2 and most seem to ..... to deep sleep like being sound asleep or fast asleep  
 (a) direct (b) deter (c) defer (d) refer
- Q3 There are also some ..... describing deep sleep: to sleep like a top, like a baby, like a log  
 (a) likenesses (b) comparisons (c) similarities (d) synonyms
- Q4 When the sleeper totally refuses to be ....., we say they are sleeping like the dead.  
 (a) deterred (b) defused (c) disturbed (d) disgruntled
- Q5 More colloquial expressions speak of someone being out like a light, spark out or for a very ..... sleeper dead to the world  
 (a) big (b) huge (c) large (d) heavy
- Q6 Well, I don't know about you but all this is having a very soporific ..... on me  
 (a) effect (b) affect (c) affection (d) affectation
- Q7 but just assuming you are ..... awake and in the land of the living  
 (a) clear (b) wide (c) broad (d) high
- Q8 let me leave you with a ..... expression. Next time you're off upstairs to bed  
 (a) end (b) last (c) lasting (d) final
- Q9 give the rest of the house a surprise by showing ..... your classical education and say:  
 (a) up (b) on (c) off (d) in
- Q10 Well I think I'll be off now and ..... my rest in the arms of Morpheus. Happy dreams!  
 (a) fetch (b) take (c) bring (d) let

**GMAT Verbal Quiz**

- Q1 This story is ..... on an incident that actually happened.  
(a) founded (b) grounded (c) based (d) established
- Q2 I'm afraid I shan't be ..... to come on Tuesday because of a prior engagement.  
(a) capable (b) able (c) can (d) possible
- Q3 You can easily tell that this document ..... from the 12th century because of a distinctive script.  
(a) holds (b) trails (c) lasts (d) dates
- Q4 I'm sorry to tell you but she is simply ..... that this will be the result but she has no actual proof.  
(a) daydreaming (b) hallucinating (c) hypothesizing (d) dithering
- Q5 I do apologise for talking to you a minute ago only I ..... you for one of my colleagues, who looks exactly like you.  
(a) mistook (b) accepted (c) believed (d) thought
- Q6 It's a waste of time asking them for their opinion as they're bound to object because they've been ..... against the idea from the start.  
(a) subjective (b) derogative (c) conscious (d) prejudiced
- Q7 I asked you to bring back a different one but you've brought a similar one back that's exactly the ..... as the first one.  
(a) equivalent (b) apparent (c) same (d) identical
- Q8 The main quality that is required of someone holding that kind of job is to have the ..... to get on with people.  
(a) task (b) ability (c) requirement (d) need
- Q9 They couldn't hold their meeting in the open air ..... of the heavy rain.  
(a) because (b) but (c) since (d) for
- Q10 I always let her handle that kind of situation because she's very good at ..... with difficult clients.  
(a) taking (b) bringing (c) tackling (d) dealing

*GMAT Vocabulary*

- Q1 Some people who have been made redundant make no further effort to get employment in complete ..... to those who decide to retrain.  
(a) comparison (b) difference (c) attitude (d) contrast
- Q2 The new company decided not to copy their predecessors but ..... their structure after the latest trends in business.  
(a) model (b) frame (c) differ (d) make
- Q3 Under the new regulations no one is allowed to smoke inside the building but you are ..... to smoke outside.  
(a) arranged (b) permitted (c) granted (d) let
- Q4 She is ..... as a possible future first minister.  
(a) looked (b) observed (c) glanced (d) seen
- Q5 Although the bank had turned down his application twice, they suddenly had a change of heart and decided to ..... to his request for a loan.  
(a) accede (b) access (c) accrue (d) adapt
- Q6 It's not yet been fully certified yet but the recently discovered bones are ..... to be those of the missing link.  
(a) credited (b) argued (c) required (d) believed
- Q7 The ..... over the rights and wrongs of this issue has been a never- ending discussion inside parliament.  
(a) chatter (b) debate (c) gossip (d) rumour
- Q8 The local residents in this seaside village are very worried about the constant erosion of the cliff face, which is in ..... of falling into the sea.  
(a) risk (b) chance (c) danger (d) likelihood
- Q9 I think you have been overcharged for that work because it's more ..... twice what I had to pay.  
(a) as (b) at (c) like (d) than
- Q10 They first of all refused to stop their strike but in the end after much negotiation they were ..... to go back to work.  
(a) pursued (b) persuaded (c) prevented (d) perceived

**GMAT Words**

- Q1 As a troubleshooter he was often ..... to sort out problems in different area offices.  
(a) transmitted (b) delivered (c) attached (d) sent
- Q2 I don't believe it myself but ..... to the newspapers he is supposed to have exaggerated the firm's profits.  
(a) following (b) regarding (c) according (d) concerning
- Q3 He finds himself in a very difficult situation since you could say he's ..... a rock and a hard place.  
(a) against (b) between (c) across (d) over
- Q4 Eventually they made their minds up and ..... to appoint the outsider to the job.  
(a) considered (b) decided (c) maintained (d) took
- Q5 In ..... to prevent any industrial espionage all employees had to sign a document preventing them from talking about their work.  
(a) order (b) command (c) requirement (d) purpose
- Q6 With a view to providing a better environment for their children the couple decided to move ..... from the city to the countryside.  
(a) along (b) afar (c) near (d) away
- Q7 The boss wants you to explain why there is a discrepancy in the figures and ..... for the sudden drop in profits.  
(a) talk (b) speak (c) account (d) decide
- Q8 The charity is finding it very difficult to continue operating and that's why it's ..... for the government to help.  
(a) crying (b) calling (c) shouting (d) hailing
- Q9 The government are erecting concrete blocks around the Houses of Parliament to ..... the buildings against possible terrorist attacks.  
(a) defend (b) distract (c) defer (d) detract
- Q10 It wasn't really a serious crime but it was pointed out to him that by parking there he was in ..... of a local byelaw.  
(a) vindication (b) virement (c) visitation (d) violation

*Learn English Vocabulary*

- Q1 As a new employee she's very anxious to do the right thing and hopes that her new project ..... with the approval of her boss.  
(a) reaches (b) meets (c) accepts (d) holds
- Q2 It's just not within his character and I would never say that he was ..... to that kind of behaviour.  
(a) presented (b) prepared (c) pre-empted (d) predisposed
- Q3 You couldn't find a more loyal bunch of people who have a ..... of reliability so strong that they will never let you down.  
(a) wish (b) desire (c) sense (d) sensing
- Q4 You can take it or leave it as there is absolutely no ..... to accept my proposal.  
(a) push (b) pressure (c) pushing (d) leaning
- Q5 The department has ..... so much money on administration that there is little left for employing sales personnel.  
(a) devoted (b) exhausted (c) developed (d) spent
- Q6 Although he claimed it was an accident, he was ..... of murder.  
(a) accused (b) blamed (c) criticized (d) arrested
- Q7 They say that pregnant women develop a ..... for certain foods and must eat them all the time.  
(a) appetite (b) craving (c) thirst (d) eating
- Q8 You must choose the right description for each word and I would ..... this one as an adjective.  
(a) delineate (b) decipher (c) decide (d) define
- Q9 I wouldn't believe everything she says because it's my belief that she is ..... to exaggerate.  
(a) designated (b) declined (c) inclined (d) tended
- Q10 We will get as near as we can to your requirements but we may not be able to ..... all your needs.  
(a) meet (b) encounter (c) measure (d) face

*English Vocabulary Exercises*

- Q1 Thanks to the crash barrier in the middle of the motorway cars are ..... from hitting those on the other side in the event of an accident.  
(a) distracted (b) diverted (c) directed (d) prevented
- Q2 It doesn't matter what position you hold in society everyone is ..... to the same laws.  
(a) object (b) subject (c) controlled (d) restricted
- Q3 As I was a stranger in that country I was not ..... with some of their customs and didn't understand why people were laughing at me.  
(a) addicted (b) attracted (c) acquainted (d) acquired
- Q4 You can have that car in any colour you want in fact you have a ..... of 24 different ones.  
(a) choice (b) choosing (c) number (d) shade
- Q5 The theatre was ..... to display in the entrance some of the excellent newspaper reviews the play had received.  
(a) deluded (b) developed (c) demanded (d) delighted
- Q6 As the hospital had been careless with its hygiene procedures, the patient found she had been ..... with a harmful virus.  
(a) detected (b) rejected (c) infected (d) suspected
- Q7 As a ..... of the district she had absolutely no difficulty in understanding the local dialect.  
(a) inhabitant (b) relation (c) native (d) newcomer
- Q8 There is a new company regulation to remove the danger of passive smoking, which ..... all employees from smoking at their place of work.  
(a) prohibits (b) promotes (c) professes (d) protests
- Q9 He finds breathing very difficult in restricted spaces as he ..... from asthma.  
(a) refers (b) defers (c) suffers (d) differs
- Q10 I am very pleased to be working with you because I think the same way and ..... with your policies.  
(a) accept (b) conform (c) confer (d) agree

*Increasing Vocabulary*

- Q1 You can have whichever one you want as I'll let you ..... from these examples here.  
 (a) consider (b) deliberate (c) choose (d) enable
- Q2 I think you can clearly see now what I mean as that incident ..... that I am obviously right.  
 (a) decides (b) demonstrates (c) protests (d) highlights
- Q3 For the first time in his life ..... of going straight home, he called in at a pub on the way back.  
 (a) instead (b) inside (c) including (d) into
- Q4 You can tell that this piece of furniture is ..... to America because of the strong colonial style.  
 (a) born (b) inherent (c) special (d) native
- Q5 ..... for his age and he is after all only 12, I think his achievement is remarkable.  
 (a) Permitting (b) Discerning (c) Allowing (d) Regarding
- Q6 If you ..... to take that step in your career, you have only yourself to blame if it all goes wrong.  
 (a) have (b) believe (c) experiment (d) choose
- Q7 I've always thought of her as the kind of person you can trust, you know the sort you can ..... on.  
 (a) depend (b) deter (c) defend (d) defeat
- Q8 It was a totally new experience for us visiting that factory abroad as we were ..... to all sorts of new techniques.  
 (a) involved (b) intended (c) invested (d) introduced
- Q9 No one had a clue what had actually happened neither the police ..... the public.  
 (a) or (b) either (c) nor (d) never
- Q10 All cyclists must now wear some kind of helmet in order to ..... their heads against injury in the event of an accident.  
 (a) proffer (b) protect (c) produce (d) prevent

*Improving Verbal Skills*

- Q1 You can tell that this car has been very well made and is certainly ..... to the other makes in this garage.  
(a) better (b) clearer (c) above (d) superior
- Q2 It's quite obvious that whatever you like to call his remarks they are impolite and ..... to slander.  
(a) same (b) amount (c) total (d) extend
- Q3 He ..... to have sailed single-handed round the world but personally I don't believe him.  
(a) says (b) believes (c) claims (d) intends
- Q4 In this biography she is ..... as a kind sweet old lady but in reality she was a bad tempered old witch.  
(a) depicted (b) framed (c) outlined (d) caught
- Q5 He had to be ..... from all the other patients in the hospital because he had a highly contagious disease.  
(a) outcast (b) eliminated (c) extracted (d) isolated
- Q6 It's not that I don't trust you ..... I must have some evidence of your identity.  
(a) although (b) but (c) also (d) because
- Q7 The General made absolutely sure his troops were ready for battle and ..... with the latest equipment.  
(a) invested (b) created (c) provided (d) tested
- Q8 People used to think the cinema would be ..... by television but it never happened because people still go to the pictures.  
(a) supposed (b) surrounded (c) suppressed (d) supplanted
- Q9 She ..... to be very confident on stage but inside she was feeling very nervous.  
(a) appeared (b) supposed (c) stood (d) credited
- Q10 There's little point in those two firms competing for the same market as they would be much better ..... with one another.  
(a) consuming (b) convincing (c) convening (d) collaborating



*Verbal Skills Test*

- Q1 We sometimes find it difficult to imagine where we come from and believe that we are in fact ..... from apes.  
(a) directed (b) departed (c) devolved (d) descended
- Q2 Although he hadn't actually done anything, he looked as if he might and he was arrested for being outside the house with ..... to burgle it.  
(a) purpose (b) reason (c) intent (d) inclination
- Q3 Not only did he pay for them to go on holiday but he ..... provided them with spending money.  
(a) addition (b) also (c) either (d) too
- Q4 I don't mind sleeping on an uncomfortable bed in a hostel as anything is ..... to sleeping in a tent.  
(a) preferable (b) preferred (c) preferring (d) prefers
- Q5 I know you trust him but I have my doubts about him and must admit to being ..... of him.  
(a) suspect (b) suspecting (c) suspicious (d) suspected
- Q6 You needn't worry about that regulation as it has nothing to do with you and doesn't ..... to your situation.  
(a) adhere (b) apply (c) attract (d) attach
- Q7 The Government published a report clearing the minister of any guilt and ..... that he had acted correctly.  
(a) concluded (b) conducted (c) conferred (d) confided
- Q8 They are in fact twins but are not at all alike physically but are not ..... from one another in attitude.  
(a) separate (b) divided (c) diverse (d) different
- Q9 Like all good philosophers in ..... of truth she is always looking for new perspectives.  
(a) sight (b) reach (c) search (d) enquiry
- Q10 Let's look at it this way — it's not so much a problem ..... a challenge to our efforts.  
(a) as (b) since (c) for (d) it

*Verbal Test*

- Q1 In some 19th century novels you see the very poor conditions people lived in that can only be described as ..... misery.  
 (a) dejected (b) object (c) reject (d) abject
- Q2 Television can give you a very good idea of how people live in different countries as it can ..... scenes from every day life.  
 (a) deter (b) depict (c) delineate (d) defer
- Q3 This is a sort of shortened version of what happened and has been ..... to fit into the newspaper.  
 (a) adopted (b) attuned (c) abbreviated (d) added
- Q4 It was quite obvious from the secretive manner in which he left the shop and the ..... looks he kept giving that he hadn't paid for the items of clothing.  
 (a) furtive (b) fugitive (c) furious (d) famous
- Q5 It was a remarkable performance because the actor seemed to convey the whole range of human emotions , what you might call the complete ..... from beginning to end.  
 (a) gamble (b) grasp (c) granting (d) gamut
- Q6 The telephone connection was very poor and we only heard a ..... account of what the reporter was describing.  
 (a) gesticulated (b) gambled (c) garrulous (d) garbled
- Q7 The teacher found it quite ..... to try and teach the children because they refused to listen to a word she was saying.  
 (a) festive (b) futile (c) feeble (d) fatuous
- Q8 The university decided to give their ..... an honorary degree because she had always been most generous in her financial help.  
 (a) believer (b) benefit (c) benefactor (d) beholder
- Q9 I've no wish to disregard or ..... your achievements but I think you could have done much more.  
 (a) belittle (b) bemoan (c) bereave (d) betoken
- Q10 His attempt to make fun of the situation was considered to be in bad taste and ..... in the extreme.  
 (a) fertile (b) frequent (c) febrile (d) facetious

*Verbal Advantage*

- Q1 She suddenly stopped speaking to him on the phone and the conversation came to an ..... end.  
 (a) acute (b) arid (c) awful (d) abrupt
- Q2 Some of Shakespeare's historical plays are rather long and so there are editions where they are ..... to make them shorter.  
 (a) abridged (b) accented (c) adopted (d) acquired
- Q3 Although all the athletes were full of life at the start of the marathon, towards the end of the race a few were showing signs of tiredness and were clearly .....  
 (a) flogging (b) failing (c) flagging (d) foiling
- Q4 Fortunately she took no notice of the reviews of her acting and was quite ..... to some of the more sarcastic comments.  
 (a) important (b) impenetrable (c) immediate (d) impervious
- Q5 The secret of a good interview is to get straight to the point and ask ..... questions.  
 (a) incisive (b) inserting (c) introducing (d) inductive
- Q6 Although her boss knew that she was not telling the truth, her explanations for being late were always so reasonable and totally ..... that he believed her.  
 (a) pleasant (b) perceptive (c) penetrating (d) plausible
- Q7 As soon as he had invested the money, he became uneasy and was beginning to sense ..... about his investment.  
 (a) questions (b) qualms (c) queries (d) quavers
- Q8 Many of the safety instructions on things you buy often seem unnecessary and often quite ..... to the average person.  
 (a) superb (b) supreme (c) superfluous (d) superficial
- Q9 He found himself at the edge of the cliff in a ..... position because one wrong step and he would fall into the sea.  
 (a) precipitate (b) peculiar (c) pertinent (d) precarious
- Q10 Everything about the village was what you'd call ..... because all the houses were well looked after and reminded you of a time long since gone.  
 (a) quaint (b) queer (c) quiet (d) queenly

*Verbal Learning*

- Q1 Everyone lost their money when the so-called treasurer ..... with all the society's savings.  
 (a) avoided (b) evaded (c) absolved (d) absconded
- Q2 The police not only arrested the leader of the gang but also the ..... who had helped him.  
 (a) acolytes (b) attackers (c) accomplices (d) associates
- Q3 I have no wish to ..... these criminal activities but I do have some sympathy with the perpetrators.  
 (a) condone (b) concede (c) console (d) conduct
- Q4 The judge has to adopt a ..... view of the crime by being utterly impartial.  
 (a) detracted (b) detached (c) definite (d) defended
- Q5 Despite all the chaos around him the captain remained totally calm and assumed an air of .....  
 (a) equation (b) equality (c) equanimity (d) equity
- Q6 The police stopped the car because it had followed an ..... course down the road and asked the driver why he was going from side to side.  
 (a) uneven (b) unequal (c) unerring (d) erratic
- Q7 It was possible to look up the topic on the Internet but she decided instead to ask her ..... father, who knew the answer to most things.  
 (a) earnest (b) erudite (c) learning (d) imminent
- Q8 The party leader advised all her members to ..... any question about finance and avoid the topic of money completely.  
 (a) risk (b) undertake (c) eschew (d) involve
- Q9 He has a very refined vocabulary and prefers to use a ..... rather than a more common and vulgar word.  
 (a) euphemism (b) delicacy (c) finery (d) edition
- Q10 I've looked everywhere for my key and even carried out an ..... search of my car but I can't find that book.  
 (a) exhausted (b) exhausting (c) exhaust (d) exhaustive

*High School Vocabulary*

- Q1 The result of the election didn't give either candidate a clear majority but in the end the leader of the opposition agreed to step down and ..... to the wishes of the electorate.  
 (a) accept (b) accent (c) accede (d) ascend
- Q2 The sound of the waterfall goes on all day and night and in the end the ..... noise gets on your nerves.  
 (a) interrupting (b) inciting (c) invading (d) incessant
- Q3 I apologized for what seemed like a deliberate act of rudeness but I explained that it had been purely accidental and an ..... action on my part.  
 (a) inverted (b) inadvertent (c) incurred (d) inhibited
- Q4 Although it's a complicated subject the professor managed to make it all totally clear and ..... by her delivery.  
 (a) lucid (b) luminous (c) lightening (d) lifting
- Q5 When you take a party of tourists round a famous city there are always those who ..... and keep everybody else waiting.  
 (a) litter (b) lessen (c) loiter (d) languish
- Q6 Before she knew what had happened a man suddenly fell on her ..... across and stealing her handbag.  
 (a) lurking (b) linking (c) limping (d) lunging
- Q7 There was absolutely no call for him to criticise her so cruelly and in almost a ..... manner.  
 (a) malformed (b) malicious (c) maladroit (d) malcontent
- Q8 There was absolutely no question about it he was the ..... idiot such as you'd find in one of those old farces.  
 (a) provincial (b) provided (c) proverbial (d) protective
- Q9 You'll soon get used to his funny ways as it's one of the ..... of his personality.  
 (a) quibbles (b) quills (c) quaffs (d) quirks
- Q10 He didn't really give speeches because he used to scream and shout and you could hear him ..... a hundred meters down the road.  
 (a) reigning (b) raining (c) ruling (d) rattling

*Advanced Vocabulary*

- Q1 He always follows that old .....: early to bed, early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.  
(a) phrase (b) ballad (c) adage (d) analogy
- Q2 If you invest that money, you will find it will grow and ..... interest.  
(a) agree (b) adapt (c) apart (d) accrue
- Q3 People often ask her how she manages to stay slim and she always tells them she is very careful in the amount she eats to the point of being .....  
(a) abbreviated (b) abstemious (c) actuated (d) abrupt
- Q4 You must react now and not just be ..... as if there is nothing wrong.  
(a) complacent (b) combining (c) combative (d) concerning
- Q5 I find these mathematical puzzles too ..... and prefer the more straightforward type.  
(a) abject (b) abortive (c) abounding (d) abstruse
- Q6 There was no changing her mind as she was quite ..... about her decision and wouldn't consider any alternative.  
(a) attractive (b) attentive (c) adamant (d) adjoined
- Q7 It was quite obvious that he was drunk because he couldn't finish his sentences and his speech was not .....  
(a) contented (b) coherent (c) convinced (d) convoluted
- Q8 The strings on the puppet were all intertwined and it took us ages to ..... them.  
(a) disentangle (b) distribute (c) disturb (d) distend
- Q9 There are really too many political parties in this election as there are so many small groups or .....  
(a) fictions (b) fanatics (c) fusion (d) factions
- Q10 He liked to play the ..... and would invariably dress up in the most outrageous clothes.  
(a) eclectic (b) eccentric (c) evasive (d) evolved

*Sand Idioms*

|     |                                                                                                                               |               |                    |                   |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Q1  | The sands of ..... are running out and you'll have to hurry up.                                                               |               |                    |                   |
|     | (a) moment                                                                                                                    | (b) clock     | (c) minute         | (d) time          |
| Q2  | It's no good ..... your head in the sand, you'll have to face the truth in the end.                                           |               |                    |                   |
|     | (a) filling                                                                                                                   | (b) burying   | (c) putting        | (d) digging       |
| Q3  | If you ..... your enterprise on sand, it's certain to fail eventually.                                                        |               |                    |                   |
|     | (a) put                                                                                                                       | (b) try       | (c) build          | (d) heap          |
| Q4  | They have decided to ..... a line in the sand and start all over again.                                                       |               |                    |                   |
|     | (a) designate                                                                                                                 | (b) draw      | (c) sketch         | (d) delineate     |
| Q5  | The sands are ..... and everything is changing in this century.                                                               |               |                    |                   |
|     | (a) shifting                                                                                                                  | (b) turning   | (c) moving         | (d) going         |
| Q6  | It runs into millions and millions — almost as many as the ..... of sand you can see on this beach.                           |               |                    |                   |
|     | (a) pieces                                                                                                                    | (b) pinches   | (c) grains         | (d) drops         |
| Q7  | Children often go down to the seaside and use their buckets and spades to make sand .....                                     |               |                    |                   |
|     | (a) buildings                                                                                                                 | (b) castles   | (c) houses         | (d) constructions |
| Q8  | In order to get children to go to sleep, parents sometimes say that the sand ..... will soon come and put sand in their eyes. |               |                    |                   |
|     | (a) person                                                                                                                    | (b) human     | (c) wizard         | (d) man           |
| Q9  | For very small children at their nursery school there is often a ..... where they can play.                                   |               |                    |                   |
|     | (a) sand pit                                                                                                                  | (b) sand hole | (c) sand container | (d) sandbox       |
| Q10 | When there is a danger of flooding, people often pile up sand ..... outside their houses to stop the water coming in.         |               |                    |                   |
|     | (a) pots                                                                                                                      | (b) sacks     | (c) packets        | (d) bags          |

*The Parliamentary Candidate (1)*

- Q1 There was absolutely no ..... that Henry Orpington liked politics. He talked politics all the time.  
(a) belief (b) concern (c) query (d) doubt
- Q2 All the members of his family were pleased therefore when Henry was ..... as the prospective parliamentary candidate for the constituency in which they were living.  
(a) adapted (b) added (c) adopted (d) addicted
- Q3 One year later the date of the general election was ..... by the Prime Minister.  
(a) announced (b) denounced (c) presented (d) delivered
- Q4 ..... the election campaign Henry's wife and his two teenage daughters worked night and day for him  
(a) for (b) throughout (c) by (d) from
- Q5 and he finally ..... a seat in the House of Commons by a very large majority.  
(a) chose (b) bought (c) derived (d) won
- Q6 Every day of the campaign was a .....  
(a) trial (b) experiment (c) challenge (d) achievement
- Q7 but there was one day in particular that Henry would never .....  
(a) remember (b) forget (c) discover (d) avoid
- Q8 That was the day he thought he was going to be blown ..... by a bomb.  
(a) out (b) over (c) off (d) up
- Q9 On a Friday morning at the beginning of the campaign, the phone ..... in the Orpingtons' house at 6.30 in the morning.  
(a) ringed (b) rung (c) rang (d) wrung
- Q10 Henry got out of bed and ran down the stairs. He ..... who could possibly be ringing at that early hour in the morning.  
(a) wondered (b) asked (c) considered (d) believed



*The Parliamentary Candidate (2)*

- Q1 Henry: Hello.  
Man's voice: Is that Mr. Henry Orpington, the parliamentary candidate?  
Henry: Yes, .....
- (a) talking (b) dictating (c) speaking (d) deciding
- Q2 Man's voice: Oh, good morning. I want to warn you about a bomb...  
Henry: A bomb? Where? Hello! We've been ..... off. Operator! Operator! Operator!
- (a) cut (b) severed (c) removed (d) drained
- Q3 It was no good. The line had gone ..... As calmly as he could Henry went upstairs to tell his wife the alarming news.
- (a) quiet (b) dormant (c) dead (d) still
- Q4 They decided to get dressed at once and take the two girls to their aunt's house. Henry ..... the police but asked them to keep the news from the press.
- (a) instructed (b) directed (c) said (d) informed
- Q5 At half past eight Henry was in conference with his election agent, Andrew Higgins, at party headquarters.  
Andrew: If you want my opinion, I suggest you cancel all your engagements for today and wait until the police get to the ..... of the matter.
- (a) base (b) end (c) bottom (d) hind
- Q6 Henry: Certainly not! I'm not going to let ..... be scared by some stupid crank.
- (a) himself (b) itself (c) myself (d) themselves
- Q7 Andrew: What did the man sound like? Did you recognize his voice?  
Henry: No, I was half asleep.  
His voice wasn't familiar but he sounded quite pleasant. He didn't seem to be ..... me.
- (a) punishing (b) threatening (c) hitting (d) striking
- Q8 Andrew: That makes the whole business even more sinister. Look here, Henry, one day won't make all that much difference. I'll tell people that you've ..... your voice or something.
- (a) lost (b) missed (c) disturbed (d) forgotten
- Q9 Henry: No, I'm going to carry on as usual. Think of the advantage it would give my ..... if I were out of the campaign even for one day.
- (a) outsiders (b) opposites (c) opponents (d) onlookers
- Q10 Andrew: If you say so. But I'd like to make it ..... that I'm dead against it.
- (a) absolute (b) clear (c) defined (d) extreme

*The Parliamentary Candidate (3)*

- Q1 Henry Orpington's first ..... that day was an open-air meeting on a large housing estate at ten o'clock.  
(a) entrance (b) engagement (c) incitement (d) endeavour
- Q2 As most of the men were ..... at work, his audience consisted mainly of women and young children.  
(a) off (b) over (c) under (d) out
- Q3 Andrew Higgins kept a close watch on the platform from which Henry was making his speech, while several plainclothes policemen ..... inconspicuously with the crowd.  
(a) meddled (b) moulded (c) mingled (d) melded
- Q4 There was very little reaction to Henry's speech, except from one or two people at the back who kept on asking what Henry's party intended to do about the ..... price of fruit and vegetables.  
(a) rising (b) raising (c) risen (d) raised
- Q5 After the speech he shook hands with some of the women. One of them lifted up a baby for him to kiss, but the ..... of Henry's beard must have frightened it because it began to scream its head off.  
(a) seeing (b) sighting (c) sight (d) scene
- Q6 At eleven o'clock he ..... a brief visit to a public house on the estate. Henry couldn't offer to buy anyone a drink because he knew very well that his opponents would consider that to be dishonest. So he let one of his supporters buy him a drink instead.  
(a) bought (b) paid (c) sought (d) did
- Q7 At lunch time he went to his sister's house to see his wife and daughters. They had spent the morning addressing envelopes for the leaflets he was sending out. His sister, Vera, thoroughly ..... of his involvement in politics.  
(a) disliked (b) discouraged (c) disappointed (d) disapproved
- Q8 Vera: Now I hope you can see the danger of getting mixed up in politics. You and the family will probably ..... get blown up by a bomb.  
Henry: Don't exaggerate, Vera. I'm sure it's just a joke.  
(a) each (b) every (c) all (d) entirely
- Q9 There was a large crowd in the field when Henry arrived at eight o'clock for what was perhaps the biggest meeting of the ..... campaign. After a hard day's work, hundreds of farmers and farm labourers had come to the field to hear what Henry had to say.  
(a) utter (b) whole (c) absolute (d) lasting
- Q10 Henry: Ladies and gentlemen, I appreciate the anxiety you must all feel about support for your farms. I too have been a farmer and I know the difficulties you are experiencing, and so...  
Voice from the crowd: ... and so you've decided to become an M.P. and get rich!  
Henry: No, my friend. I want to give the farmers a ..... in the House of Commons.  
(a) sound (b) speech (c) noise (d) voice

*The Parliamentary Candidate (4)*

- Q1 The crowd remained good-natured for the first part of his speech and Henry was feeling pleased with himself. And then, ..... half a dozen tractors roared onto the field.  
(a) automatically (b) particularly (c) suddenly (d) especially
- Q2 'Do you like tomatoes?' shouted one of the tractor drivers. Henry ..... for a moment and then replied: 'Yes, I like them very much.'  
(a) delayed (b) stumbled (c) stated (d) hesitated
- Q3 'Well, we can't sell them at a profit,' said the tractor driver, 'because the imported ones are too cheap. So instead of letting them go to ....., you can have them!'  
(a) loss (b) disaster (c) waste (d) rubbish
- Q4 It was then that Henry ..... that the tractors were loaded with boxes of tomatoes, which the farmers started to throw at him. Unfortunately for Henry, two of them hit him full in the face.  
(a) noticed (b) decided (c) believed (d) remarked
- Q5 He realized that he had to say something quickly to ..... the crowd over to his side. 'Thank you for your generous gift, but I really prefer them in sandwiches. And now let's get on with the meeting.'  
(a) acquire (b) win (c) gain (d) control
- Q6 The crowd started to ..... and Henry managed to finish his speech without further interruptions. In the meantime the police had made a thorough search of Henry's house and assured him that there were no hidden bombs. He went back to his sister's house to collect his family.  
(a) cry (b) call (c) weep (d) cheer
- Q7 Vera: I've got some supper ready. I'm sure you must be .....  
(a) fasting (b) eating (c) starving (d) munching
- Q8 Henry: You shouldn't have bothered. We can all go back home now. The police have ..... the house thoroughly and found nothing at all.  
Vera: Well, at least stay and eat the nice salad I've made.  
Henry: All right, Vera. Just so long as there are no tomatoes in it!  
(a) searched (b) found (c) looked (d) hunted
- Q9 After supper, Henry and his family went home. Later that evening the phone rang.  
Man's voice: Oh, Mr. Orpington. I've been trying to reach you all day. This is Paul Harris. I called you this morning but I was cut off. It was a bad line or something.  
Henry: Well, what about the bomb?  
Harris: The bomb? What on ..... do you mean?  
Henry: That's what I'd like to know. You said, I want to warn you about a bomb.  
(a) land (b) ground (c) mud (d) earth
- Q10 Harris: Oh, dear! I'm afraid there's been a misunderstanding. I didn't have time to finish my sentence. You see, I ..... some farmers planning to break up your meeting.  
Henry: I don't see what all this has got to do with a bomb.  
Harris: Well, if we hadn't been cut off I was going to warn you about a bombardment of tomatoes!  
(a) listened (b) overheard (c) attended (d) understood

*Tense Agreement*

|     |                                                                                                                            |               |                   |                |                   |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Q1  | No sooner ..... I shut the door, when the telephone rang.                                                                  | (a) have      | (b) did           | (c) will       | (d) had           |
| Q2  | By the time I had reached the bottom of the mountain, I ..... extremely tired.                                             | (a) feel      | (b) have felt     | (c) felt       | (d) am feeling    |
| Q3  | When he was only thirty years old, he ..... already experienced what most people only experience when they are much older. | (a) has       | (b) had           | (c) is         | (d) was           |
| Q4  | The witness ..... everyone that he hadn't had anything to do with the crime.                                               | (a) convinces | (b) is convincing | (c) convinced  | (d) has convinced |
| Q5  | We asked him why he ..... telephoned earlier.                                                                              | (a) hadn't    | (b) hasn't        | (c) didn't     | (d) wouldn't      |
| Q6  | Actually I had ..... it to her before we set out.                                                                          | (a) mention   | (b) mentions      | (c) mentioning | (d) mentioned     |
| Q7  | I must admit I ..... thought how the story would finish before I read the book.                                            | (a) haven't   | (b) hadn't        | (c) aren't     | (d) couldn't      |
| Q8  | I'd had scarcely any time to think about it before they ..... me for my opinion.                                           | (a) had asked | (b) did ask       | (c) asked      | (d) have asked    |
| Q9  | He realized he ..... left it in the car before he reported it lost.                                                        | (a) has       | (b) didn't        | (c) wouldn't   | (d) had           |
| Q10 | It ..... a great shock to everyone because he hadn't said a word for 10 years.                                             | (a) is        | (b) will be       | (c) was        | (d) are           |

*Future Tenses*

- Q1 What ..... be doing this time tomorrow?  
 (a) were you (b) did you (c) have you (d) will you
- Q2 ..... go if you like because I have to do some shopping.  
 (a) I'm (b) I'd (c) I'll (d) I've
- Q3 I ..... simply wait until she comes back.  
 (a) was (b) am (c) shall (d) do
- Q4 He was quite definite about it and assured me he ..... come.  
 (a) will (b) shall (c) should (d) would
- Q5 If they ..... arrive late, they will have to get their own meal.  
 (a) do (b) had (c) would (d) will
- Q6 I really hope I ..... see you again.  
 (a) did (b) shall (c) should (d) would
- Q7 What ..... happen to the family if he loses all his money?  
 (a) does (b) did (c) will (d) is
- Q8 ..... be buying the house or haven't you decided yet?  
 (a) Did you (b) Have you (c) Were you (d) Will you
- Q9 I'm sure they ..... get married and live happily ever afterwards.  
 (a) did (b) have (c) will (d) would
- Q10 What do you ..... to do when you leave school?  
 (a) wanted (b) wanting (c) wants (d) want

*Past Tenses*

- Q1 I told them I ..... just going out for a short walk.  
 (a) would (b) am (c) was (d) will
- Q2 He asked me what I ..... with the paint brush.  
 (a) did do (b) had done (c) will do (d) have done
- Q3 She told me ..... carefully on the icy roads.  
 (a) to be driven (b) to have driven (c) to drive (d) to be driven
- Q4 I wonder what ..... happened while I was away.  
 (a) will have (b) has (c) was (d) had
- Q5 She wonders why I never ..... abroad by plane.  
 (a) travel (b) have been travelling  
 (c) has travelled (d) will have travelled
- Q6 Quite honestly all I was doing was simply ..... polite conversation.  
 (a) made (b) making (c) having made (d) makes
- Q7 He was wondering what ..... prompted him to take no notice at all.  
 (a) has (b) have (c) had (d) having
- Q8 I was asking myself what in all honesty she ..... do next.  
 (a) will (b) would (c) shall (d) had
- Q9 He actually denied ..... anything of the sort.  
 (a) to do (b) done (c) did (d) doing
- Q10 He came into the room and demanded ..... what was happening.  
 (a) to know (b) knowing (c) know (d) having known

*Passive Tense Forms*

- Q1 The castle ..... built in the 15th century.  
 (a) was (b) is (c) has been (d) will be
- Q2 Is he ..... arrested as we speak?  
 (a) be (b) been (c) being (d) will be
- Q3 All these houses ..... neglected for decades.  
 (a) will be (b) are being (c) has been (d) have been
- Q4 There's no question that they ..... delighted when they see her tomorrow.  
 (a) have been (b) will be (c) had been (d) will have been
- Q5 That building ..... left unoccupied since 1950.  
 (a) would be (b) would being (c) has been (d) will be
- Q6 The children ..... taken to school by bus every day.  
 (a) are (b) have (c) was (d) had
- Q7 I can assure you that this box ..... never been opened before I opened this morning.  
 (a) was (b) will (c) is (d) had
- Q8 That ceremony ..... enacted on Tuesday next.  
 (a) has been (b) is (c) is being (d) have
- Q9 How many times have you ..... your house broken into?  
 (a) been (b) had (c) be (d) have
- Q10 I'm sorry you can't come in at the moment because we ..... the house decorated right now.  
 (a) have had (b) will have (c) had (d) are having

*Gerund or Infinitive*

|     |                                                                     |              |               |            |                 |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|
| Q1  | ..... me if I've told you this before.                              | (a) Stopping | (b) Stopped   | (c) Stops  | (d) Stop        |
| Q2  | All I can say at the moment is: Long ..... the company!             | (a) live     | (b) lives     | (c) lived  | (d) living      |
| Q3  | Sometimes I wish I ..... what the future holds.                     | (a) know     | (b) known     | (c) knew   | (d) knows       |
| Q4  | And at other times I'm glad I ..... know what the future holds.     | (a) didn't   | (b) doesn't   | (c) hadn't | (d) don't       |
| Q5  | Let's ..... there tomorrow if it's fine.                            | (a) going    | (b) gone      | (c) go     | (d) goes        |
| Q6  | Try ..... the door really hard if you want to open it.              | (a) pushing  | (b) push      | (c) pushes | (d) pushed      |
| Q7  | Try ..... these irregular verbs by next week.                       | (a) learned  | (b) to learn  | (c) learns | (d) learning    |
| Q8  | I really appreciate your ..... me at this difficult time.           | (a) helps    | (b) help      | (c) helped | (d) helping     |
| Q9  | I'll finish now and I look forward to ..... you again soon.         | (a) seeing   | (b) see       | (c) seen   | (d) having seen |
| Q10 | Please come back soon and ..... the work you started two weeks ago. | (a) finished | (b) finishing | (c) finish | (d) finishes    |



*Perfect Tenses*

- Q1 Many people ..... tried but no-one has succeeded so far.  
 (a) did (b) have been (c) were (d) have
- Q2 That programme is so boring that it's like watching paint .....  
 (a) dries (b) dried (c) dry (d) has dried
- Q3 By the end of this year I realize I ..... writing tests for three years now.  
 (a) shall be (b) shall have been (c) will be (d) shall have
- Q4 Do you mind ..... the door as I find it very hot in here?  
 (a) to open (b) opened (c) opens (d) opening
- Q5 I honestly think that the time ..... come when we should celebrate our success.  
 (a) has (b) had (c) will (d) having
- Q6 How anyone ..... to live in those conditions in the 18th century is difficult to imagine.  
 (a) manages (b) will manage (c) managed (d) is managing
- Q7 ..... ever heard of this writer before?  
 (a) Did you (b) Have you (c) Do you (d) Will you
- Q8 That stupid dog ..... all day long.  
 (a) does always bark (b) always is barking (c) had always barked (d) is always barking
- Q9 They were eating dinner when the lights ..... out.  
 (a) go (b) are going (c) went (d) goes
- Q10 No-one ..... believe your story when you tell them.  
 (a) will (b) did (c) has (d) is

*English Grammar Tenses*

- Q1 ..... any one object if I turn the heating down?  
 (a) Do (b) Does (c) Did (d) Doing
- Q2 I ..... come to the conclusion that nowadays nobody cares about anything.  
 (a) will (b) had (c) do (d) have
- Q3 No matter what happens next I ..... help you.  
 (a) am (b) have (c) will (d) would
- Q4 They ..... for 3 hours when the storm suddenly broke.  
 (a) had been running (b) have been running (c) are running (d) will be running
- Q5 I assumed you ..... paying for the repairs until the end of last year.  
 (a) have been (b) was been (c) are being (d) had been
- Q6 ..... get tired of answering the same questions every day?  
 (a) Have you ever (b) Had you ever (c) Do you ever (d) Are you ever
- Q7 She ..... working on that manuscript for 2 years now.  
 (a) will be (b) has been (c) had been (d) is
- Q8 I ..... there once a long time ago and haven't been back since.  
 (a) went (b) go (c) have gone (d) was going
- Q9 She ..... trying to pass her driving test but fails every time.  
 (a) kept (b) is keeping (c) had kept (d) keeps
- Q10 I ..... complete silence now while I try this experiment.  
 (a) am wanting (b) want (c) did want (d) have wanted

*Idioms with the phrasal verb carry*

- Q1 An eagle, if pressed for food, might ..... a small baby that had been left in the open unprotected, but such an opportunity must occur very rarely.  
(a) carry off (b) carry through (c) carry on with (d) carry out
- Q2 Finland and the Finnish upper secondary education system constitute a good example of the fact that it is possible to ..... very extensive readjustments with a view to making a system more flexible and adapted to individualized learning.  
(a) carry off (b) carry through (c) carry on with (d) carry away
- Q3 India and Iran will continue to deepen ties and ..... bilateral projects, including the tri-nation pipeline and a multi-billion dollar gas deal.  
(a) carry off (b) carry through (c) carry on with (d) carry away
- Q4 The liver regulates most chemical levels in the blood and excretes a product called bile, which helps ..... waste products from the liver.  
(a) carry away (b) carry through (c) carry on with (d) carry over
- Q5 China's cultural industry was given a boost last week after the government announced its plan to ..... cultural reform in more than 20 provincial areas.  
(a) carry away (b) carry through (c) carry off (d) carry out
- Q6 Items such as pointed scissors and ice skates are examples of articles that are not permitted in your ..... baggage when boarding an aircraft.  
(a) carry off (b) carry on (c) carry on with (d) carry away
- Q7 An employee with 400 accrued sick leave hours at the end of the fiscal year will ..... into the new fiscal year 360 hours of sick leave and 8 hours of additional annual leave.  
(a) carry over (b) carry on (c) carry off (d) carry out
- Q8 When irrigation has no ..... system, the evaporating water deposits a gradual build-up of salinization, which is eventually damaging to plant life.  
(a) carry over (b) carry on (c) carry off (d) carry out
- Q9 The Scottish Parliament has appointed Mr. Maley to ..... an assessment of the current cost estimate and likely completion date of a new information technology project.  
(a) carry over (b) carry on (c) carry off (d) carry out
- Q10 Animals and humans use the evaporation of water to ..... heat that is absorbed from the sun or generated by metabolic activity and exercise.  
(a) carry away (b) carry through (c) carry off (d) carry out

*Culinary delights*

- Q1 Middle Eastern restaurants often have a way of whisking you away to a far off land of belly dancers, exotic spices and ..... drink.  
(a) incriminating (b) intimidating (c) intoxicating (d) instigating
- Q2 Thai cuisine is one of the most romantic of the Asian cuisines as it still ..... an element of mystery and exoticism.  
(a) remains (b) retains (c) refrains (d) regains
- Q3 Modern Asian restaurants in Jakarta have an ..... history.  
(a) extended (b) external (c) extracted (d) exude
- Q4 Indonesia has an ..... range of Japanese restaurants as Japan has long been the biggest investor in the country  
(a) ecliptic (b) ecstatic (c) eclectic (d) eccentric
- Q5 International restaurants in Singapore are ..... adept at simultaneously perfecting both eastern and western dishes on their menus  
(a) partially (b) particularity (c) partly (d) particularly
- Q6 Hong Kong has to be one of the few places on the planet where you can enjoy ..... cuisine and service at relatively reasonable prices.  
(a) exquisite (b) explicit (c) expletive (d) explosive
- Q7 European cuisine always ..... a sense of nostalgia and romance, like running into an old flame.  
(a) evolves (b) evinces (c) evokes (d) evicts
- Q8 America is ..... at the front of the race to become the world's most obese country.  
(a) undecidedly (b) undeniably (c) underbelly (d) underling
- Q9 Many people drink wine, but many wine consumers know little about wine ..... or wine and food pairing because they are intimidated or put off by the pretensions often associated with wine.  
(a) appropriation (b) appreciation (c) apportion (d) apprehension
- Q10 One of the most beautiful things about Jakarta is its ..... wealth from both within the archipelago and around the world.  
(a) cursory (b) cautionary (c) coronary (d) culinary

*Interactive worksheets (1)*

- Q1 The historical church has an ..... quality to it because of the beautiful artwork and the serenity that the stained-glass windows and natural lighting provide.  
(a) eminent (b) imminent (c) immanent (d) imagine
- Q2 Before the ball, the imposter ..... himself so the guests wouldn't recognize him.  
(a) disassembled (b) dissembled (c) disengaged (d) disliked
- Q3 The widow spent more than two days writing a loving and appropriate ..... to put on her beloved husband's headstone.  
(a) epigram (b) epithet (c) epitaph (d) epic
- Q4 The dark, eerie and ..... sky seemed to speak to general McKenney about the upcoming violence they were about to face.  
(a) forbidding (b) foreboding (c) formidable (d) forfeit
- Q5 Bryan's friends dared him to jump off of the cliff into the awaiting lake below. But the intuitive boy ..... the danger because the lake looked shallower than usual.  
(a) forewent (b) foresaw (c) forsake (d) forced
- Q6 During the war, many families tried to ..... as much food and supplies as they could.  
(a) horde (b) hone (c) hoard (d) hail
- Q7 The warm and ..... charm of the home is what attracted Carrie to it in the first place. She likes the simple pleasures in life.  
(a) discreet (b) discrete (c) disgusted (d) deviant
- Q8 During the middle ages, men often fought each other in a ..... in order to settle serious disagreements.  
(a) duel (b) dual (c) dial (d) doll
- Q9 After the stock market crash, the once-affluent family was forced to ..... their home and lifestyle.  
(a) denigrate (b) degrader (c) downgrade (d) deviate
- Q10 All animals are born with innate or ..... qualities. As they grow, they pick up new skills from their environment.  
(a) eminent (b) immanent (c) imminent (d) illicit

*Interactive worksheets (2)*

- Q1 The hunting dogs sensed the ..... danger way before the hunters were able to see the approaching predators.  
(a) eminent (b) imminent (c) immanent (d) elicit
- Q2 Tom was arrested on Friday. Six months later, he received a sentence of ten years in prison for dealing ..... drugs.  
(a) elicit (b) elite (c) eliminate (d) illicit
- Q3 The district attorney desperately tried to ..... a confession from the accused in the cross-examination. He really wanted to win the case because he believed the accused was guilty.  
(a) illicit (b) eliminate (c) elicit (d) elite
- Q4 Many people want to ..... from their native countries to other nations. However, nowadays, it's much more difficult than it was in the past.  
(a) immigrate (b) eminent (c) emigrate (d) imminent
- Q5 "Dear Abby" is a column that ..... people who write in with problems. Some think the column is useful but others strongly disagree.  
(a) devises (b) advises (c) advice (d) devices
- Q6 There was an apple ..... lying on the floor. Tammy thought it was rude that someone left it lying on the kitchen floor like that.  
(a) corps (b) corpse (c) cord (d) core
- Q7 Three months before the wedding, Laura brought her bridesmaid dress into a dress shop so that the seamstress had enough time to ..... it.  
(a) alter (b) altar (c) aural (d) oral
- Q8 After the odd outburst, the group of long time friends agreed that Carmela's behavior on the weekend trip was .....  
(a) bazaar (b) bizarre (c) buzzer (d) busier
- Q9 A look of ..... came over Nancy's face when the verdict was announced. She now wants to meet with lobbyists who work to change laws for the betterment of society.  
(a) discussed (b) deform (c) disperse (d) disgust
- Q10 The ..... saga lasted three hours. A lot of people in the theater enjoyed the film but most agreed that it was too long.  
(a) epoch (b) except (c) epic (d) excerpt

*American Government Questions Test (1)*

|     |                                                                                                                                                                                           |                 |                       |                    |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Q1  | Ingrained within the first amendment, freedom of the ..... declares and maintains that people can put ideas down in writing and can communicate freely in the United States.              |                 |                       |                    |
|     | (a) speech                                                                                                                                                                                | (b) press       | (c) people            | (d) country        |
| Q2  | When a new law is recommended or proposed, a ..... is created. A decision about whether to pass it or not is made afterwards.                                                             |                 |                       |                    |
|     | (a) bill                                                                                                                                                                                  | (b) delegate    | (c) right             | (d) function       |
| Q3  | After a bill is introduced and passed by Congress, it is given to the ..... who makes the final decision.                                                                                 |                 |                       |                    |
|     | (a) vice-president                                                                                                                                                                        | (b) president   | (c) senator           | (d) judge          |
| Q4  | The U.S. Congress is comprised of two divisions: the House of Representatives and the ..... Congress has the responsibility and authority to analyze and pass bills as well as make laws. |                 |                       |                    |
|     | (a) Senate                                                                                                                                                                                | (b) President   | (c) Session           | (d) Committee      |
| Q5  | In the end, however, a United States president maintains the authority to either accept or ..... a bill.                                                                                  |                 |                       |                    |
|     | (a) elect                                                                                                                                                                                 | (b) stand       | (c) pass              | (d) veto           |
| Q6  | If something happens that renders a US president incapable of fulfilling his duties, the ..... fills in.                                                                                  |                 |                       |                    |
|     | (a) peace officer                                                                                                                                                                         | (b) judge       | (c) vice-president    | (d) senate         |
| Q7  | The president has a number of responsibilities and one is to ..... ambassadors to foreign countries.                                                                                      |                 |                       |                    |
|     | (a) elect                                                                                                                                                                                 | (b) appoint     | (c) alert             | (d) reject         |
| Q8  | Anyone who wants to run for the presidential office position must be a natural-born citizen of the United States and a permanent ..... of America for a minimum of 14 years.              |                 |                       |                    |
|     | (a) country                                                                                                                                                                               | (b) resident    | (c) diplomat          | (d) representative |
| Q9  | Within the US government, the division that manages trade and business affairs, both in America and abroad, is the Department of .....                                                    |                 |                       |                    |
|     | (a) Commerce                                                                                                                                                                              | (b) Agriculture | (c) Labor             | (d) Senate         |
| Q10 | Within the US government, the sector that manages the protection and sustainability of natural resources is the department of the .....                                                   |                 |                       |                    |
|     | (a) agriculture                                                                                                                                                                           | (b) defense     | (c) homeland security | (d) interior       |

*US Government Questions Test (2)*

- Q1 The term ..... is a change or modification applied to a practice or law that already exists.  
(a) convention (b) amendment (c) authority
- Q2 When a population votes on a certain subject, the larger number of people who agree, and must equal more than one-half of the voting population, is called the .....  
(a) minority (b) convention (c) majority
- Q3 ..... was a law that outlawed the production, sale, use and/or transport of alcohol for consumption purposes in the United States. By 1933, the law was abolished.  
(a) Constitution (b) National (c) Prohibition
- Q4 A written, legal record or document requesting assistance, change or modifications within a government system already in place is called a .....  
(a) constitution (b) petition (c) convention
- Q5 Stemming from John Locke's ideas, innate rights, such as life, property and liberty, are known as ..... rights in the U.S.  
(a) moral (b) normal (c) natural
- Q6 Early governments in the US established a ..... This is a written outline that verifies the rights of the people within a unified, democratic government.  
(a) convention (b) constitution (c) pamphlet
- Q7 A ..... is an agreement or understanding between two regions, states or countries that defines trade and other matters identified by both parties.  
(a) delegate (b) executive (c) treaty
- Q8 In the US, the division of government that deals with law, courts and justice is the ..... system or branch.  
(a) financial (b) judicial (c) popular
- Q9 Sometimes bills are vetoed. However, at other times, a bill or amendment is approved or .....  
(a) ratified (b) united (c) imported
- Q10 A person who is not a member of a police or fire-fighting department or enlisted in the military is known as a .....  
(a) civilian (b) officer (c) senator



*US Government Questions Test (3)*

- Q1 Congress has a number of lawmaking responsibilities and is known as the ..... branch of the US government.  
(a) conventional (b) legislative (c) Supreme Court
- Q2 A United States president has the authority to appoint judges to the ..... Court and ambassadors to foreign countries.  
(a) trial (b) Supreme (c) Congress
- Q3 Every four years, certain people run for office. A person who runs for the presidential office position in a national campaign is called a presidential .....  
(a) candidate (b) officer (c) lawyer
- Q4 Among other responsibilities, Congress has the authority to collect ..... and pass laws regarding the income tax structure.  
(a) amendments (b) taxes (c) opinions
- Q5 When a public official is accused and then charged with wrongful or unlawful conduct, the process is known as an .....  
(a) resignation (b) depression (c) impeachment
- Q6 A person who is born in a certain country is entitled to specific rights, benefits and duties and considered a ..... of that particular country.  
(a) resident (b) citizen (c) lawyer
- Q7 When a person is charged with a criminal act, the judicial system can either convict or ..... the person of the charges.  
(a) acquit (b) converse (c) resign
- Q8 Within the US government, the sector that operates all facets concerning veterans' services is the ..... department.  
(a) homeland security (b) labor (c) veterans affairs
- Q9 Within the US government, the sector that supervises and directs minimum wage and employee standards that exist in the current system is the ..... department.  
(a) justice (b) labor (c) interior
- Q10 A division of the governmental system that presides over health and human services within the boundaries of America is the department of .....  
(a) interior (b) education  
(c) health and human services

*US Government Questions Test (4)*

- Q1 The government division that manages oil, natural gas and various other resources for the purpose of utilization and conservation is the department of .....  
(a) energy (b) labor (c) education
- Q2 The government division that deals with students, learning, development and teachers is the department of .....  
(a) energy (b) labor (c) education
- Q3 If someone doesn't pay his/her taxes or knowingly provides false or fraudulent information to tax agencies or administrators, the crime is called .....  
(a) tax evasion (b) tax cuts (c) disagreement
- Q4 When people have the liberty to manage and run businesses with little government control or interference, this type of governing is called a ..... system.  
(a) free (b) free enterprise (c) regulated industry
- Q5 The government sector that manages the construction and maintenance of roads, highways, airports and railroads in the United States is the department of .....  
(a) interior (b) transportation (c) agriculture
- Q6 The government sector that supervises all facets of farming and cultivation is the department of .....  
(a) defense (b) interior (c) agriculture
- Q7 By dividing the government into three departments or branches, the power of the nation is split up so each branch is separate and distinct. This is known as .....  
(a) separation of power (b) common power (c) equalization of power
- Q8 When federal and state governments have some control over the same issues, at their distinct levels, the system encompassing this type of government is called ..... powers.  
(a) correct (b) shared (c) uniform
- Q9 The government division that manages all facets of the armed forces is the department of .....  
(a) education (b) defense (c) interior
- Q10 Certain areas of society are mandated only by the states so the federal government can't control them. This type of power is called ..... power.  
(a) normal (b) reserved (c) state

*US Judicial System Question Test (1)*

- Q1 A person who is accused of a crime, in a court of law, is known as the .....  
(a) plaintiff (b) defendant (c) prosecutor
- Q2 Three important sectors or branches of government in the United States are the legislative, executive and ..... branches.  
(a) jury (b) constitution (c) judicial
- Q3 Within the American judicial ....., there are three levels of courts.  
(a) nationality (b) system (c) prosecutors
- Q4 The three levels of court in the US are as follows: district courts, the courts of appeals and the ..... Court.  
(a) Upper (b) Superior (c) Supreme
- Q5 Within the system, ..... courts are the only federal courts that sometimes employ a judge and a jury.  
(a) regional (b) district (c) claim
- Q6 The Supreme Court is the highest level of justice in the US. Supreme Court decisions have sometimes called for modifications in the .....  
(a) President (b) Constitution (c) Executive
- Q7 A case must be heard in a district court first. After a decision is made in that court, the case can move into the .....  
(a) attorney (b) court of appeals (c) lower court
- Q8 A lawyer that works for either the state or federal government and sometimes cross-examines a defendant is known as the ..... attorney.  
(a) district (b) defense (c) jury
- Q9 In the highest court level in the country, Supreme Court justices decide whether or not an issue is unconstitutional. They are appointed by the .....  
(a) Lawyers (b) President (c) Citizens
- Q10 A lawyer who is hired by a defendant to represent his/her case is called a ..... attorney.  
(a) defense (b) prosecuting (c) presidential

*US Government Questions Test (5)*

- Q1 Tax that is calculated and dependant on the amount a person earns in a democracy is called ..... tax.  
(a) sales (b) income (c) service
- Q2 Federal or state tax that is added to goods and/or services is called ..... tax.  
(a) sales (b) income (c) service
- Q3 ..... is the term used when a county, town or city defines and decides where homes and businesses are to be situated.  
(a) Seats (b) Zoning (c) Court
- Q4 A ..... is a region or district that is divided from other areas in order to establish and operate local governments in that particular area.  
(a) zoning (b) county (c) commission
- Q5 In each county, the head of the law enforcement agency or body is called the .....  
(a) police (b) chief (c) sheriff
- Q6 A person who is elected, to represent and govern a city or town, by the people is called the .....  
(a) county clerk (b) treasurer (c) mayor
- Q7 When communities or groups hold functions in order to raise money for a cause, the activity is called a .....  
(a) consituent (b) fund-raiser (c) platform
- Q8 A ..... is a stance or statement containing a political party's thoughts, beliefs and plans put forth prior to an election.  
(a) constituent (b) fund-raiser (c) platform
- Q9 Usually, ..... political parties are more resistant to change.  
(a) liberal (b) conservative (c) socialist
- Q10 Political parties that are usually more open to societal change are referred to as ..... parties.  
(a) liberal (b) conservative (c) socialist

*US Government Questions Test (6)*

- Q1 Usually, a political party that holds the lesser amount of seats, or power, within an existing government is called the ..... party.  
(a) lesser (b) minimum (c) opposition
- Q2 The Republican Party in the US is usually more ..... when compared to the Democratic Party.  
(a) liberal (b) conservative (c) opposition
- Q3 A person who is selected to run in an election is called a .....  
(a) mayor (b) keynote (c) nominee
- Q4 Democrats in the US are usually more ..... when compared to the Republican Party.  
(a) liberal (b) conservative (c) opposition
- Q5 In order to vote, American citizens must first be ..... in their voting district.  
(a) nominated (b) registered (c) selected
- Q6 An American citizen who is living outside of the US during an election year can fill out an ..... ballot in order to vote from the existing location.  
(a) person (b) absentee (c) eligible
- Q7 If an issue is disagreed upon and put forth in a direct vote approach by the government, the undertaking is called a .....  
(a) recall (b) referendum (c) convention
- Q8 An ..... is a person who leaves his/her country to live in another country.  
(a) attorney (b) nationality (c) emigrant
- Q9 People who are being victimized or persecuted and, therefore, leave their country in order to seek refuge in a safer place are known as .....  
(a) immigrants (b) refugees (c) nationalists
- Q10 Citizens of other countries who reside in the US are called .....  
(a) nominees (b) refugees (c) aliens

*US Government Questions Test (7)*

- Q1 If a person, who is not a citizen of the US, is ordered to leave the country, the order is known as .....  
(a) immigration (b) emigration (c) deportation
- Q2 ..... is the process people go through when they are offered citizenship in a country but they were born in another country.  
(a) Allegiance (b) Naturalization (c) Security
- Q3 If an alien is offered American citizenship, he/she must take an oath of ..... in order to proceed with the next course of action.  
(a) country (b) government (c) allegiance
- Q4 ..... is the love and loyalty citizens possess for their country.  
(a) Lobbyism (b) Ambition (c) Patriotism
- Q5 Groups who want changes within the existing societal system can ..... law making, government officials and members.  
(a) lobby (b) bully (c) turnout
- Q6 A study or survey regarding citizens' thoughts and opinions about a certain subject is called a(n) ..... poll.  
(a) subject (b) mandated (c) opinion
- Q7 A group of people who have similar interests in mind and work together for change or action is called a(n) ..... group.  
(a) poll (b) citizen (c) interest
- Q8 The rules, laws and regulations that guide and govern a particular country are called public .....  
(a) group (b) polls (c) policy
- Q9 Individual freedoms declared in the US Constitution, such as freedom of the press, speech and religion, are known as civil .....  
(a) liberties (b) protectionists (c) interests
- Q10 Every American citizen, over the age of 18, has the right to ..... in elections via prior amendments in the US Constitution.  
(a) vote (b) stand (c) oversee

*Economics Questions test (1)*

- Q1 People often like to have a lot of material goods but water, food and shelter are basic ..... people and other animals require to stay alive.  
(a) wants (b) needs (c) desires
- Q2 When someone really likes a product but that item is not necessary to stay alive, the product is called a ..... or a luxury.  
(a) want (b) need (c) requirement
- Q3 The earth supplies us with many beautiful things as well as many natural, raw materials. These usable materials are called .....  
(a) industrial elements (b) natural resources (c) chemical reactions
- Q4 There are many companies that manufacture products and consumers buy them. The products that people buy are called .....  
(a) supply (b) services (c) goods
- Q5 Companies will often use raw materials in order to turn them into usable products that consumers need and want. This process is called .....  
(a) capital (b) manufacturing (c) resources
- Q6 Some companies, don't specialize in manufacturing, but rather they do work, for a fee, for other people. This work is known as a .....  
(a) product (b) goods (c) service
- Q7 Every country experiences ..... at some point or another. This is when a country's wants are larger than the available resources.  
(a) low-end products (b) scarcity (c) goods
- Q8 Whether it's a natural resource or not, every possible use of a resource is called an .....  
(a) opportunity (b) shortage (c) costs
- Q9 Any item or material that people use to manufacture products or use in order to provide services is called a .....  
(a) shortage (b) resource (c) worker
- Q10 There are many companies around the world. The people who own each individual business are called .....  
(a) entrepreneurs (b) workers (c) attendants

*Economics Questions test (2)*

- Q1 A ..... is the person who directs, supervises and operates a business or a section of a business. This person is in a management position but is not always the owner of the company.  
(a) worker (b) manager (c) wealthy person
- Q2 When people or departments become highly-skilled in one area of production because they only create or produce one item or one part of an item, ..... occurs.  
(a) labor (b) service (c) specialization
- Q3 ..... is a system where products or parts of products move from one worker to another. This is an efficient system that is used in order to manufacture products in a highly productive manner.  
(a) A labor shortage (b) A line of people (c) An assembly line
- Q4 When companies split up or divide workers' tasks so that each worker performs one job or task, the process is known as .....  
(a) division of labor (b) student lines (c) technology
- Q5 Many companies around the world use ....., or make use of scientific advancements, to manufacture new and improved products every day.  
(a) introductions (b) division (c) technology
- Q6 ..... store huge amounts of information within computer systems that were not in existence 40 years ago.  
(a) Advantages (b) Databases (c) Assembly lines
- Q7 In some nations, people and families are below the poverty level and are in need so they are given ..... in order to survive.  
(a) technology (b) welfare (c) consumers
- Q8 In a ..... economy, individuals and businesses own and make most of the decisions about resources. In this type of economy, the people own and control most of the production processes.  
(a) modest (b) market (c) command
- Q9 In a ..... economy, individuals and governments own and control production together. They both decide how resources will be used, what will be produced and who will buy and use the products.  
(a) market (b) mixed (c) command
- Q10 Whether businesses manufacture goods or offer services, all of the money taken in by a business is called .....  
(a) costs (b) labor (c) revenue



*Health and Nutrition Questions Test (1)*

- Q1 When people say they want a six pack, they want to work out their ..... muscles in order to tone their stomachs.  
(a) abdominal (b) leg (c) bicep
- Q2 In addition to muscle building exercises, most trainers will recommend some form of ..... for a cardiovascular workout.  
(a) lifting weights (b) protein shake (c) aerobic activity
- Q3 Nowadays, there are many forms of ..... medicine such as acupuncture and homeopathic remedies.  
(a) artificial (b) calorie (c) alternative
- Q4 A manufactured substance that is used to sweeten drinks and food is called a(n) .....  
(a) calorie (b) artificial sweetener (c) bacteria
- Q5 ..... is found in orange juice and is another word for Vitamin C.  
(a) Carbohydrates (b) Ascorbic acid (c) Bacteria
- Q6 ..... is a substance that is found in many drinks and foods such as coffee and chocolate bars. This substance can keep you awake for long periods of time.  
(a) Gelatin (b) Spice (c) Caffeine
- Q7 In North America, many people eat ..... in the morning for breakfast. This item is put into a bowl and milk is added.  
(a) cholesterol (b) cereal (c) pasta
- Q8 ..... is found in foods such as potatoes and pasta dishes.  
(a) Batter (b) Digestion (c) Carbohydrate
- Q9 When some people go on a diet, they count their ..... every day.  
(a) chopsticks (b) digestion (c) calories
- Q10 Many people are trying to keep their ..... levels down in order to avoid heart problems in the future.  
(a) cholesterol (b) batter (c) freezer

*Water Idioms*

- Q1 Although he had had a bad experience with his business, he treated it as water off a duck's back — means: .....  
 (a) of some importance (b) of much importance (c) of no importance (d) of great importance
- Q2 He was told that the new plan he'd developed just wouldn't hold water — means: .....  
 (a) wouldn't float (b) wouldn't work (c) wouldn't swim (d) wouldn't sink
- Q3 Every time we came up with a new proposal, he would throw cold water on it — means: .....  
 (a) discourage it (b) dispute it (c) destroy it (d) dislike it
- Q4 After all the money that she's borrowed and also spent, she now finds herself in deep water — means: .....  
 (a) in decline (b) in despair (c) in defeat (d) in trouble
- Q5 He's decided to make a fresh start and regards all his old problems as water under the bridge — means: .....  
 (a) not worth looking at (b) not worth worrying about  
 (c) not worth talking about (d) not worth dreaming about
- Q6 Once he's earned a bit of money he immediately spends it like water — means: .....  
 (a) spends it on drink (b) spends it every day  
 (c) spends it freely (d) spends it very slowly
- Q7 Whenever she goes to that club she always feels like a fish out of water — means: .....  
 (a) uncomfortable (b) slippery (c) dry (d) tired
- Q8 It's many years since we last met and a lot of water has passed under the bridge since then — means: .....  
 (a) a lot has floated (b) a lot has drifted (c) a lot has fallen (d) a lot has happened
- Q9 The jewels in that showcase are clearly of the first water — means: .....  
 (a) of high value (b) of high quality (c) of high reputation (d) of high density
- Q10 Their job as advisers was to pour oil on troubled waters — means: .....  
 (a) make things damper (b) mix things better (c) calm things down (d) pick things up

*Air Idioms*

- Q1 Don't worry about her, she always gives herself airs and graces — means: .....  
 (a) She always walks like that (b) She always moves around like a cloud  
 (c) She always thinks she's very important (d) She always gives herself plenty of time
- Q2 I honestly think the time has come to clear the air — means: .....  
 (a) to open the windows (b) to look at things more carefully  
 (c) to get rid of the smoke (d) to make things simpler
- Q3 There's a lot of discussion in the air about it — means: .....  
 (a) that's not definite (b) that's not available  
 (c) that's not present (d) that's not open
- Q4 I don't know about you but I feel like taking the air at the moment — means: .....  
 (a) going shopping (b) going for a walk (c) going for a drink (d) going to eat
- Q5 Our holiday plans are up in the air at the moment — means: .....  
 (a) indefinite (b) scheduled (c) postponed (d) delayed
- Q6 When I told him the news, he went up in the air — means: .....  
 (a) he jumped up (b) he fell over (c) he became dizzy (d) he became angry
- Q7 You know what they're like. They just talked a lot of hot air — means: .....  
 (a) unclear sentences (b) empty promises (c) indefinite plans (d) powerful words
- Q8 As soon as they heard the news, they were walking on air — means: .....  
 (a) were very shocked (b) were very angry (c) were very happy (d) were very polite
- Q9 The radio play is on the air later tonight — means: .....  
 (a) being broadcast (b) being planned (c) being rehearsed (d) being recorded
- Q10 The concert is being played in the open air on Sunday — means: .....  
 (a) everywhere (b) somewhere (c) there (d) outside

*English Slang Idioms (102)*

- Q1 "Hi, Richard. I am kind of in a ..... here. The Accounts Payable needs to be updated today and I need the information from your department on how many office supplies you have ordered this month. Can you help?" Jim asked.  
(a) conundrum (b) paradox (c) anomaly (d) jam
- Q2 "Hi, Jim. I understand that you have to have all of the information into the accountants today. The information you need will be there in a ..... I am going to get to work on it right now and I should be finished in about a half-hour," Richard replied  
(a) jiffy (b) expressed fashion (c) overtly (d) asymptote
- Q3 "Rodney, I know that you have your presentation planned out but we have less time than was originally allotted. Can you just hit the vital points or describe your plan in a .....?" Marcie said.  
(a) summarized volume (b) abridged version (c) nutshell (d) broad brushes
- Q4 "Can you explain, Tommy, why your performance has been slipping? You are still within one standard deviation of the average but you have gone from above average to slightly below average. Is there something going on in your personal life or are you just in a .....?" Marcie asked.  
(a) erosion (b) degradation (c) rut (d) filibuster
- Q5 "Richard, it's Jim again. You told me that I would get the information in about a half-hour and you're now three hours late. You have really put me in a ..... spot here. I only have an hour and a half to get everything done and I need your information before I can take the next step."  
(a) restricted (b) constricted (c) dilated (d) tight
- Q6 "Jim, it's Richard. I am sorry that I didn't get back to you sooner but I have been assigned a different and more pressing task. I will try to get that information to you soon. In all ....., Jim, I would like to help but you are supposed to request the information earlier in order to give our department two days to work on it. If I can help I will but the situation you find yourself in is your own doing."  
(a) candor (b) honesty (c) frank (d) trust
- Q7 "Jim, it's Richard again. We have completed the other task and will have your information in an ..... You owe me one. Sorry I was late but boss' orders."  
(a) precedent (b) simultaneous engagement  
(c) instant (d) jiffy
- Q8 Hi, Marcie, it's Frank. I wanted to report something that happened at lunch. I saw Bethany, from the clerical department, get mugged in broad ..... I wanted to help but the guy had a gun. Will you call security and the police?"  
(a) line of sight (b) daylight (c) clear day (d) strokes
- Q9 "May I have your attention please. The police have apprehended the mugger. We have, unfortunately, discovered through viewing the security tapes that one of our employees was in ..... with the mugger," Marcie told the staff.  
(a) collusion (b) extortion (c) cahoots (d) duress
- Q10 "Jim, it's Matt. You have to help me. Marcie thinks that I helped signal the mugger. I am in dire ..... here. You have to tell her that it wasn't me. I can't lose my job and go to jail!"  
(a) predicaments (b) straits (c) straight (d) engagements

*English Slang Idioms (103)*

- Q1 Marcie thought that, perhaps, she made a mistake by telling the employees they could invite family members. She thought that family members meant a spouse but the people showing up in ..... appeared to be comprised of children, elderly folks and brothers and sisters.  
(a) gaggles (b) droves (c) battalions (d) mass
- Q2 "Matt, originally, when I asked you to help me move into New Jersey, I told you there would be five others that would also help. They all cancelled and I know you are having problems with your shoulder so if you can't make it, I understand." "Jim, I told you I would come and I will. That is too bad about the others but in for a ....., in for a pound I guess."  
(a) shilling (b) ounce (c) penny (d) gram
- Q3 "Hi, Marcie, it's Rick. Just wanted to call and let you know how things are going and to say thanks again for helping me get the financing for my business. The business is in full ..... and is expected to turn a profit this year. Well, give me a call when you can. Bye."  
(a) accountability (b) profitability (c) ergonomics (d) swing
- Q4 "Richard, it's Max. Sorry I haven't called lately. I have been working overtime — nights and weekends — on our new computer system and it's software. We are really in high ..... at the moment and I haven't had much time for anything. I'll call as soon as I get a break."  
(a) spirits (b) volume (c) gear (d) solubility
- Q5 "Gabrielle, I am very happy to see you in such high ..... I know you have been going through a lot lately and I was getting worried about you. You used to liven up the office so much with your smile but you have seemed so sad lately," Marcie said.  
(a) performance (b) throttle (c) spirits (d) standards
- Q6 "Hi Jim. It's Marcie. I am sorry to say that in ..... of your recent oversights, I can not offer you a Christmas bonus since the bonus is performance-based. I hope you understand."  
(a) concurrent (b) accompaniment (c) absence (d) light
- Q7 "Hey, Jacob, did you hear Jackie quit? She was the only one here who might have been a rival for the new supervisor position. Now that she is gone, you are ..... like Flynn!" Rick told him.  
(a) popular (b) Guaranteed (c) in (d) looking good
- Q8 "Hi, Jim, it's Marcie again. My assistant told me that you have not completed the expenses and liabilities for this month. It was due by four and it's now five o'clock. You and I need to set up a meeting. You are really in my ..... books at the moment and we need to work this out."  
(a) bad (b) oversight (c) non-performance (d) lacking
- Q9 "Hi, Gabrielle, it's Marcie. I just wanted to say thanks for helping Jim out with his work. You didn't need to; it's not even in your field. In my ....., that is the kind of behavior that deserves a reward. I am nominating you for the awards package."  
(a) sights (b) esteem (c) book (d) theory
- Q10 "Hi, Peter, it's Marcie. I must be honest; I wasn't sure that you were going to make it here but you sure proved me wrong. You have consistently gone above and beyond the standard and you are definitely in my ..... books."  
(a) grey (b) good (c) heavy (d) school

*English Slang Idioms (104)*

- Q1 "Joe, it's Marcie again. I am calling about your failure to stay within budget for your project. How many times do we have to talk about this? How many times do I have to provide additional training or ask you what you need? It seems like everything I say goes in one ear and ..... the other."  
 (a) out (b) traverses (c) compromises (d) garbles
- Q2 Jim didn't want to tell his wife that he was broke. He started gambling for small stakes and, lately, he increased his bets. He borrowed money from one of the crime syndicates and he couldn't find a way to pay it back. He was in over his ..... and couldn't think of a way out.  
 (a) tolerance (b) abilities (c) skill level (d) head
- Q3 "Jay, it's Larry. Did you enjoy the party last night? Me either. It was the same old stories and Jim was yet again in ..... form. He is the picture-perfect example of why some people shouldn't drink. He was sober for about fifteen minutes and, this time, managed not to start a fist fight until an hour after he arrived."  
 (a) statuesque (b) molded (c) perfect (d) imprecise
- Q4 John wondered if the district attorney was in the mafia's ..... The district attorney was tough on all other types of crime but every time one of the mafia's people came up for prosecution, the case was dropped.  
 (a) esteem (b) pocket (c) people (d) jurisdiction
- Q5 "Hi, Bob, I understand that you were looking to purchase 1,000 2X4 pieces of lumber. I just wanted to let you know that I have lumber in ..... and will beat anyone's price around here," Will said.  
 (a) gross (b) spades (c) quality (d) lien
- Q6 "Mike is one of the most humorous individuals I have ever met. He had my husband and I in ..... all night," Lilly said to Beth.  
 (a) hilarity (b) stiches (c) hyperventilation (d) cramps
- Q7 He knew that he was very lucky to have found a wife that he could not only live with but also work in ..... with.  
 (a) concession (b) tandem  
 (c) divisiveness (d) symbiotic relationship
- Q8 "Hi, Miss Everly, it's Jake Mathews. I understand that you are asking \$150,000.00 for your house. That is definitely in our ..... and we wanted to know if we could set up an appointment with you to see it."  
 (a) standard deviation (b) groove (c) centrist ideals (d) ballpark
- Q9 "Hi, Wesley. Do we want to go to the fair with you? Unfortunately, it's not in the ..... for us this time. We have a lot to do and we're hosting a yard sale this weekend," Mary said.  
 (a) cards (b) tea grinds (c) horoscope (d) numbers
- Q10 "Hi, Jim. This is Inspector Walters. Just wanted you to know that we have verified your alibi and removed you from our list of suspects. You are all in the ....."  
 (a) blue sky (b) clear (c) good standing (d) citizenship

*English Slang Idioms (105)*

- Q1 "Hi, Jane, it's Tim. I am sorry that I didn't show up on Saturday. It's really embarrassing — I was in the ..... all weekend. The cops thought I was someone else. As it turns out, I have the same name as a wanted criminal but a different social security number."
- (a) shutter (b) closure  
(c) slammer (d) restricting facility
- Q2 May knew that she shouldn't be angry at Ted for breaking their engagement but she couldn't help it. She was really looking forward to it. He called and said that he had to watch his brother's house since his brother had been thrown in the ..... again for drunk driving.
- (a) steel box (b) trap (c) clink (d) cage
- Q3 She had been waiting for the appointment to the review committee for a very long time and now she was in the .....
- (a) command position (b) shot caller (c) controlling view (d) driver's seat
- Q4 He knew that as a lawmaker, he should be proud of himself. He had been instrumental in creating laws that would really increase the quality of life for people in his community — often in the ..... of a lot of opposition from the older, conservative members of society.
- (a) force (b) judgement (c) face (d) detriment
- Q5 "Hi Julia, I'm Mark. I know we've talked a lot on the phone and by email but I am glad to finally meet you in the ....."
- (a) face (b) body (c) presence (d) flesh
- Q6 He knew that he was more than well-off and he should be happy with his stature but it ate him up that his brother was really in the ..... It seemed like no matter what he bought or accomplished, his brother bought or accomplished something bigger and better.
- (a) commodity (b) portfolio (c) gravy (d) fiat
- Q7 The opportunity to make serious money is much easier for those "in the ....." than for outside investors working on public knowledge disseminated through newspapers, journals, and TV programs.
- (a) privy (b) know (c) secret (d) clearance
- Q8 He knew that there was little incentive for those who had virtually unlimited resources not to buy expensive, frivolous items. However, he knew that it didn't take much money to save a person's life in some countries. He hoped he would remember that if he ever became one of those people in the ..... of luxury.
- (a) embrasure (b) lap (c) proponent (d) prominence
- Q9 He knew, that in the ....., he would be better off financially than his best friends. It was hard, though, to save money and live a cheaper life when everyone else he knew was spending what they earned and enjoying it.
- (a) long run (b) final lap (c) completion point (d) finish line
- Q10 He knew there was a lot more going on in the investigation than his superiors and even his partners were telling him. He had been a police officer for twenty years and it burned him up that new things were happening in the case and he was being kept out of the .....
- (a) circle (b) society (c) circuit (d) loop

*English Slang Idioms (106)*

- Q1 "Darn it, Jenny. You were supposed to take the baby on Friday and you didn't show up or even call. You really left me in the ..... I had to hire a babysitter on short notice because I had a business meeting that night. Then I was late to the meeting and the boss was very angry," Warren said.  
(a) shelf (b) bag (c) predicament (d) lurch
- Q2 "Hi, Richard, it's Marcie again. I just wanted to tell you that you have the best stats in the department this month and the best average stats in the department for the past two years. You are definitely a star on the ....."  
(a) making (b) assembling (c) rise (d) expanding
- Q3 "Richard, this is Mark. Have you sent my package? When will I get it? The boss needs to know." "Let me check for you. I sent it two days ago so I know that it is in the ..... but let me find out exactly where it is. Oh! It should be there later today. Have a good one!"  
(a) assembly line (b) pipeline  
(c) rivers and streams (d) package exchange market
- Q4 Once the old CEO passed away, the company put his best friend, Tom Williams, in the ..... Tom has a lot of Charisma and is smart in other ways but has strangely little business acumen.  
(a) leadership (b) console (c) saddle (d) reins
- Q5 Lately, the United States has passed laws that make it harder for large companies to look deceptively good in the ..... through accounting maneuvers.  
(a) mirror's image (b) short run (c) crap shoot (d) financial theory
- Q6 "Once you get in the ..... of things, we will give you a raise and you will be on track for an early promotion. We already think that you are an asset to this company with great potential," the supervisor said to Bethany.  
(a) swing (b) run (c) operation (d) groove
- Q7 "Through the hard work of employees like yourselves, this company has been in the tall ..... for several years now. However, with the constant advances in technology, our hold on the market is more tenuous than we'd like. We ask that you commit yourselves fully to new developments and study the competition's tactics in detail," the CEO said from the plasma screen.  
(a) tales (b) stature (c) fixtures (d) cotton
- Q8 It is tempting to have a complacent faith in the regular routines that life appears to offer us. As John knew, life as we know it can change in the twinkling of an ..... One faulty part on his car cost him half his family and all of his happiness.  
(a) eye (b) star (c) dew in the sun (d) Christmas light
- Q9 "I am sorry, Tina, I will have to call you later today. I am working on fixing the software in use and I am in the ..... I will give you my full attention as soon as I am done with this segment," Link said.  
(a) intensity (b) focus (c) one-track mind (d) zone
- Q10 "Hi Zack. During the presentation, I want you to make sure to ask each representative, in ....., if he or she have any questions. Is that clear?" Marcie asked.  
(a) category (b) attendant (c) turn (d) question



*English Slang Idioms (107)*

- Q1 He bluntly alluded to the fact that he was quitting — in so many ..... He called the boss every unprintable name he could think of and then told the boss of his low opinion of the company.  
(a) thoughts (b) words (c) allegories (d) metaphors
- Q2 "What do I think about immigration? Well, I am in two ..... about should be done about immigration. I recognize that our country offers freedom that others don't have and I don't think it is unreasonable to try to attain freedom. However, if everyone was allowed to become a citizen, our infrastructure would likely fail," Velma told Eunice.  
(a) cognitive dissonance (b) minds  
(c) worlds (d) personalities
- Q3 "I am not surprised that you want to join the Army. Soldiering is in your ..... Your dad, your grandfather, your great-grandfather and your great-great-grandfather were all soldiers," Bill told his nephew.  
(a) traits (b) inheritance (c) cross to bear (d) blood
- Q4 "Wow, John. I am really surprised at how talented you are in the construction field. You seem to really be in your ..... around power tools, wood and concrete." Chris said.  
(a) element (b) nadir (c) forte (d) home
- Q5 "I didn't think that scheduling work shifts could be so demanding. I figured that it was only a matter of filling in the schedule but, already, three people have gotten in my ..... about the shifts I assigned them," Rachel told Jennifer.  
(a) comfort zone (b) face (c) physical property (d) decision making
- Q6 "I heard that the analyst position just became available and I definitely have it in my ....., " Sarah told Jessica.  
(a) notions (b) sights (c) ambitiousness (d) upward mobility
- Q7 He knew that it was irregular to say this and that he might get flack for it but he yelled "full ..... ahead" to the formation of soldiers waiting to begin their morning's run in an effort to have some personal fun.  
(a) rank (b) march (c) view (d) speed
- Q8 When the fire drill went off, the new teacher went directly by the book. She ordered the kids to get into a ..... line; one after the other and then marched them in an orderly fashion to the baseball field where they waited until the fire department came. Her proper conduct earned her praise from the principal after the drill.  
(a) single spaced (b) fire (c) snaked (d) single file
- Q9 In Arcata, California, there is a debate amongst the locals about whether it is warmer during the traditional summer months or during the period known as Indian .....  
(a) summer (b) migration (c) hunting grounds (d) winter vacation
- Q10 It had taken him many years of study and work experience but now he had a solid reputation of one that knew the ..... of the commercial fishing business. He knew the laws governing the industry, the equipment used, the coastal region near his home and all the other important details.  
(a) cause and effect (b) reward and punishment  
(c) power plays (d) ins and outs

*English Slang Idioms (108)*

- Q1 She lived a pleasant, privileged, carefree life up until now. However, she recently lost her job and that, in turn, made her mortgage payment overdue. The bank was threatening to take her house. She remembered that her mother told her once "In every life, some ..... must fall" — she hadn't fully believed it until now.  
(a) people (b) houses (c) rain (d) stock
- Q2 His predecessor ruled the organization with an ..... He frequently used hierarchical, stringent authority to get the job done and that seemed appropriate at the time. However, times had changed and he felt that it was time to take more of an interest in employees' lives, working conditions and interests and to empower employees to get the job done.  
(a) green thumb (b) iron fist (c) open mind (d) kid gloves
- Q3 When his mom called and asked him if he had any clients for his business, he told her that, although, he did have several ....., he hadn't landed a big client yet.  
(a) irons in the fire (b) command and control policies  
(c) buried treasure (d) cap and trade policies
- Q4 He knew that the courts traditionally favored awarding full custody of small children to the mother but he had to try. He knew that he probably wouldn't win but he told himself "It isn't over till the ..... lady sings" and he believed it.  
(a) opera (b) fat (c) idol (d) first
- Q5 "I read an article about Mr. Martigrathac the other day that praised his contributions to charity and made him sound like America's most popular and altruistic citizen. You should have read this thing. The article made it sound like we should all takes notes on citizenship from him. Has everyone forgot that he was arrested for child molestation and child pornography? I mean, is Saul also among the ....., or what?" Maddie said to Shelly.  
(a) idols (b) revered (c) prophets (d) role models
- Q6 "My mom is in the hospital. My brother got arrested for dealing drugs. My professor said that I need to rework my doctoral thesis. I had to have a root canal. All this happened this week! I guess that the saying is true: When it rains, it ..... ", Lilly said to her best friend Adam.  
(a) hails (b) snows (c) pours (d) hurricanes
- Q7 In many places in North America, children are taught to be wary of strangers. As well, other members of society, such as neighbors, view others' children as a nuisance. In contrast, other societies and cultures have more of a communal view on child rearing. Many believe that "It takes a whole ..... to raise a child."  
(a) country (b) street (c) village (d) economy
- Q8 He hated that she blamed their break-up solely on him. A lot of the things he did was in reaction to the nasty things she did. She, like all other humans, had flaws but she refused to acknowledge any of them. It takes two to ..... Didn't she know that?  
(a) tango (b) conspire (c) collude (d) conceive
- Q9 "Did you hear from the corporate office that we are going to be improving our technology and become more streamlined?" Jessie asked Todd. Todd replied, "Yes, I did. It is an ..... that blows no good. I think it means that we will be downsizing and outsourcing a lot of jobs — maybe even our own to other countries."  
(a) angry fan (b) ill wind  
(c) insidious hair drier (d) pompous mouth
- Q10 "I know that we probably can't win the product liability suit against that huge company but we are going to try despite the difference in power. I am telling myself that it is not the size of the dog that's in the fight, but the size of the ..... that's in the dog' as often as possible," Gina said to Maurice.  
(a) muscle (b) brain (c) fight (d) teeth

*English Slang Idioms (109)*

- Q1 "I know that it doesn't run that well and needs new parts but I am going to buy the Trans Am instead of the Honda Civic. The Trans Am is more powerful and it looks cooler. I am sick of sacrificing my chance to be cool for functionality," 20-year-old Tommy told his dad. "You can buy the Trans Am but it's going to break down on you a lot. I can't force you to buy the Civic; it's your .....,," his dad replied.  
(a) graduation (b) command (c) saddle (d) funeral
- Q2 He couldn't wait for next Monday. He had been ..... to see that band in concert for years.  
(a) pining (b) preening (c) itching (d) deliberating
- Q3 He couldn't wait for school to get out. He was getting ..... to get out of the country for months and his chance to travel was coming soon.  
(a) restless natives (b) itchy feet  
(c) achy ankles (d) incasingly unmotivated
- Q4 "You have no idea what it is like to work here anymore because you are now sitting up there in your .....,. The company is not the same as when you were advancing through the ranks and the middle managers are making it almost mandatory for employees to take their work home to meet their performance goals. You are too out of touch," his assistant told him.  
(a) wigwam (b) soldier's quarters (c) ivory tower (d) cubicle
- Q5 The weather channel informed him that it was time to cover his vegetables. He was surprised; it looked like Jack ..... was coming early this year.  
(a) of all trades (b) who jumped over the candlestick  
(c) in the box (d) frost
- Q6 His brother was a structural engineer and he studied the trade for eight years in school. Unlike his brother, he was more of a ..... who worked all kinds of jobs: construction, window washing, dishwashing and anything else that came along. The difference in success in the two's careers was evident in their houses. The engineer had a beautiful, palatial house and he had a mediocre mobile home.  
(a) proponent of spontaneity (b) jack of all trades  
(c) multitask specialist (d) artisan
- Q7 "Well, of course you got caught. You are like a little kid with ..... all over his face. You were selling pieces of equipment you don't have access to for one tenth of their market value without verifying your supplier's reputation. You're lucky it wasn't worse!" His brother told him.  
(a) jam (b) egg (c) freckles (d) incredulity
- Q8 "Sir, we found another ....., dead, at the river. We tried to identify her but no luck yet. We will keep trying," the policeman told the Lieutenant.  
(a) Plain Jane (b) Jane of all trades  
(c) Jill with a pail of water (d) Jane Doe
- Q9 She thought that he had kind of a ..... personality. He was the nicest, sweetest guy one minute and an ogre the next. He could barely hold on to his anger during those times and said the most despicable things.  
(a) Type A (b) sanguine (c) Jekyll and Hyde (d) Balanced
- Q10 He went to a prestigious school and entered a career in law just to make money. He always wanted to be part of the ..... — the people you read about in magazines that are featured for no other apparent reason other than to show how cool they are or how much money they spend on a regular basis.  
(a) beautiful folks (b) ruling class  
(c) jet set (d) burgeoning proletariat

*English Slang Idioms (110)*

- Q1 He picked up a ..... piece of obsidian and decided that he would take it home and put it on his coffee table.  
 (a) mousy-brown (b) sky-blue (c) jet-black (d) forest green
- Q2 She knew that since the job opening was already posted, she should start ..... for position for it immediately if she was to have any chance of getting it. She knew that many people might want the job and that only the candidates recommended by the boss would be considered. She was going to have to find a way to do some schmoozing with the boss today.  
 (a) pushing (b) researching (c) advertising (d) jockeying
- Q3 "I am not sure who you are talking about just by their names, Maxie. Can you tell me what they look like? That might ..... my memory," Lacy said.  
 (a) retrieve (b) revive (c) jog (d) maximize
- Q4 "They don't care about that issue, Mark. All ..... wants to know about is that taxes won't go up and that education standards will get better," Senator Schlitzenkorkel said.  
 (a) John Q. Public (b) G. I. Joe (c) Jack of All Trades (d) Working Stiffs
- Q5 "Wow, I am sure glad you caught that safety violation before someone got hurt. I'm so happy that you are Johnny on the ..... down here. You don't miss much," the foreman said to Dan.  
 (a) Ground (b) Task (c) Mission (d) Spot
- Q6 He was glad that his son had found a girlfriend. Now that he had, they were virtually joined at the ..... They met up with each other at least once a day.  
 (a) sole (b) mind (c) opinion (d) hip
- Q7 He was worried about the meeting he had with Mr. Stevens. Some companies had human resources departments and others had various avenues for appeals if an employee felt that he or she had been treated unfairly. Not so with this company. Mr. Stevens was the .....  
 (a) judge, jury and executioner (b) sole proprietor  
 (c) absolute powers (d) chess master
- Q8 "Tim expects me to simultaneously talk to the customer on the phone, resolve his or her case and get my daily assignments done. I feel like I am ..... here," Linus told Chris.  
 (a) treading waters (b) juggling frogs  
 (c) jogging to work (d) betraying Mother Nature
- Q9 "Hey, I told you I would get the information for you as soon as I had time. That was thirty minutes ago. I am doing you a favor, so don't yell at me. This is your job I am doing — not mine — so I would appreciate it if you don't jump down my ....., " Rick said to Larry.  
 (a) character (b) throat (c) appearance (d) efforts
- Q10 He knew that it was not politically correct to believe that the war in Iraq was needed. He just couldn't jump on the ..... with all the others who were protesting the war since he didn't agree with them.  
 (a) board (b) train (c) bandwagon (d) caboose

*English Slang Idioms (111)*

- Q1 Many people in America believe that college is more about proving one can ..... than getting an education that actually prepares you for a career.  
 (a) dodge the bullet (b) mimic a clown (c) reinvent the wheel (d) jump through hoops
- Q2 "I went to see the presidential candidate speak in our town and let me tell you, it was a ..... out there. You couldn't hear the man speak, fights were breaking out, everyone was yelling and cussing at each other and someone's car was flipped over," Lisa told Elizabeth.  
 (a) mayhem (b) jungle  
 (c) meeting of the minds (d) moratorium
- Q3 "I tried to get our point across but the press conference turned into a ..... The reporters were more concerned with non-politically correct comments made by a staff member and about some of our senior members' personal lives. None of them would listen to what I had to say about expanding our company into the Western United States," Bill told his boss.  
 (a) dog and pony show (b) pin the tail on the donkey  
 (c) circus (d) folk festival
- Q4 "Did the board make a decision yet? No, the ..... is still out on that issue but I will let you know when a decision has been made," Linda said to Derek.  
 (a) majority (b) jury (c) light (d) command
- Q5 "We should be seeing the turn-off soon. The man at the gas station said that it is up one block and around the ....., " Matt told his wife.  
 (a) issue (b) block (c) sign (d) corner
- Q6 "I heard that your brother received two years in jail for theft. I am glad that he got his ..... It made me sick to think of how many things he stole from people's houses," Emma's stepmother told her.  
 (a) Judge, jury, and executioner (b) Pale moon rising  
 (c) just desserts (d) Silver spoon
- Q7 When asked by his friends why he wanted to go to the river, he replied "Just for the ..... of it, I guess. It's hot and going to the river is something to do at least."  
 (a) thought (b) memory (c) heck (d) learning
- Q8 "Just for the ....., I have never agreed with the war in Iraq but I do support the troops that are there," the candidate said to the public.  
 (a) Constituency (b) point (c) transcripts (d) record
- Q9 "I got the piece into my editor's office just in the ..... of time. If I had been any later, I would have missed my deadline. The boss said that if that happened again, I would be fired," Nate said to Logan.  
 (a) nick (b) presence (c) face (d) click
- Q10 "You know, when you first asked me to go to the burger joint, I didn't really want to go. I didn't think I was hungry. It turns out that I am ravenous. This burger is just what the ..... ordered," Chen said to Maxine.  
 (a) client (b) white color (c) doctor (d) situation

*English Slang Idioms (120)*

- Q1 Soldiers, while in basic training, are encouraged not to form ..... courts to try their peers if it will result in violence amongst the ranks. They are encouraged to go to a superior for guidance and resolution for most issues.  
(a) ad hoc (b) kangaroo (c) secret (d) covert
- Q2 After work, he read multiple financial magazines to keep ..... of current issues so that he could provide more value on the job.  
(a) keen (b) away (c) imaging (d) abreast
- Q3 He took a second job to pay his bills. He wasn't earning enough at the first job to keep his creditors at .....  
(a) work (b) home (c) bay (d) friends
- Q4 She had been taking night classes at the local college for three years now. She also worked a full-time job each day. She liked her job but the pay wasn't adequate. She was tired of just earning enough to keep body and ..... together.  
(a) assets (b) personalty (c) family (d) soul
- Q5 He knew that he should keep in ..... with his family but he didn't even seem to have time for himself after work most days.  
(a) visual sight (b) warm bond (c) thick as thieves (d) touch
- Q6 "I decided to buy my wife tickets for a tropical cruise for her birthday. You'd better keep that under your ..... I don't want her to have one hint of what her birthday present is.  
(a) radar (b) hat (c) advisement (d) rug
- Q7 "Thanks for telling me what has been bothering you, Tom. I know that the information you shared is personal so I promise you that I will keep ..... about it — especially at the office," Logan said.  
(a) advisement (b) cool (c) secret (d) mum
- Q8 "Hi, Jenny. Have you heard from our supplier yet? No? OK, well, please keep me ..... as to whether they have resolved their transportation problem and whether they will be able to deliver the raw materials on time," Martin said on the phone.  
(a) posted (b) focused (c) engaged (d) a part of
- Q9 "Son, I know that you are pretty tore up because your best friend betrayed you by telling your girlfriend what you said about her in private. It is really hard to not only lose your girlfriend but your best friend at the same time. I hate to say this but it's true: keep your friends at ..... Enjoy their company, have a good time with them but don't reveal too much of yourself; your feelings and your inner-most thoughts. I wish one could be completely trusting but others may take advantage of that," his dad told him.  
(a) probation (b) your perimeter  
(c) outside your inner wall (d) arm's length
- Q10 He hated, more than anything, when the boss came around to ask an inane question and then said with a grin, "Got to keep you sharp. Just trying to keep you on your ....."  
(a) games (b) toes (c) alert (d) readiness

*English Slang Idioms (121)*

- Q1 He made some poor financial choices in the last year. He spent more than he earned by acquiring things he didn't need and by trying to buy the coolest stuff. Now he was paying for his irresponsible spending in a day to day struggle to keep the ..... at bay. He worked all the time and, ironically, had no time to use the things he bought.  
(a) bill of sale (b) taxman (c) cards (d) wolf
- Q2 One criticism of American society and capitalism states that people value commodities more than spending time with other people. It also states that citizens define their self worth by how much they own. The acquisition of commodities becomes a petty race to achieve asset superiority over others as many try to " ..... the Joneses" in an attempt to gain or maintain a social level.  
(a) beat out (b) keep up with (c) dominate (d) squelch
- Q3 It is a commonly known fact that in North America, many teenagers struggle with depression and finding self-worth. As adults, it is our job to help motivate them as well as help them explore their inner-self to achieve a healthy self-image and assist them in finding different ways to keep their ..... in the face of adversity.  
(a) economic worth (b) soul girth (c) resilience out (d) chin up
- Q4 His father always encouraged him to keep his ..... when others were testing him. It was his belief that if one reacted to the taunting or prodding, those who tested him would have achieved their goal at his expense.  
(a) calmed (b) pride image (c) cool (d) brace up
- Q5 "We need to find out our competitor's weaknesses and exploit them in the marketplace. I need each of you to keep your ..... so that we might pick up on hints about what their Achilles' Heel might be," the boss told her staff.  
(a) ear to the ground (b) radar on (c) eyes out (d) sleuthing hat
- Q6 "You are getting off track and are spending more time trying to perfect the way you want this ad to look rather than focusing on the specifications listed by the client. You need to keep your eye on ..... here, Bill," Wallace told him.  
(a) sky (b) ball (c) perimeter (d) bigger picture
- Q7 He complained to his parents that he was sick of college, the papers required, all the group projects and the homework. His father replied that since he was only two semesters away from his degree, that he should keep his ..... and just get through it.  
(a) nine lives (b) cards close to his chest  
(c) arm's length (d) eye on the prize
- Q8 "Hey guys. I lost my CD that has all of my required reading for my Gender and Communications class. I don't expect any of you to know where it is but can you all keep your eyes ..... and let me know if you find it?" He asked his roommates.  
(a) to the ground (b) one eye open (c) peeled (d) on the horizon
- Q9 "I will talk to my parents and ask them if they would be willing to sell the car in their garage. I think my dad wanted to restore it but I will ask them anyway. Keep your ..... and I will call you as soon as I talk to them about it and have an answer," Jack told his buddy.  
(a) eyes open (b) head to the ground (c) mind on the signs (d) fingers crossed
- Q10 "Sir, there is no reason to yell at me yet since I haven't yet had the opportunity to research your case. It'll just take a minute for me to get up to speed on what is going on with your situation so keep your ....., " the customer service representative for the insurance company told the angry caller.  
(a) socks darned (b) hair on (c) fighting weight (d) composition

*English Slang Idioms (125)*

- Q1 Max was livid. He had instructed Bill to study Japanese customs and the language before giving the presentation to the Japanese investors. Bill was instructed to give the introduction in Japanese and bow when he initially met them. Instead, Bill showed up late, forgot to bow, gave the entire presentation in English and then interrupted the investors when they asked questions. Bill caused the company to lose ..... that day and his behavior was unacceptable.  
 (a) grace (b) face (c) statute (d) recompense
- Q2 She heard the expression "love is ..... " many times before but she never entertained the idea that she could fall prey to the human weakness implied in the saying.  
 (a) rationalizing behavior (b) a distorted image of oneself or another  
 (c) blind (d) deceiving one's self
- Q3 Tom had all the makings of an exceptional analyst. One characteristic he possessed that could prove especially useful was his ability to focus exclusively on ..... out the underlying problem at hand — even in the presence of distractions.  
 (a) determining (b) ferreting (c) breaking (d) defining
- Q4 Simon is usually a very prudent man so he was angry when he lost \$100 at the casino last week. His friend, who is usually audacious about money and business matters, laughed and said "Don't worry about it Simon. You can't control the slot machines. It's about the luck of the ....."  
 (a) drag (b) draw (c) clover (d) encounter
- Q5 Universities diminish their integrity when they lower the ..... in an effort to obtain or retain more enrollment.  
 (a) bar (b) finances (c) students (d) professors
- Q6 With tuition prices ballooning and graduation requirements ever increasing, lowering one's ..... from post graduate studies and doctoral work to the acceptance of a bachelor's degree seems to be more understandable as time goes on.  
 (a) grasp (b) incentives (c) sights (d) ambiguity
- Q7 He was as ..... as a badger when his partners went ahead with the plan to diversify their product line instead of pursuing the low-cost strategy he had recommended.  
 (a) sinewy (b) aggressive (c) mad (d) disenfranchised
- Q8 His diminished abilities to form rational thoughts and his seemingly incoherent actions caused his brother to remark "He is as mad as a ..... hare" during dinner.  
 (a) split (b) parted (c) dead (d) March
- Q9 Through relentless cost-cutting schemes, steady expansion and the development of innovative product lines, the company finally graduated from a smaller firm to a major- ..... player in the personal computer and technology field.  
 (a) league (b) force (c) competitive (d) recognized
- Q10 With federal agents breathing down his neck and his conscience blocking all hope of slumber, he decided that it was in his best interest to make a clean ..... of his crimes rather than attempt to elude indictment.  
 (a) slate (b) breast (c) examination (d) proclaim



*English Slang Idioms (127)*

- Q1 His professor rejected his doctoral dissertation again. It made his blood ..... to think that the vast majority of his other professors lauded his superior academic performance and now, for the first time in almost eight years, his current work was described as "below his skill level."  
(a) boil (b) turn colors (c) pump (d) congeal
- Q2 She knew that her fear of contracting a disease from eating fish bordered on the pathological. She felt bad whenever she went to someone's house for dinner and the dinner turned out to be fish. She felt bad because she knew she would reject eating the meal and would, therefore, insult her hosts. Just the thought of eating fish made her ..... crawl.  
(a) bugs (b) flesh (c) thoughts (d) mind
- Q3 She felt that she had endured the most extreme fright of her life that night. She even had a premonition before the event that made her ..... stand on end like an electrocution victim. She felt that something ominous would happen that night to someone she loved.  
(a) hair (b) bed (c) clothes (d) nail
- Q4 "I read an interview of the heinous serial killer who was caught last month and it was enough to make my toes ..... The idea that anyone could commit acts that deranged and with such malice shocks me," Ellie said to Beth.  
(a) constrict (b) clench (c) bend (d) curl
- Q5 Ken's group of friends ostracized him because he spread a rumor about Jan and David's secret love affair. They were both very angry but he knew that their anger might blow over in time so he decided to make himself ..... for the summer and try to befriend the group again in the fall.  
(a) sparse (b) spread (c) scarce (d) gone
- Q6 When the supplier expressed his concern that Mr. Wilson was not coming to conduct business with him personally, Mr. Wilson said, "I regret that I will be unable to make a personal appearance. However, Mr. Saxs is coming to meet with you. Mr. Saxs is my ..... man and I have delegated all of my authority to him for the duration of your business matters. He will provide the same excellent service that you have grown accustomed to receiving from me."  
(a) right-hand (b) right-brain (c) right intention (d) competence
- Q7 "I understand your apprehension gentleman. One does not like to put their livelihood in the hands of another — however briefly. I can assure you that your interests will receive the utmost attention from Mr. Smith and that this minor setback will be resolved in two days time. Mr. Smith said that everything will be handled appropriately and he is a man of his ....., " Mr. Levi told the clients.  
(a) sentences (b) phrase (c) word (d) commitments
- Q8 "I think that we should grant him membership into our elite club. He is refined, cultured and obviously a man of ....., " Grant told the other members during their meeting.  
(a) assets (b) commodities (c) means (d) cash
- Q9 "I think that Jim would be an excellent guest speaker. By profession, he is a man of the ..... but his financial management of his parish is noteworthy. His specialty is investment strategies and he has shown exceptional prowess in this field," Marcus told the management club.  
(a) priest (b) cloth (c) word (d) pulpit
- Q10 "Do I think it will work? I anticipate that our plan will work. However, no matter how calculated our steps are and no matter how much we do contingency planning exercises, there is always a chance of something unforeseeable cropping up to derail our objectives. You have probably heard the saying "man proposes, God ..... If it is meant to succeed, the plan will succeed. If it is not meant to happen, it won't," the presenter said to the questioning manager.  
(a) initiates (b) examines (c) disposes (d) delegates

*English Slang Idioms (142)*

- Q1 He wanted to steer the company toward a more horizontal form of management. He thought that empowered employees seemed motivated, creative and more effective. Unfortunately, he knew that these ideas would be hard to sell to the Old ..... who favored a more hierarchical management style.  
(a) Employee (b) Guard (c) News (d) Form
- Q2 Many people in Northern California would like to move off the ..... and produce their own electricity through the use of solar panels, wind generators and kinetic energy devices.  
(a) map (b) path (c) road (d) grid
- Q3 After the police questioned him about his whereabouts on the fateful night, they established that he had an air-tight alibi and told him that he was off the ..... for the murders. He was relieved as he could once again resume his normal life.  
(a) shelf (b) path (c) hook (d) list
- Q4 With a heavy heart, Peter summoned his old friend Jack. Peter recently discovered an embezzlement issue occurring in his company and he immediately knew who the culpable individual would turn out to be. Jack arrived and attempted to provide an explanation for the embezzlement. However, Peter knew that Jack was lying. He said to Jack sadly, "Your explanation doesn't hold ..... There are too many holes in your story and I am going to have to call the police."  
(a) ideas (b) water (c) gas (d) scrutiny
- Q5 "I tested our inventory of beef for botulism and the results were off the ..... We are going to have to initiate a recall for the beef that has shipped out already and make a public announcement immediately. People could get horribly sick and our company will be slaughtered in the courts if we don't act immediately," Matt said to Ronald.  
(a) record (b) spreadsheet (c) mark (d) scale
- Q6 "His stellar reputation and his connection to the police department threw me off ..... for a while but he is our killer. He had a good motive; his wife was threatening to divorce him for some impropriety he committed with his secretary and she was in possession of a two million dollar inheritance that he would inherit if she passed away.  
(a) scent (b) focus (c) examination (d) track
- Q7 "His charismatic charm threw me ..... guard for awhile. I expected a charlatan and he seemed to be the opposite. However, when I had more time to trace the source of his research, I found that he actually stole his ideas from another corporation who already has a patent for the drug," Dr. Williams told the boss.  
(a) on (b) to (c) off (d) remove
- Q8 "While it seems like an off-the-..... idea, it is actually quite inventive and shows every indication of being effective. It is a bit unconventional but I suggest we implement it," Jack said to Steven  
(a) shelf (b) radar (c) norm (d) wall
- Q9 "The housing market in California has completely bottomed out. It is well-known that we are currently in a buyer's market. You are actually suggesting that I would make money by selling my farm now, despite the fact that the average homeowner is taking a huge loss from selling his or her place? Are you off your .....?" Wesley asked his friend who worked for a local real estate firm.  
(a) head (b) rocker (c) feed (d) kilter
- Q10 "Unfortunately, I was not informed that this meeting would require the preparation of financial documents on my part. I do not know the performance facts and figures for my department right ..... hand but I can get that information to you by close of business today," the regional manager told the chief financial officer.  
(a) off (b) on (c) by (d) rote

*English Slang Idioms (144)*

- Q1 "It turns out that Mrs. Banks committed the crime. Apparently, she and the victim had been in a relationship together in high school. He became disenfranchised with her after she repeatedly stalked him at school and he, subsequently, ended the relationship. Years later, he got married but she, apparently, held on to some kind of twisted hope that they would get back together. Once she found him unwilling to leave his wife, she shot him. I guess that old ..... die hard," Police Inspector Jones said to the chief.  
(a) liaisons (b) scandals (c) flames (d) yearnings
- Q2 "Don't get discouraged, Son. Of course Mr. Weatherby is superior at refinishing tables compared to you. He is an old ..... at this and has been working the trade for thirty years," his father told him.  
(a) foot (b) practitioner (c) hat (d) executor
- Q3 Due to a trend in consumers pursuing homeopathic cures for ailments, some doctors are researching the validity of old ..... tales in the hope that some of them may be marketable as cures or treatments.  
(a) hat's (b) fairy (c) traveler's (d) wife's
- Q4 He knew there was a chance of losing by attempting a Fool's Mate on his opponent in chess. He decided to try it. It was the oldest trick in the ..... but it had still worked on many past opponents.  
(a) trade (b) basket (c) book (d) set
- Q5 He wished he knew all of the ..... of the trade that plumbers knew. Many a time, he had been baffled by a problem and called a plumber in just to watch him or her insert a small gasket or apply a piece of tape to a pipe that would achieve the desired result. Even he could do that much.  
(a) tricks (b) mystiques (c) sleight of hand (d) insides
- Q6 Don't answer the police's question, Mark. They are hoping that you will divulge some information by falling into one of the verbal traps they set for you. They don't actually know anything about who committed the crime — they are just on a ..... expedition," his lawyer told him.  
(a) adventure (b) information (c) fishing (d) trapping
- Q7 He had settled the last four cases out of court by intimidating the defendants with all kinds of legal maneuvers and threats. He had another chance to settle a case coming up this afternoon. He felt that he was on a .....  
(a) track (b) assembly line (c) roll (d) momentum
- Q8 The defendant's attorney had unwittingly given the District Attorney's office the case on a silver ..... by divulging a fact, in passing, that turned out to be the missing piece of the puzzle in regard to how the crime was committed.  
(a) spoon (b) letter (c) dollar (d) platter
- Q9 The prostrate ex-head of accounting, after long hours of drinking, crawled on all ..... into the boss's office to beg for forgiveness and his old position back.  
(a) feet (b) fours (c) points (d) thoughts
- Q10 "It was a bitter divorce and a tumultuous marriage — for sure. To be honest, I don't know why we are on good ..... now. We are able to work things out in a civil manner and actually listen to each other," Jack said to Tina.  
(a) communication skills (b) friendship  
(c) understanding (d) terms

*English Slang Idioms (147)*

- Q1 "So, you think that we should stop eating so much fast food and start cooking more meals at home too? I am glad that we are on the same ..... I think that we will feel much healthier if we cook more at home," Rob said to his wife.  
(a) mind (b) planet (c) goal (d) wavelength
- Q2 "We are going to have to put our plans to add another room onto our house on the ..... until we have more money in our savings account," Ben said to his roommate Bill.  
(a) hold (b) shelf (c) freeze (d) record
- Q3 "I am going to have to put my plans to travel on the ..... until I have more vacation days saved up. I only have six days at the moment and I want to be able to travel for at least two weeks," Jacob told his coworker and best friend.  
(a) wish transcript (b) second objective (c) backburner (d) back seats
- Q4 "No, I am not here with Sarah. Our relationship is ..... the skids and we have parted ways for the time being," Barney told his friend Luke.  
(a) under (b) on (c) away from (d) scratching
- Q5 "We are taking care of Wes's dog on the ..... at the moment until he gets back from his business trip. We are not allowed to have a dog in this apartment complex but we agreed to watch the dog for a week since it is unlikely we will be caught in that amount of time," Rex told Pat.  
(a) underground (b) spy (c) sly (d) down and under
- Q6 "The name of the city official in charge of making sure that buildings adhere to the building codes is right on the tip of my ..... I just talked to him last week. I am sorry. I can't remember his name right now but I will call you if I remember," Tina told Phil.  
(a) thoughts (b) brain (c) memory (d) tongues
- Q7 "Why can't you spend more time with your friend Max? He seems to be on the up and ..... and that's more than I can say for your other friends. Your other friends seem dishonest or like criminals to me," Steven said to his son.  
(a) honest (b) narrow (c) away (d) up
- Q8 "I wouldn't invite Randy. He quit drinking. He had a drinking problem for a while and is now on the ..... He told me that he won't go to bars anymore so I don't think that we should call him," Jessie said to his other roommates.  
(a) abstinence (b) twelve steps (c) wagon (d) straight path
- Q9 "I am so mad at Jean right now. We were having a friendly debate about whether kids should have to wear uniforms at school and she got on her ..... horse and started quoting theories and statistics that she learned in college. She went to great pains to make me look stupid and uneducated in front of my new friends," Gina told Melissa.  
(a) war (b) white (c) high (d) pale
- Q10 "I have been traveling non-stop for the past two weeks and I feel like I am on my last ..... I am glad that I only have two more days of this," the business executive told the person next to him on the plane.  
(a) battery (b) legs (c) energy cell (d) will

*English Slang Idioms (148)*

- Q1 "Now, James, don't climb on your ..... and start preaching about how our society is harming the planet through our use of fossil fuels just because this couple mentioned wanting to buy a six-cylinder car," Matt told his brother.  
(a) bull horn (b) pulpit (c) soapbox (d) rocking horse
- Q2 "You have to give her time. She doesn't want to jump into a relationship quickly. She had a rough time with her last boyfriend. You know the saying, once bitten, twice ....., 'Jay?" Rachel asked her friend.  
(a) leery (b) skittish (c) scary (d) shy
- Q3 "Did you hear about the seven kids on the football team who overdosed on drugs? Apparently, one kid brought the drugs to the game and pressured several members of the team to take them. Someone needs to get that kid away from the team. As you can see, it only takes one bad ..... to spoil the bunch," Mr. Jackson told the school board.  
(a) part (b) banana (c) apple (d) orange
- Q4 Tommy was pleased with the outcome of the chess game he had played with his next-door neighbor. He set a nice trap for his opponent and in one ..... swoop, he stole his opponent's queen, both rooks and a knight. After that, it did not take much time to end the game.  
(a) grand (b) fell (c) large (d) far-reaching
- Q5 After Joe's neighbor thanked him for his part in helping his neighbor build a shed, Joe replied, "Well, you helped me build my deck. It was the least I could do to repay the favor. One good turn ..... another."  
(a) deserves (b) demands (c) requires (d) initiates
- Q6 When asked why he had sought out a partnership to patent and market his idea instead of doing these tasks on his own, he replied, "My partner helps me see opportunities and ideas I might have missed on my own and has been invaluable in keeping me motivated. It is in many ways easier and more beneficial to do things as a team effort. One hand ..... the other, you know?"  
(a) compliments (b) balances (c) washes (d) braces
- Q7 Although his car was not new, it was somewhat unique in that it had a strange paintjob. His friends didn't think that anyone would want to buy it since it was comparatively priced with other, nicer cars. He thought to himself, "Someone will buy this car. Someone will appreciate the unique paint job and will agree that one man's ..... is another's gain."  
(a) loss (b) cast off (c) riddance (d) transfer
- Q8 "You are the only one in our age group who does not like rap music. Why is that?" Melissa asked. Jake replied, "One man's ....., is another man's poison. I can't explain it too well but rap just doesn't appeal to my sense of taste."  
(a) meat (b) art (c) whine (d) delicacy
- Q9 His roommate asked him why he was driving his old VCR down to the local thrift shop instead of throwing it away. His roommate said to him that no one could possibly want an old, beat-up VCR when DVDs were the prevalent medium for movies. He replied, "I think someone who has a lot of old movies on VHS tapes might want it. Besides, one man's trash is another man's ..... Someone might have a use for this that I can't see right now."  
(a) recycling (b) art collection (c) project supplies (d) treasure
- Q10 "I thought of the invention and applied for the patent. After I received the patent, I obtained my own financing through loans and did my own marketing for my product. I guess you can say that I am kind of a one-man ....., " Mr. Jenkins told the reporter.  
(a) performance (b) inspiration (c) band (d) business executive

*English Slang Idioms (149)*

- Q1 "My best friend is kind of a ..... pony. He is really good at electronics repairs but is not good at other things. For example, he can't manage the finances for his business, his marketing strategy is extremely weak and his people skills are atrocious. I won't even go into the across-the-board failures in his personal life," Wes said to Lisa.  
(a) show (b) one-trick (c) dancing (d) race
- Q2 "I can't stand my neighbors next door. They are up till ..... hours of the night even on weekdays and they are always playing loud, annoying music," Jenny told Lilly.  
(a) wee (b) small (c) late (d) all
- Q3 When asked if he minded recounting how he came upon the knowledge that allowed him to revolutionize the prosthetics field when he had no apparent medical training or schooling in biomechanics, he replied, "Not at all. My life is an open ....."  
(a) account (b) book (c) vault (d) door
- Q4 Bruce's father absconded with the invention that Bruce had made at a very young age and, consequently, become rich. Although he paid for his son's schooling and other material needs, Bruce harbored a lot of resentment toward his father. He and his father had multiple disagreements about the morality of the theft. His father believed that it was fair payment for raising him and he did not agree. When Bruce's father brought the subject up over dinner, his wife admonished him by saying "Why do you have to open old ....."  
(a) books (b) doors (c) sores (d) arguments
- Q5 When his wife asked him why he was willing to sell their house at a loss and move to another country just for a job, he told her, "This job is our ticket to making serious money and early retirement. I have to take it. .... knocks but once."  
(a) Chance (b) Fate (c) Winning the lottery (d) Opportunity
- Q6 He faced a lot of criticism for outsourcing most of the business's production in an effort to reduce expenses. The criticisms focused on the fact that he was ignoring the other side of the ..... For example, he didn't consider the fact that a large part of the company's employees are now without jobs.  
(a) equation (b) coin (c) cause and effect (d) moon
- Q7 His wife purchased a new outdoor furniture set. It was the kind that required assembly at home and included detailed instructions on how the assembly was to be completed. She anticipated that her husband would put the set together once she got home. However, much to her chagrin, her husband was out like a ..... and snoring loudly when she got home.  
(a) fuse (b) candle in the wind (c) burnt bulb (d) light
- Q8 The caller identified himself to the shift supervisor as a potential investor. He wanted to know if the company invested their cash flow in stocks, bonds, or foreign currency transaction schemes. He replied, "Those questions are unfortunately out of my ..... I can contact someone higher up and have them call you back as soon as they are able. Is that acceptable to you?"  
(a) jurisdiction (b) expertise (c) sphere of influence (d) league
- Q9 He hoped that his account was not overdrawn. He had hastily left his home early that morning for the business trip and had neglected to include his company credit card with his things. He had had to pay for his hotel, gas, and food out of ..... and hoped that he the available funds to cover the transactions.  
(a) petty cash (b) personal investment (c) pocket (d) coffer
- Q10 He had been feeling off for about the past week. He felt some kind of impending doom bearing down on him and feared that a medical crises was coming his way. He had a brief reprieve yesterday when he was relatively worry-free but now he was feeling out of ..... again.  
(a) reality (b) sorts (c) normality (d) regularity

*English Slang Idioms (195)*

- Q1 "We are going to have to write off our new cellular phone as a ..... loss. We believed that customers would be willing to pay for a phone that was also a hand-warmer but we were wrong. We had an effective marketing campaign but the price of this extra feature is inhibitive and the hand-warming function depletes the phone's batteries at an alarming rate, rendering the phone dead after a mere five minutes," Bill told management.  
(a) profit (b) dead (c) hopeless (d) sure
- Q2 Janis hoped she would be able to drive home safely. She normally had to cope with sleep deprivation but this situation was worse than usual. She worked three back-to-back shifts and the work had been physically demanding as well. She had been required to lift several patients onto gurneys and, then, had to wheel several of them long distances. She was dead on her ..... and was afraid that she did not possess the requisite reaction time one needed to safely drive.  
(a) back (b) head (c) feet (d) pillow
- Q3 "Why are you so dead set ..... gay marriage, Dad? Look at it from a legal perspective. Gay marriage is against many religions but there is supposed to be a separation between church and state in this country and the constitution says that we have freedom of and from religion. I know you don't agree with it but is it your job to decide what people can do in this country?" Elsie asked.  
(a) affronted (b) appalled (c) intolerant (d) against
- Q4 "We had him ..... to rights on that breach of contract issue. The terms and conditions were clearly spelled out: there was adequate consideration given by us, there was a valid offer and acceptance and he signed the contract as is required by the Statute of Frauds. His refusal to deliver the products on time was a blatant breach of contract and the courts agreed with us," Vince told the reporters.  
(a) caught (b) dead (c) lacking (d) avoiding
- Q5 "It was pure torture being seated next to John on the business trip flight. He is such a ..... He told these long-winded, inane, incredibly dull stories all the way to our destination. He wouldn't be quiet the whole way and none of his conversation included any useful information," Linda said to Lucy.  
(a) deadhead (b) pompous buffoon (c) egotistical snob (d) ethnocentric bigot
- Q6 "The corporation, by refusing to accept any responsibility for the harm caused to consumers by their products, sounded their own ..... knell. If they choose to move their production overseas, it is still their responsibility to make sure that the products they will sell meet proper quality control standards," Miles told the class during his presentation.  
(a) dying (b) dyeing (c) death (d) dearth
- Q7 "Our new boss seems OK but she is still kind of an unknown quantity at this point. We don't know where we are with her and we don't have any sense of boundaries either. For instance, our old boss was ..... on poor public speaking but she doesn't seem to care whether someone stutters and uses an abundance of filler words during a presentation. On the other hand, she yelled at Bob for 15 minutes for not keeping an aesthetically pleasing, organized cubicle. It is stressful not knowing what makes a boss happy or mad," Linda said to Louisa.  
(a) intolerant (b) unacceptable (c) imperturbable (d) death
- Q8 "Wow, you are all ..... out tonight. You're wearing your Armani suit tonight and alligator loafers. You even have a Rolex watch! That must have cost you a fortune. What's the occasion?" Paul asked Chris.  
(a) uniformed (b) decked (c) dollars (d) peacock
- Q9 "You searched the suspect's home without a warrant and then questioned him before his lawyer arrived after he had requested one. I hope you realize that you are going to be in deep ..... for letting a suspected rapist go due to technicalities when the mayor and the governor of the state find out. That was a blatant disregard for protocol that won't be tolerated, John" Detective Mellison said.  
(a) scrutiny (b) suspicion (c) punishment (d) trouble
- Q10 "When she finds out that you deceived her she is going to be mad at you to the ..... degree. Lying, in her opinion, is the worst breach of trust one could commit and she seldom gives anyone a second chance," Lisa told Bob, her roommate's boyfriend when he confided in her.  
(a) final (b) complete (c) nth (d) max

*English Slang Idioms (196)*

- Q1 "I didn't think he was capable of meeting the unrealistic sales goal he set for himself. He really ..... the goods this month by not only meeting but surpassing the goal he set for himself. I think a promotion might be in order, John," Lisa, his boss, told her boss.  
(a) brought (b) bought (c) delivered (d) absconded
- Q2 He always became nervous when reporting to a new boss. It was hard to start over again with an unknown ..... especially one he didn't know how to please. He couldn't even rely on the past to derive the boss' expectations.  
(a) entirety (b) quantity (c) persona (d) ability
- Q3 "When Jake finds out that you knowingly and willingly misrepresented the company for your own gain, there will be the devil to ..... True, the misrepresentation will only cause minor harm, if any, but it shows a pattern of behavior that is untrustworthy. You may want to start looking for other jobs," Tina told Melissa.  
(a) bribe (b) grease (c) placate (d) pay
- Q4 "Many companies can come up with good ideas that fail in the implementation stage. Too often, too much time is spent refining the idea and not enough time is spent of determining how to make the idea come to fruition. When you become managers, you will have to remember to allocate a lot of time to planning the implementation of an idea so that it doesn't die on the ....., " the management professor told her students.  
(a) ground (b) books (c) job (d) vine
- Q5 "There is always so much to do and so little time to do it when a new software program is implemented by this company. To update all of the machines, prepare a training program for the staff and work out any bugs in the software, we have had to ..... in and work overtime seven days a week," Bonnie told her friend Lisa.  
(a) dig (b) synthesize (c) flex (d) synergize
- Q6 "I have had the worst time this month meeting my financial obligations. So many random occurrences keep happening that cause me to lose money. I just had to ..... into my savings again to pay a plumber to unclog my septic tank. Needless to say, that was not on the agenda," Jill told Rachel.  
(a) invest (b) divest (c) divert (d) dip
- Q7 "I would like to propose that we buy Smith Supplies. They may be a ..... store operation but they have the contacts to save us a lot of money in inventory. If we purchase this company, we can eliminate the middle man and go to the wholesalers overseas directly," Mark told the investors.  
(a) dime (b) small (c) chain (d) minor league
- Q8 In the end, he had a good day. He woke up to his plumbing malfunctioning. Water was leaking from some of the fixtures and his sink, toilet and tub were backed up. He expected thousands of dollars in repairs and was forced to call a local plumber. Once the plumber was on site, he informed Mr. Tim that the line had to be snaked and would only cost him \$100. That was ..... cheap, in his opinion, for plumbing services.  
(a) dime-a-dozen (b) epitome (c) grass (d) dirt
- Q9 He was shocked at some of the clientele who wandered into his restaurant. He hoped, by providing the proper ambience, rich furnishings and high-priced specialty dishes he would keep the raucous riff-raff away from his business. Unfortunately, his latest customers had all been rude, inappropriately-attired college students that had the tendency to scare away the more refined diners and his ..... looks had not been enough to deter them from coming back.  
(a) intense (b) moody (c) dirty (d) fawning
- Q10 "My boss keeps insinuating that if I am to keep my job, I have to be willing to do some unethical things, such as falsifying documents regarding some of our clients' cases. I told him today that I would not be willing to ..... my hands to keep a job and certainly not for twelve dollars an hour," Luke said to Stacey.  
(a) dirty (b) grubby (c) blemish (d) degrade



*English Slang Idioms (197)*

- Q1 "Telling the customer that we needed more information from the doctor and that he needed to get the information in order to process his claim was a dirty ..... You know that it will take awhile for the customer to get the information and send it in and by that time, it will be too late to process the claim," Jack, the lead insurance representative, told Jacky.  
(a) maneuver (b) act (c) gambit (d) trick
- Q2 "Wow, he really did a ..... on you, didn't he. I heard him berate your performance, your attitude, your attire, your lack of public speaking ability and your intelligence. That was quite cruel of him to take you apart like that," Matt said to Lewis when he got back from the boss's office.  
(a) hammer (b) job (c) steam roller (d) destruction
- Q3 "We are going to have to ..... away with our typewriter department. Typewriters are pretty much obsolete and demand for them has certainly waned. It is no longer profitable to keep them as one of the products we offer," Jack said to Tim.  
(a) move (b) push (c) do (d) erase
- Q4 "Your ability to maintain your bearing, position and poise in the face of criticism and rude behavior does you .....,," his boss told him.  
(a) service (b) credit (c) reputation (d) stature
- Q5 "I had fun going to see the Ozzy Osbourne tribute band. However, the band didn't do most of his songs ..... The lead singer sang the wrong lines at times and the guitar player played some of the songs at the wrong speed. The original songs were much, much better," Bill told Paul.  
(a) justice (b) tribute (c) favors (d) honor
- Q6 "I am going to transfer you to our quality control division. You are an excellent analyst and very intelligent. I think developing those skills in a real-world setting and getting experience in another area of this company will do you ....., career wise," Max said to Justine.  
(a) good (b) ahead (c) favorably (d) advancement
- Q7 "We are not ready to present our findings to the committee yet. We still need to conduct some more tests to verify the validity of our work even more. I have done my ..... and have spoken to the head of the chemistry department to have arrange for an independent chemist to review our work. Please talk amongst yourselves while I answer this call to see what else we can do," Linus said to the team.  
(a) piece (b) homework (c) action (d) bit
- Q8 "I am responding to your complaint that your computer is moving sluggishly and is not saving files correctly. What I will have to do will take an hour or two so I must ask you to take the work you will need to another location and let me do my ..... I will come get you when I am done," Lewis said to Jacob.  
(a) orchestrating (b) fabrication (c) thing (d) goal
- Q9 "Thank you for welcoming us tonight. This is a landmark day for our company and I am pleased to share it with everyone. We will be giving a narrated video history of this company and I have asked Jenny to do the ..... I hope that you will all enjoy this short film," Jack, the CEO of the company, said to the audience.  
(a) honors (b) motions (c) talking (d) captivating
- Q10 Adrenaline shot through his body and the ability to control his appendages was becoming increasingly more difficult in the icy water. He knew that if he didn't rescue the people from the ocean right now, there would be no hope for them due to hypothermia, among other things. There were no do ..... when the ocean was this turbulent and cold.  
(a) afters (b) against (c) overs (d) repeats

# *English Grammar*

(Answer Keys)

*Speaking already*

A1 Can you hear what he is saying?

answer: (a) saying

A2 She hasn't come home yet.

answer: (c) yet

A3 I watched TV yesterday evening.

answer: (d) watched

A4 We live near the city centre.

answer: (a) near

A5 She looks like a famous film star.

answer: (b) like

A6 This television gives you the latest news.

answer: (b) latest

A7 I only made one mistake in last night's test.

answer: (a) made

A8 I want you to tell me the whole truth.

answer: (d) whole

A9 He is looking for a present to buy his girlfriend.

answer: (a) for

A10 That's what I would like for Christmas.

answer: (a) for

*Drive carefully*

A1 You must not drink and then drive a car.

answer: (b) drive

A2 Please be careful when you cross this road.

answer: (d) careful

A3 Do what you like, I really don't mind.

answer: (d) mind

A4 If you want to borrow that book, remember to bring it back.

answer: (a) borrow

A5 When your train arrives, I'll fetch you from the station.

answer: (c) fetch

A6 I always get up early in the summer.

answer: (a) up

A7 When you first meet someone, you usually shake them by the hand.

answer: (d) by

A8 I have never seen her before.

answer: (c) seen

A9 The teacher asked her students to do their homework.

answer: (b) homework

A10 The police officer told the children always to tell the truth.

answer: (d) truth

*Listen vs. Hear*

- A1 I'm terribly sorry but I didn't hear what you said just now and I wonder if you could repeat it.  
answer: (c) didn't hear
- A2 I listened attentively to the lecture on philosophy but I still didn't understand much of it.  
answer: (b) listened
- A3 Can you hear me all right over there because you are rather a long way away?  
answer: (d) hear
- A4 I hear what you are saying but that still doesn't make me want to change my mind one little bit.  
answer: (b) hear
- A5 I listen to the concert every Monday on the radio and I imagine I am there listening to it in person.  
answer: (a) listen
- A6 I should explain that he finds it very difficult to follow your conversation because he is very hard of hearing.  
answer: (d) hearing
- A7 Now will you please listen to me and pay attention to what I'm saying because it's very important.  
answer: (b) listen to
- A8 You've been making so much noise with your music that people at the far end of the road can hear you.  
answer: (c) hear
- A9 He sometimes pretends he can't hear a single word you are saying but all the time he's taking it all in.  
answer: (c) hear
- A10 I have been hearing strange stories about you recently but I do hope that there is no substance in them.  
answer: (d) hearing

*Finish vs. End*

- A1 The brothers will finsh school both together at the end of this year.  
answer: (c) finish
- A2 They wanted their daughter to improve her social skills and sent her to the famous finishing school in Switzerland.  
answer: (d) finishing
- A3 You can't miss it, it's that tall building right at the end of the road.  
answer: (a) end
- A4 Sadly their marriage of 25 years ended in divorce.  
answer: (b) ended
- A5 It didn't take long for the children to finish off the cakes and pastries that had not been eaten at the party.  
answer: (c) finish
- A6 He thought they would all share the cost of the meal but unfortunately he ended up paying for everybody.  
answer: (b) ended
- A7 After the children had finished doing their homework, the whole family watched television.  
answer: (d) finished
- A8 You could tell the time by him because he always finished work at exactly the same time every day.  
answer: (d) finished
- A9 I've written practically the whole book except for the last part and I just don't know how to end the story.  
answer: (a) end
- A10 To most people it seemed like a long and successful relationship and so it was a great surprise to learn that they had finished with each other.  
answer: (d) finished

*Start vs. Begin*

- A1 I started my car to make sure it worked about ten minutes before I drove to work.  
answer: (b) started
- A2 My car very rarely starts first time when the weather is really cold.  
answer: (d) starts
- A3 We started off early on the first day of summer so that we could see the sun rise.  
answer: (b) started
- A4 I read the beginning of that book but I couldn't possibly read the whole story.  
answer: (c) beginning
- A5 I can't begin to understand why anyone would want to be cruel to animals.  
answer: (b) begin
- A6 He started off at me again simply because I had forgotten to lock the back door after I came home.  
answer: (a) started
- A7 I won a lot of money by betting on that horse but it was simply a case of beginner's luck.  
answer: (c) beginner's
- A8 As far as I was concerned when the accident happened, it was the beginning of the end.  
answer: (d) beginning
- A9 Who would like to start off the debate?  
answer: (b) start
- A10 I would greatly appreciate it if you didn't start up that old argument again.  
answer: (a) start

**Modal Verbs**

A1 I had to go to see the doctor last week because I was very ill.

answer: (c) had to

A2 I could have bought that car but I didn't have enough money to pay for the petrol.

answer: (b) have

A3 I have to go now because I am already late for my class.

answer: (c) have to

A4 I may be able to come to your party if I have the time.

answer: (a) be

A5 Do you have to clean the house every day or every week?

answer: (c) have to

A6 I can speak French without a problem now because I have had many lessons.

answer: (b) can

A7 They don't have to do their homework today because it is a holiday at the school.

answer: (c) don't have to

A8 I ought to help you with your shopping because you have a lot of bags.

answer: (b) ought to

A9 When will you be able to come and see us in our new house?

answer: (b) be able to

A10 I may have to go to Paris next week because there is a very big exhibition there.

answer: (b) have to



*How to use the articles*

A1 I only want a little sugar in my tea, please.

answer: (a) a

A2 In the end we decided not to go to the cinema but to watch television.

answer: (a) the

A3 It is important sometimes to stop and look around you at all the wonderful things in nature.

answer: (b) in nature

A4 It is the funniest book that I have ever read.

answer: (c) the funniest

A5 I want to go to the cinema to see a film about France and the French.

answer: (a) France

A6 Can anyone give me a hand please because I have just fallen over?

answer: (b) a hand

A7 The interesting thing about the Romans is all the roads that they built in Britain.

answer: (c) the Romans

A8 She always said that when she grew up she wanted to be a doctor.

answer: (b) a doctor

A9 I have left my book in the kitchen and I would like you to get it for me.

answer: (c) the kitchen

A10 Are you studying foreign languages at school, like French?

answer: (a) French

*Relative Pronouns*

A1 Who is that sitting over there in the corner?

answer: (a) Who

A2 I don't understand a word that you are talking about.

answer: (b) that

A3 They have a very large house round which there are some lovely gardens.

answer: (b) which

A4 I'm looking at the photograph which you sent me with your letter.

answer: (a) which

A5 There is a new television programme called: 'Who wants to be a millionaire?'.  
answer: (c) Who

A6 I think you will see that this is the best museum that you can find in the town.

answer: (a) that

A7 The police want to find out who drove the red car into the shop window.

answer: (a) who

A8 Did you meet the lady whose uncle works in the library?

answer: (b) whose

A9 The person in the house next to mine knows someone who met the Queen.

answer: (a) who

A10 The grass, which I cut every week, seems to grow very quickly.

answer: (c) which

*Present Tense*

- A1 I see her every day and she never says hello to me.  
answer: (a) see
- A2 What is the name of that picture which you are looking at on the wall.  
answer: (c) are looking at
- A3 Are you going to see that film that is on at the cinema next week?  
answer: (c) Are you going
- A4 Do you believe every single thing which that man says?  
answer: (a) Do you believe
- A5 Sometimes I don't understand what the teacher says to me.  
answer: (a) don't understand
- A6 Later tonight I am visiting my uncle, who is ill in hospital.  
answer: (b) am visiting
- A7 Why is he late every time we arrange to meet?  
answer: (a) is he
- A8 I don't often travel by air because the cost of flying is very high.  
answer: (a) I don't often travel
- A9 Next time you come to my house, you must bring that book.  
answer: (a) come
- A10 I am trying to remember your name but I'm afraid I can't remember it.  
answer: (b) am trying

*Conditionals*

- A1 If I win the lottery, I will buy you a very big car as a present.  
answer: (b) will
- A2 If I bought you a new car, would you be very happy?  
answer: (b) If
- A3 If you had got that job, would you have been able to move to a new house?  
answer: (b) had
- A4 I would want very much to move to a new house if I had that job.  
answer: (c) had
- A5 Will you come to dinner with us if we find a babysitter for you?  
answer: (c) find
- A6 I will try very hard to come and have dinner at your house if I am able to.  
answer: (a) am
- A7 If I were you, I should work very hard so that I could earn more money.  
answer: (b) were
- A8 Are you able to lend me some money if I promise you that you will get it back very soon?  
answer: (a) Are
- A9 If you really want to be helpful, then you have to tell me the truth.  
answer: (a) have
- A10 If I had tried very hard, I would have been able to stop smoking.  
answer: (c) had tried

*We went on holiday*

A1 I expect you think I'm stupid because I don't understand that.

answer: (b) stupid

A2 Does anyone honestly believe what a politician says nowadays?

answer: (c) believe

A3 I'm sure you're quite right but many people disagree with you.

answer: (b) right

A4 Do you know where the President of America lives?

answer: (b) lives

A5 I've tried those tablets and they haven't done me any good.

answer: (b) good

A6 I'm going away for a few days so don't send me any more work.

answer: (d) away

A7 This summer we went on holiday to Greece.

answer: (a) on

A8 If you can't reach me at home, send me a letter.

answer: (c) letter

A9 I believe it is polite to hold a door open for a lady.

answer: (b) polite

A10 It is considered bad manners to shout at someone.

answer: (c) manners

**Grammar Questions**

A1 Which of these is a noun? It is thing.

answer: (a) thing

A2 Which of these is a passive sentence? It is He's been taken there.

answer: (b) He's been taken there

A3 Which of these is a preposition? It is through.

answer: (c) through

A4 Which of these tenses is Past Perfect Simple? It is She had laughed.

answer: (a) She had laughed

A5 Which of these is an adverb? It is quickly.

answer: (a) quickly

A6 Which of these tenses is Present Simple? It is He speaks.

answer: (c) He speaks

A7 Which of these is an adjective? It is hard.

answer: (a) hard

A8 Which of these is a personal pronoun? It is they.

answer: (b) they

A9 Which of these is a gerund? It is going.

answer: (c) going

A10 Which of these is a past participle? It is believed.

answer: (b) believed

*An Easy Question*

A1 What exercise do you like doing best of all?

answer: (b) best

A2 That's a good question but I need time to think about it.

answer: (a) time

A3 Don't worry, there's no need to answer immediately I'm not in a hurry.

answer: (c) immediately

A4 There are so many things that it's difficult to choose.

answer: (d) choose

A5 Oh, come on it's surely not that difficult.

answer: (d) surely

A6 Well, I think it is and I reckon it's an impossible question to answer.

answer: (b) reckon

A7 Do you want me to make it easier for you?

answer: (a) make

A8 Yes, I'd very much appreciate that.

answer: (c) appreciate

A9 All right let me ask you what you like doing least of all?

answer: (b) all

A10 Oh, that's easy — trying to answer this test!

answer: (a) trying

*Learn it by heart*

A1 I sometimes don't know how to learn new words by heart.

answer: (b) sometimes

A2 I often read short articles about pets in my favourite magazine.

answer: (c) about

A3 I think learning should be interesting because otherwise you wouldn't ever be able to succeed.

answer: (b) should

A4 You will probably agree with me.

answer: (a) with

A5 If you have a question please feel free to ask.

answer: (c) free

A6 Thank you very much indeed, that's very kind of you.

answer: (c) of

A7 We are really glad to have you as our customers and we will take good care of you.

answer: (b) customers

A8 For the whole of next week we are planning to sell our new dictionaries at a special price.

answer: (a) price

A9 As of now we still don't know if we will be able to fulfil our contract.

answer: (b) able

A10 Don't worry, we are quite flexible and can make changes at any time whatsoever.

answer: (b) any



*White Water Rafting*

A1 You must admit flying in a hot air balloon is an amazing experience.

answer: (b) experience

A2 Can you remember the last time you had such an exciting time?

answer: (c) had

A3 To be honest, I have never flown in a balloon.

answer: (b) flown

A4 Really, then it's about time you tried it out.

answer: (b) out

A5 Are you really suggesting that we should actually get into one of those ridiculous things?

answer: (c) should

A6 Why not? There is nothing to be afraid of. After all it won't be just us in the balloon.

answer: (b) afraid

A7 You must be joking. Have you forgotten how terrible I felt the last time we went somewhere by plane?

answer: (c) by

A8 Oh, come on. Why do you have to be such a kill joy.

answer: (a) joy

A9 That's not fair. You know full well what it feels like to be worried sick when everyone else is laughing at you.

answer: (b) well

A10 All right you win. I promise I won't bring it up again. Why don't just we go white water rafting instead?

answer: (b) up

*Where am I?*

A1 Excuse me I wonder if you can help me.

answer: (d) wonder

A2 I certainly will if I can.

answer: (b) can

A3 Well, my problem is that I'm lost.

answer: (a) problem

A4 I see you have a map in your car.

answer: (c) map

A5 Yes, I have but I can't follow it.

answer: (d) follow

A6 Now, where are you making for?

answer: (d) making

A7 I want to get to Nutfield Avenue.

answer: (b) get

A8 I don't think that's going to be hard.

answer: (a) hard

A9 Why do you say that?

answer: (c) say

A10 Because you're in that road right now.

answer: (d) right

*Remove the Spoon*

A1 What seems to be the trouble?

answer: (c) seems

A2 It happens every time I drink a cup of tea.

answer: (a) happens

A3 Can you give me a little more detail?

answer: (c) detail

A4 Well, I get a pain in my right eye every time I drink a cup of tea.

answer: (d) pain

A5 Do you drink a lot of tea with sugar?

answer: (b) lot

A6 Yes, I do.

answer: (c) do

A7 I can't possibly give up drinking tea, doctor.

answer: (b) possibly

A8 I'm not asking you to do that but next time you drink tea with sugar...

answer: (d) asking

A9 Yes, doctor I'm sorry I interrupted you.

answer: (c) interrupted

A10 Next time you drink tea with sugar, don't forget to remove the spoon.

answer: (d) remove

*Weather Forecast*

- A1 Now let's go over to our weather forecaster, Mary.  
answer: (c) over
- A2 Yes, thank you and I'm afraid it's not looking very bright at the moment.  
answer: (d) looking
- A3 The trouble is that there are some very heavy rain clouds over the north.  
answer: (b) heavy
- A4 These will produce some rainfall later this morning.  
answer: (c) produce
- A5 Then the clouds will move further south in the afternoon.  
answer: (d) move
- A6 And by early evening the whole country will see the rain.  
answer: (a) whole
- A7 But things will improve tomorrow.  
answer: (d) improve
- A8 In the early morning the sun will make an appearance.  
answer: (b) appearance
- A9 But you'll have to be quick because it soon disappears.  
answer: (d) disappears
- A10 And of course after that our old friend rain returns.  
answer: (c) returns

*On TV tonight*

A1 Good evening. Let me tell you what's in store for you on television tonight

answer: (c) store

A2 It will be a bit of a mixed bag.

answer: (d) bag

A3 To start with we have comedy.

answer: (a) with

A4 This will be a programme presenting that popular comedian, George Blair.

answer: (b) popular

A5 After that we have the regular show on the latest hits.

answer: (c) regular

A6 Next we'll have the latest news.

answer: (a) latest

A7 This will be read by the very pretty newscaster Penny Lane.

answer: (b) newscaster

A8 At least I think she's very pretty.

answer: (d) least

A9 And the following programmes are all boring as far as I'm concerned.

answer: (a) boring

A10 Because after the news Penny and I are going on a date.

answer: (c) going

*The Bells*

A1 Don't you think those bells..?

answer: (c) think

A2 I'm awfully sorry I can't hear a word you're saying.

answer: (d) awfully

A3 All I was trying to say was.

answer: (a) All

A4 Sorry you'll have to speak up.

answer: (b) up

A5 I'll have one more go and then..

answer: (c) go

A6 It's no use I can't hear you.

answer: (d) use

A7 Now I've shut the window and I'll make one more attempt.

answer: (a) attempt

A8 I simply wanted to say.

answer: (b) simply

A9 Ah that's much better now I can't hear those awful bells. Now what was it you wanted to say?

answer: (d) much

A10 It doesn't really matter now. I just wanted to say how beautiful the bells sounded.

answer: (a) matter

*Sailing*

A1 Tell me what did you do at the weekend?

answer: (d) Tell

A2 Oh, it was a complete disaster!

answer: (c) disaster

A3 Why, what happened?

answer: (a) happened

A4 Well, the plan was to go sailing.

answer: (c) plan

A5 That sounds interesting.

answer: (d) sounds

A6 In theory I agree.

answer: (c) theory

A7 But not in practice, eh?

answer: (b) practice

A8 Exactly, in fact I almost drowned.

answer: (d) drowned

A9 That must have been horrible. So what are you doing this weekend?

answer: (a) must

A10 I'm starting a course of swimming lessons.

answer: (b) course

**Responses (1)**

A1 Mike: I like anything to do with sport. Do you?

answer: (c) Do you?

A2 Mike: We went to Paris last summer.

Jane: I've never been there.

answer: (d) I've never been there.

A3 Mike: She always goes to work on a bike.

Jane: She must be very healthy.

answer: (b) She must be very healthy.

A4 Mike: They went on strike last week.

Jane: What on earth for?

answer: (a) What on earth for?

A5 Mike: More people die from eating fatty food than from smoking.

Jane: You must be joking!

answer: (d) You must be joking!

A6 Mike: You know he failed all his examinations?

Jane: I don't believe it.

answer: (b) I don't believe it.

A7 Mike: It's getting very late, we must hurry up.

Jane: Point taken.

answer: (c) Point taken.

A8 Mike: I haven't stopped working for eight hours today.

Jane: My heart bleeds for you.

answer: (a) My heart bleeds for you.

A9 Mike: You know the boss will be angry with you.

Jane: I don't care.

answer: (d) I don't care.

A10 Mike: I wonder if you could help me with this problem.

Jane: Try me.

answer: (b) Try me.



**Responses (2)**

- A1 Mike: 'I just can't make my mind up. What do you think?'  
Jane: 'It's up to you.'  
answer: (b) It's up to you.
- A2 Mike: 'Hello. I wonder if you're interested in new double-glazing.'  
Jane: 'I'm really not interested.'  
answer: (a) I'm really not interested.
- A3 Mike: 'He offered me a 50% discount. What should I do?'  
Jane: 'Bite his hand off.'  
answer: (d) Bite his hand off.
- A4 Mike: 'I need some support, right now.'  
Jane: 'Well, you can count on me.'  
answer: (c) Well, you can count on me.
- A5 Mike: 'They haven't sent me the bill for a year now. What would you do?'  
Jane: 'I'd simply forget it.'  
answer: (b) I'd simply forget it.
- A6 Mike: 'Can you explain why she did that?'  
Jane: 'Heaven only knows.'  
answer: (d) Heaven only knows.
- A7 Mike: 'Do you think he'll be the next President?'  
Jane: 'Your guess is as good as mine.'  
answer: (a) Your guess is as good as mine.
- A8 Mike: 'That's the 16th job interview I've failed. What should I do?'  
Jane: 'Don't give up.'  
answer: (c) Don't give up.
- A9 Mike: 'I'm taking my driving test tomorrow.'  
Jane: 'Good luck.'  
answer: (b) Good luck.
- A10 Boss: 'And this is our new employee.'  
Jane: 'How do you do?'  
answer: (d) How do you do?

**Responses (3)**

- A1 Mike: 'I could try another source if you like.'  
Jane: 'There's no point.'  
answer: (a) There's no point.
- A2 Mike: 'I could give you a lift to the station.'  
Jane: 'There's no need.'  
answer: (d) There's no need.
- A3 Mike: 'I suppose they might get the contract.'  
Jane: 'There's little chance of that.'  
answer: (c) There's little chance of that.
- A4 Mike: 'If the party wins the next by-election, things might get better.'  
Jane: 'There's no chance of that.'  
answer: (b) There's no chance of that.
- A5 Mike: 'What do you think are the chances of finding people still alive?'  
Jane: 'There's little hope, really.'  
answer: (d) There's little hope, really.
- A6 Mike: 'I hope I haven't left it too late to apply.'  
Jane: 'There's still time.'  
answer: (c) There's still time.
- A7 Mike: 'I wonder what she'll get up to next.'  
Jane: 'There's no knowing.'  
answer: (b) There's no knowing.
- A8 Mike: 'I wonder if we could call at the post office first.'  
Jane: 'There's no time.'  
answer: (a) There's no time.
- A9 Mike: 'You just can't believe what they'll think up next, can you?'  
Jane: 'There's no saying.'  
answer: (c) There's no saying.
- A10 Mike: 'I just think they've wasted their time, don't you?'  
Jane: 'There's no denying it.'  
answer: (d) There's no denying it.

**Responses (4)**

A1 Mike: 'Do you know what I did last night?'

Jane: 'I shrink to think.'

answer: (a) I shrink to think.

A2 Mike: 'I bet you don't know what happened at the party?'

Jane: 'I can't imagine.'

answer: (d) I can't imagine.

A3 Mike: 'Do you know how much the bill has come to?'

Jane: 'I daren't think.'

answer: (b) I daren't think.

A4 Mike: 'Guess how much income tax I pay.'

Jane: 'I haven't a clue.'

answer: (d) I haven't a clue.

A5 Mike: 'Then you add the square root and multiply by 67, do you follow?'

Jane: 'Sorry, it's beyond me.'

answer: (c) Sorry, it's beyond me.

A6 Mike: 'Do you understand what he's on about?'

Jane: 'No, it's way above my head.'

answer: (d) No, it's way above my head.

A7 Mike: 'I assume you're following the argument, aren't you.'

Jane: 'No, it's all Greek to me.'

answer: (b) No, it's all Greek to me.

A8 Mike: 'It's amazing when you learn what technology can do, isn't it?'

Jane: 'The mind boggles.'

answer: (d) The mind boggles.

A9 Mike: 'So what do you think is the answer?'

Jane: 'No idea.'

answer: (a) No idea.

A10 Mike: 'Then you take away the first number — are you with me?'

Jane: 'No, you've lost me.'

answer: (d) No, you've lost me.

**Responses (5)**

A1 Jill: 'I'm so confused, I don't know what to do.'

Frank: 'Take it easy.'

answer: (b) Take it easy.

A2 Jill: 'What shall I do — I'm in a terrible state!'

Frank: 'Calm down.'

answer: (d) Calm down.

A3 Jill: 'I'm afraid I've just broken the handle.'

Frank: 'Don't worry.'

answer: (c) Don't worry.

A4 Jill: 'I hope nobody minds if I leave early.'

Frank: 'It'll be all right.'

answer: (a) It'll be all right.

A5 Jill: 'It's going to cost a lot of money to put right, I'm afraid.'

Frank: 'It's not the end of the world.'

answer: (b) It's not the end of the world.

A6 Jill: 'I do hope they make it tonight — it's very late you know.'

Frank: 'They're bound to come.'

answer: (d) They're bound to come.

A7 Jill: 'I don't think I can stand much more of this.'

Frank: 'The worst is over.'

answer: (c) The worst is over.

A8 Jill: 'What's your view of what's coming next?'

Frank: 'Things can only get better.'

answer: (b) Things can only get better.

A9 Jill: 'I've lost everything my job, my house, my money — what should I do?'

Frank: 'Count your blessings.'

answer: (a) Count your blessings.

A10 Jill: 'I'm very depressed at the moment, sorry.'

Frank: 'Chin up.'

answer: (d) Chin up.

**Responses (6)**

A1 John: 'Thank you so much.'

Sue: 'No problem.'

answer: (a) No problem.

A2 John: 'I am most grateful.'

Sue: 'You're welcome.'

answer: (c) You're welcome.

A3 John: 'Thank you very much for helping me.'

Sue: 'Don't mention it.'

answer: (d) Don't mention it.

A4 John: 'That was very thoughtful of you to do that.'

Sue: 'Forget it.'

answer: (b) Forget it.

A5 John: 'I really appreciate your kindness this last week.'

Sue: 'It was my pleasure.'

answer: (c) It was my pleasure.

A6 John: 'I must say you really helped us out when we lost those passports.'

Sue: 'It was the least I could do.'

answer: (a) It was the least I could do.

A7 John: 'Your advice this morning was much appreciated.'

Sue: 'All part of the service.'

answer: (b) All part of the service.

A8 John: 'We'd like to give you this small present to show our gratitude.'

Sue: 'It's really not necessary.'

answer: (d) It's really not necessary.

A9 John: 'By the way, I've paid the taxi driver.'

Sue: 'You shouldn't have.'

answer: (c) You shouldn't have.

A10 John: 'And as a special thank you for all you've done, we're treating you to a meal out.'

Sue: 'You're really naughty.'

answer: (b) You're really naughty.

**Responses (7)**

- A1 Jill: 'I got that job even though you didn't think I stood a chance.'  
Frank: 'You never did!'  
answer: (b) You never did!
- A2 Jill: 'I had some good news today — I've won the lottery.'  
Frank: 'Well I never!'  
answer: (a) Well I never!
- A3 Jill: 'We've collected thousands of pounds this week for charity.'  
Frank: 'Goodness me!'  
answer: (d) Goodness me!
- A4 Jill: 'She came top in the exam grades this summer.'  
Frank: 'Well done.'  
answer: (d) Well done.
- A5 Jill: 'After all that effort we didn't manage to sell a single one.'  
Frank: 'What a shame!'  
answer: (b) What a shame!
- A6 Frank: 'You know I put money in that company — well it's gone bankrupt.'  
Jill: 'Hard luck!'  
answer: (c) Hard luck!
- A7 Jill: 'I've waited 3 hours for a bus now.'  
Frank: 'What a bore!'  
answer: (a) What a bore!
- A8 Jill: 'Look at all the work I've done, aren't you impressed?'  
Frank: 'I am amazed!'  
answer: (b) I am amazed!
- A9 Frank: 'I hear that the Government is going to abolish income tax.'  
Jill: 'That'll be the day!'  
answer: (d) That'll be the day!
- A10 Frank: 'They say that all this rubbish is going to be taken away tomorrow.'  
Jill: 'I'll believe it when I see it.'  
answer: (c) I'll believe it when I see it.

**Question Tags (1)**

A1 You said you would didn't you?

answer: (d) didn't you?

A2 She's definitely not coming is she?

answer: (c) is she?

A3 It drives you mad doesn't it?

answer: (c) doesn't it?

A4 It won't hurt will it?

answer: (b) will it?

A5 I think you ought to go don't you?

answer: (c) don't you?

A6 You must go mustn't you?

answer: (a) mustn't you?

A7 It happened yesterday didn't it?

answer: (c) didn't it?

A8 She's always late isn't she?

answer: (b) isn't she?

A9 They're selling their house aren't they?

answer: (c) aren't they?

A10 No-one understood that word did they?

answer: (d) did they?

*Question Tags (2)*

A1 Sarah: 'I want you to give me some more money.'

Paul: 'Oh you do, do you?'

answer: (c) Oh you do, do you?

A2 Sarah: 'You're being very rude!'

Paul: 'Oh I am, am I?'

answer: (c) Oh I am, am I?

A3 Sarah: 'I've torn up your homework essay!'

Paul: 'That's nice, isn't it?'

answer: (d) That's nice, isn't it?

A4 Sarah: 'I can't take any more.'

Paul: 'Oh, you can't, can you?'

answer: (c) Oh, you can't, can you?

A5 Sarah: 'She hates the sight of him.'

Paul: 'She does, does she?'

answer: (b) She does, does she?

A6 Sarah: 'I would prefer to go by air.'

Paul: 'Oh you would, would you?'

answer: (a) Oh you would, would you?

A7 Sarah: 'I won't listen to you any more.'

Paul: 'So you won't, will you?'

answer: (c) So you won't, will you?

A8 Paul: 'I spent thousands on that car.'

Sarah: 'Oh you did, did you?'

answer: (b) Oh you did, did you?

A9 Sarah: 'You mustn't eat with your mouth full.'

Paul: 'Oh I mustn't, must I?'

answer: (d) Oh I mustn't, must I?

A10 Sarah: 'That's not allowed you know.'

Paul: 'Oh it isn't, is it?'

answer: (c) Oh it isn't, is it?



**Question Tags (3)**

A1 You'd rather I kept quiet about it, wouldn't you?

answer: (c) wouldn't you

A2 He used to work in the city, didn't he?

answer: (d) didn't he

A3 He has his lunch at the office, doesn't he?

answer: (d) doesn't he

A4 In that case he'll have to look for a new job, won't he?

answer: (b) won't he

A5 You wouldn't want me to do that, would you?

answer: (a) would you

A6 He really didn't need to speak to me like that, did he?

answer: (d) did he

A7 Come back in the morning, will you?

answer: (c) will you

A8 You like milk in your tea, don't you?

answer: (c) don't you

A9 You are just the sort of person who would say that, aren't you?

answer: (d) aren't you

A10 You shouldn't have done that, should you?

answer: (b) should you

*Object Pronoun*

A1 So did you give the book to him?

answer: (b) him

A2 Of course I did. I gave it back on Tuesday.

answer: (c) it

A3 Well, he says that he doesn't trust you.

answer: (b) you

A4 He doesn't trust me?

answer: (c) me

A5 That's exactly what he said about you.

answer: (a) you

A6 I find that difficult to believe. Do you trust me?

answer: (b) me

A7 Well you and your wife have borrowed things sometimes and not given them back.

answer: (c) them

A8 Well I think you're being very unfair to us.

answer: (b) us

A9 In that case just look at the table and tell me what you see.

answer: (c) me

A10 Oh dear, I can see it. That must be the book I haven't given back.

answer: (b) it

*Relative Pronoun Exercises*

A1 Who does that car belong to?

answer: (a) Who

A2 Excuse me but shouldn't you say to whom does that car belong?

answer: (c) whom

A3 That's another way of saying it. I'm talking about the car that's parked over there.

answer: (b) that's

A4 Who do you think would have a car like that?

answer: (c) Who

A5 Well, I should say someone for whom money is no object.

answer: (a) whom

A6 The car to which you are referring happens to be mine!

answer: (c) which

A7 That's interesting. We are talking about the car that has a red roof.

answer: (a) that

A8 Yes, it's the best car that I've ever had. Why do you ask?

answer: (b) that

A9 Well, I think you ought to speak to that man who's standing with a notebook in front of the car.

answer: (c) who's

A10 Oh no! It's a traffic warden putting a parking ticket on my car and I haven't any money to pay the fine which I'll have to pay.

answer: (b) which

*Reflexive Pronouns*

A1 Once there was a young man who called himself Icarus.

answer: (b) himself

A2 His father always wanted his children to look after themselves and do what they wanted.

answer: (a) themselves

A3 The trouble was that Icarus always wanted to put himself into danger.

answer: (c) himself

A4 His father said again and again if we don't take care, we'd hurt ourselves.

answer: (c) ourselves

A5 Icarus shocked his father with an idea that he was going to try out on himself.

answer: (a) himself

A6 He had watched birds fly by throwing themselves into the air.

answer: (b) themselves

A7 His sister said she would like to push herself into the air and fly but she was too frightened.

answer: (c) herself

A8 Icarus said he would try and he promised his father: I will not injure myself.

answer: (b) myself

A9 The last words his father said before Icarus left were: Look after yourself.

answer: (a) yourself

A10 Unfortunately Icarus went too near the sun and the wax on his wings melted and the feathers worked themselves free and he fell on the ground and died.

answer: (c) themselves

*Basic American English*

A1 Anna is a teacher.

answer: (c) a teacher

A2 Your boss said that you work hard.

answer: (a) Your

A3 Every week I work five days and I get two days off.

answer: (b) off

A4 I got a job at the bank.

answer: (a) got

A5 Do you prefer Microsoft or Macintosh computers?

answer: (b) or

A6 Do you have any children?

answer: (c) any

A7 His pen will not write. It is out of ink.

answer: (d) pen

A8 Who won the soccer game?

answer: (c) game

A9 Your lunch break is from noon to 1 pm.

answer: (d) lunch

A10 The police all wear uniforms.

answer: (a) wear

*Basic English Grammar*

A1 The pencils and paper are on your desk.

answer: (c) are

A2 What do you like to do on the weekends?

answer: (b) What

A3 My sister is at home today.

answer: (a) at

A4 I am an engineer.

answer: (d) I

A5 The bathroom is next to the front door.

answer: (a) next

A6 He always works very hard.

answer: (b) very

A7 Do you have time to go to the store for me?

answer: (c) have

A8 She is an athlete.

answer: (d) an

A9 There are 12 months in a year.

answer: (c) months

A10 Driving to work in a car is much faster than riding a bicycle.

answer: (a) faster

*Basic Weather Expressions*

A1 Yesterday it was very sunny outside.

answer: (b) it

A2 She loves to swim when it is hot.

answer: (a) loves

A3 In some countries it never snows.

answer: (d) snows

A4 Do you like hot weather or not?

answer: (b) or

A5 I like it when it rains.

answer: (a) when

A6 Have you ever made a snowman?

answer: (c) ever

A7 The sky is very cloudy today.

answer: (b) very

A8 It looks like a storm is coming.

answer: (c) like

A9 I am wet because my umbrella broke.

answer: (a) because

A10 Laura wears gloves so her hands will stay warm.

answer: (d) so

*Basic English Expressions*

A1 My desk is a mess; I should clean it.

answer: (c) mess

A2 Valerie spilled water on my paperwork.

answer: (b) on

A3 Will you please take out the trash?

answer: (a) out

A4 I like pencils better than pens.

answer: (c) better

A5 My old job was easier than this one.

answer: (d) easier

A6 Tom works the hardest of anyone.

answer: (a) hardest

A7 This is the most difficult assignment I have ever had.

answer: (c) most difficult

A8 My boss is very nice.

answer: (b) nice

A9 Do you walk or take the bus to work?

answer: (d) or

A10 The janitor cleans the office every night.

answer: (c) every



*Elementary English Grammar*

A1 She likes to go running.

answer: (b) to go

A2 John rides his bicycle every day.

answer: (c) rides

A3 I walk to school every day.

answer: (a) walk

A4 They play guitar all the time.

answer: (d) They

A5 Do you like to dance?

answer: (c) to dance

A6 When I was a child I liked to climb trees.

answer: (a) liked

A7 It is a good idea to exercise every day.

answer: (a) to exercise

A8 We went swimming every day in our neighbors' swimming pool.

answer: (d) swimming

A9 There will be a race next week.

answer: (c) will be

A10 Soccer is now a popular sport in most countries.

answer: (d) is

*Question Words*

A1 Which one of you is coming to my house later?

answer: (b) Which

A2 How are you going to get home from work?

answer: (c) How

A3 Who is that guy talking to your sister?

answer: (c) Who

A4 She wants to know how you like your coffee.

answer: (a) how

A5 Let me know when you hear from your mother.

answer: (d) when

A6 What would you like on your hamburger?

answer: (b) What

A7 Whose dog is that?

answer: (c) Whose

A8 This is what I want to be when I grow up.

answer: (d) what

A9 My mother is the one who sings on TV every morning.

answer: (c) who

A10 Whose shoes are those?

answer: (b) Whose

*Common Prepositions*

A1 I live in the big house on the corner.

answer: (a) on

A2 My son goes to English classes 5 days a week.

answer: (c) to

A3 My friend Anna lives in England.

answer: (d) in

A4 The milk goes in the refrigerator.

answer: (b) in

A5 Will you come with me to the store?

answer: (a) with

A6 My car will not start because it is out of gas.

answer: (c) out of

A7 Please put the plates on the table.

answer: (d) on

A8 I like to eat ice cream with chocolate sauce on top.

answer: (b) with

A9 Were you at church yesterday?

answer: (a) at

A10 I am at work right now.

answer: (b) at

*Modal Verb Questions*

A1 Will you please bring me my notebook?

answer: (a) Will

A2 Would you please bring me my notebook?

answer: (b) Would

A3 Can you please bring me my notebook?

answer: (c) Can

A4 Could you please bring me my notebook?

answer: (b) Could

A5 Do you want some water?

answer: (d) Do

A6 Would you like some water?

answer: (c) Would

A7 Can I ride with you to work?

answer: (b) Can

A8 May I ride with you to work?

answer: (d) May

A9 Is there any way I could ride with you to work?

answer: (a) Is there any way

A10 Would you mind if I ride with you to work?

answer: (c) Would you mind if

*Elementary Grammar Questions*

A1 Flowers smell good.

answer: (c) smell

A2 My favourite colour is green.

answer: (d) favourite

A3 My mom is from Africa.

answer: (b) from

A4 There are 7 kids in my family.

answer: (b) in

A5 Both of my parents live in the United States of America.

answer: (d) Both

A6 All 4 of my grandparents are still alive.

answer: (c) All

A7 Did you leave my shoes outside last night?

answer: (a) Did

A8 I really like to eat spaghetti.

answer: (b) to eat

A9 Do you think you can drive me home later?

answer: (a) Do you think you can

A10 It is a rule: if you ride in my car you have to wear your seatbelt.

answer: (d) have to

*English Grammar Exercise*

A1 Our couch is very soft.

answer: (a) very

A2 Our house has 3 bedrooms.

answer: (c) has

A3 Does your dog live inside or outside?

answer: (d) or

A4 Does your kitchen have a dishwasher?

answer: (d) kitchen

A5 All of the walls are painted white.

answer: (b) painted

A6 There is a rug on the floor in the living room.

answer: (c) on

A7 The television gets 6 channels.

answer: (c) television

A8 Our table is big enough for 8 people.

answer: (d) big enough

A9 Do you lock the front door at night?

answer: (b) at

A10 I will put away the clothes after you fold them.

answer: (a) put away

*Much, many, a lot, lots*

A1 How many people are coming?

answer: (d) many

A2 How much does the book cost?

answer: (a) much

A3 Do you need much milk for this recipe?

answer: (c) much

A4 I need to practice piano a lot before the concert.

answer: (d) a lot

A5 I have a ton of homework to do before tomorrow.

answer: (a) a ton

A6 How much water do you drink every day?

answer: (b) much

A7 You are very smart.

answer: (c) very

A8 I have lots of friends.

answer: (c) lots

A9 You are a very honest person.

answer: (b) very

A10 Do you have many ants in your house?

answer: (b) many

*Elementary Adjectives*

A1 If I am not right, I am wrong.

answer: (a) wrong

A2 If you are not taller, you are shorter.

answer: (b) shorter

A3 The car is not fast, it is slow.

answer: (c) fast

A4 Today it is not hot, it is cold.

answer: (a) cold

A5 If I am not weak, I am strong.

answer: (d) strong

A6 I do not get up late, I get up early.

answer: (c) late

A7 He is the heaviest and I am the lightest.

answer: (a) lightest

A8 What goes up must come down.

answer: (b) down

A9 At the stop sign do not turn right, turn left.

answer: (d) left

A10 My mom's hair is not straight, it is curly.

answer: (c) curly



*Chit Chat: At the bus stop*

A1 Mike: Where are you going today?

answer: (c) going

A2 Linda: I really want to go shopping.

answer: (b) shopping

A3 Mike: What's wrong with the shops here?

answer: (a) wrong

A4 Linda: Nothing really but there is more choice in the town.

answer: (d) choice

A5 Mike: That's true but you have to wait a long time for a bus.

answer: (c) wait

A6 Linda: Yes, I have been waiting for 30 minutes already.

answer: (b) have been

A7 Mike: Then it's just as well it's not raining.

answer: (a) as

A8 Linda: I don't like the look of that dark cloud over there.

answer: (b) look

A9 Mike: Oh dear. Are you going to wait any longer.

answer: (d) longer

A10 Linda: No. I've just realised it's Sunday and there are no buses today.

answer: (c) realised

*Chit Chat: Talking about the Doctor*

A1 Mike: Haven't seen you for ages.

answer: (b) ages

A2 Linda: No, I've been in a lot of pain the last few months.

answer: (d) in

A3 Mike: I'm sorry to hear that. Tell me about it.

answer: (c) about

A4 Linda: It's awful really. At the moment it's in my knee.

answer: (a) moment

A5 Mike: That can make walking very difficult.

answer: (b) make

A6 Linda: Then there's the pain in my back.

answer: (d) there's

A7 Mike: I know what that's like.

answer: (d) like

A8 Linda: Of course I mustn't forget the pains in my feet.

answer: (b) course

A9 Mike: Suddenly I'm feeling much better. I won't see the doctor today. Good bye.

answer: (c) feeling

A10 Linda: But you can't go yet I haven't described my other pains.

answer: (d) yet

*Chit Chat: In the Aeroplane*

A1 Linda: Have you ever flown before? Only it's my first time in a plane and I'm a little nervous.

answer: (b) flown

A2 Mike: Yes, lots of times. There's no need to worry about it.

answer: (a) worry

A3 Linda: That's easy for you to say but I feel very anxious.

answer: (d) say

A4 Mike: All you have to do is take it easy and relax.

answer: (c) easy

A5 Linda: I had a few drinks before I came on board and that hasn't helped.

answer: (b) few

A6 Mike: Never mind I'm sure you'll be all right and anyhow we're starting to move now.

answer: (a) mind

A7 Linda: Yes, you're right. It's as if everything on the plane is shaking.

answer: (d) if

A8 Mike: That means that the engines are warming up. It won't be long now.

answer: (b) up

A9 Linda: Oh yes. I don't know why I was so nervous I think flying is great!

answer: (a) nervous

A10 Mike: Don't get too excited! We're still on the runway and haven't taken off yet.

answer: (c) off

*Chit Chat: At the pub*

A1 Charles: I don't think I've seen you before in this pub.

answer: (b) seen

A2 Deborah: No, this is my first visit.

answer: (d) visit

A3 Charles: And I see you've brought your little dog with you.

answer: (c) brought

A4 Deborah: Yes, he goes everywhere with me.

answer: (a) everywhere

A5 Charles: It's very good the way he sits at the table and eats his food with a knife and fork.

answer: (d) food

A6 Deborah: Oh yes. He's very good. At home when he's finished eating, he goes into the kitchen and washes up his plates.

answer: (a) finished

A7 Charles: That's really amazing I find that difficult to believe.

answer: (b) amazing

A8 Deborah: Believe me — he's a really wonderful dog and can do most things that people do.

answer: (c) most

A9 Charles: The one thing I've noticed is that he doesn't say anything.

answer: (d) noticed

A10 Deborah: Yes, that's right. He's not talking today because he's got a sore throat.

answer: (b) sore

*Chit Chat: At the restaurant*

A1 Waiter: What would you like to start with, sir?

answer: (c) start

A2 Diner: I was thinking I might try the soup.

answer: (d) might

A3 Waiter: Sorry sir. The soup's off.

answer: (a) off

A4 Diner: In that case I'll try the roast beef.

answer: (b) case

A5 Waiter: You'll have no luck there either. We haven't got any left.

answer: (a) left

A6 Diner: Oh that's a shame. Perhaps I could have the pork.

answer: (c) shame

A7 Waiter: It's really not your day. We don't have any pork now.

answer: (d) day

A8 Diner: Oh this is ridiculous. Do you have anything at all?

answer: (b) ridiculous

A9 Waiter: Now sir it's not worth losing your temper. You could take the last thing on the menu.

answer: (a) losing

A10 Diner: Right then. If it's not too much trouble. Please bring me a cup of coffee.

answer: (d) trouble

*Chit Chat: On the phone*

- A1 Woman: Hello. 6 — 3 — 4 — 9 — 5. Who's calling please?  
answer: (a) calling
- A2 Charlie: Yes, hello it's Charlie here. I wanted to know how you are.  
answer: (d) know
- A3 Woman: Me? Oh, I'm doing fine, thank you and you?  
answer: (b) fine
- A4 Charlie: Well, to be honest I've had a few problems recently.  
answer: (c) honest
- A5 Woman: Sorry to hear that. What kind of problems?  
answer: (b) kind
- A6 Charlie: Well, it all started when my wife walked out on me.  
answer: (d) walked
- A7 Woman: Sorry to hear that. That must have been a blow.  
answer: (c) blow
- A8 Charlie: Of course that was some time ago and I've got used to it now.  
answer: (a) used
- A9 Woman: By the way I don't know anybody called Charlie.  
answer: (b) called
- A10 Charlie: Sorry about that I must have dialled the wrong number. Have a nice day.  
answer: (c) dialled

*Chit Chat: In the theatre*

- A1 Alice: I think the play is just on the point of starting.  
answer: (d) point
- A2 Mary: I do hope so. I'm very fond of the main actor.  
answer: (b) fond
- A3 Alice: Me too. Just listen to the sound of his voice now.  
answer: (c) sound
- A4 Mary: The trouble is I always forget his name.  
answer: (a) forget
- A5 Alice: I think his first name is Michael but I can't remember the surname.  
answer: (d) surname
- A6 Mary: I've got it. Surely it's Dobson. Yes, that's it — Michael Dobson.  
answer: (b) Surely
- A7 Alice: Yes, you're dead right. I've seen him on tv loads of times.  
answer: (c) dead
- A8 Mary: Yes, Michael Dobson he was in that new thriller as the detective.  
answer: (c) thriller
- A9 Alice: He was really good in that. Oh look, he's suddenly stopped and started glaring.  
answer: (a) glaring
- A10 Michael Dobson: I'm very glad, ladies you know who I am. Now can you stop talking so that we can get on with the play?  
answer: (b) glad

*Chit Chat: In the supermarket*

A1 Employee: Are you having problems, madam?

answer: (c) having

A2 Old lady: Yes. I wonder if you could possibly help me, young man.

answer: (c) possibly

A3 Employee: Of course. In what way?

answer: (d) way

A4 Old lady: The fact is I just can't reach that cereal packet on the top shelf.

answer: (b) reach

A5 Employee: No problem. There you are.

answer: (a) There

A6 Old lady: There is just one other thing you can help me with if you have a moment.

answer: (c) thing

A7 Employee: Just tell me and I'll see if I can help.

answer: (b) see

A8 Old lady: All I want to know is what day today is.

answer: (a) what

A9 Employee: It's Thursday of course. What do you want to know for?

answer: (d) for

A10 Old lady: Well you see this supermarket is so big I can't find the way out I've been here since Tuesday!

answer: (c) out



*Chit Chat: In the train*

- A1 Mrs Ashton: Excuse me but do you know if this train is going to London?  
answer: (b) if
- A2 Mr Corp: Oh yes, madam. She's definitely going to London.  
answer: (c) definitely
- A3 Mrs Ashton: Well, that's good news.  
answer: (d) news
- A4 Mr Corp: What makes you say that, madam?  
answer: (b) makes
- A5 Mrs Ashton: Well, last time I travelled by train, I got on the wrong one.  
answer: (a) travelled
- A6 Mr Corp: What happened to you then?  
answer: (c) happened
- A7 Mrs Ashton: It was terrible because I ended up miles away from where I wanted to go.  
answer: (b) up
- A8 Mr Corp: Well, you'll have no such problem today, madam.  
answer: (d) problem
- A9 Mrs Ashton: Look are you sure the train's going to London. It's taking a long time to leave.  
answer: (a) sure
- A10 Mr Corp: Don't you worry madam. It is going to London but not for another 4 hours!  
answer: (c) worry

*Other, another, others, the others*

- A1 There are ten pieces of fruit in my basket. One is an orange, one is a lemon and another is an apple.  
answer: (c) another
- A2 I have two pencils. One is black, and the other is blue.  
answer: (d) the other
- A3 There are four girls in my apartment. Two are called Casey and Amber. The others are Joanne and Lindsey.  
answer: (b) The others
- A4 There are several holidays in Brazil. One is Independence Day and some others are Children's Day and Teacher's Day.  
answer: (a) some others
- A5 My friend has two cars. One is black and the other is red.  
answer: (b) the other
- A6 My mom speaks three languages. One is English and another one is French.  
answer: (c) another
- A7 There are eight pets in my house. Six are cats and the others are dogs.  
answer: (d) the others
- A8 There are 50 states in the United States. One is North Carolina and some others are Virginia and Kentucky.  
answer: (c) some others
- A9 My neighbor has four kids. One of them is a boy and the others are girls.  
answer: (a) the others
- A10 There are three books in my backpack. One is a maths book and another is a chemistry book.  
answer: (b) another

*Adjective Prepositions Constructions*

A1 Venice is famous for its canals.

answer: (d) for

A2 My son is afraid of the dark.

answer: (c) of

A3 Maria is married to my cousin.

answer: (c) to

A4 The second hotel was different from the first.

answer: (d) from

A5 Lucas is very good at drawing.

answer: (a) at

A6 I'm tired of waiting for the bus. Let's take a taxi.

answer: (c) of

A7 George was worried about his father's health.

answer: (b) about

A8 I didn't know you were interested in science.

answer: (a) in

A9 Why are you angry with him?

answer: (d) with

A10 We were very pleased with the service.

answer: (a) with

*Anything, nothing, something, everything*

A1 I don't have anything to do today.

answer: (b) anything

A2 Are there any dogs in the house?

answer: (c) any

A3 I know nothing about it!

answer: (b) nothing

A4 There is something I need to do tomorrow afternoon.

answer: (d) something

A5 My friend doesn't know anything about her birthday party!

answer: (c) anything

A6 Did you bring everything you need for the trip?

answer: (d) everything

A7 If there is anything you need you can call me, okay?

answer: (a) anything

A8 I think there is something wrong with my VCR. It is not working very well.

answer: (c) something

A9 My friend's decisions have nothing to do with me.

answer: (a) nothing

A10 My mom asked me how I was, and I said everything was fine.

answer: (d) everything

*American homophones*

- A1 I would eat dessert 24/7 if I could get away with it.  
answer: (b) dessert
- A2 My friend said she doesn't know any foreign languages.  
answer: (c) know
- A3 We took the kids swimming all morning. Now they're completely exhausted.  
answer: (a) they're
- A4 My friend's dog always chases its tail.  
answer: (d) its
- A5 Every time I go on a trip, I leave my dog in a kennel.  
answer: (d) kennel
- A6 The principal of my school was overwhelmingly strict.  
answer: (a) principal
- A7 The chocolate chip cookies are on aisle five.  
answer: (c) aisle
- A8 There are millions of poor people in third-world countries.  
answer: (b) poor
- A9 Christina loves to sew!  
answer: (c) sew
- A10 Hey Tom, how's the weather in Tulsa today?  
answer: (d) weather

*Pronouns: who, whose, whom, which*

A1 This is the teacher who told me my son has been misbehaving in class.

answer: (d) who

A2 My husband, whom I love, sent me flowers at work last night.

answer: (b) whom

A3 This is the girl whose car hit that tree last week.

answer: (c) whose

A4 Those were the boxes which were sent to you last month but never made it here.

answer: (a) which

A5 Who is going to take the dog for a walk?

answer: (c) Who

A6 Whom shall I fear but the ones who hurt me?

answer: (b) Whom

A7 I asked you which of these shoes you think would go with my outfit.

answer: (d) which

A8 Whose house is this, anyway? Are we allowed to stay here?

answer: (c) Whose

A9 I have friends who love me so much that they threw a surprise birthday party for me last night.

answer: (a) who

A10 That young man, to whom we owe many thanks, saved our mom's life after the car accident.

answer: (b) whom

*Some, any, few, little*

A1 Wow! Look at that! How many books do you have on your shelves? I have to tell you it's a great collection!

answer: (b) many

A2 Would you like some juice?

answer: (c) some

A3 How much money do you have?

answer: (a) much

A4 I only have a few dollars.

answer: (d) a few

A5 I want to make orange juice. Have you got any oranges?

answer: (c) any

A6 No, I don't. But I have some apples, if you'd like to make apple juice instead.

answer: (b) some

A7 There are many people trying to go to the U2 concert this weekend.

answer: (a) many

A8 How many gallons of water did you bring for the trip? — I just have a few gallons.

answer: (d) a few

A9 Jessica spent a lot of money on her car. Now she only has a little money left to pay for her living expenses.

answer: (c) a little

A10 How much time do you have left before you have to go to school?

answer: (b) much

*Prepositions Test*

- A1 I was jogging in the park this morning and saw this dog coming towards me. It looked like he was going to attack me, but he was just trying to reach his owner, who was running right behind me.  
answer: (c) towards
- A2 Barbara, your boyfriend is waiting for you outside in the car.  
answer: (b) outside
- A3 I heard the sound of glass breaking in the living room and ran to see what had happened. A pigeon had flown against the window and broken it.  
answer: (d) against
- A4 Suzanne, who lives by that coffee shop, came over to visit you this morning.  
answer: (b) by
- A5 I don't know how many times I have told my daughter to look both ways before running across the street.  
answer: (a) across
- A6 My house is between the grocery store and the gas station.  
answer: (d) between
- A7 The temperature in Washington D.C. today is eight degrees below zero.  
answer: (b) below
- A8 The cat is sitting on the wall.  
answer: (a) on
- A9 As soon as Bob heard his boss coming, he jumped for his chair and pretended he was working.  
answer: (c) for
- A10 Frederick lives up the hill, where all the mansions are.  
answer: (d) up



*Past Participle Sentences*

A1 Had I been able to go to school as a child, I would have learned how to read.

answer: (a) learned

A2 I would have sung all night if I could, but we all had to leave early because Carmen didn't feel good.

answer: (b) sung

A3 Adrian should have never left home. If he hadn't, he'd be in a better situation right now.

answer: (c) left

A4 Perhaps she would have been bitten by that dog if its owner hadn't been faster and caught him right on time.

answer: (d) bitten

A5 If it weren't for that medicine you gave me, I would have gotten a lot worse.

answer: (a) gotten

A6 Last night, I dreamed I was calling the police, and today I really did it.

answer: (c) dreamed

A7 I'm glad to know that you have forgiven me for what I did.

answer: (c) forgiven

A8 After looking for him all day, Jeremy finally found his dog hidden in a cave.

answer: (c) hidden

A9 I would have taken pictures of my trip, if I had had a camera.

answer: (c) taken

A10 When he finally arrived, his date had already gone.

answer: (d) gone

*ESL Prepositions*

- A1 The board meeting was called off due to the sudden demise of the chief executive officer.  
answer: (b) off
- A2 My father put down \$1,000 as a deposit to help my sister purchase a new car.  
answer: (c) down
- A3 I have some material from which I could knock off an article if you want me to.  
answer: (a) off
- A4 The finance director has come in for a lot of criticism over his unsuccessful handling of the company's investments.  
answer: (b) for
- A5 The factory churns out thousands of pairs of low cost shoes every day.  
answer: (a) out
- A6 Low consumer demand has forced the retailer to mark down a wide range of goods by as much as 40%.  
answer: (b) down
- A7 Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett must be making a fortune. They're clearly raking in over \$1,000,000 a year.  
answer: (b) in
- A8 The clothing manufacturer recently branched out into sportswear.  
answer: (a) out
- A9 Distributors will probably bump up the price of the software when the next version is released.  
answer: (a) up
- A10 The director was drummed out of office when it was discovered that she had been involved in insider trading.  
answer: (d) out

*Common English Errors (1)*

- A1 There are many kinds of jobs in Oregon right now.  
answer: (c) kinds
- A2 She ran over to the commotion to find out what was happening.  
answer: (d) find out
- A3 After some time, Vince got to know the university campus very well.  
answer: (a) got
- A4 Don't forget about your daughter's soccer game — she'll never forgive you if you miss it!  
answer: (d) forgive
- A5 When I drove into Seattle yesterday afternoon, the weather was still cloudy and wet.  
answer: (a) weather
- A6 I'm worried about her because she is taking more pills than usual.  
answer: (c) is taking
- A7 I'm so busy — I hope you'll excuse my messy office space.  
answer: (c) excuse
- A8 He was married fifty years ago.  
answer: (b) ago
- A9 I wake up at six o'clock in the morning every day.  
answer: (b) wake up
- A10 We decided to stay in bed this morning because last night wore us out.  
answer: (c) stay in

*Common English Errors (2)*

- A1 That book isn't in right now, but we can order one for you.  
answer: (b) order
- A2 I borrowed some great books from the library this past weekend.  
answer: (c) borrowed
- A3 We always stay at the hotel by the marina when we go to San Francisco.  
answer: (a) stay
- A4 I haven't heard from anyone lately.  
answer: (d) heard
- A5 After the attack, the woman calmed down quickly.  
answer: (a) calmed down
- A6 Call me as soon as possible. It's urgent.  
answer: (b) Call
- A7 People call this place the "Forbidden Forest".  
answer: (a) call
- A8 I've been so busy with new clients that I hired new staff just to keep up.  
answer: (b) keep up
- A9 You're an asset to our team. Keep it up!  
answer: (c) Keep it up!
- A10 It's difficult to understand what she sees in in her job — it seems very boring.  
answer: (d) sees in

*Common English Errors (3)*

A1 Older people like this area a lot.

answer: (b) Older

A2 My eldest brother is really nice to me.

answer: (a) eldest

A3 After visiting several galaxies, the aliens found themselves captivated by life on earth.

answer: (d) earth

A4 It's one of the nicest countries in the world.

answer: (b) in the world

A5 I know it sounds unreasonable, but it is possible that she will never come back.

answer: (a) is possible

A6 As soon as I picked up the rare object, it came apart.

answer: (c) came apart

A7 You should come over after you've finished your lessons.

answer: (b) come over

A8 Our friends, whom we haven't seen in a long time, came by last night.

answer: (d) came by

A9 I keep my favorite ring in a large heavy metal safe at home.

answer: (a) in

A10 The world needs to depend on other energy sources besides oil and other non-renewable resources.

answer: (c) besides

*Common English Errors (4)*

A1 Her mother died when she was just a little girl.

answer: (c) died

A2 If my back starts acting up, I can't go anywhere with you next week.

answer: (c) acting up

A3 She was hoping the terrible argument would blow over before the wedding.

answer: (b) blow over

A4 After the car accident, Bob had to build up his endurance in rehabilitation classes.

answer: (d) build up

A5 My uncle has a long beard and a hairy chest.

answer: (d) hairy

A6 Because of his age, everyone thinks he should find a suitable mate and settle down.

answer: (c) down

A7 The movie was very shocking because it is based on a true story that took place in our state.

answer: (b) based on

A8 His speech was articulate, and I asked him to expand on his ideas.

answer: (c) expand on

A9 Our nanny has always been kind to us.

answer: (d) kind

A10 I got bored with the book quickly.

answer: (c) got bored

*Common Quantity Nouns*

- A1 The boys gathered a bundle of sticks.  
answer: (a) sticks
- A2 Over by the railroad tracks, there was a heap of stones.  
answer: (d) stones
- A3 In the distance, the onlookers could see a fleet of ships.  
answer: (d) ships
- A4 As she looked up, she saw a flight of stairs.  
answer: (d) stairs
- A5 The flock of sheep stayed together.  
answer: (a) sheep
- A6 A swarm of insects gathered around the swamp.  
answer: (c) insects
- A7 A crowd of people lined up to see what was happening.  
answer: (c) people
- A8 There was a long row of houses near the beach.  
answer: (d) houses
- A9 The herd of cows kept eating as the wind blew past them.  
answer: (c) cows
- A10 In the show, we saw many different schools of fish.  
answer: (c) fish

*Using Make and Do (1)*

A1 The manager was surprised at how many things Ron could do at once.

answer: (b) do

A2 She made him a solemn promise that she would never steal again.

answer: (c) made

A3 His teacher begged him to make more of an effort in class.

answer: (a) make

A4 We had so much fun in Chicago — we did it in three days.

answer: (d) did

A5 The business made a lot of money this year.

answer: (c) made

A6 The university research team stumbled upon something; it made a really big discovery.

answer: (c) made

A7 His mother forced him to do his homework every night after supper.

answer: (b) do

A8 No matter how hard she pushed him, she couldn't make her son do the job properly.

answer: (a) make

A9 The teacher suggested they do another exercise to understand the problem better.

answer: (b) do

A10 We only have one more pot of stew — will it do?

answer: (b) do



*Using Prepositions*

- A1 Ralph was late for work again. He may be fired.  
answer: (c) for
- A2 Naomi is keen on working in Africa this coming year.  
answer: (c) on
- A3 He's been suffering from migraine headaches again.  
answer: (b) from
- A4 All of Chris's teachers agree that he is very good at math.  
answer: (c) at
- A5 To get a job as a secretary, you must be good at typing and answering phones.  
answer: (b) at
- A6 Because of his new shift, he has to wake up at 3 a.m. every day.  
answer: (b) at
- A7 Such bad behavior is typical of the spoiled child.  
answer: (d) of
- A8 Mary is so pleased with her students' grades this past year.  
answer: (b) with
- A9 He was very angry with his mother because she grounded him yesterday.  
answer: (a) with
- A10 Karen is very jealous of Kim and it's very obvious to others.  
answer: (a) of

*Using Make and Do (2)*

A1 Even though the situation was not ideal, they decided to make a go of things.

answer: (a) make

A2 She finally begged him to make a move in their very long and tiresome chess game.

answer: (a) make

A3 He was very proud of his car yesterday, because during the race it did 260 km/hr.

answer: (d) did

A4 She suddenly realized that she only had a few days left on her vacation, so she decided to make the most of it.

answer: (a) make

A5 I'm not quite ready yet — I have to do my hair.

answer: (b) do

A6 His mother was late because she made the beds before she left the house.

answer: (c) made

A7 No one knows why he did those terrible things in the past.

answer: (d) did

A8 He was confused and couldn't make up his mind about what to do next.

answer: (a) make

A9 The teacher had to make up a new syllabus because her old one was outdated.

answer: (a) make

A10 They made up quickly after their silly argument.

answer: (c) made

*Why Questions*

A1 Which countries have a coastline on the Mediterranean Sea?

answer: (b) Which

A2 What is measured by the Richter Scale?

answer: (a) What

A3 Where does the word "alphabet" come from?

answer: (c) Where

A4 Who was the first man in space?

answer: (d) Who

A5 What does NATO stand for?

answer: (a) What

A6 In what year did Prince Charles marry?

answer: (a) what

A7 When did William Jefferson Clinton become President of the United States?

answer: (a) When

A8 Which Caribbean island does Sir Vivian Richards come from?

answer: (a) Which

A9 Who was the youngest person to be elected President of the United States?

answer: (d) Who

A10 What year did the first commercial aviation flight take place?

answer: (b) What

*While, during and for*

A1 My uncle died during the war.

answer: (b) during

A2 The phone rang while I was eating brunch.

answer: (a) while

A3 I lived in Denpasar for several years.

answer: (c) for

A4 While I was in Geneva, I made lots of friends.

answer: (a) While

A5 Last week I was held up for four hours because of the traffic.

answer: (c) for

A6 A salesman knocked on our door while we were watching a movie.

answer: (a) while

A7 I hurt my leg during the third quarter of the basketball game.

answer: (b) during

A8 A game of rugby usually lasts for eighty minutes.

answer: (c) for

A9 During my stay in hospital, the nurses looked after me very well.

answer: (b) During

A10 I was traveling through Mumbai for six weeks last summer.

answer: (c) for

*auxiliary verbs: was, did, have*

A1 The flight was delayed because of bad weather.

answer: (a) was

A2 Did you do much sightseeing when you were on vacation in Madrid?

answer: (c) Did

A3 They were leaving for the airport when I last saw them.

answer: (b) were

A4 I had forgotten to set my alarm clock, so I was late for my train.

answer: (d) had

A5 Was it raining when you left your office this afternoon?

answer: (a) Was

A6 The employees were informed last night that their company was going into receivership.

answer: (b) were

A7 The police located the art work which had been stolen from the gallery.

answer: (d) had

A8 The fire was caused by an electrical problem.

answer: (a) was

A9 She was surprised that he knew her name. She had never met him before.

answer: (d) had

A10 How many times were your travel documents checked before you boarded the airplane?

answer: (b) were

*Words with time: for, ago, since, on, at*

A1 I graduated from college in 2002.

answer: (c) in

A2 I like to go to bed at midnight on Saturdays.

answer: (d) at

A3 He migrated to Istanbul five years ago.

answer: (b) ago

A4 The artist had been painting for two decades when he sold his first painting.

answer: (b) for

A5 Shakespeare was born on 23 April 1564.

answer: (b) on

A6 In Europe, autumn begins in September.

answer: (a) in

A7 We always eat a roast dinner on Christmas Day.

answer: (b) on

A8 His pet anaconda died five months ago, and he still misses it.

answer: (c) ago

A9 I've been studying Italian since I was five years old.

answer: (b) since

A10 The chairman of the board has been working in the finance industry since 1984.

answer: (c) since

*Common English phrases with prepositions*

A1 I had an accident yesterday afternoon. Fortunately I didn't do too much damage to my car.

answer: (d) to

A2 Simon isn't at school this week. He's on vacation.

answer: (c) on

A3 We're out of coffee. Could you please go the supermarket and pick up some more?

answer: (c) of

A4 This morning I received a cheque in the mail for one thousand dollars.

answer: (b) for

A5 You're really annoying me. You're doing it on purpose, aren't you?

answer: (c) on

A6 Can you tell the difference between butter and margarine?

answer: (c) between

A7 There have been many complaints about your behavior.

answer: (c) about

A8 The trouble with my mother-in-law is that she doesn't listen to anybody.

answer: (a) with

A9 I'm tired of cooking every night. Let's eat out for a change.

answer: (b) for

A10 Have you got any photos of your girlfriend?

answer: (c) of

*Articles in English Grammar*

A1 I want to buy a laptop computer next week.

answer: (a) a

A2 Can you please go to the grocery store on Fifth Street and buy 2 cartons of milk?

answer: (c) the

A3 Please meet me at the train station in an hour from now.

answer: (b) an

A4 I like to watch tennis on television. It is a very good game.

answer: (a) a

A5 My brother won an award for being the best speller in our school.

answer: (c) the

A6 Hello, my name is Bob! I haven't anything to do tonight, so if you're not busy, would you like to watch a movie or something with me?

answer: (a) a

A7 I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw an elephant crossing the road in front of my school yesterday.

answer: (b) an

A8 How much will it cost to go on a holiday to Bali?

answer: (a) a

A9 Can you please help me pick out a birthday present for my father?

answer: (a) a

A10 The President of the United States will be visiting Australia next week.

answer: (c) The



*a, some or any*

A1 We need a kilo of apples.

answer: (a) a

A2 Have you got any water?

answer: (c) any

A3 There's a newspaper on the table.

answer: (a) a

A4 I've got some salad sandwiches for my lunch today.

answer: (b) some

A5 I haven't got any tea. Can you go to the corner store and buy some more?

answer: (c) any

A6 How about a cup of coffee?

answer: (a) a

A7 There are some grapes in the fridge.

answer: (b) some

A8 Is there any orange juice left in the fridge?

answer: (c) any

A9 I need some money to go shopping.

answer: (c) some

A10 We need to buy some rolls if you want to make hotdogs for your lunch.

answer: (b) some

*Interrogative pronouns*

A1 Who is the girl in the blue dress?

answer: (a) Who

A2 What is the name of the team in red?

answer: (a) What

A3 Who likes to play pinball at the arcade?

answer: (a) Who

A4 For whom did Sheila make these cookies?

answer: (b) whom

A5 Which of the names did you choose for the puppy?

answer: (b) Which

A6 Who completed the assignment?

answer: (b) Who

A7 Who's the highest ranking official in the United States?

answer: (a) Who's

A8 To whom did Mark lend his video game?

answer: (c) whom

A9 Which of the cars is parked in the driveway?

answer: (a) Which

A10 To whom should the check be made payable?

answer: (c) whom

*Possessive pronouns*

A1 Mia left her notebook on the bus.

answer: (a) her

A2 The colorful picture of the flowers is mine.

answer: (c) mine

A3 The proud parents brought home their new baby girl.

answer: (c) their

A4 William strummed his guitar and invited everyone to sing.

answer: (a) his

A5 The computer quickly stores information on its huge memory.

answer: (c) its

A6 These warm chocolate chip cookies melt in your mouth.

answer: (b) your

A7 Is your seat belt always fastened?

answer: (a) your

A8 The fluffy brown puppy is theirs.

answer: (c) theirs

A9 Her hand shot up when the teacher asked for volunteers.

answer: (b) Her

A10 I didn't get a cheeseburger, so I tasted hers.

answer: (c) hers

*Phrasal verbs*

A1 I'm sorry, James isn't in at the moment. Can I take a message?

answer: (a) in

A2 We've run out of sugar. Could you please buy some more?

answer: (d) out of

A3 I don't know how you put up with such noisy brothers. It would drive me crazy.

answer: (a) put up

A4 You've borrowed such a great deal of money from me lately. I need to work out exactly how much you owe me.

answer: (c) work out

A5 Can you find out the time of the next train to Munich?

answer: (c) find out

A6 That maths exam was incredibly difficult. It took me ages to work out some of the answers.

answer: (c) work out

A7 I don't mind helping you bake a cake, but just make sure you put away everything when you've finished.

answer: (b) put away

A8 I'm broke. I have to come up with an idea for making money.

answer: (d) come up with

A9 Our teacher told us to get on with our work quietly.

answer: (a) get on with

A10 The government wants to try out a new scheme to encourage people to start their own businesses.

answer: (b) try out

*Agatha Christie test questions*

A1 Agatha Christie lived with her family in England.

answer: (a) her

A2 Agatha Christie didn't have a happy marriage.

answer: (b) didn't

A3 Agatha Christie divorced her husband in 1930.

answer: (a) divorced

A4 Agatha Christie was a very successful writer of detective stories.

answer: (c) stories

A5 She disappeared for eleven days in December 1926.

answer: (b) disappeared

A6 The police found her flat empty and there was no sign of Agatha Christie.

answer: (a) empty

A7 Agatha Christie wrote more than 80 mysteries and sold over 300 million books.

answer: (c) over

A8 People all over the world have read Agatha Christie's stories.

answer: (c) read

A9 Agatha Christie didn't tell anyone why she disappeared in December 1926.

answer: (b) anyone

A10 Agatha Christie wrote her first detective story in 1920 and became very successful.

answer: (c) successful

*Conjunctions: and, but, or, so*

- A1 We will visit Australia and New Zealand during our next vacation.  
answer: (a) and
- A2 My teeth were hurting so I made an appointment to go the dentist.  
answer: (b) so
- A3 Have you seen or heard the latest musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber?  
answer: (c) or
- A4 I wanted to go to the rock concert but all the tickets were already sold out.  
answer: (b) but
- A5 I wanted to eat sushi for dinner so I went to a Japanese restaurant.  
answer: (b) so
- A6 I wanted to eat fish for lunch but the fish and chip shop had closed for the day.  
answer: (b) but
- A7 I am going to do my homework and take a shower when I get home from school.  
answer: (a) and
- A8 My father wanted to watch a soccer match on television but my mother was already watching another program.  
answer: (a) but
- A9 My brother wanted to buy a novel so he went to the book store after he finished work.  
answer: (a) so
- A10 I wanted to visit my grandmother last week but she had an accident and had to be taken to hospital.  
answer: (a) but

*Compound words with 'tooth'*

A1 I usually take a toothbrush to work so I can clean my teeth thoroughly after I have eaten my lunch.

answer: (a) toothbrush

A2 My wife hates it if I leave the lid off the toothpaste after I have finished brushing my teeth.

answer: (b) toothpaste

A3 It is very dangerous for small children to play with toothpicks

answer: (b) toothpicks

A4 My father told me that I will get a toothache if I eat too much chocolate.

answer: (b) toothache

A5 Mum, can you please buy me a new toothbrush when you go to the supermarket this afternoon?

answer: (c) toothbrush

A6 Tomorrow I must go to the pharmacy and buy some more toothpaste.

answer: (a) toothpaste

A7 My daughter woke up screaming in the middle of the night because she had a terrible toothache.

answer: (c) toothache

A8 Nora asked the waiter to bring her a toothpick after she had finished eating her dessert.

answer: (b) toothpick

A9 I can't seem to find the new tube of toothpaste that I bought at the supermarket yesterday.

answer: (c) toothpaste

A10 My old toothbrush is looking very shaggy. I think it's about time to buy a new one.

answer: (c) toothbrush

**Beginner Grammar Questions Test (1)**

A1 I wonder how many children are going on the school field trip this month.

answer: (a) are

A2 Every morning, I go to work by car.

answer: (b) by

A3 Do you like sushi? No, I don't.

answer: (b) don't

A4 Has anyone seen Laura? Is she coming to work today?

answer: (a) Is she coming

A5 I hope you're having a good time. Would you like some more tea?

answer: (c) Would you

A6 Let's hang out later tonight. Do you want to come over after work?

answer: (b) Do you

A7 I was out when you called. I went to the store to buy some milk.

answer: (b) to

A8 I haven't talked to Nicole recently. When did you talk to her last?

answer: (c) did

A9 We had a wonderful time. Thanks for inviting us over for dinner.

answer: (a) had

A10 The forecast isn't good for tomorrow. It's going to rain, so don't forget to bring your umbrella.

answer: (b) going



*Irregular Verbs (1)*

A1 Have you got your ticket for the concert on Friday yet?

answer: (c) got

A2 I have grown numerous plants in my garden this year.

answer: (b) grown

A3 Laurie and Tom left for the coast on Monday morning.

answer: (c) left

A4 Can you put the mirror on that wall, please?

answer: (a) put

A5 The bridesmaids wore beautiful lavender-colored dresses at the wedding last Saturday.

answer: (b) wore

A6 Rose took her son to his soccer practice. She should be back shortly.

answer: (a) took

A7 John Steinbeck wrote a number of memorable novels and stories set in California.

answer: (c) wrote

A8 Andrea's husband is a truck driver. He drives huge semi-trailers for a living.

answer: (b) drives

A9 After looking at a variety of color palettes, Tammy finally chose the color for her family room walls.

answer: (b) chose

A10 Luther has to buy four new tires for his car. He wants higher quality tires so they will last longer.

answer: (c) buy

*Postcard: Writer*

- A1 Thank you very much for the kind letter you sent me  
answer: (c) for
- A2 about the latest book of mine published last month.  
answer: (b) mine
- A3 Many people have not followed the plot of the story.  
answer: (a) plot
- A4 It is clear however that you have understood it perfectly.  
answer: (b) clear
- A5 Of course sometimes it is easy to spot the person who is the murderer,  
answer: (c) spot
- A6 from the first few pages of the book.  
answer: (a) pages
- A7 You say you knew who committed the murder in chapter 10.  
answer: (b) knew
- A8 That makes a writer feel very pleased with himself  
answer: (c) himself
- A9 because there are only 11 chapters in the book.  
answer: (a) only
- A10 As I have your address, I will send you a copy of my next book.  
answer: (c) address

*Postcard: Winner*

A1 I am pleased to tell you are very lucky.

answer: (a) pleased

A2 A prize is waiting for you.

answer: (c) prize

A3 It is possible you have won a lot of money.

answer: (b) won

A4 All you have to do is to telephone this number.

answer: (c) do

A5 The number is 7863452 but you must phone now.

answer: (b) now

A6 If you wait till tomorrow it will be too late.

answer: (a) too

A7 You have to answer a simple question.

answer: (c) answer

A8 I think you will have no problem with the question.

answer: (a) problem

A9 Are you ready for the question?

answer: (b) ready

A10 It is: Do you believe this postcard is real or just a joke?

answer: (c) real

*Postcard: Job*

A1 Just to let you know how I am getting on in my new job.

answer: (b) on

A2 The first day was very hard because I didn't know anyone.

answer: (a) know

A3 The first week in fact was terrible because I was very tired.

answer: (b) fact

A4 Slowly the work easier easier

answer: (c) easier

A5 because I knew what to do.

answer: (b) do

A6 Last night we had a party in the office.

answer: (c) office

A7 The boss came too.

answer: (b) too

A8 Someone I met at the party is going to the cinema with me tonight.

answer: (a) met

A9 She is very pretty and laughs at all my jokes.

answer: (c) laughs

A10 But the really important thing is that she is the boss's daughter.

answer: (b) thing

*Postcard: Holiday*

- A1 The hotel is a bit small and so we haven't much room.  
answer: (b) room
- A2 The view from the window is good and we can see the sea.  
answer: (c) view
- A3 It's only a small window really and we can only just see the sea.  
answer: (a) just
- A4 A good point is that the food is excellent.  
answer: (a) point
- A5 The other guests are all very friendly.  
answer: (b) guests
- A6 It has rained all day today and as a result we have all got wet.  
answer: (c) wet
- A7 Tomorrow we are going to visit a medieval castle.  
answer: (b) visit
- A8 I do hope the weather at home is better than it is here.  
answer: (a) at
- A9 I hope you can pick us up at the airport when we come home.  
answer: (c) up
- A10 Love to you all and looking forward to seeing you all again.  
answer: (b) looking

*Postcard: France*

A1 We caught the ferry very early in the morning to cross to France.

answer: (b) caught

A2 The sea was very calm and there were not many waves.

answer: (a) calm

A3 We drove the car from the port and stopped at our first hotel.

answer: (c) drove

A4 Nobody spoke English and so we had to speak French to book the room for the night.

answer: (b) book

A5 At home we eat a big breakfast as you know.

answer: (a) eat

A6 But here it is quite different as they only have a bread roll and tea or coffee.

answer: (b) different

A7 After a few hours we began to feel very hungry.

answer: (c) feel

A8 We decided to stop at a restaurant to have a good meal.

answer: (a) meal

A9 It was wonderful and we all continued our journey with full stomachs!

answer: (c) full

A10 Our next hotel was much better because they gave us more breakfast than we really needed.

answer: (a) more

*Postcard: Appointment*

A1 I hope you get this postcard in time for you to read it.

answer: (a) in

A2 I say this because we are going to meet next weekend.

answer: (b) meet

A3 I hope you haven't forgotten.

answer: (b) forgotten

A4 We arranged to see each other on Friday 20th at 7 in the evening.

answer: (c) other

A5 But we didn't arrange the exact place for the meeting.

answer: (a) exact

A6 I suggest the best place will be under the clock at Victoria station.

answer: (b) under

A7 I know there are a few clocks at the station.

answer: (c) few

A8 The one I am talking about is the very big one near platform 1.

answer: (b) talking

A9 You can't miss it because it is enormous.

answer: (a) miss

A10 Just one final word — don't be late!

answer: (c) late

*Like a red rag*

- A1 Don't talk to him about politics because it's like a red rag to a bull.  
answer: (c) red
- A2 He takes the optimistic view and talks about a blue skies scenario.  
answer: (b) blue
- A3 She hasn't worked here very long and is therefore a little green on matters of procedure.  
answer: (d) green
- A4 Now that they have read it in black and white, they believe me.  
answer: (d) black and white
- A5 The reason why I feel so blue today is because it's my birthday and no-one has sent me any cards.  
answer: (b) blue
- A6 She lost the company a lot of money last week and as a result has got a black mark against her name.  
answer: (d) black
- A7 In this business you cannot afford to make any mistake and must be seen to be lily white.  
answer: (c) white
- A8 As they turned round and ran away, people thought they were yellow.  
answer: (d) yellow
- A9 Ask her to help you with your calculations because she's red hot at mathematics.  
answer: (a) red
- A10 I know he doesn't like you because the moment you came in the room I saw him give you a black look.  
answer: (d) black



*If you tend to forget*

- A1 He tends to forget things very quickly and behaves more and more like the typical absent-minded professor.  
answer: (b) absent-minded
- A2 This is a very expensive holiday intended for those with plenty of money as it involves a trip around the world.  
answer: (d) around
- A3 The car is almost ready to collect from the garage but there are just a couple of spare parts missing.  
answer: (a) parts
- A4 They were accused of having broken into the stately home and stolen several famous paintings.  
answer: (c) accused
- A5 The one thing my family will always remember about Grace was the many acts of kindness that she showed us in her long life.  
answer: (b) acts
- A6 If you had bought a house about thirty years ago you would certainly find that it had considerably increased in value.  
answer: (a) increased
- A7 If you're not careful you'll find that because of your generous nature, she'll start taking advantage of you.  
answer: (b) advantage
- A8 There's a huge advertisement in the local paper about the special offers available in the store this weekend.  
answer: (d) advertisement
- A9 You'll notice that as soon as the children come home from school, the dog will jump up and show its great affection for them.  
answer: (b) affection
- A10 Sociologists maintain that some of the films on show today have created a generation of very frightened children.  
answer: (a) frightened

*Easy Questions*

A1 There are no problems for me because I find those questions very easy.

answer: (a) easy

A2 Are you going abroad for your holidays this year?

answer: (c) abroad

A3 They praised him for his brave actions.

answer: (a) praised

A4 He is very lucky to have got himself a plum job.

answer: (d) plum

A5 They escaped from the fire unhurt.

answer: (b) escaped

A6 After two rings of the bell she suddenly appeared in the doorway.

answer: (c) appeared

A7 She never spoke about herself and was always very modest about the good things she had done.

answer: (a) modest

A8 He has lots of money and owns two houses in the city.

answer: (b) owns

A9 One of that child's teeth is very loose and will soon fall out.

answer: (d) loose

A10 They worked hard all day without a break.

answer: (a) break

*Do, make, get, take*

A1 You must decide and make up your mind.

answer: (c) make

A2 What time do you get up in the morning?

answer: (b) get

A3 At the moment we are trying to make for the town centre.

answer: (c) make

A4 After they had shouted at each other, they decided to make it up.

answer: (c) make

A5 They are very good friends and get on well with each other.

answer: (b) get

A6 The firm has expanded and they want to take on extra staff.

answer: (d) take

A7 She's good at writing stories for children and is always keen to make up new plots.

answer: (c) make

A8 As we don't have much money at the moment, we've decided to do without certain luxuries.

answer: (a) do

A9 We mustn't be late this morning because today is when the new boss is going to take over.

answer: (d) take

A10 Most of the telephone lines were destroyed in the storm last night and so it's almost impossible to get through to anybody today.

answer: (b) get

*The Farmer and his Sons*

- A1 A farmer had two sons both of whom were not very industrious and avoided work if they could.  
answer: (b) industrious
- A2 One day the father knew that he was dying and called his two sons to his bed side.  
answer: (d) side
- A3 He wanted his sons to pay as much attention to the cultivation of the farm as he had done many years.  
answer: (c) attention
- A4 He told them that there was a hidden treasure in the land and they would have to look for it when he had gone.  
answer: (b) hidden
- A5 He told them that they would find it in one of his 3 vine yards but he didn't tell them which one it was.  
answer: (a) yards
- A6 The sons assured their father that they would work hard to seek out the treasure.  
answer: (c) seek
- A7 As soon as their father had died and been buried, the sons took out all their farming tools and started to dig the land.  
answer: (d) buried
- A8 They worked really hard and dug every single square metre of their father's land.  
answer: (b) square
- A9 However long they dug and however hard they worked, they failed to find the smallest bit of treasure.  
answer: (d) failed
- A10 Clearly their father had been a wise man because all the work the sons had done on the land ensured that they had the best crop for years.  
answer: (c) crop

*A Holiday Report*

A1 Yesterday I went to an archeological site because I want to be an archeologist.

answer: (b) went

A2 The problems I have with the language are to do with spelling.

answer: (c) with

A3 If I want to pass my exams, I must study very hard.

answer: (b) must

A4 The worst thing of all difficulties in a language is vocabulary.

answer: (a) worst

A5 I have been learning English for 5 years.

answer: (c) learning

A6 When we walked into the school, we saw that the students were working very hard.

answer: (b) hard

A7 Most people don't want to study Latin because it is a dead language.

answer: (c) dead

A8 I've forgotten the name of my teacher but I think it is something like Smith.

answer: (b) Smith

A9 What is the name of the thing you put tea into?

answer: (b) thing

A10 I got a lot of presents for my birthday.

answer: (a) got

*Going on foot*

A1 I'm tired of waiting for buses, I'm going there on foot.

answer: (b) on

A2 Who said growing up was fun?

answer: (a) fun

A3 If you want to have your central heating checked, you need a trained plumber.

answer: (b) trained

A4 The moment the lights went out, there were scenes of panic.

answer: (d) panic

A5 Don't be put off by his manner, he is really kind hearted.

answer: (c) off

A6 When a film is really boring in the cinema, I tend to nod off.

answer: (b) off

A7 Have you heard the latest? John and Mary are getting married.

answer: (a) getting

A8 As she had made such an impression on her employers, she was soon offered promotion.

answer: (c) promotion

A9 There's a new software program on the market that's supposed to protect your computer from any virus.

answer: (a) virus

A10 As they always tell you the value of shares can go down as well as up.

answer: (c) down

*Say vs. Tell*

A1 I dare say you're right.

answer: (d) say

A2 I've told you not to do that many times before.

answer: (a) told

A3 That said, they walked out of the room in total silence.

answer: (b) said

A4 You shouldn't take any notice of that because it's only hear say.

answer: (d) say

A5 That's what people are always saying.

answer: (d) saying

A6 What I say and what I do are not necessarily the same.

answer: (c) say

A7 It's no good trying to persuade me because I'm not saying a word.

answer: (b) saying

A8 Now that would be telling but my lips are sealed.

answer: (c) telling

A9 Tell us that story again!

answer: (b) Tell

A10 I'm afraid I can't say for sure but I think it's safe.

answer: (c) say

*Close vs. Shut*

- A1 In the interest of safety the main valve on the machine had to be shut off.  
answer: (d) shut
- A2 In the closing moments of the symphony someone's mobile phone started ringing.  
answer: (b) closing
- A3 The detectives had no problems in solving the crimes as it was clearly an open and shut case.  
answer: (c) shut
- A4 The police officer warned us that the road ahead was closed.  
answer: (d) closed
- A5 In view of the limited amount of information and evidence the case was now considered to be closed.  
answer: (b) closed
- A6 Everything in that shop is now very cheap because they are having a closing down sale.  
answer: (d) closing
- A7 After a number of years as a monk he decided to leave because he felt very shut in.  
answer: (a) shut
- A8 After the terrible experiences that they had been through, the couple shut themselves away from the community.  
answer: (a) shut
- A9 The new musical that has had such bad reviews will close at the end of this week.  
answer: (a) close
- A10 I'm afraid that tree will have to come down as it shuts out the light in the sitting room.  
answer: (d) shuts



*At the Restaurant*

A1 The food here is quite good although the menu is quite basic.

answer: (b) basic

A2 I must admit that whenever I've eaten at that restaurant, I've always come away feeling completely satisfied.

answer: (a) completely

A3 I promise you that dining here will be really an exciting experience for you.

answer: (c) exciting

A4 There's something about the flavour of that particular dish that makes it memorable.

answer: (a) flavour

A5 It can be very irritating when the waiter forgets to bring what you have ordered.

answer: (b) forgets

A6 If you're really interested, I'm sure the chef will tell you the ingredients of that dish.

answer: (a) ingredients

A7 As they're special patrons of the restaurant, they always get a good table.

answer: (c) patrons

A8 We got very bad service today and had to remind the waiter three times about the drinks.

answer: (d) remind

A9 We simply didn't know what to choose for our main dish so in the end we made a random choice.

answer: (a) random

A10 The restaurant was listed in the guide as it had been judged to be of the appropriate standard.

answer: (d) judged

*At the Theatre*

- A1 It was one of those plays where the action moved at great speed.  
answer: (d) action
- A2 There are different ways of approaching Shakespeare's plays and each director makes an individual choice.  
answer: (c) approaching
- A3 One of the greatest actors of the century created an unforgettable character in the part of Scrooge from the novel by Charles Dickens.  
answer: (d) created
- A4 Many people go to the theatre not to see a play where the plot is complicated but to listen to the brilliant dialogue between the actors.  
answer: (a) dialogue
- A5 You can't compare the experience of watching live theatre with watching a film.  
answer: (b) experience
- A6 Are you one of those people who never goes to see a play until you've read the reviews in the newspaper?  
answer: (b) reviews
- A7 The audience were so carried away with the acting that at the end of the play they all stood up and applauded.  
answer: (d) audience
- A8 There are always special elements in her tragedies that move you to tears.  
answer: (b) elements
- A9 However well written the play is, it will never succeed without outstanding performers.  
answer: (a) performers
- A10 As always his latest play has been a huge success and all the tickets are sold out until August.  
answer: (c) sold out

*Popular Idioms*

A1 Lightning never strikes in the same place twice.

answer: (b) twice

A2 If you watch a kettle, it never boils.

answer: (c) boils

A3 Look before you leap.

answer: (a) leap

A4 Don't count your chickens before they are hatched.

answer: (c) hatched

A5 It's all right to tell a white lie.

answer: (b) white

A6 There's no fool like an old fool.

answer: (d) old

A7 Let sleeping dogs lie.

answer: (a) sleeping

A8 Strike while the iron is hot.

answer: (c) hot

A9 Politeness costs nothing.

answer: (d) nothing

A10 Never look a gift horse in the mouth.

answer: (a) mouth

*Popular Garden Idioms*

A1 Never let the grass grow under your feet.

answer: (b) grass

A2 The grass is always greener on the other side.

answer: (c) greener

A3 Everything is coming up roses.

answer: (a) roses

A4 Poor Mary was a bit of a wallflower at the dance.

answer: (c) wallflower

A5 He led her up the garden path.

answer: (a) path

A6 Everything in the garden is lovely.

answer: (d) garden

A7 Money doesn't grow on trees.

answer: (c) trees

A8 A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

answer: (c) two

A9 Come to the point and stop beating about the bush.

answer: (d) bush

A10 Don't trust him, he's a bit of a snake in the grass.

answer: (a) grass

*Eating Out*

- A1 As there are so many dishes on the menu, would you like me to suggest something to eat?  
answer: (b) suggest
- A2 They simply couldn't decide which restaurant to choose and so in the end they took a vote and the majority decided on a Chinese one.  
answer: (c) majority
- A3 We waited one hour for the main dish to arrive and then it was the wrong order.  
answer: (a) arrive
- A4 If you really want to enjoy the full flavour of that particular meal, you must remember to mix the right balance of sauces together.  
answer: (d) mix
- A5 It is always more relaxing to eat in a restaurant where the faces of the staff are familiar and you know everyone by name.  
answer: (b) familiar
- A6 There was a great discussion about which particular type of cuisine the guests would choose and finally they reached a compromise and settled on the set menu.  
answer: (c) compromise
- A7 It doesn't matter how late you arrive at this restaurant you can always rely on a warm welcome from the owner.  
answer: (c) rely
- A8 The place was so full of people and tables that the waiter had to guide us through the crowds to our table.  
answer: (b) guide
- A9 The problem about writing on food is that however hard you try, you will say what you like and end up being subjective.  
answer: (a) subjective
- A10 The success of a really good meal is that not only must it taste good but it should also look good and thus appeal to your eye.  
answer: (b) appeal

*Hot and Cold*

- A1 I've just received his latest detective novel from the publisher so it's what you might call hot off the press.  
answer: (d) off
- A2 You can never tell exactly what she is thinking because she very often blows hot and cold over some topics.  
answer: (a) blows
- A3 Although I'd made up my mind to do it last night now I'm not sure and am getting cold feet about it.  
answer: (b) feet
- A4 They like to think they're very important people but politicians just talk a lot of hot air most of the time.  
answer: (c) air
- A5 Since the argument we've had about the garden hedge, our neighbours take no notice of us and give us the cold shoulder when they see us.  
answer: (b) shoulder
- A6 As soon as the president was taken ill, the deputy had to take charge and is currently in the hot seat now.  
answer: (a) seat
- A7 The accused was sentenced to life imprisonment after it had been established that he had committed the murder in cold blood.  
answer: (c) blood
- A8 I ordered a coffee from the waiter but by the time it had reached me it was stone cold.  
answer: (a) stone
- A9 The police have set up a special hot line so that people can get in touch to find out about the accident.  
answer: (b) line
- A10 He's always very uneasy like a cat on hot bricks whenever he is waiting to hear the results of the examinations.  
answer: (a) bricks

*A Collision: Finish this Story*

A1 I really can't tell what's going on.

answer: (a) going on

A2 The trouble is somebody is standing in front of me.

answer: (c) standing in front of me

A3 The best thing I suppose is to ask him to move.

answer: (c) to move

A4 That's better I've got a clearer view now.

answer: (b) view now

A5 It looks from what I can see as if there's been some kind of collision.

answer: (a) collision

A6 Yes, now he's gone I can see that there are two cars in the car park that have gone into one another.

answer: (c) gone into one another

A7 There are a lot of people there in the car park and they're waving their arms about.

answer: (b) waving their arms about

A8 I'm walking right up to the crowd now to see what's happend.

answer: (c) what's happened

A9 Now I can see quite clearly that the big red car has struck the little blue one.

answer: (b) struck the little blue one

A10 Oh dear I've just discovered that the little blue one belongs to me.

answer: (a) belongs to me

*Will or Shall?*

- A1 Do you know the difference between will and shall?  
answer: (a) between will and shall
- A2 I can see from the expression on your face that you haven't got a clue.  
answer: (c) got a clue
- A3 I think the best way is to tell you a story that explains the difference.  
answer: (b) explains the difference
- A4 The main difference is that 'I will' means 'I want to'.  
answer: (a) means 'I want to'
- A5 If you say 'I shall' then you are talking about the future.  
answer: (b) about the future
- A6 I want you to imagine that a man is walking in the country.  
answer: (a) in the country
- A7 After a few minutes he reaches a river.  
answer: (d) reaches a river
- A8 There is a man in the river fully clothed who is in difficulties.  
answer: (c) in difficulties
- A9 The man in the river keeps calling out 'I will drown, I will drown'.  
answer: (b) calling out 'I will drown, I will drown'
- A10 The man on the river bank, who is good at grammar, thinks the man really wants to drown, walks on and lets him drown.  
answer: (c) lets him drown



*The two Butter Frogs*

- A1 A long, long time ago there were two frogs who thought it would be a good idea to go on an outing.  
answer: (a) go on an outing
- A2 They had never left their pond before and to them it was a very big adventure.  
answer: (c) adventure
- A3 At first they thoroughly enjoyed themselves and for the first time in their lives experienced a sense of freedom.  
answer: (d) a sense of freedom
- A4 The weather was perfect and the sun never stopped shining.  
answer: (c) stopped shining
- A5 They found plenty of food and decided to stop and take a rest.  
answer: (b) take a rest
- A6 In the hot sun they started to feel sleepy and very soon fell asleep.  
answer: (c) fell asleep
- A7 Suddenly the sound of a cat meowing made them wake up.  
answer: (d) made them wake up
- A8 They panicked and fled for their lives.  
answer: (b) fled for their lives
- A9 They ran into a farm house and jumped right into a barrel of milk where they hopped and hopped in order not to sink.  
answer: (a) hopped and hopped in order not to sink
- A10 Sadly the smaller frog grew tired and drowned but the older one kept on moving about and in the morning found he was sitting on a barrel of butter.  
answer: (c) found he was sitting on a barrel of butter

**Cross Questions**

- A1 Jane: Did you know you broke the glass when you slammed the door last night?  
answer: (c) slammed
- A2 Frank: It couldn't possibly have been me I always shut doors quietly.  
answer: (d) quietly
- A3 Jane: I'm sorry you're not telling the truth, you were the last person to come home.  
answer: (a) come home
- A4 Mike: That doesn't prove anything. Actually I heard the sound of glass breaking in the night.  
answer: (c) breaking
- A5 Jane: You're just making that up — I know you're not telling the truth.  
answer: (d) telling the truth
- A6 Mike: Honestly, I did hear that kind of noise, I swear I did.  
answer: (a) swear I did
- A7 Jane: Sorry you can protest if you like but it doesn't cut any ice with me.  
answer: (b) cut any ice with me
- A8 Mike: Just a minute what's that note stuck on the door?  
answer: (d) stuck on the door
- A9 Jane: It's some kind of note from Joe next door — no I can't make it out.  
answer: (a) can't make it out
- A10 Mike: Give it to me. Very interesting! He says he broke the glass by accident and he's deeply apologetic.  
answer: (b) he's deeply apologetic

*Leave me alone*

A1 Alan: Excuse me interrupting but what are you doing?

answer: (c) interrupting

A2 User: I should have thought it was pretty obvious.

answer: (a) obvious

A3 Alan: Well, I only asked — there's no need to bite my head off!

answer: (b) head

A4 User: Sorry I didn't mean to be rude but I'm trying to concentrate.

answer: (c) concentrate

A5 Alan: I see and what is the task you are working on?

answer: (b) task

A6 User: I'm working on those famous English tests, which I find very interesting.

answer: (c) famous

A7 Alan: Oh, yes I've heard of them. Do they help you with your English?

answer: (c) help

A8 User: Yes, they would do if you didn't persist in asking questions.

answer: (b) persist

A9 Alan: If that's how you feel, I'll leave you alone.

answer: (c) alone

A10 User: What an excellent idea! Leave me in peace and go and write another test.

answer: (d) peace

*What now?*

- A1 Did you hear the story about the woman who said she could tell the future?  
answer: (b) future
- A2 I hope you haven't because I'm about to relate it to you now.  
answer: (c) relate
- A3 Her name was Mary Smith and she had a reputation for telling people what was going to happen.  
answer: (b) reputation
- A4 Somebody once used her advice and made a fortune out of buying shares in a small company that did well.  
answer: (c) fortune
- A5 The strange thing was that she never actually used her gift to benefit herself.  
answer: (b) gift
- A6 People started to be suspicious of her and thought that perhaps she had a secret source of information.  
answer: (d) suspicious
- A7 Some others wanted to try and catch her out and prove that she didn't have this special ability.  
answer: (c) catch
- A8 The plan was to pretend to burgle her house late one night and see if she was really any good at knowing it was going to happen.  
answer: (b) burgle
- A9 Mike Andrews, whose idea it was, intended to give everything back but he just wanted to test her ability.  
answer: (c) test
- A10 As Mr Andrews was about to leave he found a note pinned to his door. It was from Mary Smith advising him to be careful because she has just bought a ferocious young guard dog.  
answer: (b) ferocious

*Wrapped round her finger*

A1 I can't stomach those silly people who always go around with their mobile phones glued to their ears.

answer: (c) stomach

A2 If you think I didn't catch you eying that young waitress, you're quite mistaken.

answer: (d) eying

A3 He is such a coward because whenever it comes to speaking his mind he always backs down instead.

answer: (a) backs

A4 Come on, shake a leg we're running late.

answer: (c) leg

A5 Don't you think it's about time you put your foot down and told them what you really think?

answer: (d) foot

A6 Well, unfortunately as I had one glass too many last night, I guess I should go for a hair of the dog.

answer: (b) a hair

A7 As she's such a nasty little thing, I can see it won't take her long to wrap you round her little finger.

answer: (c) finger

A8 Could you please give me a hand I'm afraid I can't handle it by myself.

answer: (c) hand

A9 Are you sure your new boss isn't married? — Yes, honestly, I have it straight from the horse's mouth.

answer: (b) mouth

A10 Hey, get up and do your homework you lazy bones.

answer: (a) bones

*The Ants and the Grasshopper*

- A1 One winter's day when the sun was shining you could hear the sound of great activity.  
answer: (b) sound
- A2 What you could hear was the ants who were busy drying grain.  
answer: (c) busy
- A3 Sensibly as all ants do, they had collected the grain during the summer.  
answer: (d) collected
- A4 Their plan was to eat this provision during the winter.  
answer: (a) provision
- A5 They were so engrossed in their work that they didn't notice a grasshopper.  
answer: (b) engrossed
- A6 The grasshopper was so weak he was practically starving because he hadn't eaten for ages.  
answer: (c) starving
- A7 He saw the ants and begged them with all the strength he could find to let him have a little food.  
answer: (a) begged
- A8 The ants shook their heads at him and asked him why he hadn't stored up food in the summer.  
answer: (b) stored
- A9 The poor grasshopper confessed he had spent the whole summer enjoying himself singing and dancing.  
answer: (b) confessed
- A10 All the ants laughed and said in that case he would have to dance famished to bed in the winter.  
answer: (d) famished

*The Two Dogs*

- A1 A man had two dogs: a hound trained to help him with his sports and another to guard the house.  
answer: (a) trained
- A2 Whenever the hunter came home, he always gave the house dog a large portion of what he caught.  
answer: (c) portion
- A3 The hound dog was very upset about this.  
answer: (d) upset
- A4 He told the house dog he found it very annoying having to do all the hard work.  
answer: (b) annoying
- A5 What made things worse, he continued, was that the house dog never took part in any of the hunting.  
answer: (c) took
- A6 All the house dog did was simply to feed himself on the results of the exertions that the hound dog undertook.  
answer: (a) exertions
- A7 The house dog felt he had to defend himself in the face of all this criticism.  
answer: (c) defend
- A8 The house dog asked him not to pick on him if he wanted to blame someone.  
answer: (b) blame
- A9 The house dog told him to criticize their master who had taught him not how to work but how to depend on the work of others.  
answer: (d) depend
- A10 The moral of this fable is: you mustn't reproach children for the mistakes of their parents.  
answer: (a) reproach

*The Hare and the Tortoise*

- A1 One day a hare looked at a tortoise and ridiculed the short feet of the tortoise.  
answer: (b) ridiculed
- A2 He also made fun of the slow pace at which the tortoise travelled.  
answer: (a) fun
- A3 The tortoise agreed that the hare ran as fast as the wind but claimed that he could easily beat him in a race.  
answer: (c) beat
- A4 It was agreed that the tortoise should choose the course and also the end of the race.  
answer: (d) agreed
- A5 The tortoise never stopped and continued walking at a steady pace all the time to the end of the race.  
answer: (c) steady
- A6 The hare shot ahead and then decided to lie down at the side of the path for a rest.  
answer: (b) lie
- A7 It wasn't long before the hare fell into a deep sleep.  
answer: (c) deep
- A8 When he woke up, he couldn't believe his eyes because there was the tortoise crossing the finishing line.  
answer: (b) believe
- A9 At the end of the race the tortoise, exhausted by all his hard work, was quietly slumbering on the line.  
answer: (c) exhausted
- A10 The moral of this fable is: slow but sure always wins the race in the end.  
answer: (a) sure



*Who has done it?*

- A1 The detective story is sometimes called 'whodunit' because the reader has to work out who did it, who committed the crime.  
answer: (b) out
- A2 The skill of course of the writing is how many times a reader can be sent up blind alleys.  
answer: (c) blind
- A3 Another way of putting this is how many red herrings the author can throw in the reader's path.  
answer: (d) herrings
- A4 The idea is to keep the readers in a permanent state of suspense so that they never know what's going to happen next.  
answer: (a) suspense
- A5 As the plot unfolds, you find yourself agreeing with one character's solution and then another's.  
answer: (b) unfolds
- A6 As a result you feel as if you are walking in a maze since at each turning you come to a block end.  
answer: (c) maze
- A7 One of the best known detectives is Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot who uses what he calls his little grey cells — his brains.  
answer: (b) cells
- A8 Invariably Poirots calls all the suspects together in the last part of the story.  
answer: (d) suspects
- A9 One by one he eliminates the innocent until finally the murderer is unmasked.  
answer: (c) eliminates
- A10 The thing that always surprises me is the fact that the murderer bothers to take part in the final meeting.  
answer: (b) part

*Life on Mars?*

- A1 Anyone seeking evidence of life on Mars is likely to be disappointed.  
answer: (b) evidence
- A2 Scientists have been combing through data from an orbiting satellite.  
answer: (a) combing
- A3 It seems that Mars has always been cold and icy and that it's not true that oceans have formed on the planet in its early history.  
answer: (d) formed
- A4 This twist in the life on Mars argument comes just when it is closest to Earth in 60.000 years.  
answer: (b) twist
- A5 Because it is coming so close observers are hoping to settle the argument about life on the planet once and for all.  
answer: (c) all
- A6 A spacecraft is heading for the planet with a device that will burrow into the soil to sniff for proof of any life.  
answer: (c) burrow
- A7 Researchers are also looking into the possibility of one day launching a manned mission to Mars.  
answer: (b) mission
- A8 As the planet gets nearer to the Sun, enormous dust storms can be whipped up.  
answer: (d) up
- A9 Unfortunately the dust storms tend to obscure the view of the planet.  
answer: (b) obscure
- A10 Everyone hopes that Mars will remain dust free otherwise people will only be able to see an orange blob.  
answer: (c) blob

*Story (1)*

- A1 Most students have to try and earn extra money by taking a holiday job. They turn aside from their studies and experience the real world for a while.  
answer: (c) aside from
- A2 One long hot summer I turned to waiting as my method of getting cash.  
answer: (b) to
- A3 Perhaps I should turn that word 'waiting' into a more specific explanation: I mean being a waiter in a hotel.  
answer: (c) into
- A4 I had of course turned my hand to many jobs during the vacation periods but waiting was certainly the most difficult.  
answer: (a) to
- A5 The one hotel that hadn't turned down my application was situated right in the middle of a forest.  
answer: (b) down
- A6 You turned into the drive and saw only hills all around you so it felt like the middle of nowhere.  
answer: (d) into
- A7 It had been a very large private house that had been turned into a small hotel for twenty-five guests.  
answer: (c) into
- A8 The new owners had had to turn out all the rooms which were full of rubbish.  
answer: (d) out
- A9 The other problem had been to turn out an old tramp who had lived in a room upstairs for two years without the knowledge of the old lady who was the original owner.  
answer: (a) out
- A10 The tramp turned out to be a distant relative but hadn't said anything to the old lady because he knew she was completely deaf.  
answer: (b) out

*Story (2)*

- A1 When I turned up for work on my first day, the hotel had already been flourishing for 5 years.  
answer: (b) up
- A2 They were so successful that they were even turning down bookings.  
answer: (d) down
- A3 In fact they were actually turning away people.  
answer: (a) away
- A4 Some people had turned up on the off chance.  
answer: (b) up
- A5 Most of the residents were elderly and so they all invariably turned in early most evenings.  
answer: (c) in
- A6 The waiting was done by me and Doris, who should have turned it in years ago and by rights have been a guest herself because of the great age.  
answer: (d) in
- A7 However, as she told me frequently, she had no intention of turning into an old fogey herself.  
answer: (c) into
- A8 I suppose breakfast is the most difficult task to turn your hand to because there are so many variations of drink, cereal, egg and bread.  
answer: (b) to
- A9 You had to stand there for ages while each guest made up their mind, turning over the choices in their minds.  
answer: (b) over
- A10 After a long wait like that very often they would simply turn down everything and simply ask for a cup of tea.  
answer: (a) down

*Story (3)*

A1 One morning an old lady turned up at the dining room and sat down.

answer: (b) up

A2 She sniffed at the air full of breakfast smells, got up, turned around and walked out again.

answer: (d) around

A3 Apparently she had completely forgotten that she'd already eaten breakfast that day. I turned aside to hide my smile.

answer: (d) aside

A4 Unfortunately Doris caught me at it. 'Don't you turn your nose up at the old dears', she rebuked me.

answer: (a) up

A5 'You'll be like that one day' she continued, 'Just you wait'. I turned back to apologize.

answer: (b) back

A6 Sadly Doris had already turned her back on me and gone back to the kitchen.

answer: (c) on

A7 She rather turned against me after that.

answer: (b) against

A8 These days I wish I could turn the clock back and tell Doris how right she was!

answer: (d) back

A9 You see I've just turned all the lights out ready for the night.

answer: (a) out

A10 I'm now ready to turn in for the night but the worrying thing is I just can't remember what I had for supper.

answer: (c) in

*Go for it*

- A1 I'm sorry that looks awful — those two colours clash.  
answer: (c) clash
- A2 After what you've experienced, I'm sure you need a holiday.  
answer: (d) experienced
- A3 We won't discuss that now but I don't think we can avoid the subject much longer.  
answer: (a) discuss
- A4 I don't think much of him now that I've heard what he has done to his family.  
answer: (d) I don't think much of him
- A5 My advice to you is to make your mind up before it's too late and simply take the opportunity now.  
answer: (c) take the opportunity now
- A6 I'm afraid you've left that food too long out of the fridge and now it's become rotten.  
answer: (b) become rotten
- A7 There were so many members of the political party who had opposed the leader that he resigned.  
answer: (d) opposed
- A8 Don't wait for me because I can't come yet so you go before me and I'll join you later.  
answer: (a) go before me
- A9 If petrol prices increase any more, I shall have to use a bicycle.  
answer: (c) increase
- A10 I'm sorry I interrupted you, please continue from where I so rudely stopped you.  
answer: (a) continue

*Eating Disorder*

- A1 George Turnip was a highly respected vegetarian but the press were making serious allegations about him.  
answer: (d) allegations
- A2 George denied everything and said he would sue any newspaper which dared to print stories about him.  
answer: (c) sue
- A3 George had a very well paid contract with a television advertiser of garden peas and he didn't want to fall out with the company.  
answer: (b) with
- A4 The contract stated that he would never eat any meat whatsoever.  
answer: (a) whatsoever
- A5 Wherever George went, journalists would follow him to try and find a way to expose him.  
answer: (c) expose
- A6 Even in his own house he was not safe because cameras would spy on him.  
answer: (a) spy
- A7 Once he was photographed eating in his dining room and the caption read: 'A picture of a fraud eating sausages'.  
answer: (d) fraud
- A8 As it turned out these were not sausages but in fact very big carrots and the photographer had to pay enormous damages.  
answer: (c) damages
- A9 In the end the pressure became too much for George and he confessed his guilty secret.  
answer: (b) guilty
- A10 He admitted eating a meat pie every day. As the news headlines announced: 'Bogus vegetarian eats his own words'.  
answer: (a) Bogus

*Save the Day*

- A1 I don't care what you say, I reckon I could beat you at chess any day of the week.  
answer: (b) any
- A2 At the end of the day it's what you believe in that's important.  
answer: (d) end
- A3 It's getting late now and I'm very tired so I think we'll call it a day.  
answer: (c) call
- A4 After all the discussions and debates it was our speaker who won the day.  
answer: (b) won
- A5 It just didn't stop raining throughout our holiday, day in day out.  
answer: (d) out
- A6 Don't worry your bad luck will soon end. Remember every dog has its day.  
answer: (a) dog
- A7 After a very long engagement Mike and Mary decided at last to name the day.  
answer: (c) name
- A8 It wasn't long ago when I last saw her — it was only the other day.  
answer: (d) other
- A9 I don't know exactly when we'll go but we really must visit them one of these days.  
answer: (b) these
- A10 Despite all the problems and difficulties Charlie turned up at the last minute and saved the day.  
answer: (c) saved



## Yes, Yes, Yes

A1 I am sure you made the right choice and I wholly support your decision.

answer: (d) wholly

A2 You can rely on me, have no fear about that!

answer: (b) rely

A3 No matter what happens, you must remember that I'm with you all the way.

answer: (c) with

A4 I know that they have all abandoned you one by one but I hope you won't forget I've stuck by you from the beginning.

answer: (d) stuck

A5 I am convinced you are absolutely right to take that action and should ignore any opposition.

answer: (a) absolutely

A6 When it comes to the vote, you can count on me to support you.

answer: (b) count

A7 Even if things get difficult, I will not waver or hesitate to stand up for you.

answer: (c) waver

A8 He was delighted that she hadn't turned him down when he proposed to her.

answer: (b) turned

A9 The bank manager smiled and announced that his application for a loan had been approved.

answer: (a) approved

A10 The pair of you have my blessing and I hope you have a happy marriage together.

answer: (c) blessing

*Do you mind?*

- A1 She was slowly going out of her mind with worry until she heard her daughter was safe and well.  
answer: (c) out of
- A2 I do think you should bear this in mind before you seriously think about changing jobs.  
answer: (d) bear
- A3 I'd honestly never heard such an outstanding performance of that symphony — it simply blew my mind.  
answer: (a) blew
- A4 The police officer asked him why he hadn't reported the matter earlier and he said simply that it had never crossed his mind.  
answer: (b) crossed
- A5 I'm inclined to give her a piece of my mind considering all the trouble she has caused this month.  
answer: (c) piece
- A6 It's clear as they say that great minds think alike because we have both come to exactly the same conclusion.  
answer: (d) alike
- A7 He has a one track mind as all he ever talks about is money, money, money.  
answer: (a) track
- A8 I just can't decide whether to go on holiday this week or later in the year. I'm really in two minds about it.  
answer: (c) two
- A9 There, I knew there was something I had to do today and now it's completely slipped my mind.  
answer: (d) slipped
- A10 I tried to show an interest in her future career but she simply told me to mind my own business.  
answer: (b) business

*Good Bye*

A1 Why didn't you turn up for work yesterday?

answer: (b) turn

A2 To be honest I was feeling a bit run down.

answer: (d) run

A3 Well, I don't think that's a very good reason and you must come up with a better explanation.

answer: (a) come

A4 I'm sorry I'm not sure I can put it across any better.

answer: (b) put

A5 Now, I must insist as your supervisor if you really want to get on in your career, you must tell me the truth.

answer: (c) get

A6 All right I give up, I'll tell you the truth.

answer: (d) give

A7 Now, you're being sensible — carry on.

answer: (c) carry

A8 Well, I won't make up any more excuses. I wasn't here yesterday because I went to a football match.

answer: (a) make

A9 Thank you for your honesty. Now pick up that piece of paper.

answer: (c) pick

A10 Right. What's this? Oh no, you're throwing me out of the firm.

answer: (b) throwing

*Keeping it Quiet*

- A1 As it was very late when he came home he was as quiet as a mouse in order not to wake anybody up.  
answer: (b) mouse
- A2 As she was on a very dangerous mission for the government she had to keep mum about what she did for a living.  
answer: (d) mum
- A3 There were lots of rumours about what the son had done but as it was a very wealthy family the father tried very hard to hush everything up.  
answer: (b) hush
- A4 If you want me to say nothing about it, I promise that if anybody asks then my lips are sealed.  
answer: (d) sealed
- A5 As far as I'm concerned to be away from traffic, phones and radios on holiday is perfect bliss because to me silence is golden.  
answer: (a) golden
- A6 The so-called silent majority are the vast number of people who don't actually go out on the street and protest.  
answer: (c) silent
- A7 The hall was full of people anxious to hear what the speaker was going to say and in the few seconds before he started it was so quiet you could hear a pin drop.  
answer: (a) pin
- A8 The rescuers tried desperately to listen out for people trapped in the wreckage but sadly the cries of those trapped were inaudible.  
answer: (d) inaudible
- A9 The villagers complained about the noise from the daily bell ringing practice from the church and asked if it could somehow be muffled.  
answer: (c) muffled
- A10 In view of the embarrassment that might be caused if the story came out, she promised not to breathe a word about it.  
answer: (b) breathe

*A Crying Shame*

- A1 It's no good worrying about that now because the damage is done and it's no good crying over spilled milk.  
answer: (d) milk
- A2 It really is a crying shame that after all that money has been spent, the project is now being abandoned.  
answer: (b) shame
- A3 As a child she would burst into tears at every problem and so she soon got known as a regular crybaby at school.  
answer: (c) crybaby
- A4 It really was a large and spacious garden but it cried out for something colourful to be planted.  
answer: (a) for
- A5 We had great hopes of being able to invite the distinguished writer to our meeting but he cried off at the last moment.  
answer: (d) off
- A6 For crying out loud how many times do I have to tell you how to work that machine?  
answer: (b) loud
- A7 I'm all in favour of ambition but I think when he says he'll be a millionaire by the time he's 25, he's simply crying for the moon.  
answer: (d) moon
- A8 The trouble is that he's cried wolf so often that now he's in real trouble, nobody believes him.  
answer: (a) wolf
- A9 George is now 70 and he reckons that working conditions for the average office clerk today are a far cry from when he first started work.  
answer: (c) far
- A10 There was a noisy crowd of about a dozen people in full cry chasing after the child who'd stolen an apple from the fruit market.  
answer: (b) full

*Speaking: At the Theatre*

- A1 Ladies and gentlemen, I want to thank you for your appreciation of our performance.  
answer: (b) appreciation
- A2 We have done this play many times in different towns but your applause has been the greatest so far.  
answer: (d) applause
- A3 We will always remember the way you stood up and clapped at some of the speeches in the play.  
answer: (a) clapped
- A4 Our leading actor is unable to come on the stage at the moment because he is overcome with emotion.  
answer: (c) overcome
- A5 Don't worry I'm sure it's only temporary and that he'll soon recover before the next performance.  
answer: (b) temporary
- A6 That is the reason why I am standing here and making this short speech.  
answer: (d) speech
- A7 The leading lady is also absent from our stage and you can probably hear her sobbing her heart out as I speak.  
answer: (a) sobbing
- A8 I think that the main reason for all this emotion is probably the way you have reacted to the play.  
answer: (b) reason
- A9 You see throughout our current season we have never received so much laughter as we have from you.  
answer: (c) current
- A10 The reason for this is possibly that you thought it was a comedy but in fact it is a tragedy.  
answer: (b) comedy

*Speaking: At the Supermarket*

- A1 Will the driver of the blue Ford Fiesta XYZ 343 please move their car.  
answer: (b) move
- A2 The reason for this is that the Fiesta is preventing our delivery lorry from leaving the premises.  
answer: (c) preventing
- A3 We ask the owner of this vehicle to go back to their car as soon as possible and park their car in another space.  
answer: (d) owner
- A4 This is a customer announcement. We have a special offer at the moment on bananas.  
answer: (b) announcement
- A5 For the next hour it will be possible to buy just one bunch of bananas and get one more free.  
answer: (a) bunch
- A6 Further to our request for the Ford Fiesta to be reparked, this matter is now very urgent. Our lorry cannot get out.  
answer: (c) request
- A7 We have to inform our customers that the store will be closing in half an hour's time.  
answer: (b) time
- A8 We would like to remind our customers that over the Christmas period we will be closing an hour earlier than usual.  
answer: (d) remind
- A9 There are now only ten minutes remaining for you to make your purchases and go to the checkout.  
answer: (a) purchases
- A10 A final message for the driver of the Ford Fiesta: there is no need now to repark as our delivery lorry has done that for you!  
answer: (b) message

*Speaking: At the Station*

- A1 The train now standing at the platform 6 is the 10.45 for London.  
answer: (b) standing
- A2 Unfortunately it is now 11 o'clock and so there is a delay of 15 minutes already.  
answer: (d) delay
- A3 The train at platform 14 cannot leave because there is a power failure on that particular line...  
answer: (a) failure
- A4 The train for London at platform 6 is still there and is not expected to leave for at least 20 minutes.  
answer: (b) expected
- A5 The small cafe situated near platform 6 is now offering free cups of tea to those waiting for the London train.  
answer: (c) offering
- A6 Severe storms last night together with heavy rainfall means that some of the lines of the station are now waterlogged.  
answer: (a) waterlogged
- A7 We thought for a moment that the 10.45 for London might be about to catch fire but it was a false alarm.  
answer: (b) false
- A8 This is a general notice for all passengers: the restaurant in the main concourse is now open.  
answer: (c) concourse
- A9 There was in fact a small fire in the train on platform 6 but we're glad to tell you that the flames have been extinguished.  
answer: (d) extinguished
- A10 We regret to announce that the 10.45 for London is now out of service because the driver is having a nervous breakdown.  
answer: (a) breakdown



*Speaking: The Broadcast*

- A1 Welcome to Radio News and now over to our reporter who's covering the procession this morning.  
answer: (b) reporter
- A2 Hi listeners, I should explain that I have a bird's eye view of this magnificent sight as the parade passes underneath me.  
answer: (c) bird's
- A3 To tell you the truth I shouldn't be perched up here on top of this large statue of Field Marshal Smith.  
answer: (d) perched
- A4 There is a long line of soldiers on horseback marching to the sound of a brass band.  
answer: (b) brass
- A5 It really is quite uncomfortable up here and there's a policeman staring at me, which I don't like.  
answer: (c) staring
- A6 After the soldiers I can see a group of circus performers who are jumping and dancing as they go.  
answer: (d) performers
- A7 Next I can see some pensioners slowly moving along the road and some can't walk and are in wheelchairs.  
answer: (c) wheelchairs
- A8 That policeman is getting out his notebook and walking near the statue I'm sitting on.  
answer: (a) notebook
- A9 It has started to rain and I shall get soaked to the skin if I stay much longer up here.  
answer: (d) soaked
- A10 Oh dear, listeners, I shall have to return you to the studio because the policeman says he is going to arrest me.  
answer: (b) arrest

*Speaking: The Wedding*

- A1 Ladies and gentlemen it is a very great privilege for me to be asked to make a speech about the bride and her groom.  
answer: (d) groom
- A2 I have known Sally and Paul since we were at school together.  
answer: (b) together
- A3 Most people considered that they were made for each other even in those days.  
answer: (c) made
- A4 The other students described them as Romeo and Juliet and used to make fun of them behind their backs.  
answer: (d) backs
- A5 Neither of them was at all deterred by this sort of behaviour as they just grew fonder of each other.  
answer: (a) deterred
- A6 The teachers had a soft spot for them too and were sympathetic if there was any trouble between them.  
answer: (c) soft
- A7 Then they both left school and both started working, as you can imagine, for the same company.  
answer: (b) imagine
- A8 When the announcement was made about their engagement, there was a big celebration.  
answer: (c) engagement
- A9 No one was surprised because everyone took it for granted that one day they would marry.  
answer: (d) granted
- A10 Mind you I was surprised because you see I find it quite unbelievable why on earth she didn't marry me.  
answer: (a) unbelievable

*Speaking: Political Party*

- A1 Fellow citizens I am honoured to be invited to speak to you tonight about my party.  
answer: (d) invited
- A2 As you probably know the Tranquillity Party stands for peace and quiet in the countryside.  
answer: (b) quiet
- A3 In our publicity, unlike our political opponents, we do not make a lot of noise about our policies.  
answer: (c) opponents
- A4 We want people to live in harmony with each other and to settle disputes amicably.  
answer: (d) disputes
- A5 You may be interested to know that we are holding a rally in the centre of our town this weekend.  
answer: (a) rally
- A6 Naturally all the participants are requested to be as peaceful as possible and above all not to shout.  
answer: (b) participants
- A7 At the moment we are trying very hard to increase our membership which presently stands at 500.  
answer: (c) presently
- A8 Admittedly this is a very small figure in comparison with the other major political parties.  
answer: (b) Admittedly
- A9 But then you all have turned up tonight and that proves there is growing interest in our ideals.  
answer: (c) up
- A10 In spite of the terrible weather you have come along tonight, ladies and gentlemen, and I should like to thank all four of you for coming.  
answer: (a) spite

*Cinemas*

- A1 Her latest film attained its object in a very short space of time, which was to shock.  
answer: (c) attained
- A2 The critics continue to praise the work of this director whatever films he makes.  
answer: (b) continue
- A3 The film was the first to show conditions in which poor people lived and as such was to influence future directors.  
answer: (a) influence
- A4 The only reason for them going to the cinema on that day was to find some form of entertainment.  
answer: (d) entertainment
- A5 The director's intention in making the film was to try and represent simplicity as seen by a child.  
answer: (c) represent
- A6 The fans outside the cinema on the first showing of the film were unwilling to disperse until all the stars had gone home.  
answer: (d) disperse
- A7 The delay in releasing the film to the general public was because certain scenes were considered tasteless.  
answer: (c) releasing
- A8 The theme of the second film is quite simply a continuation of the first.  
answer: (b) continuation
- A9 In the making of the film the direction is quite separate from the financing of the project.  
answer: (a) separate
- A10 Very often someone will give a description of a film and when you see it for yourself, it's quite different.  
answer: (d) description

*Lots of Stuff*

- A1 Personally I don't believe a word of it and if you want my opinion I think it's all stuff and nonsense.  
answer: (c) nonsense
- A2 You know the kind of things politicians talk about: health care, education, welfare and stuff like that.  
answer: (d) like
- A3 He'd carefully avoided having any alcohol until he was twenty-five and then he had a small drop of the hard stuff.  
answer: (a) hard
- A4 You shouldn't really have any difficulties with the work they're doing as it's very basic in fact you could call it kids' stuff.  
answer: (c) kids'
- A5 It's quite clear she's studied the subject very thoroughly and when she lectured, you could tell she knew her stuff.  
answer: (a) knew
- A6 Now remember when you get up to speak, we're all relying on you to impress everyone and we expect you to do your stuff.  
answer: (d) do
- A7 It's very difficult to make him enjoy himself, relax and take it easy because he always behaves like a stuffed shirt.  
answer: (b) shirt
- A8 That's the stuff! I want to hear it loud and clear and as much of it as you can manage. Well done!  
answer: (c) That's
- A9 If you really want to lose weight, the only way is to eat less and stop stuffing your face every five minutes!  
answer: (b) face
- A10 It came as a great shock to him when he heard the news and quite knocked the stuffing out of him for days.  
answer: (c) knocked

*Hear my Story*

- A1 Personally I don't believe a word he told us because I think it was just a tall story.  
answer: (c) tall
- A2 I'm afraid it was the same old story with her all over again because she's started arriving late at work again.  
answer: (a) same
- A3 It was a bit of a sob story really because she told us how her boyfriend had left her, she'd lost her job and she had nowhere to live.  
answer: (d) sob
- A4 I don't really approve of all this discussion about people behind their backs — it's a bit like telling stories.  
answer: (b) telling
- A5 The story goes that he's just married for the fourth time but I don't really believe it.  
answer: (d) goes
- A6 To cut a long story short, I'll come straight to the point and tell you exactly what happened.  
answer: (a) cut
- A7 She did write one or two novels but she is best known for her excellent short stories.  
answer: (b) short
- A8 It's a brilliant film as far as the images are concerned but the story line is a bit weak.  
answer: (d) line
- A9 He started off from a very simple background and then worked his way up to be President of the bank — a genuine success story.  
answer: (a) success
- A10 In early civilisations it was the story teller to whom everyone went to hear what had happened in the past.  
answer: (d) teller

*High and Low*

- A1 She's on a high at the moment because everything is going her way.  
answer: (b) on
- A2 I have high hopes that we will succeed with our project in view of all the interest we have received.  
answer: (c) hopes
- A3 It's high time we left if we really want to be there on time.  
answer: (d) time
- A4 You'll just have to get used to these highs and lows as it's all part of being in business.  
answer: (b) lows
- A5 Now that he's become office manager you can't even talk to him — he's so high and mighty.  
answer: (a) mighty
- A6 The really high spot of the evening's entertainment was when two clowns came into the ring and started throwing things at each other.  
answer: (d) spot
- A7 He left the safe door unlocked last night so I reckon he'll be for the high jump this morning.  
answer: (c) jump
- A8 It's always the same when you break one of the rules of the office, she gets on her high horse and starts shouting at you.  
answer: (d) horse
- A9 The moment she joined the staff you just knew she was a high flier and it was no surprise when she got promotion within six weeks.  
answer: (b) flier
- A10 They wanted to make sure that their small daughter shared in the meal and so they asked the restaurant to provide a high chair.  
answer: (c) chair

*A Night Out*

- A1 The other night we went out to the cinema or the movies as they would say in the USA.  
answer: (d) movies
- A2 Nothing unusual you might say but we haven't visited a cinema for ages.  
answer: (b) ages
- A3 The subject matter of the film concerned the American Civil War in the 1860's.  
answer: (a) matter
- A4 At least that was supposed to be the background although the main interest was in something else.  
answer: (d) supposed
- A5 It will come as no surprise to you I'm sure if I tell you that this interest was in a love affair.  
answer: (b) surprise
- A6 The young couple in the story only meet about three times but still manage to fall deeply in love.  
answer: (c) fall
- A7 When you see the first kiss on the screen and you are sitting in row four, it can be very dramatic.  
answer: (d) screen
- A8 Everything is so much bigger than you expect and you are constantly turning your head from side to side.  
answer: (c) turning
- A9 And the sound is much greater too. During the war scenes I was jumping up and down out of my seat like a Jack in the box at every explosion.  
answer: (b) Jack
- A10 The following evening we were back again watching television but after the cinema it's never the same again.  
answer: (a) same



*Lots of Pieces*

- A1 Charlie didn't have much in the way of property — just bits and pieces.  
answer: (c) bits
- A2 In fact this was a piece of luck for Charlie as it happened.  
answer: (d) luck
- A3 Because when the villain of the piece arrived in the shape of a burglar to steal something, he didn't find anything valuable.  
answer: (a) villain
- A4 Charlie came home when the burglar was still there but he didn't go to pieces, he stayed calm.  
answer: (c) go
- A5 The burglar also had an assistant with him who clearly didn't want to get involved and have a piece of the action and fled.  
answer: (b) action
- A6 Charlie decided he would say exactly what he thought of the burglar and give him a piece of his mind.  
answer: (d) mind
- A7 He told him he was a wicked person and further he was a nasty piece of work.  
answer: (b) nasty
- A8 The burglar explained that he didn't have a proper job and only did piece work.  
answer: (c) work
- A9 Charlie laughed and said he was doing the same now — it was all of a piece with burgling.  
answer: (d) all
- A10 Eventually the police arrived and were pleased to see Charlie was still all right and in one piece.  
answer: (a) one

*Testing, Testing*

- A1 This castle has been here since the 16th century and hasn't really changed — it has stood the test of time.  
answer: (b) time
- A2 The law that has just been passed may be useful but we don't know until we've put it to the test.  
answer: (d) put
- A3 I think you're wise to find out first before you agree and believe it's a good idea to test the waters first.  
answer: (a) waters
- A4 No-one knows whether he'll succeed in his attempt to get compensation as it's a bit of a test case.  
answer: (c) case
- A5 Obviously before you buy a car, you'll be allowed to test drive it first.  
answer: (b) drive
- A6 These are indeed testing times for the government as people are deciding whether to vote for them in the next election.  
answer: (c) testing
- A7 He was one of the most experienced of the company's test pilots who decided whether a plane was safe to fly.  
answer: (d) pilots
- A8 In the story of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde we see the hero mix something up in a test tube and then drink it.  
answer: (a) tube
- A9 The aircraft engine had to be placed in a test bed to make sure that it worked properly.  
answer: (c) bed
- A10 In order to make sure that your television is tuned properly there is a coloured test card on the screen.  
answer: (d) card

*Cliches*

- A1 She's got the kind of job that seems to keep her occupied all the time — 24- 7.  
answer: (d) 7
- A2 Absolutely, I couldn't agree with you more.  
answer: (d) Absolutely
- A3 I really think we should talk about the subject we wanted to in the first place and address the issue.  
answer: (c) address
- A4 It's difficult to say exactly how many people are involved but I would say around 50.  
answer: (a) around
- A5 It was one of those sights that you never forget it was awesome.  
answer: (b) awesome
- A6 We don't know precisely how much it will cost but I could give a ball park figure of 6 million dollars.  
answer: (c) ball park
- A7 I agree with what you say, basically but ...  
answer: (b) basically
- A8 You fill in those forms on a weekly basis.  
answer: (d) basis
- A9 I hope you will be patient and bear with me a minute.  
answer: (c) bear
- A10 It's difficult to see how to get out of this situation because we're between a rock and a hard place.  
answer: (b) hard

*Losing It (1)*

- A1 He's one of those people who can't bear being seen to be wrong in fact of losing face.  
answer: (c) face
- A2 We haven't made any progress this year and are in a sense going backwards and losing ground.  
answer: (d) ground
- A3 Please don't lose heart because I'm sure you'll succeed in the end.  
answer: (a) heart
- A4 The important key to success in this business is strong management because if you lose your grip, then you're in real trouble.  
answer: (d) grip
- A5 She panicked when she skidded on the ice, lost her head and crashed into the tree.  
answer: (c) head
- A6 Yes, it's a slight problem but quite honestly I wouldn't lose any sleep over it if I were you.  
answer: (b) sleep
- A7 I followed as much as I could of his arguments but then I gave up because I'd completely lost track of what he was saying.  
answer: (d) track
- A8 After he'd wasted all his money, got into debt and then ended up in prison, his family began to regard him as a bit of a lost cause.  
answer: (c) cause
- A9 To be frank I find these philosophical discussions too deep for me and many of the points are lost on me.  
answer: (b) on
- A10 Putting all your money in that enterprise is futile it's like playing a losing game.  
answer: (d) game

*Losing It (2)*

- A1 The trouble with him is that if you push him too far, he's likely to shout at you and lose his cool.  
answer: (c) cool
- A2 There's no hope for him now because he's lost his marbles and has gone completely crazy.  
answer: (d) marbles
- A3 At the very last minute she broke down in tears and lost her nerve.  
answer: (b) nerve
- A4 First he started shouting and then he began to throw things round the room and it was clear he had just lost his rag.  
answer: (a) rag
- A5 Despite his great age we realized that he'd not lost his touch because he was still able to deliver a wonderful speech.  
answer: (c) touch
- A6 Do you mind repeating that last bit again as I seem to have lost the thread of your argument?  
answer: (d) thread
- A7 When it came to dividing the profits we lost out because we didn't get our fair share.  
answer: (b) out
- A8 As she was walking across the tight rope at the circus she lost her balance and fell to the ground.  
answer: (c) balance
- A9 After a while I got fed up with the film and began to lose interest in the story.  
answer: (d) interest
- A10 There's no harm in trying your luck there because after all you have nothing to lose.  
answer: (b) nothing

*How to ask a question*

- A1 May I ask you whether you have had a chance to consider my case?  
answer: (b) consider
- A2 Can I put it to you that the delay you have caused is not reasonable?  
answer: (d) put
- A3 Could I know why the business has taken so long to conclude?  
answer: (c) taken
- A4 May I make another attempt to ask you to explain the situation more clearly?  
answer: (b) attempt
- A5 I would be most interested to know why the committee has turned down my proposal.  
answer: (a) down
- A6 We should be delighted to find out when the new scheme comes into effect.  
answer: (b) effect
- A7 How much is the new car going to cost me?  
answer: (d) going
- A8 When are you thinking of buying a new washing machine?  
answer: (b) new
- A9 What has happened to your New Year resolution to stop smoking?  
answer: (c) happened
- A10 Why do you always interrupt me when I try to ask a question?  
answer: (d) interrupt

*How to attract someone*

A1 I say, you've just trodden on my foot!

answer: (d) trodden

A2 Look out, there's a car approaching on your left.

answer: (b) approaching

A3 Just a minute, you have just broken my case.

answer: (d) broken

A4 Mind, the doors are closing.

answer: (c) closing

A5 Watch it, you almost poked my eye out with that umbrella.

answer: (b) poked

A6 Be careful, there's a large gap between the platform and the train.

answer: (a) gap

A7 Hallo, do you see what you did to that pile of books when you walked past?

answer: (c) pile

A8 Hang on, you've given me the wrong change. I gave you a ten-pound note.

answer: (b) change

A9 Stop, that man's just gone off with my wallet!

answer: (a) off

A10 Excuse me, but you have left your car lights on.

answer: (b) left

*How to compliment*

- A1 You look stunning in that dress, Amanda. How beautiful you are.  
answer: (b) stunning
- A2 I can honestly say I haven't had such a delightful meal for ages.  
answer: (c) delightful
- A3 I must get to know the name of your tailor's so that I can buy a suit like that.  
answer: (d) tailor's
- A4 I must congratulate you on your performance in the play — it was remarkable.  
answer: (c) congratulate
- A5 One can tell immediately that you are a professional by the accomplished way you perform.  
answer: (d) professional
- A6 I honestly can't believe that you are old enough to have such grown up children.  
answer: (b) old
- A7 Even if I practised for a hundred years, I couldn't possibly reach your standard.  
answer: (c) practised
- A8 You certainly don't look your age. What's your secret?  
answer: (b) age
- A9 It's always a pleasure talking to you — you know so much!  
answer: (d) pleasure
- A10 Thank you very much for your letter. As always it's fun to read.  
answer: (a) fun



*Modal Medley*

A1 I know I can do it because I have done it before.

answer: (c) can

A2 You really should see that film because I know you'll like it.

answer: (b) should

A3 It's quite clear that you want to visit their house, so why don't you?

answer: (c) want

A4 It's the right thing to do in this situation and it's my belief that you ought to go.

answer: (c) ought

A5 I say to myself each morning I really must write that letter.

answer: (b) must

A6 May I have your permission to leave the meeting early?

answer: (c) May

A7 You should take an umbrella with you today, it might rain later.

answer: (b) might

A8 Don't worry they will eventually succeed, I assure you.

answer: (a) will

A9 Now there's no argument here. You have to finish on time because you have no choice.

answer: (c) have

A10 Could you really help me? If so, I should be most grateful.

answer: (a) Could

*Christmas Postman (1)*

A1 My main reason for becoming a temporary postman during the Christmas holiday period.

answer: (d) reason

A2 Was because I had amassed some rather large bills.

answer: (c) bills

A3 And what was more important I had got no money.

answer: (b) important

A4 My trainer was a postman by the name of Ted.

answer: (c) name

A5 With a life time of experience in doing all the walks in the town.

answer: (a) experience

A6 It was all a question of order, he said and then he explained

answer: (d) order

A7 the moment I got into the sorting office.

answer: (d) sorting

A8 He didn't want any of his trainees to imagine that being a postman was an easy job.

answer: (c) trainees

A9 He was fed up with people he met every so often

answer: (b) fed

A10 who claimed it was a part-time job because it was all finished by mid-day.

answer: (c) claimed

*Christmas Postman (2)*

A1 He described the sequence very carefully.

answer: (b) sequence

A2 The first thing was to be punctual since you started at a time when most people were asleep.

answer: (a) punctual

A3 Immediately you arrived you had to start sorting the mail into different pigeon holes.

answer: (d) holes

A4 Sometimes you found some terrible handwriting and didn't know where the letter should go.

answer: (c) terrible

A5 He was always criticising teachers for not teaching children to write properly.

answer: (d) properly

A6 These letters should be put to one side and old Charlie, the handwriting expert, would look through them later.

answer: (a) expert

A7 The next step was to draw some cold water, fill the kettle and make a cup of tea.

answer: (b) step

A8 Ted was always calm and optimistic. He never let himself get depressed by the job.

answer: (c) depressed

A9 He left me alone for an hour to follow his method and asked me to call him if I encountered any difficulties.

answer: (a) encountered

A10 As he had been very busy in his house since two that morning because of a burst water pipe, he went to have a rest.

answer: (d) because

*Christmas Postman (3)*

- A1 At first I got on famously finding the right pigeonholes, checking Ted's list and putting the letters in bundles.  
answer: (b) bundles
- A2 After about two hours of this my internal battery started to get low and I found myself losing patience.  
answer: (d) patience
- A3 It was at this stage that Ted came in quickly encouraging me to finish and get on the road.  
answer: (d) encouraging
- A4 The post office in this country district didn't use vans because of the expense.  
answer: (c) expense
- A5 I had to make do with a bicycle that looked as though it had been hit several times.  
answer: (b) make
- A6 Once out in the open air I experienced a violent shower but soon the sun came out.  
answer: (d) shower
- A7 The shouts of joy coming from some houses as I put the mail through the letter box made up for the discomfort and.  
answer: (c) box
- A8 I was beginning to feel like a real Father Christmas.  
answer: (b) real
- A9 I then came to number 56 that Ted had warned me about. They had a ferocious dog.  
answer: (a) warned
- A10 The only way to deal with this one, Ted recommended, was to rush at the door, shove the letters through the door and go away as quickly as possible.  
answer: (d) deal

*Christmas Postman (4)*

- A1 I did just that but in my haste I dropped a small packet that fell into a puddle.  
answer: (b) haste
- A2 I didn't have the courage to make another assault on the house. Instead I took it home to dry it out.  
answer: (d) dry
- A3 I knew if I told Ted he would talk a lot about being strictly against the rules but I was convinced it didn't matter.  
answer: (c) matter
- A4 In my kitchen I looked at the address and saw the recipient was a Master Richard. I was ashamed of my cowardice  
answer: (b) cowardice
- A5 and thought I was depriving a young child of his Christmas present from some loving relative.  
answer: (a) relative
- A6 I rubbed the package with a towel and went quickly again to number 56 hurrying down the path in the true spirit of the season,  
answer: (d) spirit
- A7 clutching the precious bundle in my hand I thrust it through the letter box  
answer: (c) thrust
- A8 expecting to hear a happy yelp of surprise from young Richard. As I hurried away  
answer: (a) yelp
- A9 to the sound of the barking dog, I knocked by accident the garden gate just in time to hear a voice shouting:  
answer: (c) barking
- A10 Master Richard! When will that woman realise I'm over fifty and can't stand knitted socks!  
answer: (d) stand

*Tick Tock*

- A1 They're trying very hard to finish in time and they're working against the clock.  
answer: (d) against
- A2 You have to turn this from left to right — in other words clock wise.  
answer: (b) wise
- A3 I'm afraid you can't make yourself any younger and turn the clock back.  
answer: (c) back
- A4 You can always be sure that there'll be a delivery today as the service is as regular as clock work.  
answer: (d) work
- A5 It's an amazing system so that at whatever time of day you can always get a response as the staff are there round the clock.  
answer: (b) round
- A6 What time do you start work or more exactly when do you clock on?  
answer: (a) on
- A7 When do you finish work or more exactly what time do you clock off?  
answer: (b) off
- A8 I've clocked up about an additional 20 hours this week in overtime pay.  
answer: (c) up
- A9 The competition is very strong as each team wants to be fastest and beat the clock.  
answer: (d) beat
- A10 She's not really interested in her job and just waits for the end of the day to come. She's just a clock watcher.  
answer: (a) watcher

*Company Decisions*

- A1 I strongly recommend you make a checklist of points to consider when deciding which method of payment to accept.  
answer: (a) when
- A2 How long do you think it will take before we'll be in a position to implement the changes to our distribution system?  
answer: (d) before
- A3 Yesterday the project manager suddenly announced that the launch of the new promotion campaign had been postponed because of software problems.  
answer: (c) postponed
- A4 Because of their expertise the two young engineers have been offered the opportunity to join our staff.  
answer: (c) offered
- A5 One of the indicators of success in any business is how many types of communication channels they use.  
answer: (b) many
- A6 An effective customer support system should be regarded as the nerve centre of all company communication.  
answer: (a) regarded
- A7 It goes without saying that there are more goals that can be achieved with your business than simply generating revenue.  
answer: (b) saying
- A8 A company's success will largely depend on how far ahead into the future it can forecast.  
answer: (a) on
- A9 In addition to an organisation's vision and ability to set goals it is also vital that every team member feels part of a unit.  
answer: (d) vital
- A10 Especially large corporations operating on an international scale create and pursue a human resources policy covering many different aspects.  
answer: (b) operating

*Save Our Animals (1)*

- A1 From a very early age Cathy had been passionate about animals.  
answer: (c) about
- A2 She used to hob nob (socialise) with people who thought the same way as she did.  
answer: (d) thought
- A3 These people were not at all fuddy duddy (uninteresting) or indeed hoity toity (supercilious) and their main interest in life was to ensure that all animals were well treated.  
answer: (a) ensure
- A4 She soon got to know one of the local big wigs (important people) in a local organisation aimed at stopping cruelty to animals.  
answer: (b) aimed
- A5 He had been in his hey day (at his most successful time) an important figure in a government department for agriculture.  
answer: (d) figure
- A6 In fact because he had refused to kow tow to (accept without question) some of the official regulations, he had been forced to take early retirement.  
answer: (c) early
- A7 But as far as Cathy was concerned, he was the bee's knees (someone to admire) and when she left school, she went to work as his assistant in the Society for the Protection of Animals.  
answer: (d) as
- A8 Her parents however were not at all pleased about where she had decided to work.  
answer: (a) about
- A9 They lived in a des res (very attractive house) and her father, John Fortune, who was really a bit of a fat cat (wealthy businessman) thought that all this animal business was a lot of hocus pocus (nonsense).  
answer: (b) business
- A10 Cathy and her father had several pow wows (conversations) about her decision but it usually ended up with a lot of argy bargy (arguments).  
answer: (c) ended



*Save Our Animals (2)*

- A1 What her mother and father objected to most was the endless tittle tattle (gossip) in the village about a young woman working for this hot shot (well known entrepreneur),  
answer: (d) objected
- A2 who was also regarded by some as a bit of a wheeler dealer (someone who does business in an underhand way).  
answer: (c) regarded
- A3 Cathy didn't believe any of this and was delighted to be working for Geoffrey Winton if for no other reason than that living at home was very humdrum (boring).  
answer: (a) reason
- A4 The rest of the organisation thought that she and Winton were a dream team (ideal partners) because she was enthusiastic and he was very experienced.  
answer: (d) experienced
- A5 After all she thought her brother was enjoying himself and had gone abroad to work in America as a result of the brain drain (talented people leaving their own country to work for better pay in another).  
answer: (b) abroad
- A6 One morning there was quite a hubbub (loud noise and activity) in the Fortune household when Cathy came rushing into the sitting room helter skelter (running at great speed).  
answer: (c) household
- A7 and announced what she thought was a cheerful earful (a good piece of news) and that was she had been invited to attend a demonstration in the capital.  
answer: (d) demonstration
- A8 As far as her father was concerned this was simply double trouble (two problems) — first working for Fortune and now getting involved in a demonstration.  
answer: (a) simply
- A9 As far as he was concerned this would be a waste of time because the speakers at the rally would just talk mumbo jumbo (nonsense).  
answer: (c) waste
- A10 But Cathy had made up her mind and the next morning wham bam (very quickly) she caught the early train and went off to the rally.  
answer: (b) mind

*Save Our Animals (3)*

- A1 On the train journey she began to think about what her father had said with his reference to the rag bag (muddled collection) of ideas in her organisation.  
answer: (c) reference
- A2 And if she was really honest with herself she was beginning to have a teenie weenie (very small) feeling of doubt as to whether she was doing the right thing.  
answer: (c) honest
- A3 She just wished that her father could try and be even steven (fair) about her side of the argument.  
answer: (a) try
- A4 But as soon as she reached the meeting point for the rally, there was no time for day dreaming.  
answer: (d) dreaming
- A5 At the beginning it was a bit harum scarum (disorganised) and people were running higgledy piggledy (in different and chaotic directions) but soon everything settled down,  
answer: (c) settled
- A6 and people who had been running about pell mell (in confusion) were now standing still and listening to the speeches.  
answer: (b) still
- A7 She felt reassured and was pleased she had come to the demonstration.  
answer: (d) reassured
- A8 And then one incident at the end of the rally convinced her that she had taken the right decision to work for the organisation.  
answer: (c) taken
- A9 A police officer on horseback was controlling the crowds and she found herself being gently moved by the horse.  
answer: (a) controlling
- A10 As it drew near she found she was asking herself aloud whether she had done the right thing. She looked at the horse and it was actually nodding its head and she could have sworn it said okie dokie (all right).  
answer: (d) aloud

*Simple Present (1)*

- A1 Andrew Smodley is a natural worrier. It is something he has inherited from his father — the king of all worriers.  
answer: (d) inherited
- A2 But then there are those who are never happy unless they have a problem to solve.  
answer: (b) solve
- A3 Andrew worried about the weather, the state of the pound, his health, the cost of living and once he even worried because he thought he wasn't worrying enough.  
answer: (c) living
- A4 But that was in the past. Things have changed because something happened to him exactly two years ago.  
answer: (a) ago
- A5 It was in the spring when leaves appear on trees and nature prepares herself for renewal. Other things happen too — people fall in love.  
answer: (d) fall
- A6 Now Andrew doesn't have a romantic disposition. He never looks up at the leaves starting to grow, sighs and says: "Ah, here comes the spring!"  
answer: (b) disposition
- A7 He simply thinks to himself: "I live in a small village by a little stream and around this time of year lots of creatures start to wake up and make a lot of noise."  
answer: (c) around
- A8 "In London, which stands on the river Thames, people make a lot of noise all the time."  
answer: (a) stands
- A9 I apologise for the simplicity of these statements but I want to illustrate the unimaginative nature which Andrew possesses.  
answer: (d) statements
- A10 Towards the end of this story I give examples to show the extent of the change he underwent.  
answer: (b) underwent

*Simple Present (2)*

- A1 The other character in this anecdote is a young woman called Sally Fairweather.  
answer: (c) character
- A2 She too lives in this tiny and remote village where Andrew has his cottage.  
answer: (b) tiny
- A3 Now Sally is an entirely different kettle of fish. Her philosophy runs as follows: "Worrying never gets you anywhere and life is too short to waste time imagining the worst."  
answer: (d) waste
- A4 In a word she is the complete opposite in temperament of Andrew. Here comes another cliché: opposites attract.  
answer: (a) opposite
- A5 But you must remember that two years ago the two main characters hadn't met, which was surprising when you consider the close proximity of Andrew's cottage and Sally's.  
answer: (b) proximity
- A6 If you take the first left after the post office, you come to Sally's place and if you take the second turning to the right after that you come to the cottage where Andrew lives.  
answer: (d) turning
- A7 The next participant in this village drama is the weather, which plays a very significant part in English life.  
answer: (c) plays
- A8 It was late April and the sun had disappeared behind dark heavy rain clouds but Andrew had already set off for the local pub.  
answer: (b) off
- A9 Naturally he had his umbrella with him and a heavy coat following that aphorism his mother always used: "Never cast a clout (remove an article of clothing) before May is out."  
answer: (d) following
- A10 Fortunately he made it to the pub before the storm broke.  
answer: (a) broke

*Simple Present (3)*

- A1 The moment he crossed the doorstep, an old school friend comes up to Andrew, offers to buy him a drink and tells him not to look so worried.  
answer: (d) offers
- A2 Andrew showed him the headlines: "Petrol prices rise again" — "But you haven't got a car" said his friend — "I know" retorted Andrew — "still it means everything else will go up in price, too."  
answer: (b) else
- A3 Everyone in the pub looks suitably depressed at this remark and begins to think of all the price increases that will follow.  
answer: (c) suitably
- A4 The gloom is palpable. Then suddenly the door bursts open and in walks our heroine, Sally looking like a drowned rat.  
answer: (d) gloom
- A5 Most people in the pub think to themselves: "What a pretty girl" Andrew sees her as someone who is drenched and needs help.  
answer: (a) drenched
- A6 He walks over to her and asks if she is all right.  
answer: (c) all
- A7 For probably the first time in his life Andrew actually transferred his worry from himself to someone else.  
answer: (b) transferred
- A8 And he mixes her a special drink to protect her from a possible cold.  
answer: (d) special
- A9 The conversation went as follows: "I hear you live in this village, too" — "How do you know?" asked Andrew.  
answer: (c) know
- A10 But Sally changed the subject. "This drink tastes delicious. How did you make it?" — "I put a drop of ginger ale and a piece of lemon in the alcohol and then stir thoroughly."  
answer: (a) stir

*Simple Present (4)*

- A1 I always keep those two ingredients with me when I go out at night.  
answer: (c) ingredients
- A2 Suddenly Sally looked at her watch: "I must fly. My train leaves in ten minutes."  
answer: (a) fly
- A3 "Don't forget to take those two tablets I suggested and let me know how you are."  
answer: (d) suggested
- A4 "I'll let you know as soon as I come back from London." And then she went.  
answer: (b) let
- A5 Immediately Andrew started to worry. He didn't know her name. He didn't know her address and he felt strange. He checks his pulse. He tests his mental faculties: "Two and two make four."  
answer: (c) checks
- A6 It was a different sort of worry that was almost a concern. He wants to see her again.  
answer: (d) almost
- A7 Within seconds he rushed out of the pub leaving his coat behind, ran into the pouring rain with no umbrella.  
answer: (b) Within
- A8 What was happening to him? He saw Sally standing on the platform getting into the train and the train leaving the station.  
answer: (a) happening
- A9 He jumps down from the platform onto the track and waves at the train driver to stop. The train stops and Andrew gets onto it.  
answer: (c) track
- A10 Six weeks after this extraordinary episode Sally got married.  
answer: (b) after

*Simple Present (5)*

A1 Andrew doesn't worry any more now.

answer: (d) worry

A2 He stays calm.

answer: (b) stays

A3 The obvious time when people expected him to start worrying was.

answer: (c) expected

A4 during the wedding ceremony in the village church just over two years ago.

answer: (a) ceremony

A5 As he says, "I know what everyone was thinking."

answer: (b) thinking

A6 They thought I would go to pieces.

answer: (d) pieces

A7 But I was perfectly relaxed and I owe it all to Sally. She is certainly a wonderful wife.

answer: (c) owe

A8 She smiled at me when we were standing at the altar.

answer: (b) at

A9 and I stopped worrying from that moment on.

answer: (a) on

A10 You can see me looking relaxed in the newspaper pictures especially that one with the caption: "ANDREW SMODLEY HANDS THE RING TO SALLY FAIRWEATHER'S FUTURE HUSBAND."

answer: (c) looking

*Tenses (1)*

A1 I would have come if I had had time.

answer: (c) would have

A2 This time tomorrow you will be sitting in a deck chair on the beach.

answer: (d) will be

A3 Before you telephoned, I was watching television.

answer: (a) was

A4 After the storm had finished, many people were found lying in the street.

answer: (b) had

A5 Tomorrow we are taking the day off.

answer: (d) are

A6 Where did you go for your holiday in the end?

answer: (c) go

A7 I must admit you have tried but I'm afraid the answer is still no.

answer: (d) have

A8 Sometimes I wonder if I shall ever succeed.

answer: (b) shall

A9 How many times have you been there?

answer: (c) have

A10 She's been working there since she left school.

answer: (d) been



*Tenses (2)*

A1 It's time we went.

answer: (b) went

A2 I honestly couldn't follow a word you were saying.

answer: (c) were saying

A3 He asked me what I was doing there.

answer: (d) was

A4 I've just been told that the price has gone up again.

answer: (c) been told

A5 She was annoyed that she had been spoken to like that.

answer: (a) had been

A6 I've just been reading here that man has been released.

answer: (b) reading

A7 If you were stopped by the police for speeding, what would you do?

answer: (d) would

A8 Long live the King!

answer: (a) live

A9 If I get there early enough, I shall save you a seat.

answer: (d) shall save

A10 When I'm in town, I miss listening to the birds.

answer: (b) miss

*Tenses (3)*

A1 Ah there you are! I wondered where you were.

answer: (c) are

A2 She said she'd help him if she could.

answer: (a) could

A3 He told them he would be starting work the next day.

answer: (c) would be

A4 I had instructions that I was to leave the door unlocked when I came home.

answer: (d) was

A5 He refused to go until he had seen all the paintings.

answer: (a) had

A6 Don't worry even if you make a mistake because if you do, it doesn't matter.

answer: (c) do

A7 He is always doing silly things like this. Take no notice now.

answer: (d) is always doing

A8 The man who was walking down the road just then, lives next door.

answer: (c) was

A9 It doesn't make sense. I can't understand why he shouted at you last night.

answer: (d) shouted

A10 Come on tell me honestly what you want to do now.

answer: (b) want

*Hotchpotch*

- A1 As we've got plenty of time to kill before the train comes, let's have a coffee.  
answer: (d) kill
- A2 If you mention someone's mistakes in public, it can only be regarded as very tactless.  
answer: (a) tactless
- A3 I didn't think he looked very well when we last saw him — in fact he was really out of sorts.  
answer: (c) sorts
- A4 He's the sort of person who never worries about anything and has a happy go-lucky disposition.  
answer: (d) go-lucky
- A5 I don't know what's the matter with me today I suppose I'm feeling under the weather.  
answer: (c) weather
- A6 There's a very informative programme on the radio tonight on current affairs.  
answer: (b) current
- A7 He didn't reveal his name with his first book and published it under a pseudonym.  
answer: (d) pseudonym
- A8 He spoke the language in a regional dialect, which made it impossible for me to understand him.  
answer: (d) dialect
- A9 I sometimes find that the commercials made by the advertisers are more interesting than the actual television programmes themselves.  
answer: (a) commercials
- A10 Now remember don't be late with your thesis and don't forget the deadline is Tuesday week.  
answer: (c) deadline

*Student Teacher Dialogue (1)*

A1 Teacher: So you want to learn to speak English?

answer: (c) to speak

A2 Student: Yes, I want to be able to speak well.

answer: (b) well

A3 Teacher: I don't see that as a problem.

answer: (d) problem

A4 Yes, that's easy for you to say.

answer: (c) easy

A5 Teacher: What makes you say that?

answer: (a) makes

A6 Student: Just because you are a native speaker.

answer: (b) native

A7 Teacher: I understand what you mean.

answer: (d) mean

A8 Student: So what am I going to do?

answer: (c) going

A9 Teacher: Well, if you like, I could give you lessons next week.

answer: (b) like

A10 Student: That sounds very good to me. I'll see you next week.

answer: (d) sounds

*Student Teacher Dialogue (2)*

- A1 Teacher: So what do you know about prepositions?  
answer: (c) about
- A2 Student: Well I know that they usually come before a noun.  
answer: (b) before
- A3 Teacher: Very good. Which do you find the most difficult?  
answer: (d) most
- A4 Student: If I had to choose one, I would pick in.  
answer: (b) pick
- A5 Teacher: The thing to remember is that in usually means inside a place or a position.  
answer: (a) remember
- A6 Student: I see. But what's the difference between in and into?  
answer: (c) between
- A7 Teacher: Ah, you see "in" means you are there inside however "into" means you enter as: You go into the room.  
answer: (d) however
- A8 Student: Another problem is I don't understand why there are two words sounding the same — T and one O and T double O.  
answer: (c) why
- A9 Teacher: Good question. T and one O is the preposition and T and double O often means extra as in: This exercise is too difficult. And don't forget the third word also sounding the same — the number two.  
answer: (d) number
- A10 Student: Oh, no two is enough thank you very much!  
answer: (a) enough

*Student Teacher Dialogue (3)*

- A1 Teacher: Can you explain to me when you use the Past Simple and when the Present Perfect?  
answer: (d) use
- A2 Student: I think the past simple is for a definite time in the past and the present perfect is when you don't know when it was.  
answer: (a) definite
- A3 Teacher: Excellent. Now if I wanted to describe my time in Paris in 1999 with the verb 'stay', what would I say?  
answer: (b) would
- A4 Student: I think it is I stayed in Paris in 1999. Is that all right?  
answer: (d) right
- A5 Teacher: Absolutely perfect. Now what about the Present Perfect Continuous?  
answer: (c) about
- A6 Student: That's one I never understand however hard I try.  
answer: (b) however
- A7 Teacher: Well if you started living in Paris in 1999 and you are still there, you say; I have been living there since 1999.  
answer: (a) since
- A8 Student: Yes, I see I think I understand but you have too many tenses in English!  
answer: (d) too
- A9 Teacher: Right just one more. Tell me which form you use if you are going to leave Paris and you tell someone about the length of time from your arrival till now.  
answer: (b) just
- A10 Student: Oh, that's easy. I say: I have lived here for 6 years. I can see from the expression on your face I am right.  
answer: (c) expression

*Phrasal Verb: Walk*

- A1 They've been seeing each other for 6 months now or, as we used to say, they've been walking out together.  
answer: (b) out
- A2 The trouble with you is you let your boss do exactly what he wants and let him walk all over you.  
answer: (d) over
- A3 He never looks where he's going and as a result is always walking into things.  
answer: (c) into
- A4 He came into the room, shouted at everybody and then left the room walking off in a really bad temper.  
answer: (b) off
- A5 I'm sorry to say that the safe has been broken into and someone's walked off with all the money.  
answer: (d) off
- A6 They took no notice of the accident and simply walked by.  
answer: (a) by
- A7 A total stranger walked up to me and asked if I could lend him some money.  
answer: (c) up
- A8 They have an expression in Australia when a famous person mixes with the crowd, they say they're going on a walkabout.  
answer: (d) about
- A9 The manager was terrified that his employees would stop work and walk out without warning.  
answer: (c) out
- A10 knew we shouldn't have trusted them because they suddenly left and walked out on us.  
answer: (b) out

*Charlie's Knees*

- A1 Charlie always thought he was the bee's knees because he had a very good opinion of himself.  
answer: (c) bee's
- A2 Even when he won the wobbly knees competition at a holiday camp he wasn't ashamed — he just loved it.  
answer: (b) wobbly
- A3 He'd learnt to think he was important from an early age at his mother's knee.  
answer: (d) at
- A4 His father told him he was special as he dandled him on his knee.  
answer: (b) on
- A5 Then he met Maria as a grown up and fell in love as a sort of knee jerk reaction almost without thinking.  
answer: (c) jerk
- A6 You see he'd known her once as a small child when he was knee high to a grasshopper and now they met as adults.  
answer: (a) high
- A7 They met at a mutual friend's party where everyone was having a great time in a kind of knees up.  
answer: (d) up
- A8 Shortly after that he went down on one knee and proposed marriage to her and she accepted him.  
answer: (b) went
- A9 After they were married, Charlie had to work very hard and he was always knee deep in decorating and painting the house.  
answer: (a) deep
- A10 What poor Charlie didn't know before was that Maria loved telling others what to do and so he had to do as he was told and bend the knee.  
answer: (d) bend



*Paper expressions*

- A1 It's almost completed now because all we have to do is sign a few documents and then the paper work is finished.  
answer: (b) work
- A2 They've tried to keep the truth from you but nothing's changed as all they've done is paper over the cracks.  
answer: (d) over
- A3 If you keep the window open all the time, you'll need something heavy like a paperweight to stop things blowing away.  
answer: (c) paperweight
- A4 The professor is delivering an important paper on sociolinguistics tonight in the main hall.  
answer: (b) delivering
- A5 I shouldn't worry too much about him. He looks very frightening but underneath he's really a paper tiger.  
answer: (a) tiger
- A6 The reason why I knew all about the story in the village is because it was on the front page of the local paper.  
answer: (d) local
- A7 As soon as the story about the scandal became known, it didn't take long to hit the papers.  
answer: (c) hit
- A8 You really shouldn't believe everything you read in the papers.  
answer: (a) believe
- A9 She makes a loaf of bread last a very long time because she cuts each slice paper thin.  
answer: (d) thin
- A10 Do you know how many rolls of wallpaper are needed to decorate this room?  
answer: (b) rolls

*Verb Tenses*

A1 Where are you going tonight?

answer: (c) are you going

A2 That is my business.

answer: (a) is

A3 Sorry, I don't mean to be rude.

answer: (d) don't

A4 That's all right.

answer: (b) That's

A5 I hope I haven't offended you.

answer: (c) haven't

A6 No, I promise you. You didn't offend me at all.

answer: (d) didn't

A7 So, I've got an idea.

answer: (c) I've

A8 OK. Tell me about it.

answer: (a) Tell

A9 I thought possibly we could go out together, tonight.

answer: (d) thought

A10 That sounds a good idea to me.

answer: (c) sounds

*English Tenses*

A1 Mike: Please go away. I'm writing a letter. I need some quiet.

answer: (c) writing

A2 Sarah: I promise I won't make a sound.

answer: (a) promise

A3 Mike: That's what you always say.

answer: (d) say

A4 Sarah: I know but this time I mean it.

answer: (b) mean

A5 Mike: I don't honestly think you are telling the truth.

answer: (c) are

A6 Sarah: At least give me a chance.

answer: (a) give

A7 Mike: If I do, I know I shall regret it.

answer: (b) do

A8 Sarah: No, you won't.

answer: (d) won't

A9 Mike: All right. You can stay as long as you don't make any noise.

answer: (c) can

A10 Sarah: Thank you very much. I shall be as quiet as a mouse but I'll just put the TV on.

answer: (b) I'll

**Conditional Tenses**

A1 If I were you, I wouldn't risk it.

answer: (d) were

A2 If they had waited another month, they could probably have got a better price for their house

answer: (c) have got

A3 It's quite simple really. When it's cold, water freezes.

answer: (c) freezes

A4 If he decides to accept that job, he will regret it for the rest of his life.

answer: (d) will regret

A5 If you are thinking of applying for that job, my advice is: forget it.

answer: (a) are thinking

A6 If he hadn't been driving so fast, he wouldn't have hit the motorcyclist.

answer: (c) wouldn't

A7 Had he been more careful, he would have spotted the mistake.

answer: (b) Had

A8 If she goes on passing her exams, she'll soon be qualified to practise as a lawyer.

answer: (d) she'll

A9 If I pay you twice as much, will you be able to finish by Tuesday?

answer: (c) be able

A10 If only I'd invested in that company, I'd have become a millionaire by now.

answer: (b) have become

*Sleep Expressions*

- A1 Mr. Wally's class was so monotonous today I couldn't help dozing off a few times.  
answer: (b) dozing off
- A2 Cold medicines usually make me feel drowsy. I feel like I don't have energy to do anything.  
answer: (d) drowsy
- A3 Janine! Where were you? I've been looking all over for you. — Sorry, Mom! I was reading a book by the tree over at the lake, fell asleep and lost track of the time.  
answer: (c) asleep
- A4 In winter time, bears hide themselves in caves and hibernate.  
answer: (a) hibernate
- A5 What time do you usually go to sleep at night? — Hmm... usually at about midnight.  
answer: (c) sleep
- A6 I feel so sleepy today. I should have gone to bed earlier last night.  
answer: (b) sleepy
- A7 My neighbor likes to take a nap every day after lunch.  
answer: (c) to take a nap
- A8 My daughter is having a slumber party tonight at our house.  
answer: (d) slumber
- A9 Every time he gets back from work, my husband likes to sit in his armchair and rest for a few minutes before dinnertime.  
answer: (b) rest
- A10 Caitlin was an extremely hyper kid. When taking care of her, her mom hardly ever had time to relax.  
answer: (a) relax

*English tense explanations*

- A1 I want to try and carry out an experiment.  
answer: (d) experiment
- A2 My plan is to explain the different uses of the tenses.  
answer: (b) plan
- A3 The main question is knowing where you start?  
answer: (c) start
- A4 As you probably know there are many tenses in English.  
answer: (a) probably
- A5 The problem is how you can tell the difference  
answer: (b) how
- A6 between, for example, the Present and Present Perfect.  
answer: (d) example
- A7 But I should stop myself from talking about  
answer: (c) stop
- A8 particular tenses before I've talked about tenses in general.  
answer: (b) before
- A9 Please forgive me for going on to the middle of my story  
answer: (a) forgive
- A10 when I should be thinking about the beginning.  
answer: (d) beginning

*English tense explanations (2)*

A1 So let's go back to the beginning.

answer: (b) back

A2 The first thing to remember is

answer: (d) first

A3 that each tense has two forms.

answer: (c) forms

A4 They are the Simple and the Continuous.

answer: (b) They

A5 We can say: he goes to work Monday to Friday and that describes a habit and is the Present simple tense.

answer: (a) describes

A6 This is something he does every day.

answer: (c) does

A7 He lives in a small house that's another illustration.

answer: (b) illustration

A8 Now we come to the other part and we call that continuous.

answer: (a) call

A9 We say: he is walking home now and that means at this moment and is the Present continuous tense.

answer: (c) moment

A10 In this way we describe what is happening now.

answer: (d) happening

*Phrasal idioms with the verb 'come'*

- A1 First impressions are important because how you come across initially can be as important as what you say.  
answer: (d) come across
- A2 I just can't seem to be able to find a good personal assistant; they are so hard to come by.  
answer: (a) come by
- A3 When disaster strikes, will your insurer come through for you?  
answer: (c) come through
- A4 If you have eaten a banana in the last 2-3 days and come down with a fever followed by a skin infection, you should seek urgent medical attention!  
answer: (c) come down with
- A5 In terms of personality, she's certainly come along well since she changed her attitude.  
answer: (a) come along
- A6 Menopause symptoms may come back after stopping menopausal hormone therapy.  
answer: (b) come back
- A7 Making the decision to come out about your sexual preferences can sometimes be scary and stressful.  
answer: (c) come out
- A8 When you realise just how far away the stars are, you wonder how astronomers come up with their facts.  
answer: (b) come up with
- A9 It was reported that the Government is expected to come up with stringent norms to prevent "predatory takeovers" of Indian private banks.  
answer: (b) come up with
- A10 My boyfriend wants to come over when nobody is at home, and I'm scared it might well lead to something else!  
answer: (d) come over



*Phrasal idioms with the verb 'look'*

- A1 Students were instructed to use the Internet to look up some information about Australia for the class project.  
answer: (d) to look up
- A2 The treasurer assured his constituents that he would look into the scandal shortly after the results of the general election were made public.  
answer: (a) look into
- A3 My attorney advised me to look over the terms and conditions of the insurance policy several times so that I was fully aware of what I was getting myself into.  
answer: (b) to look over
- A4 I have always looked up to my grandfather because he has lived such an amazing life.  
answer: (c) looked up to
- A5 I looked for my laptop in the car, in my office and even under the bed, but I couldn't find it anywhere.  
answer: (b) looked for
- A6 Airport authorities advised passengers to look out for suspicious-looking people passing through the international terminal.  
answer: (b) look out for
- A7 The view from the penthouse suite of the five-star hotel looks out over the Pacific Ocean.  
answer: (c) looks out
- A8 Students were given five minutes to look through the examination paper before they were told to start writing.  
answer: (b) look through
- A9 My family finally made the painful decision to admit my grandmother to a nursing home, as she is no longer capable of looking after herself.  
answer: (d) looking after
- A10 When I accused the hospital of giving me the wrong medicine, the management looked into the matter very carefully.  
answer: (c) looked into

*Time clauses: future tense examples*

A1 I'll cook supper as soon as I come home.

answer: (d) as soon as

A2 I want to finish my work before we go out.

answer: (c) before

A3 She's going to look after the cat while I'm away on holiday.

answer: (b) while

A4 I'll email you as soon as I arrive.

answer: (a) as soon as

A5 We'll find a hotel when we arrive in Jakarta.

answer: (c) when

A6 She won't speak to her boyfriend until he apologizes.

answer: (d) until

A7 Drink your coffee before it gets cold.

answer: (d) before

A8 Don't cross the road until you see the green signal.

answer: (d) until

A9 I'll give you a ring when we get back from our vacation.

answer: (c) when

A10 Our doctor advised us to have malaria vaccinations before we travel to Lombok.

answer: (b) before

*Phrasal idioms with the verb 'bring'*

- A1 Englishmen can't quite bring off wearing shorts.  
answer: (a) bring off
- A2 There are some natural methods that you can use to bring on labour if you and your baby are in good health.  
answer: (b) bring on
- A3 I want to bring over the dinner tonight so that you don't have to worry about feeding your kids.  
answer: (d) bring over
- A4 The Central Coast of New South Wales has been described as a great place to bring up children.  
answer: (d) bring up
- A5 Custom frames can help to improve the look of your artwork and thus bring out the best.  
answer: (a) bring out
- A6 U2 will not bring forward the online release of the band's new album, following news that it has been leaked onto the Internet.  
answer: (b) bring forward
- A7 The Super Bowl champion Steelers have decided to bring back fullback Verron Haynes for at least another two seasons.  
answer: (d) bring back
- A8 The slips fieldsman moved quickly to his left and then flung himself further leftwards to bring off a spectacular catch.  
answer: (b) bring off
- A9 How much money do I need to bring over to your house for the poker game tonight?  
answer: (b) bring over
- A10 If natural disasters have anything good about them, it may be the compassion they bring out in people.  
answer: (a) bring out

*Question / Response Test*

- A1 When do you have to pick John up at the airport? I should be there at about five o'clock.  
answer: (c) I should be there at about five o'clock
- A2 What are you going to buy your wife for Christmas? A bottle of perfume.  
answer: (b) A bottle of perfume
- A3 How many people are coming to the birthday party? We're expecting about 25 people.  
answer: (c) We're expecting about 25 people
- A4 What are you doing tonight? I think I'm going to a movie with Susan.  
answer: (c) I think I'm going to a movie with Susan
- A5 How was your honeymoon? It was great.  
answer: (a) It was great
- A6 What is your favorite kind of food? I like Italian food.  
answer: (b) I like Italian food
- A7 Who is coming to the business conference? The management team and the personnel department are coming for sure.  
answer: (a) The management team and the personnel department are coming for sure
- A8 What are your thoughts on yesterday's meeting? I'm glad we covered the human resources issue.  
answer: (b) I'm glad we covered the human resources issue
- A9 When are you going to the party? We're going right after work.  
answer: (c) We're going right after work
- A10 Where is the best place to go for a drink? The little pub around the corner has great beer on tap.  
answer: (b) The little pub around the corner has great beer on tap

**Short Idioms Exam**

- A1 After their argument, John didn't know if Rick was a friend or a foe.  
answer: (d) foe
- A2 Many Christians believe your body and soul belong to God.  
answer: (a) soul
- A3 Joanne left abruptly without rhyme or reason.  
answer: (b) reason
- A4 Ben estimated how much wear and tear the new tires could handle.  
answer: (a) tear
- A5 He is head over heels in love with his new girlfriend.  
answer: (d) heels
- A6 He bent over backwards to please his boss, but the manager was never satisfied.  
answer: (b) backwards
- A7 Nicole's promotion and added workload kept her as busy as a bee.  
answer: (d) bee
- A8 Mandy's children are her flesh and blood, so they always come first on her priority list.  
answer: (a) blood
- A9 On Jen and Brad's very first date, she could tell he was as cunning as a fox.  
answer: (c) fox
- A10 Before Tom headed into the forest, he made sure he had packed his bow and arrows.  
answer: (d) arrows

*Conversations and Comprehension Test*

A1 Boy: I want to buy a fish.

Woman: Do you want a tropical fish or a cold water one?

Boy: I want a really colorful fish. Can you show me some of the tropical fish you have?

Question: What is the boy looking for? A tropical fish.

answer: (c) A tropical fish

A2 Ray: I need a vacation.

Toni: How about Mexico? I heard it's beautiful at this time of year.

Ray: Maybe, but I was hoping for somewhere a little cooler.

Question: Where does Ray want to go? A place that has a cooler climate than Mexico.

answer: (b) A place that has a cooler climate than Mexico

A3 Mary: Did you have fun at the barbeque last night?

Linda: Yes, I thought the games were a great touch.

Mary: Me too. I especially liked the three-legged race.

Question: What did Linda like about the barbeque? The games.

answer: (c) The games

A4 Michael: My wife and I bought some great house plants yesterday.

Maria: Really? Do you have a lot of sunlight in your house?

Michael: No, so we bought some plants that have low light requirements.

Question: What kind of plants did Michael buy? Plants that don't need a lot of sunlight.

answer: (c) Plants that don't need a lot of sunlight

A5 Frank: I'm going to take my wife to Table Top Mountain this weekend.

Mark: That sounds interesting. Is it far?

Frank: Not too far. It's about a three-hour drive from here.

Question: How are Frank and his wife traveling to Table Top Mountain? By car.

answer: (b) By car

A6 Anne: Do you know the new girl in the mailroom?

Richard: No, but I think she's Cathy's friend.

Anne: We should ask Cathy to introduce us at lunch.

Question: What department is the new girl in? The mailroom.

answer: (c) The mailroom

A7 Ron: Do you think the business conference went well?

Sarah: Yes, but next year I think the planners should include more about global technology.

Ron: I agree. We should know more about that.

Question: What area does Sarah want to include in next year's conference? Technology around the world.

answer: (b) Technology around the world

A8 Harry: What time does your flight leave?

Deb: Our departure is scheduled for 7:45 in the morning. Could you take me to the airport?

Harry: Sure. We'll have to leave the city at about 5 o'clock then.

Deb: Sounds good.

Question: What time does Deb's flight leave? 7:45 am.

answer: (a) 7:45 am

A9 Axel: Do you know anything about Thai cuisine?

Caroline: Yes, I love Thai food. Why?

Axel: My in-laws are taking my wife and me out to a Thai restaurant tonight. They really like that kind of food.

Question: Who is going for dinner at the Thai restaurant? Axel, his wife and her parents.

answer: (b) Axel, his wife and her parents

A10 Jane: How many people were at Brad's wedding?

Bruce: Oh, there must have been at least 150 people there. The reception hall was really big, and it was nearly full of guests. We had a great time.

Jane: That's great.

Question: How many people were at Brad's wedding? About 150 people.

answer: (b) About 150 people

*Compound words: 'someone', 'anyone', 'somewhere'*

A1 I asked if anyone wanted an ice cream.

answer: (a) anyone

A2 Did anyone phone me when I was out?

answer: (a) anyone

A3 You're face looks terribly familiar. Haven't I seen you somewhere before?

answer: (c) somewhere

A4 She left the room without saying anything.

answer: (d) anything

A5 I have never been anywhere more beautiful than Thailand.

answer: (a) anywhere

A6 Who was at the party? Everyone. Pete, Anne, Mark, Barry, all the Pearsons, Sally Masters and Sally Bennett.

answer: (c) Everyone

A7 What would you like to eat for lunch? Anything. I don't mind.

answer: (d) Anything

A8 Where do you want to go on holiday? Anywhere with a beach. I don't care where we go as long as it's sunny and has got a nice sandy beach.

answer: (a) Anywhere

A9 I have nothing to say to you. Goodbye.

answer: (a) nothing

A10 I felt so embarrassed at the party. I was sure that everyone was looking at me.

answer: (c) everyone



*Phrasal idioms with the verb 'break'*

- A1 After years of working for a shoddy employer, I was finally able to break away from that company and set up my own business.  
answer: (b) break away
- A2 NASA is currently in the process of working out how to prevent any more of its spaceships from breaking up on re-entry into Earth's atmosphere.  
answer: (d) breaking up
- A3 Residents living in the immediate vicinity of the prison were told to be on the lookout for a group of criminals who recently broke out of gaol.  
answer: (c) broke out
- A4 It can be very difficult for young couples to break up their marriage when there are young children involved.  
answer: (d) break up
- A5 I decided to break off my relationship with my girlfriend when I found out that she was seeing someone else.  
answer: (a) break off
- A6 Be careful not to spill the yolk when you break open the egg.  
answer: (c) break open
- A7 A burglar broke into my house when I was away on vacation and stole some of my electronic goods.  
answer: (a) broke into
- A8 Teachers in Sydney have decided to call a snap strike next week after negotiations with the State Government over a ten percent pay increase broke down early this morning.  
answer: (b) broke down
- A9 A rebel Labour Party MP recently decided to break away from his party and become an independent member for his electorate.  
answer: (b) break away
- A10 I am always very worried that my car will break down, because it is already twenty years old.  
answer: (d) break down

*Financial and bank expressions*

- A1 Can you please lend us some money until we get paid next week?  
answer: (a) lend
- A2 I decided to invest in the commodities market, as the interest on offer from the bank was at an all-time low.  
answer: (b) interest
- A3 Many retailers in Jakarta refuse to exchange purchases unless you can show them your receipt.  
answer: (b) receipt
- A4 My boss informed me that I had been nominated to make a sales pitch to one of our company's largest buyers.  
answer: (a) make
- A5 I saw a very good job advertised in the newspaper this week.  
answer: (d) job
- A6 My wife has a part-time job at the department store.  
answer: (c) part-time
- A7 The cardiologist gave his patient a prescription for some medicine.  
answer: (c) prescription
- A8 When a fire broke out at the Louvre, at least twenty priceless paintings were destroyed, including two by Henri Matisse.  
answer: (b) priceless
- A9 I must remember to fill in my tax return before the end of this week.  
answer: (a) return
- A10 Can you take this money to the bank and make a deposit for me?  
answer: (c) deposit

*Phrasal idioms with the verb 'run'*

- A1 The Australian Labour Party doesn't currently have any politicians that would be capable of successfully running against the Prime Minister at the next federal election.  
answer: (c) running against
- A2 Hillary Clinton has not ruled out running for president at the next election.  
answer: (b) running for
- A3 I decided to run away with my girlfriend and get married when I found out that her parents didn't like me because of my religion.  
answer: (a) run away with
- A4 My parents were very disappointed when they found out that I had run off with all their money.  
answer: (a) run off with
- A5 The run-down apartment block failed to attract any buyers and was taken off the market so renovations could be carried out.  
answer: (d) run-down
- A6 Many children try to run away from home for one reason or another at least once during their childhood.  
answer: (a) run away
- A7 It's so nice to run into you again after all this time. I don't think I've seen you for at least twenty years.  
answer: (b) run into
- A8 Can you please run through our marketing campaign with me one more time? I don't fully understand it yet.  
answer: (c) run through
- A9 Our dog loves to run after the mail truck.  
answer: (c) run after
- A10 My mum had a run-in with my teacher for not allowing me to go to the toilet during class.  
answer: (b) run-in

*Traveling Down Under: How can I immigrate to Australia?*

- A1 Tourists who try to visit Australia without a visa will usually be refused entry into the country.  
answer: (a) refused
- A2 The Australian government has decided to increase the number of visas available to skilled workers next year.  
answer: (c) visas
- A3 The Australian Minister for Immigration has come under a lot of scrutiny lately for her department's decision to issue refugee status to boat people from Papua.  
answer: (d) Immigration
- A4 Newly arrived migrants must live in Australia for a period of two years before they are eligible to become permanent residents.  
answer: (c) residents
- A5 There has been a sharp increase in the number of boat people traveling to Australia in the past ten years.  
answer: (b) traveling
- A6 Australia is a(n) sovereign country and therefore has the right to choose whether or not tourists are granted visas.  
answer: (d) sovereign
- A7 People with a known history of tuberculosis will automatically be disqualified from entering Australia.  
answer: (d) disqualified
- A8 Australian citizens who are receiving social security benefits from the government are not permitted to sponsor tourists wanting to travel to Australia.  
answer: (b) sponsor
- A9 Tourists involved in illegal activities such as drug trafficking and prostitution may have their visas cancelled permanently and be banned from entering Australia at any time in the future.  
answer: (a) cancelled
- A10 Retirement visas do not lead to Australian permanent residency or citizenship. However, people with this type of visa may stay in Australia for a long period of time.  
answer: (a) lead

*How to describe people: attitude expressions*

- A1 My wife is always bad-tempered when she gets her period and becomes angry at me for no reason at all.  
answer: (d) bad-tempered
- A2 Students at the school where I teach are very reliable. They always hand in their homework on time.  
answer: (c) reliable
- A3 Glenn is very generous. He always helps out the underprivileged people in our community.  
answer: (d) generous
- A4 My little sister is so timid at school that she is afraid to ask to go to the toilet.  
answer: (a) timid
- A5 Never ask Phoebe to dance while her husband is looking. He always gets so jealous of her.  
answer: (a) jealous
- A6 Our new teacher is very patient. If we don't understand something, she goes over it again and again until we do.  
answer: (c) patient
- A7 I think Indonesian people are very friendly. They'll always come up to you in the street and try to practice their English.  
answer: (a) friendly
- A8 Barry loves to talk a lot, doesn't he? In fact, I don't think I've ever met anyone quite as chatty as him.  
answer: (c) chatty
- A9 Mary's husband is very lazy. He never helps her with any of the chores around the house.  
answer: (c) lazy
- A10 Our English teacher at school is very creative. He is always coming up with new games that help make learning fun.  
answer: (b) creative

*Comparison with 'as .... as'*

- A1 Teenage girls smoke almost as much as boys in many of the villages in West Java.  
answer: (d) as much as
- A2 I told my son that I would take him to the circus next week as long as he keeps his promise not to fight with his sister.  
answer: (b) as long as
- A3 You need to go to the hospital as soon as possible. An erratic heartbeat can be very dangerous.  
answer: (c) as soon as
- A4 Oh no! I failed all my exams last week. I'm as good as dead when my parents see my final report card.  
answer: (a) as good as
- A5 I bet you don't love me as much as I love you. That would be impossible!  
answer: (d) as much as
- A6 I will accept your marriage proposal as long as you promise to love me and take care of me forever.  
answer: (b) as long as
- A7 Rampant corruption in Indonesia will continue to happen as long as the government continues to deny that the problem exists.  
answer: (b) as long as
- A8 Many British housewives cannot understand why many British men love watching football twice as much as the women.  
answer: (d) as much as
- A9 Many anti-war protesters think that the President of the United States should withdraw his troops from Iraq as soon as possible.  
answer: (b) as soon as
- A10 A wise man once said that a change is almost as good as a holiday.  
answer: (a) as good as

*English grammar and vocabulary questions*

A1 I had to keep my daughter home from school today because she had a temperature of 38 degrees.

answer: (c) temperature

A2 When we were in Bali last year, we stayed at a marvelous hotel overlooking the beach.

answer: (d) stayed

A3 I usually get up at 6.30 every morning.

answer: (c) get

A4 Good afternoon. I want to see the manager, please.

answer: (d) want to

A5 I thought Nancy said she was going to spend the weekend with her parents.

answer: (d) was going to

A6 I was wondering if you could teach me to play the violin?

answer: (b) teach

A7 Would you take this letter to the post office, please?

answer: (b) take

A8 I hate doing the housework — especially cleaning the windows.

answer: (b) housework

A9 I got married two years ago.

answer: (d) two

A10 I'm sorry but I haven't done my homework today.

answer: (c) done my homework

**Compound words: 'aftermath', 'afterthought', 'afterbirth'**

- A1 After experiencing too many late afternoon sinking spells, The Duchess of Bedford arrived upon the idea of having tea and finger food at about 5 p.m.  
answer: (c) afternoon
- A2 In the aftermath of World War I, the political, cultural and social order of the world was drastically changed in many places, even outside the areas directly involved in the war.  
answer: (d) aftermath
- A3 I'm not convinced that the Christian afterlife would mean much to me if I had to lie and cheat in order to attain it.  
answer: (c) afterlife
- A4 It is better to halt mass murder than to clean it up afterwards.  
answer: (c) afterwards
- A5 The afterbirth is delivered during the third stage of labour.  
answer: (d) afterbirth
- A6 The fruity tones of this mild, balanced brew produce a delightful aftertaste.  
answer: (c) aftertaste
- A7 Contrary to popular opinion, Judaism does believe in an afterlife, but it is not the primary focus of the religion.  
answer: (d) afterlife
- A8 We enjoyed the rest of our lunch afterwards, but I think we were both taken aback by the encounter we had when we first entered the restaurant.  
answer: (a) afterwards
- A9 Childcare is currently available for kindergarten children on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.  
answer: (b) afternoons
- A10 The Emergency Response and Transitional Recovery Programme commenced activities in January 2005 in the immediate aftermath of the Tsunami disaster of 26 December 2004.  
answer: (d) aftermath



*Phrasal idioms with the verb 'drop'*

- A1 Many parents assume that their children will drop behind in school if they spend too much time playing video games.  
answer: (d) drop behind
- A2 Children who drop out of school face a high risk of sexual exploitation, hazardous labor, and living in the street.  
answer: (b) drop out
- A3 It is not necessary to attend every class in order to participate, so please drop in and join the fun!  
answer: (d) drop in
- A4 Students who are required to pass a test to enter the 9th grade are more likely to drop out prior to entering 10th grade.  
answer: (b) drop out
- A5 A 27-year-old Canadian woman confused the weekend with a weekday and dropped off her 6-year-old at school on a Saturday.  
answer: (a) dropped off
- A6 Visitors attending the annual Open House have the options of either participating in information sessions for their entire duration or dropping in on portions of the seminars based on their schedule and interest.  
answer: (d) dropping in on
- A7 Special ramps for picking up and dropping off passengers are provided at the curbs of the arrival and departure floors of each terminal.  
answer: (a) dropping off
- A8 Unannounced visits are usual on campus, and guests are always welcome. Friends sometimes drop in on one another, but it is mostly relatives who visit each other and mothers who frequently meet with their daughters.  
answer: (b) drop in on
- A9 Please drop in between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. this coming Wednesday, November 16, for drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and conversation.  
answer: (c) drop in
- A10 Senior Constable Smith asked the suspect to drop by the police station at lunch time in order to answer some questions regarding his alleged involvement in a bank robbery.  
answer: (d) drop by

*Phrasal idioms with the verb 'pass'*

- A1 The World Congress of Georgian Jews yesterday announced the passing away of their head rabbi.  
answer: (c) passing away
- A2 Entrepreneurs have several options when it comes to passing on a family business to their children.  
answer: (d) passing on
- A3 Don't pass up your opportunity to increase sales by leveraging the power of email marketing.  
answer: (a) pass up
- A4 Once you pass over Prospect Street, we will be on the right hand side of the block, directly across the street from the museum.  
answer: (d) pass over
- A5 If you were to pass away suddenly, your business could be tied up in probate court for several years.  
answer: (c) pass away
- A6 Lawmakers shouldn't pass up the chance to regulate tobacco.  
answer: (a) pass up
- A7 I can make myself pass out. I do it by taking in a deep breath and then pushing all that air down. It takes me about 15 seconds.  
answer: (b) pass out
- A8 Foreign companies will have to pass round the hat to pay for the extra costs of doing business in Indonesia.  
answer: (c) pass round
- A9 Approximately 27,000 — 29,000 vehicles pass through the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel on a daily basis.  
answer: (a) pass through
- A10 The pass out game is just a preadolescent version of autoerotic asphyxia paraphilia.  
answer: (b) pass out

*Airport and flight travel expressions*

- A1 Check-in counters are open two hours before the scheduled flight departure time.  
answer: (c) departure
- A2 It is the passenger's responsibility to ensure their passport is valid for entry and they have fulfilled all immigration requirements in the country of destination.  
answer: (b) passport
- A3 Passengers are required to produce appropriate identification at the check-in counter.  
answer: (d) identification
- A4 Passengers are advised to be at the boarding gate at least thirty minutes before the scheduled departure time of their flight.  
answer: (a) boarding
- A5 If you fail to check in on time or fail to board the aircraft, the fare you paid will not be refunded to you for any reason whatsoever.  
answer: (c) refunded
- A6 Children under age 12 will not be accepted for carriage unless they are accompanied by a person at least 18 years of age.  
answer: (c) carriage
- A7 Passengers are strongly advised not to check in valuable or fragile items as baggage.  
answer: (a) advised
- A8 Passengers are required to retrieve their baggage as soon as it is available for collection at their destination.  
answer: (b) baggage
- A9 It is the passenger's responsibility to reconfirm all outgoing flights at least 72 hours prior to departure.  
answer: (d) reconfirm
- A10 Passengers must arrive at the airport sufficiently in advance of the scheduled flight departure time to permit completion of government formalities and check-in procedures.  
answer: (c) arrive

*Digital cameras, photography and picture vocabulary*

- A1 To save battery power, your camera will enter standby mode if no operations are performed for a preset length of time.  
answer: (a) battery
- A2 Pictures stored on the memory card can be printed in the same way as photos taken with a film camera.  
answer: (d) memory card
- A3 When the self-timer is on, pictures are taken ten seconds after the shutter-release button is pressed.  
answer: (d) self-timer
- A4 One key to cleaning the lens of your camera is not to touch it with your fingers.  
answer: (c) lens
- A5 Pictures can be printed by inserting a memory card containing images into a printer or having prints made at a digital photo lab.  
answer: (c) printed
- A6 The flash on your camera may not be able to light the entire subject at distances of less than 40 centimeters.  
answer: (b) flash
- A7 Pictures taken with a digital camera are stored as image files.  
answer: (a) image
- A8 To reduce the amount of memory each image occupies, pictures are compressed as they are saved to the memory card.  
answer: (b) compressed
- A9 Pictures are stored in folders created automatically by the camera.  
answer: (c) folders
- A10 If your camera fails to function as expected, you should check the troubleshooting section of your instruction manual.  
answer: (c) function

*Expressions with death, marriage and divorce*

- A1 Her father's death came as a great shock to all those who knew him.  
answer: (c) death
- A2 Did you hear? James and Beth got married last week.  
answer: (c) got married
- A3 Our poor old dog is dying. We've had him for fourteen years. He just sleeps all day long.  
answer: (b) dying
- A4 The young girl screamed when she saw the dead body sprawled out on her living room floor.  
answer: (a) dead
- A5 We had a lovely wedding in a small country church. The ceremony was presided over by our parish priest.  
answer: (c) wedding
- A6 My great-grandfather's body was lost at sea in a horrific boat accident yesterday. A memorial service will be held for him at the Presbyterian church next Thursday.  
answer: (d) memorial service
- A7 Helen is planning to elope with Michael.  
answer: (b) elope
- A8 Sterility is not adequate grounds for divorce or annulment in New Zealand.  
answer: (a) annulment
- A9 Marriage ceremonies must take place between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. in a room with an open door in Manitoba.  
answer: (b) between
- A10 The body of my late wife was laid to rest in a beautiful cedar casket adorned with twelve dozen white roses.  
answer: (a) casket

*Mobile telecommunication expressions*

- A1 You can receive, display, edit and/or send text messages on any network that has a roaming agreement.  
answer: (b) roaming
- A2 It is imperative for drivers to exercise proper control of their vehicle at all times whilst using the mobile phone.  
answer: (c) imperative
- A3 Before removing the battery from your phone, please ensure that the device is switched off and the charger is disconnected from the handset.  
answer: (a) charger
- A4 You can transfer data between two cellular phones by using the infra red connection located on the front of your phone.  
answer: (c) infra red
- A5 Recently dialed phone numbers, answered calls and missed calls are stored in the call log.  
answer: (d) dialed
- A6 Before Internet services can be accessed on your cellular phone, you need to subscribe to your network operator to enable the relevant configuration information.  
answer: (a) subscribe
- A7 Cell broadcasts allow users to receive messages on specified topics, such as traffic and weather information from their network operator.  
answer: (a) receive
- A8 The message centre number for your network provider should be preprogrammed on your SIM card.  
answer: (d) provider
- A9 When you receive an MMS message on your phone, the message icon is displayed along with a tone, illumination and/or vibration.  
answer: (b) icon
- A10 Some hand phones are designed to be compatible with certain multimedia messaging services.  
answer: (d) compatible

*Phrasal idioms with the verb 'pull'*

- A1 I was told that his chances for pulling through the surgery were slim and if he did make it, he was given little hope for the next 24 hours.  
answer: (c) pulling through
- A2 "If you don't behave," my father said, "I'm going to pull over right here, and you can wait by the side of the road till we come and get you."  
answer: (a) pull over
- A3 Pulling through this period has given me the confidence and courage to pursue anything I want to despite the hard times.  
answer: (c) Pulling through
- A4 Children should never be allowed to play in driveways because one never knows when someone may pull in.  
answer: (d) pull in
- A5 President Bush said last Saturday that pulling out of Iraq now is not an option and rejected calls by some lawmakers to start bringing U.S. troops home.  
answer: (b) pulling out
- A6 The M4 bisects the Downs and the rest of the county from east to west. The noise affects a wide area either side of the motorway and can pull down real estate prices.  
answer: (d) pull down
- A7 Cyclists should always remember that motorists will frequently cross the bike lane to park and pull in and out of driveways.  
answer: (d) pull in
- A8 Rescue teams rushed to the site and started pulling out bodies from beneath the wreckage of the five-story Al Ghaza Hotel.  
answer: (b) pulling out
- A9 If you experience a breakdown, you should pull over to the side of the road and raise the hood of your car.  
answer: (a) pull over
- A10 One of the most memorable images of the war was created when U.S. troops pulled down the statue of Saddam Hussein in Fardus Square.  
answer: (d) pulled down

*Phrasal idioms with the verb 'get'*

- A1 After the small talk was over, it was time for the two heads of state to get down to discussions concerning bilateral relations between the two countries.  
answer: (c) get down to
- A2 My accountant advised me that one of the best ways to get around paying taxes in my own country was to set up an offshore bank account.  
answer: (d) get around
- A3 The high school teacher was so strict that he would not let his students get away with any of the stunts that they tried to pull with their previous teacher.  
answer: (a) get away with
- A4 Train passengers wishing to go to the football match were advised to get off the train at the next stop.  
answer: (b) get off
- A5 By the time I get through with you, you will be sorry that you ever stepped foot on the face of this earth!  
answer: (a) get through with
- A6 The referee instructed both captains to stop their complaining and get on with the rugby match.  
answer: (b) get on with
- A7 The days when Americans can get by in the world on English only will soon be gone.  
answer: (c) get by
- A8 Please mind your step when you get on the train.  
answer: (d) get on
- A9 I knew that I had to get up early the next morning, so I set my alarm for 4.30 a.m.  
answer: (c) get up
- A10 Employees at the reinsurance company were finding it very difficult to get along with their new manager.  
answer: (a) get along



*Phrasal idioms with the verb 'go'*

- A1 Pakistani viewers will no longer be able to watch their favorite Bollywood movies, as the government has decided that all Indian cable channels will go off the air at the end of this month.  
answer: (a) go off
- A2 Would you rather go out for Chinese food or Italian food?  
answer: (b) go out
- A3 The mayor has allowed vendors to go back to their old place after many of them complained of lowered income following the implementation of the night market last week.  
answer: (a) go back
- A4 Rosie overslept because her alarm clock didn't go off this morning.  
answer: (a) go off
- A5 The families of the seven astronauts lost aboard the space shuttle Columbia told NASA last Monday that space exploration must go on.  
answer: (d) go on
- A6 Indonesia's fuel subsidies could go over 100 trillion Rupiah (\$9.6 billion) due to high prices and fuel scarcity in parts of the world's fourth most populous country, its president said on Tuesday.  
answer: (b) go over
- A7 Two out of every five companies struck by disaster go out of business.  
answer: (c) go out
- A8 Go over the railroad tracks, and at the traffic light, go straight. Continue to the next stoplight on Broad St. and turn right onto Markham Ave. The library is the first building on the left.  
answer: (b) Go over
- A9 A chiropractor who claims he can treat anyone by going back in time to when an injury occurred has attracted the attention of State regulators.  
answer: (c) going back
- A10 Earlier this morning the wind was blowing at about 25 mph and the temperature was -5 F. It was way too cold to go out jogging.  
answer: (c) go out

*Phrasal Verbs (A to B)*

A1 Sherri tries to act like Marcie all the time.

answer: (b) act like

A2 When he tried to balance his checkbook, he found that things just didn't add up.

answer: (c) add up

A3 Ken really likes Kirstie, but he's too nervous to ask her out.

answer: (a) ask her out

A4 Lenny didn't back down when his superior reprimanded him.

answer: (b) back down

A5 Norman is really aggressive, and sometimes he should know when to back off.

answer: (b) back off

A6 Sandy wants to learn how to drive, but she must also learn how to back up so she can get in and out of parking spots easily.

answer: (a) back up

A7 No one at the office expected him to lose his temper and blow up the way he did.

answer: (c) blow up

A8 After the tragic accident, Lauren's mother had a nervous breakdown.

answer: (b) breakdown

A9 Kathy felt a little uneasy when she found out her neighbours had a break-in.

answer: (a) break-in

A10 No one in the group could believe that Sally and Steve broke up.

answer: (b) broke up

*Phrasal Verbs (B to C)*

A1 Marty often brought up important issues at the meetings.

answer: (b) brought up

A2 Sue felt she should brush up on her math skills before she started school.

answer: (c) brush up

A3 He could feel the back of his neck burn up when they started talking about the tragedy.

answer: (c) burn up

A4 Candace has a bad habit of butting in in front of others.

answer: (a) butting in

A5 Ken tried to butter up his teachers in order to get a good report card.

answer: (a) butter up

A6 The guard had to call off the dogs when the master approached the locked gate.

answer: (c) call off

A7 Everyone could see by the grimace on his face that he didn't care for the meal in front of him.

answer: (b) care for

A8 He didn't catch on to new concepts easily.

answer: (a) catch on

A9 They checked into the hotel late last night.

answer: (a) checked into

A10 After his illness, he worked hard to catch up on his missed schoolwork.

answer: (b) catch up

*Action verbs and sports expressions*

A1 People have competed against each other in bowling for thousands of years.

answer: (b) competed

A2 The French probably originally invented tennis in about 1150.

answer: (d) invented

A3 Martina Navratilova developed into one of the world's greatest tennis players.

answer: (c) developed

A4 Michael Schumacher has dominated Formula 1 racing over the past decade.

answer: (c) dominated

A5 Helen Moody set a record of eight Wimbledon singles titles.

answer: (a) set

A6 In Germany during the Middle Ages, people enjoyed bowling at village dances.

answer: (c) enjoyed

A7 Ellen Hanson earned the first singles crown at the U.S. Open in 1887.

answer: (c) earned

A8 Mary E. Outerbridge established the first tennis court in New York City in 1874.

answer: (d) established

A9 Althea Gibson learned to play tennis on the streets of New York City.

answer: (b) learned

A10 In 1926, Suzanne Lenglen starred in the first U.S. professional tennis tour.

answer: (c) starred

*English prepositions exercises*

- A1 Please place the umbrella stand beside the door.  
answer: (b) beside
- A2 You can get extra supplies from the stationery store.  
answer: (b) from
- A3 Eileen and Miranda have been best friends since third grade.  
answer: (d) since
- A4 We can do this work without any extra help.  
answer: (a) without
- A5 Michael stood apart from the other new students in his class.  
answer: (a) apart from
- A6 We ran five laps around the gym and then practiced our jump shots.  
answer: (c) around
- A7 During my study time, I came upon this beautiful poem.  
answer: (d) upon
- A8 Will you please write about John Cabot instead of Abigail Adams?  
answer: (c) instead of
- A9 Everyone went outside the building because of the false alarm.  
answer: (a) because of
- A10 The airplane flew above the storm.  
answer: (b) above

*'This', 'that', 'these', 'those'*

- A1 Look over there. That is the biggest pumpkin I've ever seen!  
answer: (a) That
- A2 Miriam told that same joke yesterday.  
answer: (c) that
- A3 Matthew, take this and put it over there.  
answer: (a) this
- A4 Her eyes shining, the little girl pointed to that piece of candy.  
answer: (a) that
- A5 Those elephants are sleeping under the shade of the baobab tree over there.  
answer: (b) Those
- A6 These are the best days of our lives.  
answer: (a) These
- A7 Those students at the administration office want to transfer to our school.  
answer: (a) Those
- A8 The pilot calmly steered us through that big cloud.  
answer: (b) that
- A9 That film that Dad saw last week seems like an interesting movie to watch.  
answer: (b) That
- A10 May I buy five of those pictures hanging over there, please?  
answer: (d) those

*Common subordinating conjunctions*

A1 Builders use plywood in the construction of small boats because it is easy to shape.

answer: (b) because

A2 I haven't spoken with Jane since she moved.

answer: (c) since

A3 Airplanes sometimes fly to unscheduled cities when the weather is bad.

answer: (a) when

A4 Please read the book while it's still available from the library.

answer: (d) while

A5 Everybody had dessert after they finished eating the main course.

answer: (d) after

A6 The pep rally won't begin until the last class of the day has ended.

answer: (a) until

A7 Elena will groom the horse in the morning so that she can ride it in the afternoon.

answer: (c) so that

A8 You will receive extra credit if you turn in your project early.

answer: (c) if

A9 The concert will end at 10.30 p.m. unless the audience insists on several encores.

answer: (b) unless

A10 When they feel threatened, dogs sometimes display aggressive behavior.

answer: (c) When

*Reflexive and intensive pronouns*

- A1 One person who made herself a career based on the sea was the authoress Rachel Carson.  
answer: (b) herself
- A2 Deep-sea divers wear wetsuits to protect themselves under the water.  
answer: (c) themselves
- A3 If you were a diver, you would buy yourself a JIM suit or helmet.  
answer: (c) yourself
- A4 Divers use external air supplies to enable themselves to breathe under water.  
answer: (d) themselves
- A5 Decompression sickness manifests itself with joint pain and can be fatal.  
answer: (c) itself
- A6 Rachel Carson's first book, Under the Sea-Wind, described struggles sea creatures find themselves facing.  
answer: (c) themselves
- A7 Rachel Carson's life was marked with conservation efforts that we ourselves can learn from.  
answer: (a) ourselves
- A8 Rachel Carson put on a diver's helmet and explored the reefs of the Florida Keys for herself.  
answer: (c) herself
- A9 The bends occurs when divers raise themselves to the surface too quickly.  
answer: (b) themselves
- A10 A diver must supply himself with a mixture of oxygen and different gasses.  
answer: (a) himself



*Simple Present, Simple Past, Simple Future*

A1 The candidate impressed many voters when she ran for governor last year.

answer: (b) impressed

A2 My father still buys heating oil from a company in Chicago.

answer: (a) buys

A3 Janelle will baby-sit for the neighbours next Saturday night.

answer: (c) will baby-sit

A4 When she was younger, my grandmother worked in a mortuary.

answer: (c) worked

A5 The athlete will train with the college track team next month.

answer: (c) will train

A6 The relative humidity usually falls when the temperature goes down.

answer: (a) falls

A7 Next year we will be in the eighth grade.

answer: (b) will be

A8 Her best friend lives in that apartment building over there.

answer: (b) lives

A9 Last week we delivered 150 newspapers.

answer: (b) delivered

A10 Yesterday you said you would like to learn how to knit a sweater.

answer: (a) said

*Expressions with 'ill': 'ill at ease', 'ill-mannered'*

- A1 A Christian should abandon all ill will toward the person they forgive.  
answer: (a) ill will
- A2 Impolite, foul-mouthed parents invariably produce ill-mannered, foul-mouthed children.  
answer: (c) ill-mannered
- A3 The president clearly felt a little ill at ease with some of the protesters' rhetoric, but he eventually agreed to talk to them.  
answer: (c) ill at ease
- A4 To end suffering completely, one must remove desire, ill will and ignorance.  
answer: (a) ill will
- A5 The decision of the Sri Lankan selectors to rest Marvan Atapattu for the third test match was ill timed and dangerous.  
answer: (c) ill timed
- A6 Using their ill gotten and extraordinary financial resources and insider dealing, the oligarchs gained control over much of Russia's political apparatus.  
answer: (b) ill gotten
- A7 According to the Small Business Association (SBA), "Inadequate or ill timed financing is a major reason for small-business failure."  
answer: (d) ill timed
- A8 Today's youth is far more disorderly and ill mannered than in the past, and it is not just a minority but the vast majority.  
answer: (c) ill mannered
- A9 Some immigrants of middle-eastern descent currently living in Oregon still feel ill at ease after the September 11th terrorist attacks.  
answer: (b) ill at ease
- A10 The world has suffered more from the ravages of ill-advised marriages than from virginity.  
answer: (a) ill-advised

*Phrasal idioms with the verb 'fall'*

- A1 David Beckham's fallout with Sir Alex Ferguson originated from his decision to stay at home and tend his ailing son rather than attend training on that particular Friday.  
answer: (d) fallout with
- A2 Don't always fall back on creating another database or a work-around program, because there may actually be a better business solution for the problem.  
answer: (c) fall back on
- A3 Frequent binge drinkers are eight times more likely than non-binge drinkers to miss a class, fall behind in schoolwork, get hurt or injured, or damage property.  
answer: (b) fall behind in
- A4 Student mentors catch children before they fall through the cracks.  
answer: (a) fall through
- A5 The northeastern state of Assam could fall off the Indian map soon.  
answer: (d) fall off
- A6 A Brussels-based think tank reported that Europe is falling behind Asia in terms of education and skills.  
answer: (a) falling behind
- A7 She had no family support system to fall back on, and she couldn't afford daycare.  
answer: (c) fall back on
- A8 A recent survey showed that one in three house hunters have had a property purchase fall through.  
answer: (a) fall through
- A9 Some married couples fall out with each other over differences of opinion on how things could or should be done.  
answer: (d) fall out with
- A10 Deciduous trees send messages to leaves telling them when to fall off.  
answer: (d) fall off

*Phrasal idioms with the verb 'put'*

- A1 Our daily habits often force us to put up with all kinds of degrading and destructive events, all in the name of keeping things comfortable or familiar.  
answer: (b) put up with
- A2 A Russian culture festival on Tajik territory has been put off indefinitely because of a local typhoid fever outbreak.  
answer: (a) put off
- A3 The Government has decided to put on hold the recent Cabinet decision to cut the food subsidy bill by 30 per cent, following protests from a section of Congress.  
answer: (c) put on hold
- A4 Put out your garbage at the designated pickup point by 8 a.m. on the collection days scheduled for your area.  
answer: (c) Put out
- A5 It was reported that Hyundai Motor Co. will put up a car-assembly plant in the Philippines after the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and South Korea forged a free trade agreement.  
answer: (a) put up
- A6 Sweaters are easy to put on, comfortable, warm, and above all, stylish.  
answer: (c) put on
- A7 After a flood of proposals, the United Nations was put in charge of sorting out differences among countries who are offering to build a tsunami early warning system in the wake of the Indian Ocean tragedy.  
answer: (a) put in
- A8 Homeowners put out a kitchen fire last Sunday night, only to discover that the fire was spreading inside the walls of their home.  
answer: (d) put out
- A9 French soldiers decided to put on a Punch and Judy show for their American counterparts.  
answer: (a) put on
- A10 A Betawi couple hoping to marry last weekend were forced to put off their wedding ceremony until law and order had been restored in the city.  
answer: (c) put off

*Reported commands: reported speech*

A1 "Would you like to spend the weekend with us?" -- They invited her to spend the weekend with them.

answer: (c) invited

A2 "Could you open the window please?" -- She asked him to open the window.

answer: (c) asked

A3 "Go to bed immediately!" -- Mary's mother ordered her to go to bed immediately.

answer: (d) ordered

A4 "Don't forget to post the letter!" -- He reminded me to post the letter.

answer: (a) reminded

A5 "Park the car behind the van." -- The instructor told him to park the car behind the van.

answer: (b) told

A6 "Please, please, turn down the radio!" -- Mark's sister begged him to turn the radio down.

answer: (d) begged

A7 "Don't play with matches. They're very dangerous." -- The teacher warned the children not to play with matches.

answer: (c) warned

A8 "I'll give you a lift to the airport." -- Michelle offered to give her husband a lift to the airport.

answer: (b) offered

A9 "I won't lend you any more money." -- Matthew refused to lend me any more money.

answer: (c) refused

A10 The teacher said to her student, "You need to study harder." -- She advised him to study harder.

answer: (b) advised

*Doing business: expressions with the word 'business'*

- A1 A business plan represents written documentation of the vital issues necessary to convince investors that a particular opportunity is worthy of investment.  
answer: (d) business plan
- A2 Whether you are looking for a job or running a company, giving out business cards is crucial to marketing your skills or services.  
answer: (b) business cards
- A3 Business class passengers have a lavatory reserved for their exclusive use.  
answer: (c) Business class
- A4 The Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center business hours are 8 am through 5 pm Monday through Friday.  
answer: (a) business hours
- A5 Today, it is rare to see a business suit worn with a waistcoat in North America, although it is still popular among conservative-minded businessmen in the rest of the world.  
answer: (c) business suit
- A6 Well, here we are rapidly approaching the business end of the season.  
answer: (c) business end
- A7 The Economics & Business Education Association represents teachers and lecturers of business studies and related subjects in schools and colleges throughout the UK.  
answer: (b) business studies
- A8 Our businesslike attitude is reserved entirely for the way we behave at work.  
answer: (d) businesslike
- A9 We offer business class e-mail services that give you superior spam and fraud protection and a custom domain name in your e-mail, all for a reasonable price.  
answer: (b) business class
- A10 Data marts can be a good way to serve the data needs of a particular set of business end users, allowing specialized functions such as data cleansing, joining, formatting and transformations to be performed automatically.  
answer: (c) business end

*Australiana: expressions that describe life in Australia*

- A1 Australia is roughly the same size as the United States but with less than a tenth of the people.  
answer: (c) size
- A2 In a 2003 survey conducted by the United Nations, Australia came in fourth among the best countries in the world to live based on based on income, education and life expectancy.  
answer: (d) countries
- A3 Australia is located in the Southern Hemisphere, so the seasons are opposite to those in the Northern Hemisphere.  
answer: (b) seasons
- A4 Melbourne is Australia's second largest city and was recently voted the best city in the world in which to live.  
answer: (c) voted
- A5 Adelaide is located in Southern Australia and is the quintessential picture of charm with its colonial architecture.  
answer: (a) located
- A6 Perth is the most western town of Australia and holds the distinction of having more sun-filled hours than most of Australia's other capital cities.  
answer: (d) distinction
- A7 Perth offers an eclectic lifestyle within the breathtaking backdrop of grassy parks, towering palm trees and endless waterways.  
answer: (d) lifestyle
- A8 If you're looking for a spectacular quality of life in a diverse country, then Australia is well worth serious consideration.  
answer: (c) quality
- A9 Whether you thrive in the fast pace of big city life or crave the tranquility of the desert, Australia is such a diverse country that you're likely to find exactly what you are seeking.  
answer: (b) thrive
- A10 In a world that is often turned upside down with turmoil, Australia still paints a picture of tranquility, a laidback lifestyle and a "can-do" attitude.  
answer: (a) turmoil

*Facts about pizza in the US: pizza industry expressions*

- A1 Americans are the greatest producers and consumers of pizza in the world.  
answer: (b) producers
- A2 Americans eat 350 slices of pizza per second.  
answer: (a) slices
- A3 There are 61,269 pizzerias in the United States.  
answer: (c) pizzerias
- A4 Pizza is a \$30 billion-per-year industry.  
answer: (c) industry
- A5 October is National Pizza Month in the United States.  
answer: (c) Month
- A6 The world's first pizzeria opened in Naples in 1830.  
answer: (c) first
- A7 Pizza Hut has over 12,000 restaurants throughout the world.  
answer: (c) throughout
- A8 Pepperoni is the pizza topping that Americans like the most.  
answer: (b) topping
- A9 Pizza migrated to America with the Italians at the end of the nineteenth century.  
answer: (d) migrated
- A10 The popularity of pizza really exploded when American soldiers returned from Italy after World War II.  
answer: (b) exploded



*Who wants to be a millionaire?*

- A1 Many people have fantasized about winning a big prize in the lottery.  
answer: (c) fantasized
- A2 For many people, their way of life is closely linked to their economic circumstances.  
answer: (a) economic
- A3 Most people like the idea of not having to work.  
answer: (d) idea
- A4 People who win the lottery are usually advised not to publicize their address and phone number.  
answer: (d) publicize
- A5 There are many stories about people who couldn't learn how to be rich.  
answer: (c) learn
- A6 A sailor from Sweden won three million dollars in the lottery and handed it to former shipmates and strangers in the street.  
answer: (b) former
- A7 All over the world, lotteries create new millionaires every week.  
answer: (d) create
- A8 A 45-year-old cook from Sydney dropped dead three weeks after winning 10 million dollars in the lottery.  
answer: (d) dropped dead
- A9 In 1989, a Los Angeles woman won 7 million dollars in the lottery and immediately went on a(n) spending spree.  
answer: (c) spending
- A10 Many people dream about what they would do with their money if they won the lottery.  
answer: (b) dream

*Pablo Picasso: expressions describing the Picasso's life*

- A1 Pablo Picasso showed his genius from a very young age.  
answer: (a) genius
- A2 Picasso hated school and often refused to go unless he could take his pet with him.  
answer: (d) refused
- A3 Picasso's portraits of people were often made up of triangles and squares with their features in the wrong places.  
answer: (b) portraits
- A4 Picasso died of heart failure during an attack of influenza in 1973.  
answer: (a) attack
- A5 Picasso's work changed ideas about art around the world.  
answer: (c) changed
- A6 Picasso was born on October 25, 1881 in Malaga, Spain.  
answer: (a) born
- A7 Picasso grew up to be one of the twentieth century's greatest painters.  
answer: (a) grew up
- A8 Picasso's genius as an artist was recognized by many people.  
answer: (c) recognized
- A9 When Picasso was 90 years old, he was honored by a(n) exhibition at the Louvre in Paris.  
answer: (c) exhibition
- A10 Picasso created over 6,000 paintings, drawings and sculptures.  
answer: (d) created

*Words in context: strong collocations*

- A1 Please take these separate lists and merge them into one document.  
answer: (c) merge
- A2 This pet store sells rare tropical fish and other exotic creatures.  
answer: (d) exotic
- A3 I guarantee that your hot temper will inevitably cause you trouble.  
answer: (c) inevitably
- A4 My teacher mumbled so softly that I could only vaguely understand him.  
answer: (b) vaguely
- A5 After the terrible tsunami, our orderly lives became chaotic.  
answer: (a) chaotic
- A6 If the cookie recipe is complete, it will specify the ingredients you need.  
answer: (c) specify
- A7 Peter was the best swimmer, but ironically he lost the final of the swimming competition.  
answer: (d) ironically
- A8 Our final concept for the product was much better than our initial one.  
answer: (d) initial
- A9 After I fell down the steps, I felt unsteady and giddy.  
answer: (b) giddy
- A10 During our walk along the beach, we noticed the shifting reflections on the undulating surface of the water.  
answer: (b) undulating

*Expressions with heart: 'heartache', 'heartthrob', 'heartburn'*

- A1 Getting over a break-up is hard to do. Instead of wallowing in your heartache, try to take positive steps to put your failed relationship behind you.  
answer: (c) heartache
- A2 Spanish singing heartthrob Enrique Iglesias was forced to pull out of concerts in Hong Kong and in the Philippines because of a visa problem in Malaysia.  
answer: (b) heartthrob
- A3 I feel really blessed, you know, because a lot of people who have a heart attack never get any advance warning.  
answer: (a) heart attack
- A4 Nighttime heartburn not only disrupts your sleep, but it may lead to other health risks such as raising your risk of cancer or aggravating asthma.  
answer: (d) heartburn
- A5 Allow me to express my heartfelt sorrow at the immense tragedy that has been perpetrated upon the American people by the wicked evildoers who were responsible for the September 11th terrorist attacks.  
answer: (d) heartfelt
- A6 Palpitations are heartbeat sensations that feel like pounding or racing.  
answer: (b) heartbeat
- A7 Just about everyone experiences the type of grief we call heartbreak at one time or another.  
answer: (a) heartbreak
- A8 The UK has one of the highest rates of death from heart disease in the world.  
answer: (d) heart disease
- A9 The Burgundy countryside is fast becoming the Islamic heartland of France.  
answer: (c) heartland
- A10 Bollywood heartthrob Hrithik Roshan pointed a finger at a gang of camera-happy Indian fans gathered to watch him shooting a film on the south bank of the river Thames.  
answer: (b) heartthrob

*Phrasal idioms with the verb 'knock'*

A1 I usually knock off work at about 4 o'clock and run to the station to catch the train to my next job.

answer: (b) knock off

A2 England knocked off South Africa in the Singapore Sevens tournament at Singapore's National Stadium, beating them 33-14 in the semi-final yesterday.

answer: (c) knocked off

A3 Do you want me to knock up some lunch?

answer: (b) knock up

A4 A few months ago, James got a knock on his front door.

answer: (b) knock on

A5 The defendant pleaded guilty to providing a group of Russians with knock-off goods.

answer: (a) knock-off

A6 Professional boxers don't wear headgear because their intent is to knock out their opponent.

answer: (b) knock out

A7 There wasn't much food in the cupboard, but I managed to knock up a meal for myself.

answer: (b) knock up

A8 People who knock on their neighbors' doors and ask if anyone has seen their pet instead of just calling are more likely to find it.

answer: (c) knock on

A9 A scrum is a way of restarting a game of rugby union after an accidental infringement such as a knock on.

answer: (a) knock on

A10 The Gulshan is a good honest curry house renowned for its ability to knock up a rather good curry.

answer: (c) knock up

*Idioms and expressions with 'just': 'just about', 'just before'*

- A1 Just before the doors opened, they all noticed a 5-note lying on the floor.  
answer: (b) Just before
- A2 Well, I am just over 2 months in now with my new venture, and business is still going strong.  
answer: (b) just over
- A3 Can I get pregnant just after my period has finished?  
answer: (b) just after
- A4 Jack Wheeler is just about the most interesting man I know.  
answer: (c) just about
- A5 Old-fashioned toothbrushes are just as good as electric ones at reducing plaque.  
answer: (c) just as
- A6 Just then the guy behind us leaned over and said, almost hysterically happy, "That's one terrific baby you've got there!"  
answer: (c) Just then
- A7 President Bush thanked his hosts for a warm welcome just before addressing the 25th annual conference.  
answer: (d) just before
- A8 Holmen's Board decided on Wednesday to invest in total just over \$5000 in the Group's newsprint mill outside Norrkping.  
answer: (c) just over
- A9 The bill that Congress has produced is monstrous in just about every way.  
answer: (d) just about
- A10 Fog machines can be just the thing to get you into the partying mood.  
answer: (d) just the thing

*American President William Jefferson Clinton*

- A1 Bill Clinton, whose father passed away a few months before he was born, wanted to be President from a very early age.  
answer: (c) passed away
- A2 Clinton defied his critics by surviving an array of personal scandals.  
answer: (b) array
- A3 Clinton fashioned himself as a "New Democrat" and has frequently been referred to as the "Comeback Kid".  
answer: (a) fashioned
- A4 In 1978, at the age of thirty-two, Bill Clinton became the youngest governor in the nation and in Arkansas history.  
answer: (a) nation
- A5 As President-elect, Clinton vowed to focus on economic issues like a "laser beam", working especially to overcome the sluggish growth of the American economy.  
answer: (b) sluggish
- A6 Clinton suffered two major setbacks during his administration.  
answer: (c) setbacks
- A7 Clinton's partner in his political career and marriage, Hillary Rodham Clinton, emerged as a key player in his administration.  
answer: (a) career
- A8 Future history books may well note that Bill Clinton was the second President to have been on trial for impeachment by the U.S. House of Representatives.  
answer: (c) impeachment
- A9 Clinton had a significant influence on the direction of the Democratic Party.  
answer: (c) direction
- A10 Clinton succeeded in brokering peace negotiations in Northern Ireland between warring Catholics and Protestants.  
answer: (b) warring

*Idioms with the word 'hard'*

- A1 Poor people in Australia who are hard up for cash may seek financial assistance from the Salvation Army.  
answer: (b) hard up
- A2 Many small businesses just starting up choose to accept cold hard cash as their only method of payment.  
answer: (d) hard cash
- A3 My parents wouldn't let me listen to hard-core heavy metal music when I was growing up.  
answer: (a) hard-core
- A4 Yesterday I taught my daughter how to cook a hard-boiled egg for breakfast.  
answer: (c) hard-boiled
- A5 My former boss was so hard headed that he often refused to listen to the opinions of his subordinates.  
answer: (a) hard headed
- A6 Applicants for the sales position are required to submit a hard copy of their CV by Thursday, May 17th, 2006 at the latest.  
answer: (b) hard copy
- A7 Many amateur tennis players find it much easier to play tennis on a hard court surface as opposed to playing on a surface that is made of grass.  
answer: (b) hard court
- A8 The hard-hearted dictator refused to grant clemency to his imprisoned political opponents.  
answer: (a) hard-hearted
- A9 Employees at the garment factory were forced to work twelve-hour shifts, as they were hard pressed for time to complete the order.  
answer: (d) hard pressed
- A10 James needed to go to the hardware store to purchase a new door for his holiday house.  
answer: (c) hardware



*Compound words: 'head'*

- A1 My wife will let me listen to classical music only if I agree to wear my headphones.  
answer: (b) headphones
- A2 My father lodged an insurance claim last week because he had an accident and broke one of the headlights on his car.  
answer: (a) headlights
- A3 Jimmy wanted to go to the Halloween party in an Indian costume, but he was unable to find a headdress to complete his outfit.  
answer: (c) headdress
- A4 The flight from Sydney to Singapore will take two hours longer than usual this morning as the plane is flying into a strong headwind.  
answer: (c) headwind
- A5 I was very surprised to read the headlines in the newspaper this morning regarding the incarceration of our country's former president.  
answer: (a) headlines
- A6 First-time entrants in this year's city marathon will be given a ten-minute head start over the rest of the field.  
answer: (b) head start
- A7 I was very disappointed to find out that the new car that I wanted to buy had insufficient headroom.  
answer: (c) headroom
- A8 All flights out of Sydney's new airport were delayed last Tuesday due to an extremely strong headwind that was blowing across the tarmac.  
answer: (a) headwind
- A9 Mixing spirits and beer is not a very good idea. I usually wake up with a very bad headache the next morning.  
answer: (c) headache
- A10 We were extremely upset when we arrived at the cemetery and discovered that my late grandfather's headstone had been destroyed by vandals.  
answer: (b) headstone

*Phrasal Verbs (C)*

- A1 The couple checked out of the hotel early this morning.  
answer: (a) checked out
- A2 Randy always tried to cheer everyone up on rainy days.  
answer: (b) cheer everyone up
- A3 Most of the kids at school thought he was scared and that he would chicken out of the race.  
answer: (a) chicken out
- A4 The supervisor asked everyone to chip in for the manager's birthday present.  
answer: (c) chip in
- A5 He clammed up when the police officers started to question him about the robbery.  
answer: (b) clammed up
- A6 He wants to come across as a mean boss so his employees will work hard for him.  
answer: (b) come across
- A7 Rick came down with a terrible cold this week.  
answer: (c) came down with
- A8 Lisa was counting on her friends to help her move.  
answer: (c) counting on
- A9 The new police chief is trying to crack down on the current drug problem in the city.  
answer: (a) crack down
- A10 Lawrence is trying to cut down on fatty foods.  
answer: (a) cut down

*Phrasal Verbs (D to F)*

- A1 The custody battle dragged on for many months.  
answer: (b) dragged on
- A2 The architect drew up some blueprints for you last week.  
answer: (b) drew up
- A3 I dropped in on my friend yesterday to surprise her.  
answer: (c) dropped in
- A4 Cathy dropped by her mother's house for a visit this past week.  
answer: (c) dropped by
- A5 Bruce dropped out of school when he was only fifteen years old and then took on a job.  
answer: (b) dropped out
- A6 After a lot of fuss, Rose ended up liking the new dish very much.  
answer: (a) ended up
- A7 The manager was very afraid the multi-million dollar deal would fall through.  
answer: (c) fall through
- A8 The children tried to figure out a way of getting to the concert on their own.  
answer: (a) figure out
- A9 Karen had to fill in for Dave while he was away on vacation.  
answer: (c) fill in
- A10 The couple filled out many forms before they could immigrate to England.  
answer: (c) filled out

*Phrasal Verbs (G to H)*

A1 Rick's father and mother didn't get along with his grandparents and were always having disagreements.

answer: (b) get along

A2 They rented a car so it would be easier to get around the new city.

answer: (b) get around

A3 Lucy was so busy that she didn't get around to fixing the stereo.

answer: (b) get around to

A4 His salary is low so he's just getting by right now.

answer: (c) getting by

A5 He worked hard to get in to Berkeley last year.

answer: (b) get in

A6 The criminal tried to get rid of the evidence quickly.

answer: (a) get rid of

A7 The students goofed off when the teacher left the room.

answer: (b) goofed off

A8 You'll need to hand in your assignments by Friday.

answer: (c) hand in

A9 Beth's father is too proud to ask for handouts.

answer: (c) handouts

A10 Laurie decided to hang up after the fourth ring.

answer: (a) hang up

*Phrasal Verbs (H to L)*

- A1 Two men staged a holdup at the bank across the street from us yesterday afternoon.  
answer: (a) holdup
- A2 We still have to iron out the finer details about our upcoming trip to Scotland.  
answer: (c) iron out
- A3 Most of the service stations decided to jack up their gas prices after the gas war between them.  
answer: (c) jack up
- A4 Kevin jumped all over the great opportunity to be the floor manager.  
answer: (a) jumped all over
- A5 Even though he was exhausted, he kept going.  
answer: (a) kept going
- A6 Trent was kicked out of school for bad behavior.  
answer: (c) kicked out
- A7 Just look at that gorgeous girl — She's a knockout.  
answer: (c) knockout
- A8 When I hit my head on the cupboard, I almost knocked myself out.  
answer: (a) knocked myself out
- A9 The company was experiencing financial problems, so they had to lay off fifty employees.  
answer: (b) lay off
- A10 Karen didn't want to leave anyone out, so she went over the wedding list one more time.  
answer: (b) leave anyone out

*Phrasal Verbs (L)*

- A1 Jeff felt as if he had been let down when he lost his job.  
answer: (b) let down
- A2 At long last the storm is starting to look like it's going to let up.  
answer: (c) let up
- A3 He started to look back on his life and then decided to take another trip.  
answer: (a) look back on
- A4 The rich families look down on poor people in this area.  
answer: (b) look down on
- A5 She started to look forward to the upcoming trip.  
answer: (a) look forward to
- A6 Norma promised she would look in on Cara's children while she was away on a business trip.  
answer: (b) look in on
- A7 The sheriff said he would look into the crime a bit more thoroughly.  
answer: (c) look into
- A8 You can't tell them apart — Elena looks just like her mother.  
answer: (b) looks just like
- A9 Before Sheila died from a long battle with cancer, she asked her sister to look after her children.  
answer: (b) look after
- A10 Ray hadn't seen his friend in years, but he decided to look him up anyway.  
answer: (a) look him up

*Phrasal Verbs (L to P)*

A1 I hardly ever gamble, but I was lucky at the casino yesterday.

answer: (a) lucky

A2 He is different, so many children make fun of him.

answer: (c) make fun of

A3 The couple decided to kiss and make up after the day-long argument.

answer: (c) make up

A4 Even though she squinted, she couldn't make out what he had written.

answer: (a) make out

A5 He decided to make up for his past mistakes by doing some good in his community.

answer: (b) make up for

A6 The department store has marked up its prices since the last time I was here.

answer: (b) marked up

A7 The items are marked down because the manager wants to make more room for the incoming spring line.

answer: (b) marked down

A8 Everyone laughed at the mix-up between the twin brothers at the party.

answer: (b) mix-up

A9 Billy was so tired that he was nodding off in class.

answer: (c) nodding off

A10 Her father passed away when she was just a kid.

answer: (b) passed away

*Phrasal Verbs (P to R)*

A1 Emily passed out when she saw the burglar suddenly enter her home.

answer: (a) passed out

A2 Ken picked out the best fruit at the supermarket.

answer: (c) picked out

A3 Steve was always trying to pick up girls at the nightclub.

answer: (b) pick up

A4 The kids pick on Trent because he is different.

answer: (a) pick on

A5 The whole community pitched in to make the playground safe and aesthetic.

answer: (b) pitched in

A6 After weeks of planning the escape, Sue finally started to believe they could pull it off.

answer: (a) pull it off

A7 Jeremy didn't want to put off the wedding any longer.

answer: (c) put off

A8 Kathleen felt like she had to put up with a lot from her family.

answer: (a) put up

A9 That store is really expensive. It's a rip-off.

answer: (b) rip-off

A10 If you round off the numbers, it will be easier to calculate the estimate.

answer: (c) round off



*Phrasal Verbs (R to T)*

- A1 Heidi ran into an old friend while she was shopping last week.  
answer: (c) ran into
- A2 The little corner store often runs out of bread near the end of the week.  
answer: (b) runs out of
- A3 The night before the play, the crew set up the stage.  
answer: (a) set up
- A4 The assembly line problem was a minor setback for the company last week.  
answer: (c) setback
- A5 The girl with the purple hair wants to stand out from the group.  
answer: (a) stand out
- A6 Bob's father taught him to be firm and to stand up for what he believes.  
answer: (b) stand up
- A7 People are getting tired of Seth because he always shows up late.  
answer: (b) shows up
- A8 The 'T' in the acronym stands for 'Time'.  
answer: (c) stands for
- A9 Kelly takes after her mother. They have many of the same interests.  
answer: (a) takes after
- A10 Leslie decided to take off early from the party.  
answer: (b) take off

*Phrasal Verbs (T)*

A1 I decided to take up organic cooking.

answer: (a) take up

A2 Kristie was ticked off at Matt because of the things he said to her last week.

answer: (c) ticked off

A3 Marg wanted to throw out the old sofa, but her husband couldn't part with it.

answer: (a) throw out

A4 Leila was feeling blue, so she went shopping to try on some new outfits.

answer: (b) try on

A5 Samantha was late for the basketball tryout.

answer: (a) tryout

A6 Bryan tapped Pauline on the shoulder so she would turn around and see the parade approaching behind them.

answer: (c) turn around

A7 The teacher asked her students to turn in the assignments by Friday at noon.

answer: (b) turn in

A8 John tried to ask Cara out on a date, but she turned him down.

answer: (c) turned him down

A9 Keira can't bear people who can't make up their minds and is turned off by procrastinators.

answer: (c) turned off

A10 Chris thinks dark hair is a real turn-on.

answer: (a) turn-on

*Phrasal Verbs (T to W)*

A1 Kevin took down all of the information and then gave the note to his wife so she could put it into a computer file.

answer: (b) took down

A2 Ethan asked his girlfriend to turn up the music so he could hear it clearly in the car.

answer: (b) turn up

A3 Krista waited on her ill husband all day long.

answer: (a) waited on

A4 Neil liked to wake up early on Saturdays.

answer: (b) wake up

A5 Rayleen watched out for her little brother all the time.

answer: (a) watched out for

A6 Chris was afraid the inexpensive tires would wear out quickly.

answer: (c) wear out

A7 Lilly likes to work out early in the morning so that she's fit for work.

answer: (c) work out

A8 Rob looks worn out because he's working two jobs at the same time.

answer: (c) worn out

A9 We are getting close to wrapping up the meeting, so are there any final questions or concerns?

answer: (c) wrapping up

A10 Jim didn't have much time to write up the contract.

answer: (c) write up

*Idioms about Animals*

A1 Beth is so afraid of flying. I think she should stop being such a scaredy cat.

answer: (b) scaredy cat

A2 My parents had a cow when my teacher called them and told them about my poor grades.

answer: (a) had a cow

A3 Everyone told me I'd be swimming with sharks if I took that job on Wall Street.

answer: (b) swimming with sharks

A4 A little birdie told me it is your anniversary today. How many years is it now for you two?

answer: (b) little birdie

A5 During the monsoon season, it rains cats and dogs for nearly one whole month.

answer: (b) cats and dogs

A6 The suave salesman looked nice, but when he told us about the 0% financing, the deal seemed a little fishy.

answer: (a) fishy

A7 Hollywood is so competitive that it seems like a dog eat dog world, doesn't it?

answer: (c) dog eat dog

A8 He's so hesitant. I wish for once he'd stop being such a chicken.

answer: (c) chicken

A9 My little girl copies everything I say. She's like a little parrot.

answer: (a) parrot

A10 Everyone notices Rob's wife when she walks into a room. She's really foxy.

answer: (b) foxy

*Idioms about Food*

- A1 Ethan's teachers told him he is the 'cream of the crop' of his graduating class. What does 'cream of the crop' mean? The best.  
answer: (b) The best
- A2 His drama coach 'egged him on' so he'd go onto the stage and perform as well as he did during the rehearsals. What does "egged him on" mean? To encourage someone.  
answer: (b) To encourage someone
- A3 Keira felt like tennis was 'her cup of tea'. What does 'her cup of tea' mean? That it's a perfect match for her.  
answer: (b) That it's a perfect match for her
- A4 Ray was as 'cool as a cucumber' about his exam because he studied all week for it. What does 'cool as a cucumber' mean? To be very calm and relaxed about something.  
answer: (c) To be very calm and relaxed about something
- A5 Everyone knew that the politician had his 'finger in the pie' of many businesses around the city. What does 'finger in the pie' mean? To be involved in something.  
answer: (a) To be involved in something
- A6 Most of Kim's teachers wanted her to 'use her noodle' more when it came to exam time. What does 'use her noodle' mean? To think more.  
answer: (b) To think more
- A7 " 'In a nutshell', the problem was caused by a faulty wire," said the experienced electrician. What does 'in a nutshell' mean? To be concise about something.  
answer: (b) To be concise about something
- A8 The trial turned out to be 'a hot potato' that everyone at the table was talking about. What does 'a hot potato' mean? A topic that is very controversial.  
answer: (a) A topic that is very controversial
- A9 The king was so rich, arrogant and mean that when he was overthrown by his people, most of his subjects thought it was about time he 'ate humble pie.' What does to 'eat humble pie' mean? To accept shame.  
answer: (c) To accept shame
- A10 Mary was going through a rough time and her family felt like they had to 'walk on eggshells' around her. What does to 'walk on eggshells' mean? To be very cautious and/or sensitive about something.  
answer: (c) To be very cautious and/or sensitive about something

*Prepositions of Time and Date (1)*

A1 I wouldn't want his shift — he has to wake up at 3 am every day.

answer: (c) at

A2 Mandy can't wait for snow because she wants to go skiing in the winter.

answer: (a) in

A3 I don't know what time they'll be back this evening, if at all. It all depends on the road conditions today.

answer: (c) (none)

A4 We hope there won't be much snow this year, but you never know.

answer: (b) (none)

A5 Last year, the weather was really bad. The forecast is better for this year.

answer: (b) (none)

A6 I have to go for a check-up next week. I go for a check-up once a year.

answer: (c) (none)

A7 I called in to make an appointment and I can see the doctor at 3 pm. Can you come with me?

answer: (c) at

A8 I'm meeting an old friend for lunch at noon. I haven't seen her for a long time.

answer: (c) at

A9 I don't have any plans for Thanksgiving Day because my entire family lives overseas.

answer: (a) for

A10 I'm going to my parents' house in Maine. What are you doing on Christmas Day?

answer: (a) on

*Prepositions of Time and Date (2)*

A1 Yesterday, I went shopping and found some great outfits for spring.

answer: (c) (none)

A2 The meeting is on Monday morning at 9:30 sharp. Don't be late.

answer: (c) on

A3 My birthday is in April. Can you come to my birthday party?

answer: (c) in

A4 I love swimming in the summer months. I usually swim at an outdoor pool as much as I can, and sometimes we go to the lake.

answer: (c) in

A5 I'm going hiking on the weekend. Do you want to come?

answer: (b) on

A6 After our hiking trip, I'm going to be really sore on Monday morning.

answer: (c) on

A7 In three weeks, I'm going on a camping trip. We're going to a really scenic spot.

answer: (b) In

A8 The day after tomorrow, I'm going to Bora Bora. I can't wait!

answer: (c) (none)

A9 In 2002, I got a promotion, and I'm hoping for another one this year.

answer: (c) In

A10 Someday in the future, we're going to build the house of our dreams.

answer: (c) in

*Prepositions of Time and Date (3)*

- A1 Yesterday, we went to the Royal Alberta Museum. They had some really interesting exhibits.  
answer: (c) (none)
- A2 We're going to the Botanical Gardens, and tomorrow we're planning to see some more sights this city has to offer.  
answer: (b) (none)
- A3 In two weeks, the project should be complete. I hope our clients approve of the new format.  
answer: (b) In
- A4 I finished a very important project two months ago. It was really intense because of the cutting-edge technology we used.  
answer: (b) (none)
- A5 My vacation starts on July 3rd. Wendy will fill in for me while I'm gone.  
answer: (a) on
- A6 I like to eat breakfast in the morning, but today I had to skip it because I had an early meeting with the Board of Directors.  
answer: (b) in
- A7 I love going for walks in the spring. Everything is so fresh and beautiful.  
answer: (c) in
- A8 I'm going to finish reading this great book today — it's really captivating.  
answer: (c) (none)
- A9 In 2004, I'm getting a raise so we'll be able to afford more things, like tropical vacations.  
answer: (c) In
- A10 We're going for dinner at a great Italian restaurant tonight. It's not far from here.  
answer: (a) (none)



*Prepositions of Time and Date (4)*

A1 In the seventeenth century, artwork in Europe was quite different from what you see today.

answer: (b) In

A2 On Valentine's Day, I'm taking my girlfriend to a wonderful spot. It's really remote and romantic. I hope she likes it.

answer: (a) On

A3 One week ago, she was told she couldn't have any more time off.

answer: (b) (none)

A4 Next month, I'm expecting my family to visit from the Virgin Islands.

answer: (b) (none)

A5 On Saturday night, we went to a great movie and then had supper with the Johnsons.

answer: (b) On

A6 On Independence Day, we always go to the fair and watch the fireworks at 11 pm.

answer: (b) On

A7 On Wednesday night, I'm going to take the staff out for dinner.

answer: (c) On

A8 Tomorrow evening, we're going to have a surprise birthday party for Mitch.

answer: (a) (none)

A9 At midnight, the tradition is to sing an old song to ring in the New Year.

answer: (b) At

A10 In 2005, I finished my degree, and now I'm working with a small accounting firm.

answer: (b) In

*What Comes Next? (1)*

A1 What I'll do now is up to me.

answer: (a) up to me

A2 I'm very tired so I think I'll turn in.

answer: (c) turn in

A3 It must be at least a year since you were here.

answer: (c) you were here

A4 I just don't follow a single word — I'm afraid it's all Greek to me.

answer: (d) Greek to me

A5 I'm desperate. All I need really is someone to give me a hand.

answer: (c) give me a hand

A6 I'm sorry that's not fair. It's no good blaming me.

answer: (a) blaming me

A7 As far as I'm concerned they can all go jump in the lake.

answer: (d) jump in the lake

A8 If you must talk, do it quietly I beg you.

answer: (b) I beg you

A9 Did you hear that noise? I'm sure there must be a burglar in the house.

answer: (c) a burglar in the house

A10 All I ask is that you give me just one last chance.

answer: (a) give me just one last chance

*What Comes Next? (2)*

A1 I can't make head nor tail of this — it's utter rubbish.

answer: (c) it's utter rubbish

A2 I don't know about you but I'm so hungry I could eat a horse.

answer: (d) I could eat a horse

A3 You don't have to shout I'm not that deaf.

answer: (b) I'm not that deaf

A4 I have tried, honestly but I just can't get through to her.

answer: (d) I just can't get through to her

A5 If I had the chances you have, I'd simply grab them.

answer: (a) I'd simply grab them

A6 If you can't get this right, then there's no hope for you.

answer: (c) there's no hope for you

A7 If the situation's that bad I suggest you sell up.

answer: (b) you sell up

A8 They realised that the police had them cornered and they gave themselves up.

answer: (a) they gave themselves up

A9 There's no rush for an answer so just take your time.

answer: (d) take your time

A10 We can safely say that the business is now concluded so that's it.

answer: (c) that's it

*What Comes Next? (3)*

A1 I wouldn't hesitate to accept that offer. If it were me I'd bite his hand off.

answer: (b) I'd bite his hand off

A2 There are several ways of looking at this and you'll have to choose.

answer: (c) you'll have to choose

A3 Nobody's going to call me names and get away with it.

answer: (d) get away with it

A4 You can't agree with both of them make your mind up.

answer: (b) make your mind up

A5 Don't worry about not getting enough support I'm with you all the way.

answer: (a) I'm with you all the way

A6 If you could be serious for just one moment I'd appreciate it.

answer: (c) I'd appreciate it

A7 Nobody ever got in his way he'd just walk all over them.

answer: (d) he'd just walk all over them

A8 You're not telling me you didn't laugh once I bet you did.

answer: (b) I bet you did

A9 Don't worry what other people think just take no notice of them.

answer: (d) just take no notice of them

A10 We're having a barbecue next week, will you come?

answer: (a) will you come

**What Comes Next? (4)**

A1 It's getting very late I'll have to hurry.

answer: (c) I'll have to hurry

A2 If we leave it any longer, we'll miss the train.

answer: (b) we'll miss the train

A3 There is a deadline, I'm afraid, so you mustn't dither.

answer: (a) so you mustn't dither

A4 We should have been there 2 hours ago, so we're well behind.

answer: (d) so we're well behind

A5 If we leave this minute, I'm sure we'll make it.

answer: (a) I'm sure we'll make it

A6 They arrived in the middle of the night because their flight was delayed.

answer: (c) because their flight was delayed

A7 As the old saying goes: He who hesitates is lost.

answer: (b) He who hesitates is lost

A8 They should have arrived by now. I wonder what has kept them.

answer: (a) what has kept them

A9 I'm being as quick as I can. Just don't bug me.

answer: (d) bug me

A10 I'm giving you your last warning. If you're not ready in five minutes, you're on your own.

answer: (b) you're on your own

*What Comes Next? (5)*

A1 Do you mind repeating that? I didn't quite grasp it the first time.

answer: (d) grasp it the first time

A2 Did you follow all that? Answer: No, my mind's a complete blank.

answer: (a) No, my mind's a complete blank

A3 Did you get that? Answer: Well, not really. Could you run that past me once more?

answer: (b) Could you run that past me once more

A4 I don't know about you but I can't make sense of this at all. Answer: Me too, I'm just out of my depth.

answer: (c) Me too, I'm just out of my depth

A5 You look a little confused. Do you know what I'm on about?

answer: (a) what I'm on about

A6 I hope it's all clear now, isn't it? Answer: No, you've lost me there.

answer: (d) you've lost me there

A7 If you want us to follow your argument I suggest you use less complicated words.

answer: (b) use less complicated words

A8 Promise me that at least you'll try this exercise, won't you? Answer: I'll have a go.

answer: (c) I'll have a go

A9 What do you make of this test? Answer: It's quite beyond me.

answer: (a) beyond me

A10 If you can't actually say the words then why don't you try singing them.

answer: (b) singing them

**Quickies**

- A1 If you live abroad, do you live in another country?  
answer: (a) in another country
- A2 If you are absent are you not here?  
answer: (c) not here
- A3 When you accept something, do you take it?  
answer: (b) take it
- A4 If you have your own accommodation, do you live there?  
answer: (d) live there
- A5 If someone gives you an account, do you pay it?  
answer: (a) pay it
- A6 If you have an ache, is it unpleasant?  
answer: (b) unpleasant
- A7 If you want to perform in the theatre, do you want to become an actor?  
answer: (c) actor
- A8 If you want to get to the other side of a bridge, do you cross it?  
answer: (a) cross it
- A9 If it's a genuine picture, is it real?  
answer: (b) real
- A10 If you adjust something, do you change it?  
answer: (c) change it

*What comes next (the bill)*

A1 This is most embarrassing. I can't pay the bill for my meal. I'm afraid I've left my wallet at home.

answer: (b) I've left my wallet at home

A2 I would be most obliged if you allow me to pay later.

answer: (c) allow me to pay later

A3 The other thing I could do is leave my watch as a deposit.

answer: (d) leave my watch as a deposit

A4 I can see by the expression on your face you don't really like the idea.

answer: (c) you don't really like the idea

A5 I could phone someone to bring me the money.

answer: (b) bring me the money

A6 I see. So what you are saying is I'm holding up your trade.

answer: (a) I'm holding up your trade

A7 Well, I did say I was sorry and I think you're being very unreasonable.

answer: (d) you're being very unreasonable

A8 You say you have no choice but to call the manager.

answer: (b) call the manager

A9 That sounds a good idea. I'm sure he'll sympathise.

answer: (c) sympathise

A10 All right, all right Mr manager. Just as you say, of course I'll wash the dishes in the kitchen.

answer: (a) of course I'll wash the dishes in the kitchen



*What comes next (the letter)*

A1 I know I'm a very bad letter writer but I was thinking of you the other day.

answer: (c) I was thinking of you the other day

A2 And that's what has prompted me to write this letter.

answer: (b) has prompted me to write this letter

A3 Do you remember the last time we actually met?

answer: (a) we actually met

A4 I remember it as if it was yesterday.

answer: (d) was yesterday

A5 I believe we met for lunch in an expensive restaurant and you chose the priciest item on the menu.

answer: (c) chose the priciest item on the menu

A6 And you must know why this fact has stuck in my mind.

answer: (d) has stuck in my mind

A7 I only had a a very modest dish.

answer: (c) a very modest dish

A8 This was just as well in view of what happened.

answer: (a) happened

A9 You haven't forgotten, surely?

answer: (b) surely

A10 I had to pay for you. So isn't it about time you paid me back?

answer: (c) about time you paid me back

**Antonyms (1)**

- A1 Lou approved of the behavior his respectful sons displayed during the church service this week. What is an antonym of 'approve'? reject  
answer: (c) reject
- A2 Nancy concurred with her boss about the new direction the company was taking. What is an antonym of 'concur'? disagree  
answer: (a) disagree
- A3 Robert's amiable mother was always trying to help people, and she volunteered for many community services on a regular basis. What is an antonym of 'amiable'? disagreeable  
answer: (c) disagreeable
- A4 No one understood why Kevin decided to revoke the agreement, but they went along with him anyway. What is an antonym of 'revoke'? keep  
answer: (c) keep
- A5 Environmentalists around the world fight to preserve the world's natural beauty and resources for future generations. What is an antonym of 'preserve'? destroy  
answer: (a) destroy
- A6 Henry hoped that his sons would someday take over his retail business and maintain the high level of customer service and satisfaction that Henry valued so much. What is an antonym of 'maintain'? eliminate  
answer: (c) eliminate
- A7 Mary's jovial uncle was always funny and she loved it when he came over to visit. What is an antonym of 'jovial'? miserable  
answer: (b) miserable
- A8 Maureen usually felt depressed on Mondays, because she never got enough sleep on the weekends. What is an antonym of 'depressed'? cheerful  
answer: (b) cheerful
- A9 Child welfare deals with parents or caregivers who abuse or neglect their children. What is an antonym of 'neglect'? nurture  
answer: (c) nurture
- A10 Steven was stationed so long in Iraq that he often yearned to see his wife and children again. What is an antonym of 'yearn'? abhor  
answer: (b) abhor

**Antonyms (2)**

- A1 When the plane crashed near the Arctic Circle, the survivors were able to withstand the cold and harsh elements because they met native Eskimos who taught them much-needed survival skills. What is an antonym of 'withstand'? succumb  
answer: (c) succumb
- A2 Melanie thought the issue at hand was not morally just, and consequently she would never endorse the petition circulating throughout her neighborhood. What is an antonym of 'endorse'? oppose  
answer: (b) oppose
- A3 At the managers' meeting, the group decided against the new project as a viable option and decided on another direction to ensure success for the company's fall line. What is an antonym of 'viable'? impractical  
answer: (a) impractical
- A4 After many months of grueling work and painful injuries to her shoulder and back, Susan realized that her dream of swimming the English Channel was unattainable. What is an antonym of 'unattainable'? realistic  
answer: (c) realistic
- A5 The couple tried to converse in the busy restaurant, but they couldn't hear themselves speak so they went elsewhere. What is an antonym of 'converse'? stop talking  
answer: (b) stop talking
- A6 After a grueling and busy week at work, the stillness of the pond reminded Lara of the silence she'd been searching for since Monday. What is an antonym of 'stillness'? uproar  
answer: (a) uproar
- A7 The dim lights made it hard to see, so Ben squinted to make out the stranger's face in the distance. What is an antonym of 'dim'? strong  
answer: (c) strong
- A8 As the wood wolves howled, Gloria and Steven found it difficult to see in the gloomy forest. What is an antonym of 'gloomy'? bright  
answer: (a) bright
- A9 The merry wedding ceremony took place outdoors. It was beautiful and picturesque! What is an antonym of 'picturesque'? ugly  
answer: (a) ugly
- A10 The graphic movie is for adults only because most of the scenes are unsuitable for children. What is an antonym of 'graphic'? implicit  
answer: (c) implicit

*American English Idioms*

- A1 Even though Tom was afraid of heights, he was determined to face up to it, so he slowly pulled himself up the ladder. What is the meaning of 'face up to something'? deal with a problem or fear  
answer: (a) deal with a problem or fear
- A2 Ryan hit the nail on the head when he said the government spending is outrageous and unethical. What is the meaning of 'to hit the nail on the head'? to say something that is accurate  
answer: (a) to say something that is accurate
- A3 The O'Riley sisters don't get along and they never see eye to eye on any issue. What is the meaning of 'to see eye to eye'? to see things the same way  
answer: (b) to see things the same way
- A4 I know there is a lot of biology material to cover, but if you want to pass the exam, you have to learn it by heart. What is the meaning of 'learn it by heart'? commit to memory  
answer: (b) commit to memory
- A5 Mr. Taylor is a great mentor because he's really nice and an old hand at teaching. What is the meaning of 'an old hand'? an experienced person  
answer: (b) an experienced person
- A6 The deal did not seem honest, so Ron did not want to stick out his neck and risk everything until he was sure about every last detail. What is the meaning of 'to stick out one's neck'? to make oneself vulnerable  
answer: (a) to make oneself vulnerable
- A7 The reason why Aurora is dressed to the nines is because she's got a date tonight. What is the meaning of 'dressed to the nines'? dressed up and looking great  
answer: (b) dressed up and looking great
- A8 Tommy got into real trouble at school today. He used a four-letter word in the classroom. What is the meaning of 'used a four letter word'? used bad language  
answer: (b) used bad language
- A9 Ronson realized by putting two and two together that the salesman was trying to trick him into buying the used car. What is the meaning of 'put two and two together'? figure out what is going on  
answer: (b) figure out what is going on
- A10 He rarely cares about anyone but himself; he's always looking out for number one. What is the meaning of 'to look out for number one'? to only care about oneself  
answer: (a) to only care about oneself

*Confusing Words test (1)*

A1 How much of an effect did World War II have on Europe?

answer: (b) effect

A2 The World War was devastating for many countries.

answer: (b) for

A3 Lynn and Mike were ecstatic about the birth of their first child this year.

answer: (a) birth

A4 Besides that, they were also happy about the purchase of their new home.

answer: (c) Besides

A5 The weather on the coast is really wet and cloudy — it rains a lot.

answer: (b) a lot

A6 The principal point is that you'll have to seek counsel about the crisis you're facing.

answer: (a) principal

A7 After a year of continual turmoil, Kevin decided to move to a place with less political upheaval.

answer: (b) less

A8 The army was led by a famous general who was known for his tactical and strategic raids.

answer: (d) who

A9 There are many poor and unfortunate people in every country around the world.

answer: (c) poor

A10 Some charity groups are working to lower the number of poor people around the world.

answer: (d) number

**Confusing Words test (2)**

- A1 Kevin's dream of creating a perfect world is only an illusion because there is no such thing as a perfect world.  
answer: (b) illusion
- A2 I think Kevin's heart is in the right place because we should always strive for world peace.  
answer: (c) peace
- A3 On most evenings just before dusk, the farmer loves to sit on his porch and look out onto the quiet pasture.  
answer: (d) quiet
- A4 The farmer often says that a peaceful, natural life is the only way for him.  
answer: (a) way
- A5 Sometimes, there is a lot of animosity between friends. This will certainly cause those personal relationships to fail.  
answer: (c) personal
- A6 Tim's grandparents suffered through the Great Depression.  
answer: (a) through
- A7 Afterwards, they had to deal with some major and minor wars as well.  
answer: (b) minor
- A8 Their lifestyle is really hectic and unhealthy.  
answer: (a) Their
- A9 First, Mandy said she wanted two pieces of candy, and then she asked for three.  
answer: (b) two
- A10 At the scene of the crime, police officers interviewed eyewitnesses and gathered evidence.  
answer: (c) scene

*Confusing Words test (3)*

A1 Can you imagine what our world would be like if there weren't any cars?

answer: (a) our

A2 The fierce wind blew all night long. It was intolerable!

answer: (c) blew

A3 Mathematics is about concepts and practice, and you must learn the basics if you are going to pass your exam.

answer: (b) learn

A4 I don't care where we go. It's up to you. I ate already.

answer: (c) already

A5 George complimented her on her speech and she politely thanked him as she walked past the crowd of reporters.

answer: (d) complimented

A6 Every night after supper, Lawrence lies down on the sofa with a good book. Lawrence needs a magnifying glass to read because his sight is so bad.

answer: (b) sight

A7 Thomas really likes the nursing home his children chose for him because his personal aide is nice and competent.

answer: (c) aide

A8 Cindy realized the air was crisp and clean, and she breathed in deeply to soak up the night's natural charm.

answer: (d) air

A9 The little girl bawled when her mother told her she couldn't have the toy she saw in the department store.

answer: (c) bawled

A10 After retirement, the elderly couple decided it was time to sell their large home and move into something smaller.

answer: (b) sell

*Confusing Words test (4)*

- A1 The Internet company billed me for the items I ordered last week.  
answer: (b) billed
- A2 Carrie was tired and soon became bored with the activity her teacher had assigned.  
answer: (c) bored
- A3 Joy tied a decorative knot in the ribbon so the Christmas package would look beautiful when she sent it to her parents.  
answer: (a) knot
- A4 The adult falcon preys on smaller birds, mammals and reptiles.  
answer: (d) preys
- A5 The rain came down all night, but in the morning the sun shone and we were able to have a beautiful, dry picnic in the afternoon.  
answer: (c) rain
- A6 Dorothy carefully wrapped all of the Christmas gifts, and then she filled all of the stockings with small gifts and goodies.  
answer: (d) wrapped
- A7 Joey asked his father to read him a bedtime story. His favorite book is 'Green Eggs and Ham' by Doctor Seuss.  
answer: (a) read
- A8 In each question, the students were asked to choose the right word from a list of possibilities.  
answer: (a) right
- A9 The road was long and looked like a ribbon laid out across the hills of the prairies.  
answer: (a) road
- A10 She sewed a strong seam to finish off the dress she was making for her granddaughter's birthday.  
answer: (c) seam



*Confusing Words test (5)*

A1 The cat chased his tail until he fell over from dizziness.

answer: (b) tail

A2 The warm breeze and starry sky made that particular night the perfect setting for a romantic dinner.

answer: (d) night

A3 As the chocolate chip cookies baked in the oven, a delicious scent filled the entire house.

answer: (b) scent

A4 As Johnny walked up to the plate, the opposing team prayed for a strike or a foul ball.

answer: (d) foul

A5 I can see the Pacific Ocean and many marine animals, such as seagulls and porpoises, from my bedroom window every day.

answer: (a) see

A6 Tyler knew that the team was in trouble, so he tried harder than usual to strike out the batter.

answer: (d) knew

A7 The whole affair made everyone uncomfortable. Most wished the ordeal would end very soon.

answer: (d) whole

A8 Tom is a talented and innovative carpenter. He uses many different types of wood in his work.

answer: (a) wood

A9 The bear was eating from a berry bush when he was suddenly startled by the scent of the approaching but unsuspecting hikers.

answer: (c) bear

A10 Tree frogs usually drink moisture from the dew on trees and leaves in the mornings.

answer: (c) dew

*Confusing Words test (6)*

- A1 The skating pair performed very well in both the short and long programs.  
answer: (d) pair
- A2 I want you to choose the restaurant tonight. I always decide and I'm tired of trying to find new and interesting places to eat.  
answer: (a) choose
- A3 Joanne told her young daughter that it is impolite to stare at people.  
answer: (a) stare
- A4 Rebecca is very nervous because later this afternoon she has to meet with the executive vice-president of the firm.  
answer: (b) meet
- A5 Thomas tried to give blood this past week, but the new nurse said she couldn't draw a sample. She was unable to find a suitable vein in Thomas's arm.  
answer: (b) vein
- A6 Bears' diets consist mainly of fish and berries.  
answer: (b) berries
- A7 Carson felt weak and nauseous. He wondered if he'd gotten food poisoning from the seafood restaurant he'd dined in earlier in the evening.  
answer: (b) weak
- A8 In the summer months, the sun usually rises at 5 am and sets at about 9 pm.  
answer: (c) sun
- A9 The bus driver was issued a new route. He thought it would be a nice change, because it was in a quieter area of the city.  
answer: (a) route
- A10 The heavy rain fell hard against the window panes all day long. By nightfall, the streets and sewers were overflowing with excess water.  
answer: (a) panes

*Confusing Words test (7)*

- A1 At school this week, Jonathan made his mother a beautiful gift for her birthday.  
answer: (a) made
- A2 Sandra loves her drama class, so she decided to audition for the lead role in the school play.  
answer: (d) role
- A3 Rows of canola fields in the prairies make the whole earth look like a golden blanket.  
answer: (c) Rows
- A4 The Johnsons live very close to the ocean, and their three daughters love to go to the beach in the summer. They look forward to it every year.  
answer: (b) beach
- A5 The steel factory produces much-needed products, but it also pollutes the air and water supply.  
answer: (b) steel
- A6 Deer are part of the elk, caribou and moose family.  
answer: (a) Deer
- A7 At the South Pole, male Emperor penguins stay with their female mates' eggs until their chick hatches. They endure long periods of cold and hunger during this time.  
answer: (b) male
- A8 Shelley's hair is very long. It almost touches the floor.  
answer: (b) hair
- A9 Johnny looked pale and felt nauseous when he saw his father eat a raw oyster for the first time.  
answer: (d) pale
- A10 Raymond is a mathematician. He just won an award for his work in the field of quantum physics.  
answer: (b) won

**Confusing Words test (8)**

- A1 Thomas doesn't like a lot of seafood. For example, he doesn't like clams, shrimp or musse/s.  
answer: (d) mussels
- A2 The flight attendant walked up and down the aisle to make sure all of the passengers had enough to eat and drink on the long flight to Australia.  
answer: (c) aisle
- A3 Rebecca called a plumber because she has a loud and annoying leak in the bathroom that keeps her up some nights.  
answer: (d) leak
- A4 The soldier received the Medal of Honor for his bravery during WWII.  
answer: (c) Medal
- A5 Connie is self-conscious about her weight so she always wears really baggy, oversized clothing.  
answer: (a) weight
- A6 During the play, the actor forgot his lines. There was a long pause in the audience until he remembered the next line, and then the show continued.  
answer: (d) pause
- A7 There was a huge thunderstorm in the Midwest last week. Hailstones as big as baseballs fell from the sky and damaged many vehicles and homes.  
answer: (c) Hailstones
- A8 The successful advertising company is not really worried about profits this fiscal year because they are doing so well.  
answer: (b) profits
- A9 The soles on Henry's shoes are worn, so he took them to the shoe repair shop.  
answer: (b) soles
- A10 Kathy bought a beautiful veil to go with her gorgeous wedding dress.  
answer: (a) veil

*Confusing Words test (9)*

- A1 Wild boars are native across much of Central Europe, the Mediterranean Region and much of Asia as far south as Indonesia, and have been introduced elsewhere.  
answer: (c) boars
- A2 The Sahara Desert is a very hot and dry place. However, in spite of the harsh climate, certain plants and animals continue to prosper there.  
answer: (a) Desert
- A3 Paul loves to hike early in the morning because everything is so crisp and fresh at that time. The morning dew and mist makes the world look dreamy.  
answer: (c) mist
- A4 Shiana, a beautiful Arabian mare, has a long, sleek mane. Her owner bathes and grooms her on a regular basis.  
answer: (b) mane
- A5 The church choir sings the most beautiful hymns every Sunday! I wish I could sing that well.  
answer: (a) hymns
- A6 The contractor took the couple to the site of their new home. He wanted to discuss details of the dimensions and geological issues they will have to address before construction can begin.  
answer: (b) site
- A7 Normally, Robert likes his steak medium rare, but his wife, on the other hand, likes hers well-done.  
answer: (c) steak
- A8 To improve Taylor's reading skills, his teacher told his mother that he should read his English assignments aloud at home every night.  
answer: (c) aloud
- A9 Richard got his finger caught in the doorjamb and it was sore for two days afterwards.  
answer: (d) sore
- A10 I use rosemary, marjoram and thyme in an old-fashioned roast chicken recipe my mother gave me.  
answer: (d) thyme

*Confusing Words test (10)*

- A1 The window latch broke earlier in the day. By nightfall, the wind was blowing harder than ever, and there was a noticeable draft in the apartment.  
answer: (b) draft
- A2 There is a great deli around the corner. Tom orders corned beef on rye bread for lunch every day.  
answer: (d) rye
- A3 Jeffrey decided to take some night classes. He really enjoys the first-year English course he attends every Tuesday and Thursday evening at the college.  
answer: (d) course
- A4 The sun's rays are enjoyable in the summertime. However, sunbathers should wear sunscreen in order to prevent sunburn and skin damage.  
answer: (c) rays
- A5 The little boy loves to horse around and play in the backyard with his dog, Skippy.  
answer: (b) boy
- A6 People should always make sure they dispose of their waste products in an environmentally friendly way.  
answer: (b) waste
- A7 Tracy decided to join the Peace Corps in the fall and help people in other countries. She wants to make a difference in the world.  
answer: (c) Corps
- A8 There is a terrible flu bug going around. Everyone at work is sick and the clinics are full of patients who want to get better before Christmas.  
answer: (a) flu
- A9 Dogs are not considered full-grown until they are about three years old.  
answer: (b) grown
- A10 At the office, the telephone must ring four times before the answering machine picks up the call.  
answer: (c) ring

*Confusing Words test (11)*

- A1 The eyewitness caught only a faint glimpse of the armed robber. As a result, she couldn't identify the thief in a police lineup.  
answer: (c) faint
- A2 In a court of law, every person who is accused of a crime is entitled to a fair trial.  
answer: (b) fair
- A3 Larry warned his friend about the pyramid scheme. Those schemes are usually based on a tier system that is unfair to those on the bottom.  
answer: (b) tier
- A4 Every Sunday, we can hear the church bell from where we live.  
answer: (d) bell
- A5 The judge set the accused's bail. It was a large sum because the crime was so violent.  
answer: (c) bail
- A6 In the morning, Sally loves to eat organic cereal because it's made with oats. She feels that gives her a healthy start every day.  
answer: (a) cereal
- A7 The bank across the street offered us a very good interest rate on a personal loan this month.  
answer: (b) loan
- A8 Norma made a beautiful and delicious chocolate layer cake for her grandson's birthday this weekend.  
answer: (b) layer
- A9 Jennifer and Cameron went out for a candlelit dinner. Then they went to the pier to take in the romantic setting of the oceanfront.  
answer: (b) pier
- A10 The house is very large, and the most impressive part of it is the vaulted ceiling.  
answer: (b) ceiling

**Confusing Words test (12)**

- A1 In order to make the training manuals stand out, the company used specialty cardstock rather than plain paper for the front and back covers.  
answer: (c) plain
- A2 Casey asked her mother to buy her a mountain bike for her 14th birthday next month.  
answer: (d) buy
- A3 The affluent family had an impressive wine cellar in their mansion prior to the stock market crash.  
answer: (a) cellar
- A4 Laurie loves trips to the ocean because she gets to swim in the sea and watch the tide come in every evening.  
answer: (b) tide
- A5 Lance drew up the blueprints. He decided that the house would be about 1500 square feet when construction was complete.  
answer: (c) feet
- A6 The large herd of cattle was difficult to move. The rancher used Border Collies to help him round them up in the fall.  
answer: (a) herd
- A7 The couple had not been able to afford an elaborate honeymoon, so for their 10th wedding anniversary, they went on a cruise in the Bahamas.  
answer: (b) cruise
- A8 Every year before Christmas, there are huge sales on all kinds of Christmas wrapping paper, ornaments and decorations.  
answer: (b) sales
- A9 For Christians around the world, Sunday is a holy day. In the past, many people didn't work on Sundays. Nowadays, however, a lot of people do.  
answer: (a) holy
- A10 Surrounding the estate is a huge metal fence with a large gate at the front of the mansion. Security people and trained dogs guard the estate on a 24-hour basis.  
answer: (a) gate



*Airport Terminology (1)*

- A1 Most people don't like aisle seats on airplanes. They usually prefer window seats.  
answer: (b) aisle
- A2 Cindy was very frustrated with the baggage claim area because her suitcases were lost.  
answer: (a) baggage claim area
- A3 Flight attendants must see everyone's boarding pass before they are allowed to get onto the plane.  
answer: (c) boarding pass
- A4 With most airlines, passengers are allowed to bring one piece of carry-on luggage with them.  
answer: (a) carry-on
- A5 Pilots and co-pilots usually sit in and control the flight from the cockpit of an airplane.  
answer: (c) cockpit
- A6 Right before takeoff, the flight attendant instructed the passengers on what to do in case of an emergency and where all the emergency exits are located.  
answer: (a) flight attendant
- A7 Ben had to run for five minutes after his plane landed, because his connecting flight's gate was so far away.  
answer: (d) gate
- A8 Bette quickly looked around for the lavatory on the plane because her little girl wasn't feeling well.  
answer: (a) lavatory
- A9 Sandra had to go through the airport's metal detector in the security area three times because she had so many hairpins in her hair.  
answer: (c) metal detector
- A10 Jack put his carry-on baggage under his seat because the overhead compartment was full.  
answer: (d) overhead compartment

**Bank Terminology (1)**

- A1 Mandy is going to buy traveler's checks because she doesn't want to carry cash when she goes to Europe.  
answer: (b) traveler's checks
- A2 Christina wants to cash her check because she needs the money right away.  
answer: (c) cash
- A3 Robert bounced a check this past week. Now, he must pay two NSF charges because of it.  
answer: (c) bounced
- A4 NSF (non-sufficient funds) charges are high and cause a lot of problems for people who write checks for more than they have in their account.  
answer: (a) NSF (non-sufficient funds)
- A5 Raymond wants to check his account balance because he is afraid that there isn't enough money to cover an upcoming payment.  
answer: (a) check
- A6 Every two weeks, Sandy's salary is deposited directly into her bank account. It usually goes in before midnight on Fridays.  
answer: (b) deposited
- A7 Laurie has a lot of foreign currency that she wants to change into local currency.  
answer: (b) change
- A8 Rose went into the bank today to open a new checking account.  
answer: (c) open
- A9 In the past, all customers filled out withdrawal slips in order to withdraw funds from their accounts. Nowadays, many banks are paperless and customers can withdraw the funds electronically.  
answer: (d) filled
- A10 Whenever customers open a new checking account, the bank allows them to order personalized checks.  
answer: (d) order

**Bank Terminology (2)**

- A1 Ben and Jen needed money to redecorate their home, so they asked a loan officer if they qualified for a line of credit instead of a second mortgage on their house.  
answer: (b) line of credit
- A2 Nowadays, bank customers have more options. For example, they can pay their bills over the telephone or they can pay them online.  
answer: (a) online
- A3 Some people rent a safety deposit box in order to keep important papers and items safe.  
answer: (b) safety deposit box
- A4 Almost all customers have a(n) debit card so they don't have to go into the bank to withdraw money. They can also use their cards to purchase goods in stores.  
answer: (b) debit
- A5 Laurie has two accounts. She can transfer funds from her checking account into her savings account right over the phone.  
answer: (c) transfer
- A6 Every month, Kevin reviews his bank statement in order to balance his checkbook.  
answer: (d) reviews
- A7 Mary has an appointment with a loan officer because she wants to buy a new car and needs \$3000 to complete the purchase.  
answer: (d) officer
- A8 Karen learned how to balance her checkbook at an early age. Her father thought it was important.  
answer: (a) balance
- A9 Rose and Tom want to get approved for a mortgage because they want to buy a house this year.  
answer: (c) mortgage
- A10 Normally, people get pre-approved for a mortgage before they go house hunting so they know what kind of house they can afford to buy.  
answer: (a) pre-approved

*Common Phrases and Responses (1)*

- A1 That looks heavy. Can I give you a hand with it? Sure, that would be great.  
answer: (b) Sure, that would be great.
- A2 Are you going to call in sick tomorrow? I think so. I don't feel well.  
answer: (c) I think so. I don't feel well.
- A3 Do you think we should put the meeting off until tomorrow? Yes, tomorrow's fine with me.  
answer: (d) Yes, tomorrow's fine with me.
- A4 Kristine's working a lot. Are you tied up this week? Yes, I'm really busy.  
answer: (c) Yes, I'm really busy.
- A5 This training session is difficult. I had a really hard time reading that training manual. Me too. It was very intensive.  
answer: (d) Me too. It was very intensive.
- A6 What's on your agenda for the holidays? I think we're going to visit my parents in Vermont.  
answer: (d) I think we're going to visit my parents in Vermont.
- A7 Carrie pointed out that you're having some problems adjusting to your new job. I liked my old job a lot.  
answer: (c) I liked my old job a lot.
- A8 Are you fed up with your job? Somewhat, but I can't quit right now.  
answer: (b) Somewhat, but I can't quit right now.
- A9 What are your plans for the weekend? We're going skiing in Montana.  
answer: (a) We're going skiing in Montana.
- A10 When did you settle on a name for the baby? Last week. We decided on Liam for a boy.  
answer: (b) Last week. We decided on Liam for a boy.

*Phrasal Verbs used with Criminal Activity*

- A1 Our neighbor's home insurance went up last week because they had a break-in last month.  
answer: (c) break-in
- A2 The thieves managed to get away with a lot of money, but a year later, they were apprehended and sentenced to 50 years in prison.  
answer: (c) get away
- A3 After one year, Ben decided to turn himself in. He couldn't live with the guilt any longer.  
answer: (a) turn himself in
- A4 The bank robber stole \$1000 in the hold up downtown but was caught a week later.  
answer: (b) hold up
- A5 Jamie is quite bitter lately because her last boyfriend ran off with all of her savings.  
answer: (d) ran off
- A6 Gang life is very unforgiving. If the rules aren't followed, gang members will do away with people they don't like.  
answer: (c) do away
- A7 After a one-hour high-speed chase, the police finally pulled over the criminal.  
answer: (b) pulled over
- A8 Terrorists often use bombs to blow up buildings and other kinds of property.  
answer: (b) blow up
- A9 At first, the young couple didn't realize they were talking to dangerous criminals. Once they realized who they were, they turned them in to police.  
answer: (a) turned them in
- A10 The public is outraged by the violence committed by this known criminal. They want to put him away for good.  
answer: (a) put him away

*Phrasal Verbs and Traveling*

- A1 After you buy an airplane ticket, you must check in once you arrive at the airport in order to confirm the flight and get a seat on the aircraft.  
answer: (b) check in
- A2 Sue is stressed out lately. I think she needs to get away for a while. I suggested a cruise in the Bahamas.  
answer: (a) get away
- A3 Sally is wondering what time her husband's plane will get in. It was delayed in Colorado by a blizzard.  
answer: (b) get in
- A4 Ellie had to speed up in order to make the green light. She's usually a pretty good driver.  
answer: (a) speed up
- A5 Randy was very nervous during his first flight lesson. Afterwards, he told me the best part was at the beginning, during take off.  
answer: (d) take off
- A6 The stranded crew set off for the long journey at 5 am. They needed as much natural light as they could get.  
answer: (a) set off
- A7 Headed into the city, the newlyweds thought they would stop by an old hangout for a quick drink because it was on the way.  
answer: (c) stop by
- A8 Helen went to Italy this spring. Before she left the country, she decided to stop off in Tuscany for a while. She hasn't returned yet, because she likes it so much.  
answer: (a) stop off
- A9 We drove to Canada this past summer. We had to fill up only four times on the way. We got pretty good gas mileage.  
answer: (c) fill up
- A10 Adriana has to hurry up because her flight is leaving in ten minutes.  
answer: (d) hurry up

*Common Phrases and Responses (2)*

- A1 Do you want to hang out tonight? Sure, let's watch a movie together.  
answer: (c) Sure, let's watch a movie together.
- A2 I have to check. Can you hold a moment? Yes, I'll hang on.  
answer: (a) Yes, I'll hang on.
- A3 Can you expand on that? Yes, I feel we should focus on globalization more.  
answer: (b) Yes, I feel we should focus on globalization more.
- A4 Are Cindy and Max breaking up? Yes, unfortunately, they can't fix their problems.  
answer: (d) Yes, unfortunately, they can't fix their problems.
- A5 When did you come across that project? Last week when I was reading the bulletin board.  
answer: (b) Last week when I was reading the bulletin board.
- A6 Who will give the bride away at her wedding? Her father, of course.  
answer: (c) Her father, of course.
- A7 Don't worry about it. You can count on me. I'd appreciate that, thanks.  
answer: (b) I'd appreciate that, thanks.
- A8 Did he go against his father's wishes? Yes, he decided to buy the house anyway.  
answer: (a) Yes, he decided to buy the house anyway.
- A9 How did you manage to come by this great job? I answered an advertisement in the paper.  
answer: (d) I answered an advertisement in the paper.
- A10 Did you have some friends over last night? Yes, Ron and Sue stopped by.  
answer: (c) Yes, Ron and Sue stopped by.

*Common Phrases and Responses (3)*

- A1 I picked up the basket and it came apart in my hands. If you have your receipt, you can return it.  
answer: (b) If you have your receipt, you can return it.
- A2 Randy's mother is amazing. She's 93 years old and still fends for herself. I know. She's very healthy.  
answer: (a) I know. She's very healthy.
- A3 When did Microsoft come out with a new version of that software? Last week. Isn't it great?  
answer: (b) Last week. Isn't it great?
- A4 If my knee starts acting up, I'll have to miss the marathon tomorrow. You should see your doctor today to make sure it's OK.  
answer: (d) You should see your doctor today to make sure it's OK.
- A5 Do you think the thunderstorm will blow over soon? I hope so.  
answer: (b) I hope so.
- A6 What are you doing to build up your endurance for the marathon? I'm jogging and doing other physical exercises every day.  
answer: (c) I'm jogging and doing other physical exercises every day.
- A7 How does one o'clock sound? Sounds good. I'll meet you there.  
answer: (d) Sounds good. I'll meet you there.
- A8 I haven't seen you for a long time. Let's get together and catch up. I'd love to! I want to know everything.  
answer: (c) I'd love to! I want to know everything.
- A9 Let's sit down and hash out an agreement tomorrow. Sure, let's meet at 10 am.  
answer: (a) Sure, let's meet at 10 am.
- A10 I can't stand her! I don't like her either.  
answer: (b) I don't like her either.



*Question Tags Test (1)*

A1 Laurie can come by tomorrow, can't she?

answer: (b) can't she

A2 She's from Korea, isn't she?

answer: (b) isn't she

A3 He's meeting me at 10 am, isn't he?

answer: (a) isn't he

A4 Kathy's never impolite, is she?

answer: (b) is she

A5 The children don't have to come in right now, do they?

answer: (b) do they

A6 You still want to meet with him, don't you?

answer: (c) don't you

A7 There aren't many guests here yet, are there?

answer: (c) are there

A8 We can't ask her again, can we?

answer: (c) can we

A9 The checks haven't been sent, have they?

answer: (b) have they

A10 We didn't receive many calls this month, did we?

answer: (c) did we

*Confusing Words test (13)*

A1 Children often like mustard and ketchup on their hotdogs.

answer: (c) mustard

A2 The gang didn't like Simon, so after school they confronted him and beat him up.

answer: (b) beat

A3 Don't worry about her. She has a mind of her own.

answer: (a) mind

A4 The garden was made up of a lot of high hedges in perfect rows. It looked like a maze from above.

answer: (c) maze

A5 In Canada, there are many different types of wild animals, including large mammals such as moose.

answer: (a) moose

A6 There are also wild feline creatures such as cougars and lynx.

answer: (b) lynx

A7 Jeremy had a bad cold last week. He blew his nose all day long.

answer: (a) nose

A8 Thomas went to church yesterday and met a really nice nun.

answer: (c) nun

A9 Kevin was very tired and he sighed loudly when his teacher began reciting the play.

answer: (b) sighed

A10 Many teachers say that you must have a lot of patience in order to teach middle school students effectively.

answer: (a) patience

**Confusing Words test (14)**

- A1 All children love to open presents on Christmas morning.  
answer: (b) presents
- A2 A new animal was discovered in Laos. It looked very strange and many people didn't believe it was real at first.  
answer: (c) real
- A3 Sharon normally takes her film to the nearby shop to get her negatives developed and prints made.  
answer: (a) prints
- A4 The rare and beautiful eagle soared above the mountain top. It was an outstanding sight.  
answer: (c) soared
- A5 After the lay-off announcement, most of the workers were in a daze. They couldn't believe they had all lost their jobs.  
answer: (c) daze
- A6 On Saturday night, Clay and Cindy are going to a concert at the local auditorium. The new band received good reviews in the paper last week.  
answer: (b) band
- A7 Many years ago, most working dogs were bred to train for certain tasks well.  
answer: (a) bred
- A8 The farmer frantically called the veterinarian when he realized his cows broke into the grain bin. His whole herd could die because too much grain at one time is bad for cows.  
answer: (b) bin
- A9 While the family was camping, they heard a loud growl in the bushes. They were afraid that it might be a bear because they were camping in grizzly country.  
answer: (c) grizzly
- A10 You have to get your car fixed. I'm tired of driving you around!  
answer: (c) have

**Confusing Words test (15)**

- A1 The heroine in the play had long, dark hair and beautiful eyes and she played the part very well. I think she's going to go far in her career.  
answer: (a) heroine
- A2 During the tumultuous war, Isaac decided he and his family should flee their country.  
answer: (b) flee
- A3 Karen bought beautiful shoes for the wedding, but they didn't fit right so she got blisters on the heels of both her feet.  
answer: (b) heels
- A4 Every morning, the children play together as they wait for the school bus to arrive. Sometimes, however, the weather is really bad, so they huddle together in the bus shelter.  
answer: (a) wait
- A5 When the weather is cold and wet, some of the children whine a lot until the school bus arrives.  
answer: (c) whine
- A6 There are many kinds of frogs and toads in the world. In fact, there are more than 5,000 species.  
answer: (b) toads
- A7 After the inappropriate outburst, everyone seemed tense at the meeting.  
answer: (c) tense
- A8 A jogger immediately called the wildlife department on her cell phone when she saw the beached whale.  
answer: (c) whale
- A9 The king was not a nice man, but he did look very regal when he sat on his throne.  
answer: (a) throne
- A10 The honeymooners rented the penthouse suite at the gorgeous hotel with the stunning ocean-front views.  
answer: (c) suite

*A Sticky Moment*

- A1 Andrew was terrified on the first day in his new job and he wondered how he would stick it out.  
answer: (c) out
- A2 His girlfriend advised him not to let everyone boss him around and begged him to stick up for himself.  
answer: (b) up
- A3 With this in mind and for his own self-respect he was determined to stick at it.  
answer: (a) at
- A4 He made a good friend that first day who advised him to stick by him and ignore what anyone said.  
answer: (d) by
- A5 A sudden moment of drama occurred when a man rushed into the office and told everyone to stick their hands up.  
answer: (c) up
- A6 He was rather sticking his neck out because Andrew had in fact once been a police officer.  
answer: (d) out
- A7 At that precise moment Andrew thought it wasn't a very good idea to stick his oar in and interfere.  
answer: (b) in
- A8 But it soon became clear to everyone that he had trained in this type of work as it stuck out a mile.  
answer: (a) out
- A9 He calmly approached the gunman and told him to stick his gun away. The latter did as he was told and handed Andrew the gun.  
answer: (b) away
- A10 Understandably Andrew was cheered by everyone and since that day has been stuck with a reputation for being very brave.  
answer: (d) with

**Confusing Words test (16)**

- A1 A-frame houses are great. I love the peak at the front of the house and the vaulted ceilings on the inside.  
answer: (b) peak
- A2 The teacher did not extend the essay's due date despite her students' pleas.  
answer: (a) pleas
- A3 A single tear fell from her eyes when she heard about the fire.  
answer: (c) tear
- A4 The left-wing government decided to take an opinion poll to find out whether or not the people agreed with the upcoming laws.  
answer: (a) poll
- A5 Steven broke his big toe, but doctors don't usually put casts on toes, so he should be really careful until it heals.  
answer: (b) casts
- A6 At the base of the painting, beautiful colors were used to depict water.  
answer: (c) base
- A7 The raccoon chased the little squirrel around the backyard for nearly 20 minutes.  
answer: (a) chased
- A8 The bridal party met at 8 pm for the wedding rehearsal and afterwards for the rehearsal dinner.  
answer: (b) bridal
- A9 The coral reef in Australia is beautiful. We went scuba diving and saw some of the underwater natural beauty.  
answer: (b) coral
- A10 During the boring play, Isaiah began to doze off. His head fell onto his mother's shoulder.  
answer: (c) doze

*Confusing Words test (17)*

- A1 The pedal on the little boy's bicycle needs to be replaced so he can safely ride his bike around the neighborhood.  
answer: (b) pedal
- A2 Josephine told her best friend Olivia to seize the moment, so Olivia is going to Europe this summer.  
answer: (c) seize
- A3 Katherine felt like doing something different, so she decided to pierce her navel this week.  
answer: (a) navel
- A4 Sandra loves to sit on her porch and drink coffee in the morning.  
answer: (b) morning
- A5 You must mince the garlic cloves in order to use them in this recipe.  
answer: (c) mince
- A6 You have to wear a coat today because it's been snowing all night long. It's so cold!  
answer: (b) wear
- A7 Children all over the world are studying martial arts such as karate, kung-fu and tae-kwon-do.  
answer: (a) martial
- A8 The shopping mall is so crowded because today is Christmas Eve.  
answer: (a) mall
- A9 Don't forget to close the window. There was a terrible draft in here when I came home yesterday.  
answer: (c) close
- A10 Did you read the cancellation clause in the contract? You should, because it's an important section of the document.  
answer: (a) clause

**Confusing Words test (18)**

- A1 The colone/ has a lot of difficult decisions to make including whether he should proceed with the raid tonight.  
answer: (b) colonel
- A2 We had a delicious picnic on the bank of the small creek last weekend.  
answer: (a) creek
- A3 Ms Simpson taught the lesson on geometry yesterday, so you need to get the notes from one of your classmates as soon as possible.  
answer: (c) taught
- A4 Scientists have uncovered many of the mysteries regarding DNA strands and genes.  
answer: (b) genes
- A5 Sarah rides her Arabian horse every weekend.  
answer: (b) horse
- A6 Don't forget to put the water hose away once you've finished watering the lawn.  
answer: (a) hose
- A7 The inn is large and has a Victorian flavor to it. We stayed there for two days.  
answer: (c) inn
- A8 Before you buy that used car, you should check with the Motor Vehicles Department to make sure the car is free of any liens.  
answer: (a) liens
- A9 I bought a small vial of scented lavender oil yesterday.  
answer: (c) vial
- A10 The painting had beautiful colors in it, but the content was a little odd.  
answer: (a) odd



*Confusing Words test (19)*

- A1 Every December, the children pray for snow because they love going on sleigh rides on Christmas Eve.  
answer: (b) sleigh
- A2 If you want to fight your speeding ticket, you must appear in traffic court to defend your position on the 15th of the month.  
answer: (b) court
- A3 Parents are constantly reminding their children to eat all of their vegetables at supper time.  
answer: (a) all
- A4 Can you please grate about a cup of cheese right away so we can put it on the pizza?  
answer: (b) grate
- A5 In the past, people used lye for soap-making. Nowadays, many people feel that it's too strong and harsh, so they opt for more gentle substances.  
answer: (a) lye
- A6 Flour is used as a main ingredient in many baked products.  
answer: (c) Flour
- A7 If you want to make southern fried chicken, you should use a deep fryer because you will need a lot of peanut oil.  
answer: (b) fryer
- A8 The personnel department has interviewed many possible candidates for the job. They want to hire someone by the end of the month.  
answer: (a) hire
- A9 The couple decided to go with the larger hall because they are going to have about 250 guests attending their wedding reception in June.  
answer: (c) hall
- A10 As the raft went down the river rapids, the guide lost an oar.  
answer: (c) oar

*Confusing Words test (20)*

- A1 The robbers were caught about an hour after the bank robbery took place.  
answer: (b) caught
- A2 Every second Friday, Isaiah goes to the bank to cash his paycheck.  
answer: (c) cash
- A3 Often, state governments will implement a sales tax in order to collect more funds for various purposes.  
answer: (a) tax
- A4 Coffee is delicious. However, there are also many different kinds of delicious teas to choose from these days.  
answer: (c) teas
- A5 I pulled the plant out of the garden because I thought it was only a weed. It turns out it was an herb that I could have used in my cooking.  
answer: (a) weed
- A6 I have to buy a spade because I want to grow a productive vegetable garden this spring.  
answer: (c) spade
- A7 The garden table was made of black wrought iron. It looks great with the other outdoor furniture on the patio.  
answer: (c) wrought
- A8 You will need a passport if you want to cross the border. They just changed the law this year.  
answer: (a) border
- A9 After the huge feast, Tim's stomach ached because he ate so much delicious food at one time.  
answer: (c) ate
- A10 I asked my husband to hold my purse while I put on my winter coat.  
answer: (a) hold

*'Enough', 'a lot' and 'too' (1)*

- A1 It's such a beautiful day and it's not too far, so I'm going to walk to the bus stop today. Thanks for offering me a ride though.  
answer: (c) too
- A2 Stuntmen are trained to do things that are too dangerous for average people.  
answer: (c) too
- A3 You seem a little cranky today. Did you get enough sleep last night?  
answer: (a) enough
- A4 We love going to the beach when there aren't too many people there.  
answer: (c) too
- A5 Don't worry. If you don't have enough money to close the deal on the house, I'll lend you the down payment.  
answer: (a) enough
- A6 Jamie really loved the dinette set, but it was too expensive so she didn't buy it.  
answer: (c) too
- A7 That job is too difficult for me. Besides that, my boss is so domineering.  
answer: (c) too
- A8 I don't have a lot of reports to do today, so I should be home by supper time.  
answer: (b) a lot
- A9 Karen was depressed, so she ate a lot of chocolate this past weekend.  
answer: (b) a lot
- A10 I'm exhausted because I've really been worried about finances lately. I didn't get enough sleep last night or the night before that.  
answer: (a) enough

*'Few', 'a little' and 'some' (1)*

A1 This meal is so good! Do you think I could have a little more beef, please?

answer: (b) little

A2 Would you like some cream in your coffee?

answer: (c) some

A3 I love Thailand. I've already been there a few times and I plan to go back this summer.

answer: (a) few

A4 I can't go right now because I still have a few orders to fill by 5 o'clock.

answer: (a) few

A5 Since I started my new job, it seems like I've got very little time to do the things I enjoy.

answer: (b) little

A6 Do you want some more potato chips? There's another bag in the cupboard if you do.

answer: (c) some

A7 I love coffee in the morning, but I only take a little milk and two teaspoons of sugar in it.

answer: (b) little

A8 I need a little help with my homework. Do you have time to help me?

answer: (b) little

A9 Despite their marketing efforts, the promoters only managed to sell a few CDs for the band this past year.

answer: (a) few

A10 My boss is very particular about everything, and he has very little tolerance for silly mistakes.

answer: (b) little

*'Today', 'yesterday' and 'tomorrow' (1)*

A1 I love that restaurant. In fact, I'm going there tomorrow night.

answer: (c) tomorrow

A2 I saw Canada Geese flying south on my way to work yesterday morning.

answer: (b) yesterday

A3 I can fit you in tomorrow morning. Does that work for you?

answer: (c) tomorrow

A4 I don't know where Pamela is right now. I haven't seen her since yesterday.

answer: (b) yesterday

A5 My boss wants me to finish the project first thing tomorrow morning.

answer: (c) tomorrow

A6 I can't help you today, but I can give you a hand tomorrow.

answer: (c) tomorrow

A7 I don't think Cora has come in yet, because I haven't seen her at all today.

answer: (a) today

A8 We're celebrating our wedding anniversary today. We'll have been married for exactly 25 years.

answer: (a) today

A9 When are you stopping by — today or tomorrow?

answer: (a) today

A10 Before you go home today, I need you to stop by my office. I have to speak with you immediately.

answer: (a) today

*Polite Indirect Questions & Statements Test (1)*

A1 I had a great time at your house this past weekend. Would you like to come to dinner this evening?

answer: (b) Would you like

A2 It seems like a lot of flights are delayed today. I wonder when flight 673 arrives.

answer: (c) I wonder

A3 I'm new to this city and I'm lost. Can you tell me where 5th Street is?

answer: (b) Can you

A4 New York is such a big city. Do you happen to know where the subway station is?

answer: (a) Do you happen to know

A5 I don't know where Kevin is today. He wasn't here yesterday either.

answer: (c) I don't know

A6 I would like some change for the bus please. Thank you.

answer: (c) I would like

A7 Have you any idea where Laurie is? I've been looking for her all morning.

answer: (a) Have you

A8 We have an urgent meeting this morning. Do you know when Carrie usually arrives?

answer: (b) Do you know

A9 I don't know my way around yet. Do you think you could show me the way to the bus station?

answer: (c) Do you think you could

A10 Could you possibly repeat that please? The street noise is very loud, so I didn't hear you the first time.

answer: (a) Could you possibly

*Travel Arrangements Test (1)*

- A1 I would like a ticket from Phoenix to New York on Friday, please.  
answer: (b) ticket
- A2 I need to be in Dallas on Friday. Do you have any seats left on the early flight then?  
answer: (c) seats
- A3 Yes, I have one seat on the Friday flight that departs at 9 am.  
answer: (b) flight
- A4 Oh, my goodness! That's very early. What's the check-in time?  
answer: (b) time
- A5 There's a direct flight to New York that leaves at 11:30 am. Would you like to book that flight?  
answer: (a) direct
- A6 I don't want a seat in economy class. Do you have any business class seats left?  
answer: (b) business
- A7 Do I need an updated passport to fly within the same country?  
answer: (a) passport
- A8 No, but the flight attendant at Gate 77 will need to see your ticket and boarding pass before you can board the aircraft.  
answer: (a) boarding pass
- A9 Normally, I don't check any luggage because I travel light. Is that going to be a problem?  
answer: (b) check
- A10 No, that's not a problem. You're allowed one piece of carry-on luggage.  
answer: (c) carry-on

*Good, Well and Okay Test (1)*

A1 We should strive for world peace for the good of mankind.

answer: (a) good

A2 I hope Dorothy gets away soon. I think a relaxing vacation will do her a world of good.

answer: (a) good

A3 Tom lived in Japan for 10 years. He speaks Japanese very well.

answer: (b) well

A4 You look great! That new outfit looks very good on you.

answer: (a) good

A5 I know she's going through a rough time right now, but I think she'll be okay in time.

answer: (c) okay

A6 You've already completed a lot of work for him. That's good enough for today.

answer: (a) good

A7 When you're training a dog, you should always use phrases such as "Good dog!" to show praise for good behavior.

answer: (a) Good

A8 Hockey players must be able to skate extremely well in order to make it to the National Hockey League.

answer: (b) well

A9 Is she going to be okay? She slipped on some ice last night and I'm worried about her.

answer: (c) okay

A10 James was upset because he didn't do very well on his chemistry exam last week.

answer: (b) well



*Irregular Verbs Test (2)*

- A1 I was studying when my rude neighbors interrupted me with their loud music.  
answer: (b) was
- A2 Samantha broke her promise, so her sister doesn't trust her as much anymore.  
answer: (c) broke
- A3 Laura has cut her own hair for the past 15 years. It usually looks great.  
answer: (a) cut
- A4 I need you to drive me to work today. My car isn't running.  
answer: (a) drive
- A5 Carrie has a stressful job and she always has a lot of work to do on the weekends.  
answer: (a) do
- A6 Last year, Mrs. Simon volunteered at the local hospital. She used to bring treats for the patients on Mondays.  
answer: (b) bring
- A7 Rose was surprised when she stepped into the kitchen because someone had eaten all of the pies.  
answer: (c) eaten
- A8 Tim gave his wife a beautiful diamond ring for their 25th wedding anniversary.  
answer: (b) gave
- A9 I'm sorry. I'm really busy today, so I have to go. I'll call you later.  
answer: (a) go
- A10 Raymond knows a lot about gardening and environmental issues. You should ask him about the large garden you want to put into your backyard.  
answer: (b) knows

*Irregular Verbs Test (3)*

- A1 Sarah speaks Spanish really well. She lived in Mexico for 5 years.  
answer: (b) speaks
- A2 Microsoft just came out with a new software program. It's on sale at that office supply store down the road.  
answer: (a) came
- A3 Do you have a lot of work to do tonight? I was hoping we could go out to dinner at about 6 pm.  
answer: (b) have
- A4 I just heard about the business venture. Give me some time to think about it and I'll get back to you with a decision this week.  
answer: (a) heard
- A5 I held the baby until the storm passed because she wouldn't stop crying.  
answer: (c) held
- A6 I know that dresser is old, but I want to keep it because it belonged to my grandmother.  
answer: (c) keep
- A7 Kathy learned how to change the oil in her car last weekend.  
answer: (b) learned
- A8 I made lemon chicken two weeks ago. I think I want that for supper again today.  
answer: (c) made
- A9 I ran into an old friend yesterday. I haven't seen her since middle school.  
answer: (c) ran
- A10 Mr. Benson said you wanted to see me. Can we meet in an hour, because I'm really busy right now?  
answer: (b) said

*Irregular Verbs Test (4)*

A1 I think you should quit your job and find a career that you enjoy.

answer: (a) think

A2 Currently, Brady swims every morning. He's in really good shape and he's very dedicated.

answer: (b) swims

A3 I cooked some fish yesterday, so the whole kitchen stank like seafood for three hours.

answer: (a) stank

A4 The armed robber stole three thousand dollars from the West Valley Bank last Monday.

answer: (c) stole

A5 David became increasingly upset because he couldn't get his point across.

answer: (b) became

A6 He began to laugh out loud when he heard the joke's punch line.

answer: (c) began

A7 Please don't bend that booklet I gave you, because I want to keep it for future reference.

answer: (c) bend

A8 As soon as I bit into the sandwich, I knew something was wrong. Then I noticed that the beef patty was undercooked.

answer: (c) bit

A9 When I cut my finger, it bled for a long time, so I went to the hospital.

answer: (a) bled

A10 The wind blew and howled all night long.

answer: (b) blew

*Irregular Verbs Test (5)*

- A1 The two ropes were bound together, so it was difficult to get them apart.  
answer: (b) bound
- A2 Shirley breeds German Shepherd dogs. I always go visit her when she has a new litter of puppies.  
answer: (a) breeds
- A3 My father built our home in 1990, and he designed it as well.  
answer: (b) built
- A4 Thomas's workplace burned down last week. Now, he's out of a job because the owner didn't have insurance.  
answer: (c) burned
- A5 My mom caught five bass on our family fishing trip last year.  
answer: (a) caught
- A6 The little boy, who was scared of Santa Claus, clung to his mother's arm when he saw the man in the red suit for the first time.  
answer: (b) clung
- A7 Tory slowly crept around the corner because she wanted to scare her younger brother.  
answer: (a) crept
- A8 Carrie has to deal with a lot of issues at work because her boss is often ruthless.  
answer: (c) deal
- A9 My puppy dug a huge hole in the backyard last night. Today, we have to fill the hole because it doesn't look good.  
answer: (c) dug
- A10 David's mother nervously watched as her young son dove into the swimming pool for the first time.  
answer: (b) dove

*Irregular Verbs Test (6)*

- A1 Timothy drew a picture for his mother at school today.  
answer: (b) drew
- A2 Last week, I dreamt that you lived in Europe and I came to visit you.  
answer: (c) dreamt
- A3 You have to drink a lot of water in this part of the country on hot days in the summer months or you could dehydrate.  
answer: (a) drink
- A4 The little puppy fell down when he tried to climb the stairs for the first time.  
answer: (b) fell
- A5 Don't forget to feed the dog. He's hungry!  
answer: (a) feed
- A6 I don't feel well. I think I got food-poisoning at that restaurant we went to this afternoon.  
answer: (b) feel
- A7 Robert and Kevin fought at school today. I don't know why. They usually get along so well.  
answer: (b) fought
- A8 David was beginning to get a little worried about his dwindling finances, but he just found a new job yesterday. His first day is Monday.  
answer: (b) found
- A9 The refugees fled the war-torn country last week. Now, there are a lot of hungry people south of the border.  
answer: (c) fled
- A10 Bailey flung the Frisbee into the air. Rob caught it and threw it back to her.  
answer: (c) flung

*Irregular Verbs Test (7)*

A1 Every year, Canada Geese fly south for the winter, so they must have a lot of endurance.

answer: (a) fly

A2 I know I have to get my oil changed, but I forgot to do it today.

answer: (b) forgot

A3 I forgot her birthday, but she readily forgave me because I told her about my busy schedule.

answer: (b) forgave

A4 All of my tropical plants froze because of the snowstorm last night.

answer: (b) froze

A5 I like to buy whole-bean coffee so I can grind the beans when I get home. It seems to taste better that way.

answer: (b) grind

A6 I hung a beautiful framed photograph on my living room wall this past weekend. I just love it!

answer: (b) hung

A7 Taylor loves to play hide-and-peek with her friends from school.

answer: (c) hide

A8 At the little league baseball game on Sunday, John hit a home run and everyone cheered.

answer: (a) hit

A9 Every night, Sarah kneels down beside her bed to pray.

answer: (c) kneels

A10 Sandra doesn't feel well, so I told her to lie down for a little while.

answer: (a) lie

*Irregular Verbs Test (8)*

A1 Curt laid down his pencil because he was so frustrated with the difficulty of the intensive exam.

answer: (a) laid

A2 The tree frog leaped right onto my shoulder. Tree frogs are pretty docile creatures.

answer: (b) leaped

A3 The teacher led her students down the hallway and into the gymnasium.

answer: (b) led

A4 I lent my good friend \$50 this past weekend. I know he will pay me back as soon as he can.

answer: (b) lent

A5 Every time the family goes shopping, Trish lets her son push the cart in the grocery store.

answer: (c) lets

A6 It was very dark when the lights went out, so my husband lit a handy candle.

answer: (b) lit

A7 We met in France, but now we live in Florida.

answer: (b) met

A8 Karen misspelled one word in the spelling bee last week, but her teacher still wants to nominate her for the state competition next month.

answer: (b) misspelled

A9 I mistook Gina for her sister at the wedding. They look like twins sometimes.

answer: (b) mistook

A10 My husband mowed the lawn today. I'm so happy, because it looks clean and manicured now.

answer: (b) mowed

*Irregular Verbs Test (9)*

- A1 I lost my purse in San Francisco last year. I had to cancel all of my credit cards. It was such a hassle!  
answer: (b) lost
- A2 Tim had a lot of hurdles to overcome throughout his childhood because he used to have a lot of epileptic seizures.  
answer: (a) overcome
- A3 I like most of the redecorating Sally did in her house, but I think she overdid it because it looks cluttered.  
answer: (b) overdid
- A4 A few government officials plan to overthrow the current leader and system.  
answer: (a) overthrow
- A5 Californians can now pay for their gasoline right at the pump with their credit or debit cards. It's a very convenient system.  
answer: (a) pay
- A6 Sue pled her case at the hearing. Now, she must wait for a decision.  
answer: (b) pled
- A7 The defense lawyer must prove that the defendant didn't commit the violent crime.  
answer: (a) prove
- A8 I have to go downtown today anyway. Why don't you ride with me?  
answer: (a) ride
- A9 The phone rang in the middle of the night, so Ron jumped out of bed to answer it.  
answer: (b) rang
- A10 I left my house at 5 am yesterday because I wanted to watch the sun rise.  
answer: (a) rise



*Irregular Verbs Test (10)*

A1 I saw a great movie on Friday night. I think it's still playing. You should go see it soon.

answer: (b) saw

A2 James seeks adventure in his life, so he's never satisfied with regular activities.

answer: (a) seeks

A3 My husband and I sold our dining room set, and with the money we bought another one that suits our style more.

answer: (b) sold

A4 I sent my mother a birthday package. I hope it arrives on time.

answer: (b) sent

A5 I like to sew. Last month, I made those drapes in the bedroom.

answer: (a) sew

A6 The wind was fierce last night. It shook the entire house and blew down some trees outside.

answer: (b) shook

A7 Ken shaves every other day.

answer: (b) shaves

A8 The farmer must shear his flock twice a year.

answer: (a) shear

A9 My dog usually sheds her winter coat in the spring. During that time, I have to brush her twice or three times a day.

answer: (b) sheds

A10 In Mediterranean countries, the sun shines all day long in the summer and it rains in the winter.

answer: (b) shines

*Irregular Verbs Test (11)*

A1 Thomas regularly shoots at targets at the nearby firing range.

answer: (b) shoots

A2 Frank showed me his garden. He spends a lot of time outdoors.

answer: (b) showed

A3 The puppy looked like he was shrinking when his owner scolded him for chewing the red slippers.

answer: (c) shrinking

A4 Currently, Sam sings in the church choir. He's really good.

answer: (b) sings

A5 On his first day of school, Ben sat in the middle row.

answer: (b) sat

A6 I slept for 12 hours yesterday. I was exhausted!

answer: (c) slept

A7 The hero in the children's story slew the horrible dragon.

answer: (b) slew

A8 The farmer decided to sow five acres of barley this year.

answer: (c) sow

A9 We went tobogganing at Christmas time. My children slid down the hills over and over again in wonderment. I like it when they're happy.

answer: (c) slid

A10 The soldier slung the heavy backpack over his shoulder.

answer: (b) slung

*Irregular Verbs Test (12)*

- A1 The large vessel sank in the Atlantic Ocean more than 200 years ago.  
answer: (c) sank
- A2 Henry sped around the whole course in the golf cart we rented last week.  
answer: (b) sped
- A3 We spent too much money when we went to Hawaii last year. This year, we're going to the Napa Valley.  
answer: (c) spent
- A4 Christie spilled her milk all over the kitchen table. She's very clumsy sometimes.  
answer: (c) spilled
- A5 Samuel is very stressed out. His head is spinning because he has to make so many serious decisions within a short time.  
answer: (c) spinning
- A6 Yesterday, Carrie spat out her peas when she tried them for the first time. She's a very picky eater.  
answer: (b) spat
- A7 The little frog sprung from the pond at once. He scared us all at first.  
answer: (b) sprung
- A8 Mrs. Montgomery told Shawn to stand in the corner. She didn't approve of his behavior in class that day.  
answer: (a) stand
- A9 I know it's hard, but you have to stick with it. You'll graduate soon.  
answer: (a) stick
- A10 I got stung by a bee last summer. It hurt a lot.  
answer: (b) stung

*Irregular Verbs Test (13)*

- A1 Jason strode into the room with ease. He feels very comfortable in front of large groups.  
answer: (b) strode
- A2 Randy struck out at the baseball game last night. He's still angry about it!  
answer: (b) struck
- A3 Most people strive for success, but they must remember to do what they enjoy as well.  
answer: (a) strive
- A4 Johnny swore that he'd never steal again.  
answer: (b) swore
- A5 Yesterday, I swept my entire house. I also did the dishes and washed the floors.  
answer: (b) swept
- A6 After I accidentally slammed my finger in the car door, it swelled up and turned blue.  
answer: (b) swelled
- A7 He swung the baseball bat as hard as he could, but he still missed the fast ball.  
answer: (b) swung
- A8 This year, Mrs. Switzer will teach high school mathematics. She's really nice, and she's smart, too.  
answer: (b) teach
- A9 I usually tear up my old bills and other financial information before I put them into the garbage can. I'm going to buy a paper shredder soon.  
answer: (a) tear
- A10 Bailey told me a secret. I won't tell anyone about it because it's quite serious.  
answer: (b) told

*Irregular Verbs Test (14)*

A1 Cactus and succulents thrive in dry, hot climates.

answer: (a) thrive

A2 Every time I get the mail, I throw away a lot of junk mail. It's such a waste of paper.

answer: (a) throw

A3 The teachers at your school must uphold the rules set out by the state.

answer: (a) uphold

A4 I woke up late today. I was so tired.

answer: (b) woke

A5 My grandmother wove the wool for a beautiful blanket that she knitted. I still have it today.

answer: (b) wove

A6 At the wedding, the mother of the bride wept because she was so happy for her daughter.

answer: (c) wept

A7 Our hometown football team just won the final game of the season!

answer: (b) won

A8 David withheld information during the criminal investigation, so the police charged him as well.

answer: (b) withheld

A9 Some animals have to withstand harsh weather conditions in northern Canada.

answer: (a) withstand

A10 You have to wring the water out of those wet clothes before you hang them up to dry.

answer: (a) wring

*Irregular Verbs Test (15)*

- A1 Matt slowly trod along the diving board and peered into the water below.  
answer: (a) trod
- A2 Kathy wound the garden hose around its reel and then put it into the shed.  
answer: (b) wound
- A3 Many trees in California bear fruit in the summer and autumn months. There is also a lot of year-round gardening that takes place.  
answer: (a) bear
- A4 Jack's mother forbids him to go to the store alone. She will allow him to go when he's ten years old.  
answer: (a) forbids
- A5 Due to her terrible actions last month, Karen's friends have forsaken her. They won't even take her calls anymore.  
answer: (c) forsaken
- A6 The football game on Sunday is very important, so the boys are nervous because they don't want to lose.  
answer: (a) lose
- A7 Susan is competitive, and she means to win the swimming competition next week.  
answer: (b) means
- A8 In the long-distance race yesterday, the second runner overtook the leader at the last minute and won.  
answer: (b) overtook
- A9 In the Dark Ages, some areas of Europe were smitten by plagues.  
answer: (c) smitten
- A10 Vienna can't string her thoughts together in front of large groups because she gets really nervous.  
answer: (a) string

*Eating Idioms*

- A1 I could eat a horse — means: I am very hungry.  
answer: (c) am very hungry
- A2 You'll have to eat your words, I'm afraid — means: You'll have to apologise for what you said.  
answer: (d) apologise for what you said
- A3 You can't have your cake and eat it — means: You can't have everything you want.  
answer: (b) have everything you want
- A4 Well, I'll eat my hat! — means: I don't believe it.  
answer: (c) believe it
- A5 You'll have to eat humble pie — means: You'll have to admit you're wrong.  
answer: (a) admit you're wrong
- A6 What's eating you? — means: What's making you irritable?  
answer: (d) irritable
- A7 He's eating his heart out for his ex-girlfriend — means: He wishes he could be back with his ex-girlfriend.  
answer: (a) he could be back with his ex-girlfriend
- A8 She had them all eating out of her hand — means: She was able to charm them all.  
answer: (b) charm them all
- A9 It's a dog eat dog environment — means: It's an environment where everyone is very competitive with one another.  
answer: (d) everyone is very competitive with one another
- A10 We're going to eat out tonight — means: We're going to eat in a restaurant tonight.  
answer: (c) a restaurant tonight

*Literary Terms (1)*

- A1 When a writer says one thing but actually means or signifies the opposite, it's called irony.  
answer: (a) irony
- A2 A humorous piece of writing that usually makes fun of foolish or evil behavior is called a(n) satire.  
answer: (b) satire
- A3 When a writer makes something out to be more than it is, it's called a(n) exaggeration.  
answer: (a) exaggeration
- A4 "Jonathan was like an eager puppy — always willing to have fun and make people smile." This sentence includes an example of a simile.  
answer: (b) simile
- A5 "Her heart erupted with gouts of scorching anguish when she recalled the incident" is an example of a metaphor.  
answer: (b) metaphor
- A6 The sequence of events or actions that take place in a story is called the plot.  
answer: (a) plot
- A7 The look or appearance, with regard to time and place, of a story is called the setting.  
answer: (a) setting
- A8 An idea or saying that has been overused is called a cliche.  
answer: (a) cliche
- A9 The narrator tells the story to the readers.  
answer: (a) narrator
- A10 In a story, a person, place or thing that stands for or represents an idea or concept is a symbol.  
answer: (a) symbol



*Literary Terms (2)*

- A1 A(n) autobiography is a story in which a person writes about themselves.  
answer: (b) autobiography
- A2 When someone writes another person's life story, the written work is called a(n) biography.  
answer: (a) biography
- A3 When an editor or journalist writes a personal opinion about an event or idea, the column is called a(n) editorial.  
answer: (b) editorial
- A4 A piece of writing that is supposed to be read aloud for others to hear is called a speech.  
answer: (b) speech
- A5 The genre of a piece of literature is the kind or type of literature it is.  
answer: (a) genre
- A6 A news story usually covers the facts of an event that have taken place.  
answer: (a) news
- A7 A non-fictional movie or book is based on real events or ideas that have taken place in history.  
answer: (a) non-fictional
- A8 The main idea of any piece of writing is called the theme.  
answer: (a) theme
- A9 The writer or author of a drama is called a playwright.  
answer: (b) playwright
- A10 A writer's manner or way of writing is called his/her style.  
answer: (b) style

*Literary Terms (3)*

- A1 A play or movie that is supposed to make us laugh and does not have a tragic ending is called a(n) comedy.  
answer: (a) comedy
- A2 The writer or author of verses is called a poet.  
answer: (c) poet
- A3 A technique involving clues that a writer gives the readers about what will happen later in a novel or short story is known as foreshadowing.  
answer: (b) foreshadowing
- A4 A literary technique that evokes or stimulates the senses is known as imagery.  
answer: (a) imagery
- A5 When a writer gives non-human creatures or objects human characteristics and qualities, the technique is called personification.  
answer: (b) personification
- A6 A person who writes extended works of fiction is called a novelist.  
answer: (a) novelist
- A7 The dialogue in a play, novel or short story consists of the conversations that the characters have with one another.  
answer: (a) dialogue
- A8 Imaginative writing that is created for entertainment purposes is called fiction.  
answer: (c) fiction
- A9 A person who gathers facts, interviews people and writes articles about the news for the public is called a journalist.  
answer: (c) journalist
- A10 The moral of a story is an important message that the readers are supposed to receive and understand.  
answer: (b) moral

*Literary Terms (4)*

- A1 Science fiction is a type of literature that deals with places and events that don't and can't exist in the world as we know it.  
answer: (a) Science fiction
- A2 Documentary drama is writing that tries to deal with and describe real-life situations.  
answer: (b) Documentary drama
- A3 A diary is a personal record or journal about the writer's intimate feelings and opinions.  
answer: (b) diary
- A4 A(n) folktale is a story that is passed down from one generation to the next.  
answer: (c) folktale
- A5 An author who writes funny stories is called a humorist.  
answer: (b) humorist
- A6 A pen name is a false or fictional name that a writer uses instead of his/her real name.  
answer: (a) pen name
- A7 A turning point story is about an experience or event that changes a character's life in a significant way.  
answer: (a) turning point
- A8 The protagonist is the main character in a story, play, etc.  
answer: (b) protagonist
- A9 The antagonist is a character who struggles with or works against the main character in a story, play, etc.  
answer: (a) antagonist
- A10 In a detective story, the main character solves some sort of crime that was committed.  
answer: (a) detective

*When do you say this?*

- A1 I say "Are you all right?" when I am concerned about someone.  
answer: (a) concerned about someone
- A2 I say "I am fed up" when I have had enough.  
answer: (c) have had enough
- A3 I say "I could eat a horse" when I am hungry.  
answer: (b) hungry
- A4 I say "I haven't a clue" when I understand nothing.  
answer: (b) understand nothing
- A5 I say "I've got to go now" when I am late.  
answer: (c) late
- A6 I say "My feet are killing me" when I have walked a lot.  
answer: (a) walked a lot
- A7 I say "You can count on me" when I support someone.  
answer: (b) support someone
- A8 I say "They lost" when I tell someone the result.  
answer: (c) result
- A9 I say "Your lips must be sealed" when I want someone to keep a secret.  
answer: (b) want someone to keep a secret
- A10 I say "I haven't a minute to spare" when I am very busy.  
answer: (c) am very busy

*Reaching agreement*

- A1 Some people always like to agree with everyone because they can always see the other person's point of view.  
answer: (c) point
- A2 For them it's very difficult to decide and make their minds up at times like general elections.  
answer: (d) minds
- A3 They listen to one speaker and then to another and they never know who to vote for when the election time comes around.  
answer: (a) vote
- A4 The difficulty is that they always agree with the person they've last listened to and for them that is a real difficulty.  
answer: (c) difficulty
- A5 You see, they watch one political party on TV and believe they are reasonable and talk sensibly but then they watch another party and they seem reasonable, too.  
answer: (b) sensibly
- A6 We have a word for these people and call them floating voters because their views are always in the air.  
answer: (d) floating
- A7 Of course once you are inside the building where you have to put your cross against the name of the candidate you choose, there is no time to dither or hesitate.  
answer: (a) dither
- A8 Sometimes the politicians we elect all have to agree and make very serious decisions as it could be a matter of life or death.  
answer: (b) life
- A9 Fortunately for most of us such a situation doesn't happen often and so the problem doesn't arise.  
answer: (c) arise
- A10 Probably the easiest solution if you can't agree on one thing or another is to throw a coin in the air and see which side it lands on.  
answer: (a) throw

*The holiday of a lifetime*

- A1 Sue had been saving up her money for a long time because she wanted to go on a round the world cruise.  
answer: (c) up
- A2 This had been a dream of hers since she was a child.  
answer: (a) hers
- A3 And now at last it was a reality and her dream was about to be fulfilled.  
answer: (b) fulfilled
- A4 She had paid a deposit, a sum of money that would guarantee her cabin on the cruise.  
answer: (d) deposit
- A5 She had also decided that she would buy herself some new luggage, a set of cases that cost a lot of money.  
answer: (b) set
- A6 But she didn't really care how much she paid because she simply wasn't bothered about the expense.  
answer: (c) bothered
- A7 After all as far as she was concerned the cruise was going to be a journey of a lifetime.  
answer: (a) lifetime
- A8 The night before the start of her holiday she spent the night in a luxurious hotel very near the airport.  
answer: (b) spent
- A9 She didn't sleep very well, not because of the noise of the planes, since the airport seemed very quiet, but because she was so excited at the thought of the cruise.  
answer: (d) excited
- A10 It was only when she had finished her breakfast that she realised why the airport had seemed so quiet- everyone had stopped work and gone on strike!  
answer: (d) strike

*If memory serves me right*

A1 Mary: Why are you looking so worried?

answer: (d) looking

A2 Pete: I'm not really worried. It's just that for ages I've been trying to remember the name of that actor in the first ever colour film.

answer: (b) ages

A3 Mary: Do you know what the film was called?

answer: (c) called

A4 Pete: No, that's just it. It's completely gone out of my head.

answer: (a) head

A5 Mary: At least tell me what the actor looked like.

answer: (d) like

A6 Pete: Well, he was tall and spoke with a very English accent.

answer: (c) accent

A7 Mary: When was the film actually made?

answer: (b) made

A8 Pete: It must have been some time in 1947, I'm sure of that.

answer: (c) must

A9 Mary: Why are you so keen to find out who it was?

answer: (a) out

A10 Pete: To tell you the truth, I've forgotten that, too!

answer: (d) truth

*My computer and me*

A1 I just don't get on with computers at all.

answer: (b) at

A2 They always go wrong with me and break down.

answer: (c) wrong

A3 As a result of this I find I have to call up experts to come and help me.

answer: (d) up

A4 When they come to my house, these experts, they show me what I should do.

answer: (a) should

A5 As I watch them, everything becomes very clear and I understand everything.

answer: (b) clear

A6 The trouble is that as soon as they leave, I tend to forget everything they have told me.

answer: (c) forget

A7 The best piece of advice someone gave me when the computer doesn't work was to turn the computer off, have a cup of coffee and then turn it on again.

answer: (d) advice

A8 The first time I tried this, everything was fine for five minutes and then it stopped working again.

answer: (a) tried

A9 I have now bought a new computer which is perfect because it's very small and so doesn't take up much room.

answer: (c) room

A10 It looks very smart and modern but I do have one major problem and that's because I don't know how to switch it on.

answer: (b) major



*Work and job expressions*

- A1 The one day that most people hate is Monday because that's when they have to go back to their place of work.  
answer: (c) place
- A2 The one day that many people love is Friday because that is when they can think about their time off at the weekend.  
answer: (b) off
- A3 Usually Saturday and Sunday just fly by more quickly than the other 5 days of the week.  
answer: (b) fly
- A4 But then what would happen to us if we didn't do any work?  
answer: (a) happen
- A5 In the first place we'd have no money to buy food and we'd probably starve.  
answer: (c) starve
- A6 Mind you it could be a way of losing weight and becoming slimmer.  
answer: (b) losing
- A7 But in the end we would probably find that doing nothing all day could be very uninteresting and boring.  
answer: (a) boring
- A8 So let's not complain too much about it because we simply have to accept it as a necessary fact of life.  
answer: (d) necessary
- A9 Just remember and never forget that some people aren't able to work even when they want to.  
answer: (b) forget
- A10 One way is to pretend, even if it's not true, and tell yourself that the new name for Monday is Friday!  
answer: (d) pretend

*English Slang Idioms (1)*

- A1 I could try to describe it for you, but it would be easier to draw it, since a picture paints a thousand words.  
answer: (c) paints
- A2 The wall we were building fell over; I guess we're back to square one.  
answer: (d) square
- A3 I spoil my grandson because he's the apple of my eye.  
answer: (d) eye
- A4 That is nowhere near the answer. You're barking up the wrong tree.  
answer: (b) barking
- A5 "Mom is going to be so mad! You are going to be in the dog house tonight," Tina said to her little brother.  
answer: (b) dog
- A6 Jim and I butted heads when we first met, but we are good friends now.  
answer: (c) butted
- A7 That car is the nicest one on the market. It's the cat's meow, alright!  
answer: (c) meow
- A8 "We're past the worst of it. I think it will be all smooth sailing from here," Jim said, as less snow was appearing on the road.  
answer: (d) sailing
- A9 "I don't think we will hear that song on the radio as often anymore. It is kind of on the way out," his buddy said to him.  
answer: (c) way
- A10 He seems to have a sixth sense when it comes to predicting fashion trends.  
answer: (a) sense

*English Slang Idioms (2)*

A1 "Keep your shirt on. We'll figure it out. There's no cause for alarm," Jimmy told his boss when the computers stopped working suddenly.

answer: (c) on

A2 No one likes being the butt of the joke.

answer: (d) butt

A3 Since the man was rather inexperienced, I took his advice with a grain of salt.

answer: (c) salt

A4 Most bosses won't send you out on a job until you get your feet wet.

answer: (b) wet

A5 He had to pull his car over to sleep. He was too punch-drunk with fatigue to drive safely.

answer: (d) drunk

A6 Soldiers can't desert their posts while on guard duty without getting into big trouble.

answer: (c) desert

A7 His hair looked like he had stuck his finger in a light socket.

answer: (b) finger

A8 "You are speeding, James. Do you have a lead foot, or something?" Jane asked her husband.

answer: (d) lead

A9 I hate his unpredictable mean temper. I always have to walk on eggshells around him.

answer: (a) eggshells

A10 Mike hasn't paid his rent in three months. It looks like he's waiting for his landlord to kick him out.

answer: (c) kick

*English Slang Idioms (3)*

- A1 "Quit telling me what to do! Back seat drivers are very annoying!" James said, as he swerved to avoid the pedestrian.  
answer: (b) drivers
- A2 "Don't be such a doubting Thomas. It will work. There will be no problems," Mary said to her husband as she tried to convince him to buy laminate flooring for the back bedroom.  
answer: (a) doubting
- A3 "You'd better talk to your wife and work out your problems, John, because a house divided against itself cannot stand," he thought to himself.  
answer: (d) stand
- A4 "I can't go drinking with you guys. The ball and chain won't let me. She wants me to stay home tonight," Ted told his friends.  
answer: (d) chain
- A5 Our whole class failed our last statistics exam and now we're back to the basics again.  
answer: (a) basics
- A6 Ethel is such an annoying, nosy neighbor. She always watches everything we do. She needs to mind her own beeswax.  
answer: (c) beeswax
- A7 I can't believe I made it up that hill on my dirt bike! I was at full throttle the whole way and going balls to the wall.  
answer: (d) wall
- A8 The little boy asked his mother why a baker's dozen was thirteen. She replied that it comes from the former custom among bakers of adding an extra roll as a safeguard against the possibility of 12 weighing light.  
answer: (a) dozen
- A9 I don't like to drink alcohol often — just every once in a blue moon with my friends.  
answer: (d) blue
- A10 He went berserk after his boss fired him. Now he's in jail.  
answer: (d) berserk

*English Slang Idioms (4)*

- A1 The reason that Sarah had been divulging company secrets was that she was being blackmailed. The CEO of her competitor's firm said that if she didn't reveal the information, he would tell Sarah's husband that she was having an affair.  
answer: (b) blackmailed
- A2 John booked his trip to New York. It had been over nine years since he had been to the Big Apple.  
answer: (a) Apple
- A3 The manager decided to send in a new pitcher. He sent the starter, who had pitched the first five innings, back to the bullpen.  
answer: (b) bullpen
- A4 The hard part of the transition was over. It would be all blue skies from here.  
answer: (d) skies
- A5 When Helen began looking for a job after college, she found that she couldn't get one without work experience. She wondered how she could get any experience without getting a job. She found this to be a major catch-22 in modern society.  
answer: (c) catch-22
- A6 I am good at science and English, but mathematics is definitely not my strong suit.  
answer: (a) suit
- A7 When his wife filed for divorce with no prior warning and sued for half of his assets, he felt that she broadsided him in the worst way.  
answer: (b) broadsided
- A8 Steve had been bamboozled by the used-car salesman. The car broke down a week after he bought it.  
answer: (d) bamboozled
- A9 Unexpectedly, the prosecutors came up with evidence revealing that Matt had forged documents for his company. They caught him with his pants down.  
answer: (a) pants
- A10 Serena had to stop swimming. The charley horse in her leg was too painful to keep going.  
answer: (d) charley

*English Slang Idioms (5)*

A1 Mark is always eager to argue about how this business should be run. He seems to have a real chip on his shoulder about it.

answer: (b) chip

A2 I obviously still don't understand the concepts we've been discussing in class. Every time I answer the teacher's questions, she says "Close, but no cigar."

answer: (a) cigar

A3 The lawyer didn't believe the story given by the defendant at all. It was just another one of his cock and bull stories.

answer: (d) cock

A4 You don't know anything about accounting. Did you get your degree out of a crackerjack box?

answer: (c) crackerjack

A5 Billy could not fully wake up without at least one cup of joe every morning.

answer: (b) joe

A6 The judge was getting bored as the witness rattled on and on. She wished the witness would just cut to the chase.

answer: (d) cut

A7 He is a(n) dead ringer for Brad Pitt. He looks exactly like him!

answer: (a) dead

A8 Journalists are under constant pressure to meet their deadlines.

answer: (c) deadlines

A9 Jennifer decided to play the devil's advocate in order to add another perspective to the one-sided conversation.

answer: (d) advocate

A10 I think he's a diamond in the rough. He needs training, but I see his potential and natural talent.

answer: (b) diamond

*English Slang Idioms (6)*

- A1 Tim Jesden can't afford that! He's dirt poor.  
answer: (c) dirt
- A2 After telling his grandmother that he wished she had bought him two Super Nintendo games instead of one, his parents said that he shouldn't look a gift horse in the mouth.  
answer: (d) mouth
- A3 Jenny thought that the last problem on the test was a real doozy. It was much harder and more complex than any of the previous problems.  
answer: (a) doozy
- A4 The way the administration handled the oil spill was another one of their many snafus. No one had any idea of what they were doing or what should be done.  
answer: (c) snafus
- A5 The judge decided that in his opinion the new lawyer didn't know which end was up. He made several rookie mistakes and didn't seem to know what to do next.  
answer: (a) end
- A6 That dope is too dumb to do anything right.  
answer: (c) dope
- A7 I used to be kind of a doughboy when I was little, but I lost most of the weight in my teenage years.  
answer: (c) doughboy
- A8 Are you going to the drag races this weekend? It should be fun, because there will be a lot of cars out there!  
answer: (a) races
- A9 He wasn't invited to very many parties, since he drank like a fish and got argumentative every time.  
answer: (d) drank
- A10 They decided to do a dry run before they had to give the presentation to the board of directors.  
answer: (b) run

*English Slang Idioms (7)*

- A1 A tree fell on his house right after his car broke down. This was a double whammy that he could not afford.  
answer: (d) whammy
- A2 "Before we get down to business, let's eat, drink and be merry," the CEO said after everyone had arrived.  
answer: (b) merry
- A3 "You are not going to get your tongue pierced no matter how much you argue-- end of story," the father said to his rebellious 13-year-old.  
answer: (a) end
- A4 "You'll have to pardon my French," the lady said, "but I hate this damn city!"  
answer: (d) French
- A5 After he crashed his parents' van, he knew that he would have to go home and face the music.  
answer: (c) face
- A6 We were so hungry that the minute we walked through the door of the all-you-can-eat buffet restaurant, the feeding frenzy began.  
answer: (a) frenzy
- A7 Once the media find out that the movie star was drinking and driving, they are going to have a field day with this information.  
answer: (c) field
- A8 "Wow, Margy, you're a very good cook. These chicken wings are finger-licking good!"  
answer: (c) licking
- A9 He had found that there were a lot of good deals on used tools and furniture at the local flea market.  
answer: (d) flea
- A10 She felt uncomfortable going to the local bar by herself. It had the reputation of being a meat market.  
answer: (b) meat



*English Slang Idioms (8)*

- A1 After finding out that he had a son, Ray had to find him. He was bothered that his own flesh and blood was out there somewhere and Ray didn't even know him.  
answer: (d) blood
- A2 I like the idea, but I don't think it's going to fly because there isn't enough funding for the start-up fees.  
answer: (a) fly
- A3 I wish I could hear what they are saying in that meeting. If only I were a fly on the wall for a little while!  
answer: (b) fly
- A4 "You have no case," the lawyer told her client. "I know you want to sue them because they have a lot of money, but you're chasing fool's gold here."  
answer: (d) gold
- A5 The mail carrier was shocked when the man went to get his mail without his clothes — he was in the full monty.  
answer: (c) monty
- A6 "No, that's everything, Mr. Jones. That's the whole shebang," the waiter said when questioned whether any more food was coming.  
answer: (a) shebang
- A7 Our manager has been acting erratic lately. If she gets any crazier, we're going to have to send her to the funny farm.  
answer: (c) funny
- A8 Serge could do mathematics if he had to, but the subject was definitely not his forte.  
answer: (b) forte
- A9 "Our manager sounds angry today. He must have got up on the wrong side of the bed today," the secretary told her coworker.  
answer: (d) side
- A10 "I don't believe in sticking my neck out for anybody. It's better to worry about yourself and not look for trouble," he thought.  
answer: (b) neck

*English Slang Idioms (9)*

- A1 She decided that she was not going to go out on a limb for anyone anymore. She was sick of trying to help people who weren't appreciative.  
answer: (a) limb
- A2 He always found that when he went the extra mile for his customers, it paid off and they eventually became return clients.  
answer: (d) mile
- A3 The good Samaritan who stopped at the accident scene to help the family after their car crash was on the front page of the daily paper on Monday.  
answer: (c) good
- A4 "I know I didn't meet my goals last month," the computer programmer said to the manager, "but I've got my mojo working again and I've surpassed all of the goals this month."  
answer: (a) mojo
- A5 Life is so much better now that I work during the day instead of the graveyard shift.  
answer: (c) graveyard
- A6 My manager is very gung-ho about my idea for the new product, and he has made it the first priority in our department.  
answer: (a) gung-ho
- A7 He saw the writing on the wall. Without a miracle, the business he had worked so hard to create would be broke within the next year.  
answer: (b) writing
- A8 Steve must have a(n) ax to grind with the billing department. He criticizes or insults them in every meeting we have.  
answer: (a) ax
- A9 After getting the promotion he had been waiting for, he gave each one of his friends in the department a high five.  
answer: (c) five
- A10 If he made as much money this year as he did last year, he can afford to live pretty high on the hog.  
answer: (d) hog

*English Slang Idioms (10)*

- A1 He was very tired after a long day at work and decided to hit the hay as soon as he got home.  
answer: (c) hit
- A2 When he explained the problem to his coworkers, they all agreed that he knew what he was talking about. He really hit the nail on the head.  
answer: (c) head
- A3 "Hold your horses, young man! There's no reason to speed!" the grandmother said to her grandson as he spun his tires out of the driveway.  
answer: (c) horses
- A4 "Houston, we have a(n) problem," a construction worker said as the wall that they just put up fell down.  
answer: (b) problem
- A5 "I'll have his head on a platter!" the enraged boss said when he found evidence that revealed one of his employees was stealing from him.  
answer: (d) head
- A6 When the soccer player kicked yet another goal near the very end of the game, he knew that the game was in the bag.  
answer: (a) bag
- A7 The artist struggled to paint the naked lady posing in front of him. It was the first painting of a person in the buff that he had ever attempted.  
answer: (c) buff
- A8 His was the winning basket. "In your face!" the boy yelled to the other basketball team.  
answer: (b) face
- A9 "He was driving like a bat out of hell! He was going 140 MPH when I pulled him over!" the policeman said.  
answer: (a) bat
- A10 John is 89 years old, and he was really surprised when the policeman actually wrote him a ticket for jaywalking.  
answer: (d) jaywalking

*English Slang Idioms (11)*

- A1 He didn't want to think about getting a perfect score before his next exam because he was afraid he would jinx himself.  
answer: (c) jinx
- A2 "Don't get mad at Tommy's joking around. He is just joshing you," Billy said to his friend Joey.  
answer: (a) joshing
- A3 Everyone was waiting for Grandpa Joe to kick the bucket. He had cancer for many years and the doctor said that he only had a year to live.  
answer: (b) bucket
- A4 He apologized for losing his temper after his wife told him that she had spent a lot of money. It was just a knee-jerk reaction. He hadn't planned it and he now regretted it.  
answer: (c) reaction
- A5 He thought he would get the promotion on Monday. "Knock on wood," he said to himself.  
answer: (d) wood
- A6 Everyone agreed that Jim was too arrogant, and they wanted to knock him down a peg.  
answer: (b) peg
- A7 "Once you know the ropes better, we will give you more responsibility," the boss said to the new trainee.  
answer: (d) ropes
- A8 Before he made a decision, the army sergeant wanted to see which way the wind was blowing at the command headquarters.  
answer: (c) blowing
- A9 "Last but not least, Rebecca!" the emcee said as he introduced the final contestant of the evening.  
answer: (a) least
- A10 It took a lot of money to run the presidential campaign, but the third-party candidate thought he could win if he could only level the playing field. However, he couldn't get as much media exposure as the richer candidates.  
answer: (d) field

*English Slang Idioms (12)*

- A1 The kids had too much sugar today. They are all running around like chickens with their heads cut off.  
answer: (d) chickens
- A2 For years Joe betrayed confidences to get ahead in his job, so he shouldn't be surprised that it happened to him. If you live by the sword, you die by the sword.  
answer: (b) sword
- A3 The dogs looked very relaxed as they lollygagged in the sun.  
answer: (c) lollygagged
- A4 I am not surprised that the Sergeant Major couldn't complete the brigade. He will probably retire soon. He is getting a little long in the tooth for all this.  
answer: (a) long
- A5 "I don't think I'll go out drinking with James again. He is too much of a loose cannon when he gets drunk," Leah said to Josie.  
answer: (b) loose
- A6 Kara is acting like a snob lately. Yesterday, she blew me off completely.  
answer: (a) blew
- A7 Julie completely flipped out during her performance evaluation. She's as mad as a hatter!  
answer: (d) hatter
- A8 "Make no bones about it. He won't last a month," Sergeant Price told his partner.  
answer: (a) bones
- A9 "It's always a horrible thing when a cop turns bad. Well, money is the root of all evil," the internal investigator told his boss.  
answer: (c) money
- A10 He fell asleep during the lecture. Too much technological mumbo jumbo always bores him.  
answer: (a) jumbo

*English Slang Idioms (13)*

- A1 Steve just bought a new pair of front tires, but as he leaving, he ran over a nail that popped his back tire and the tire shop couldn't repair it. If that isn't Murphy's Law, I don't know what is!  
answer: (c) Law
- A2 The boss asked Bill where his coworker was. Bill responded that he was not his brother's keeper.  
answer: (b) keeper
- A3 "My brother is a nerd. He spends all of his time on computers or reading science books," Allison told her new friend Mary.  
answer: (c) nerd
- A4 He has no friends because he's the new kid on the block.  
answer: (a) block
- A5 He knew it would take a hot minute to get his paperwork processed by the Department of Motor Vehicles.  
answer: (d) minute
- A6 "Can you work for me this weekend?" Kerry asked Elliot. "Sorry, no dice," Elliot responded, "I have other plans."  
answer: (a) dice
- A7 He knew he couldn't make that decision until he had more information. He knew he wasn't playing with a full deck of cards.  
answer: (c) playing
- A8 "How do you know the merger will make us money?" the CEO asked the presenter. The presenter said, "I don't know for sure. Nothing is certain but death and taxes -- but the idea makes sense."  
answer: (a) taxes
- A9 His secretary reminded him about the speech, but he had no time to prepare for it. He would just have to give it off the cuff.  
answer: (d) off
- A10 The police officer wasn't willing to tell the reporter anything unless it was off the record.  
answer: (b) record

*English Slang Idioms (14)*

- A1 He had to go next door to watch the game. His TV was on the fritz again.  
answer: (b) fritz
- A2 He decided to flag down the waitress and order one for the road.  
answer: (a) road
- A3 The new boss was a stickler for details, so the employee knew he would have to mind his p's and q's.  
answer: (c) q's
- A4 His girlfriend got mad at him when he said she should stop supporting her lazy brother, that we all need to paddle our own canoe.  
answer: (d) paddle
- A5 She was known to duck responsibility whenever possible, but when she tried to pass the buck on the tax error, she went too far.  
answer: (a) buck
- A6 He decided that he could probably make it to Portland, Oregon in six hours if he drove with the pedal to the metal.  
answer: (b) metal
- A7 She called the police immediately after she saw the peeping Tom outside her window.  
answer: (d) peeping
- A8 He knew that it was a pipe dream to believe that his invention would make any money without hiring someone who knew how to market the product effectively.  
answer: (c) dream
- A9 "That raise you want is just a(n) pie in the sky, James. It's not going to happen," Jill said.  
answer: (b) pie
- A10 She would have to keep her work to herself until it was finished. Otherwise, other people would try to piggyback on her idea and take credit for her work.  
answer: (d) piggyback

*English Slang Idioms (15)*

- A1 He got mad at his parents after they told him to pipe down while they watched TV.  
answer: (c) pipe
- A2 Since there was no agenda for the day, the team leader decided to play it by ear and deal with issues as they came up.  
answer: (b) ear
- A3 He couldn't wait to show his girlfriend his posh new condo; it was one of the newest interior decorating styles.  
answer: (d) posh
- A4 The police chief decided to pull out all the stops on the investigation. He really needed to catch the dangerous wanted criminal quickly.  
answer: (b) stops
- A5 The government decided to pull the plug on the research funding because the scientists weren't working very hard on the project.  
answer: (c) plug
- A6 Bryan knew that his partner was trying to put one over on him, so he quickly dissolved the partnership.  
answer: (a) over
- A7 The parents knew that their kids were trying to pull the wool over their eyes with their long drawn-out story.  
answer: (c) wool
- A8 She knew that she was really pushing the envelope by putting that racy picture of a girl in a skimpy bikini on the front page of the local paper.  
answer: (b) envelope
- A9 After the reporter implied that the police officer might have been involved in some illegitimate deals, the officer told the reporter to put a sock in it.  
answer: (a) sock
- A10 He knew he would have to put on his thinking cap and start studying for the test soon.  
answer: (d) thinking



*English Slang Idioms (16)*

- A1 She told him that they needed to spend more quality time together.  
answer: (c) quality
- A2 He didn't want to go outside until the rain stopped coming down so hard. It was really raining cats and dogs out there.  
answer: (d) cats
- A3 "Hey, I am going to have to take a rain check on going to that movie with you today. I just found out I have to work tonight," Jenny told Craig.  
answer: (c) check
- A4 "Your daddy is going to raise Cain when he finds out you got detention again," Tommy said to Will.  
answer: (c) raise
- A5 Politicians often use a red herring to divert the public's attention from a subject they don't want to talk about.  
answer: (d) herring
- A6 The store manager caught the kid red-handed. His pockets were bulging with stolen goods.  
answer: (a) red-handed
- A7 His friend was kind of a redneck: he wore a cowboy hat, cowboy boots and a big belt buckle, and he used vulgar language in mixed company.  
answer: (b) redneck
- A8 The judge admonished the vulgar defendant for repeatedly using colorful language in the courtroom.  
answer: (c) colorful
- A9 His alarm went off. It was time to rise and shine.  
answer: (d) rise
- A10 A general rule of thumb in business is that it is better to be over-prepared than under-prepared.  
answer: (c) thumb

*English Slang Idioms (17)*

- A1 "I had to get some more coffee during my afternoon break. I was starting to run out of steam," Laurie said to Linda.  
answer: (b) run
- A2 Jack knew that he should go for a run. Running helped him blow off steam after an aggravating day in the office.  
answer: (c) steam
- A3 Sally knew that Hank had sabotaged her project by giving her incorrect statistics underestimating the expenses the firm would incur in getting it started.  
answer: (a) sabotaged
- A4 I really messed with his sacred cow when I said that guns should not be sold or owned anywhere in America.  
answer: (c) sacred
- A5 Just two more minutes and he'd be saved by the bell. Then he wouldn't have to hand in his report until next Monday.  
answer: (d) saved
- A6 It is considered important by many in America to teach teenagers about safe sex.  
answer: (a) safe
- A7 I know the company wants to find a scapegoat, but I had nothing to do with that project at all. They will obviously have to find someone else.  
answer: (b) scapegoat
- A8 "Break a leg!" John said as his sister went up the stairs to give her performance.  
answer: (c) leg
- A9 He knew that investigating Jim was a shot in the dark, but he had to try something.  
answer: (a) dark
- A10 The lawyer took a cheap shot at the defendant, hoping that it would make him mad enough to blurt out what she wanted to know.  
answer: (d) shot

*English Slang Idioms (18)*

- A1 "Do you really think you need every available accessory for your new cellphone? Don't you think that's a bit much?" Deborah asked her husband.  
answer: (c) much
- A2 Steve decided to do performance evaluations in order to make sure that everyone on his team was working hard. He would fire the worst member. After all, a chain is only as strong as its weakest link.  
answer: (b) link
- A3 "The job was filled two weeks ago, and notice was published on our website. You're a day late and a dollar short," the receptionist told the job applicant.  
answer: (d) short
- A4 His friend spent half of his winnings on drinks despite the fact that he couldn't pay his rent. "Well," he thought, "a fool and his money are soon parted."  
answer: (d) money
- A5 "Can you believe that he spent his kids' college fund again on another new car? Well, a fool at 40 is a fool forever," Gina gossiped to her friend Laura.  
answer: (a) forever
- A6 "What's the matter, Fred? Do you have a hitch in your giddyup? You look tired and a little sick," Gill asked his friend.  
answer: (b) hitch
- A7 Steve decided not to give any more alcohol to Jack. He was starting to look a little green around the gills.  
answer: (a) gills
- A8 He knew the new guy had given his second assignment a mere lick and a promise. It was thrown together and about only two-thirds finished when he turned it in.  
answer: (c) promise
- A9 The police chief flippantly replied to the reporter's question about the tip he received that broke the case, "A little bird told me."  
answer: (d) bird
- A10 "A little learning is a dangerous thing. He told me that he had taken a carpentry class and had the skills to fix my deck, but by the time I paid a contractor to fix all his mistakes, I was out \$4000," Angie said.  
answer: (b) dangerous

*English Slang Idioms (19)*

A1 That new employee is sure a lost ball in high weeds. He doesn't know anything about his job and has managed to mess up every project so far.

answer: (d) weeds

A2 "A penny for your thoughts," Grace said as a contemplative look came across Laura's face.

answer: (d) thoughts

A3 My grandmother always told me that a penny saved is a penny earned.

answer: (c) earned

A4 Some people consider the drug "crank" to be a poor man's cocaine.

answer: (a) man's

A5 He knew that the beautiful sports car he was looking at must have cost a pretty penny.

answer: (a) pretty

A6 His mother told him that she was glad he confided in her. She reminded him that a problem shared was a problem halved.

answer: (c) halved

A7 She was glad that her friend Beth came over to help her. With both of them working on it, the yard would be clean in less than two hours. She believed that many hands make light work.

answer: (d) hands

A8 Now that he had the right tools for the job, he would get it done in no time.

answer: (b) time

A9 The politician told the citizens that her tax cut would put more money in their wallets; it was like a rising tide that lifts all boats.

answer: (c) tide

A10 His parents told him that as long as he was continuously working to better himself, he would be sure to succeed in life. They said that a rolling stone gathers no moss.

answer: (c) moss

*English Slang Idioms (20)*

- A1 When he dented the rear fender, his friend said, "Your car is so banged up, no one will ever notice that little mark. A slice off a cut loaf is never missed."  
answer: (b) loaf
- A2 He decided to buy the guitar even though he was kind of broke. At the price it was listed for, it was a steal.  
answer: (c) steal
- A3 She asked her friend not to tell anyone about the bargain she found in the paper because loose lips sink ships.  
answer: (d) lips
- A4 Ben felt like an idiot after blathering on to his friends about mechanics when he didn't know anything about that subject. His wife cautioned, "If you don't know, people will think you are smarter if you say nothing. A still tongue keeps a wise head."  
answer: (c) head
- A5 He knew that he should just find something else to do while the program scanned his computer for viruses. After all, a watched pot never boils.  
answer: (a) pot
- A6 He thought that doing math problems was about as much fun as watching paint dry.  
answer: (b) paint
- A7 Bill complimented his friend on the A1 quality wood he purchased to build his deck.  
answer: (c) A1
- A8 He didn't feel like going camping with his friends that weekend, but his father said, "You can't let your buddies down like that after you promised. You made your decision, now you have to abide by it."  
answer: (c) abide
- A9 Eric found that the glue he was using was as useless as a chocolate teapot.  
answer: (c) chocolate
- A10 His boss pulled an abrupt about-face and decided that employees could indeed listen to the radio at work.  
answer: (b) about-face

*English Slang Idioms (21)*

- A1 He was sick of working for companies that weren't above board in their business practices. Too many of them had cut illegal or unethical corners.  
answer: (a) board
- A2 He wanted to be with his wife and didn't want to hear one more soldier with him in Iraq say, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder."  
answer: (d) heart
- A3 He was the clumsiest kid she had ever seen — a definite accident just waiting to happen.  
answer: (c) accident
- A4 She hadn't lost the election yet, so she never even let on that she had an ace in the hole.  
answer: (c) hole
- A5 "Why are you smiling?" Jim asked. "You're about to lose this match; do you have an ace up your sleeve or something?"  
answer: (b) ace
- A6 He knew that his opponent had a weakness; he just had to find her Achilles' heel.  
answer: (c) heel
- A7 He knew that his competitors had a chink in their armor somewhere. He just had to locate it.  
answer: (a) armor
- A8 He performed an acid test on the business he wanted to invest in and saw that it was in a good position to pay its current liabilities.  
answer: (c) acid
- A9 There have been many across-the-board changes in the Army since Tim was an active soldier. Everything is different now.  
answer: (d) board
- A10 "Don't feel bad, Derek. You couldn't stop the tree from falling on your sister's car after you borrowed it from her. It's an act of God," his mother said.  
answer: (d) act

*English Slang Idioms (22)*

- A1 She didn't believe that he would ever change. He said he would, but actions speak louder than words.  
answer: (c) words
- A2 He had never had much luck with women. He was underweight and had a very prominent Adam's apple.  
answer: (b) apple
- A3 When he stayed out drinking all night, he was just adding fuel to the fire. His girlfriend was already mad at him and she wouldn't be happy that he had stood her up last night.  
answer: (a) fuel
- A4 "Oh, he likes swimming, too? He's a man after my own heart," Jen said to Craig.  
answer: (b) heart
- A5 He was racing against the clock now; he wasn't sure he would meet his deadline this time.  
answer: (d) clock
- A6 "Why would you rub it in her face that you got a better score than she did on the exam, Steve? Don't you think that's adding insult to injury?" Beth asked.  
answer: (c) insult
- A7 She knew that piercing her eyebrow was going against the grain, but she liked the way it looked and didn't care what the rest of the office thought.  
answer: (a) grain
- A8 "Why don't you bowl first, Christine? Age before beauty!" her friend joked.  
answer: (c) beauty
- A9 She is such an agony aunt! I can't stand her listening in on everyone's conversations hoping they will divulge a personal problem so she can tell them how to fix it.  
answer: (c) aunt
- A10 He was hoping that if he bought the textbook early, he would be ahead of the pack once school started.  
answer: (a) pack

*English Slang Idioms (23)*

- A1 "You are ahead of time, Jim. The meeting doesn't start for another 30 minutes," Jack said.  
answer: (c) time
- A2 He knew that if he got caught cheating, he would have an albatross around his neck for the rest of his college career.  
answer: (c) albatross
- A3 He knew that he shouldn't be that mad about his car breaking down. At 80 years old, he should be content with just being alive and kicking.  
answer: (d) kicking
- A4 He had known all along about her affair with that other guy, but he didn't know what to say to her or how to bring it up.  
answer: (b) along
- A5 "Oh, don't worry about Chris. He won't beat you up. He's all bark and no bite," Julie told Bart.  
answer: (d) bark
- A6 If she didn't deliver on her end of the bargain, she knew that all bets would be off and her best client would find another company.  
answer: (c) bets
- A7 He knew that he fit the category of being all dressed up with nowhere to go, but he couldn't let go of his dream — even though it probably wouldn't happen.  
answer: (d) dressed
- A8 He knew that he had an "all eyes on me" approach to social situations. People told him that he always tried to steal the limelight in order to be the focus of attention.  
answer: (d) eyes
- A9 Sure, he drives a nice truck, but he's all hat and no cattle. He lives with his mom and has no other assets.  
answer: (d) hat
- A10 When asked what he thought about Private Jones, the First Sergeant said, "That guy is a great soldier. He's all heart."  
answer: (d) heart



*English Slang Idioms (24)*

- A1 His friend decided to push the police officer who was questioning him, and all hell broke loose.  
answer: (b) hell
- A2 She got sent to detention for mouthing off to the teacher.  
answer: (c) mouth
- A3 Oh, he says he will get that new job, but he is all hat and no trousers. He isn't qualified, but he thinks that he is likeable enough to charm anyone into anything.  
answer: (a) trousers
- A4 "Well, I'm not familiar with that method and a different one was suggested in school, but all roads lead to Rome, I suppose," Gina told Emma.  
answer: (d) roads
- A5 "Your car is done, sir. We fixed the radiator and transmission and replaced the sparkplugs. You're all good to go," the mechanic told John.  
answer: (c) good
- A6 When her father finds out that she went on a date with Dan, he'll be as angry as a bear with a sore paw.  
answer: (d) bear
- A7 Berry's son will get himself out of trouble; he's as clever as a fox.  
answer: (b) clever
- A8 "Why can't you ever sit still in church, Chris? Do you have ants in your pants?" His grandma asked.  
answer: (c) ants
- A9 "I know it's not an ideal solution to the problem, but we're out of time and it'll work. You know what they say — any port in a storm," Jack said to his boss.  
answer: (a) port
- A10 "He thinks he's so special, but any Tom, Dick, or Harry could do his job better than he can!" Jane exclaimed.  
answer: (d) Harry

*English Slang Idioms (25)*

- A1 "I can't stand that arrogant Maxwell. He thinks he's God's gift to women or something," Beth told Jessica.  
answer: (d) gift
- A2 "It's too bad Derek can't go camping with us. I'm not surprised, though. His new girlfriend's got him tied to her apron strings," Kyle told Johnny.  
answer: (b) apron
- A3 "When we went out on patrol in Vietnam, we were always armed to the teeth," Hector reminisced.  
answer: (c) teeth
- A4 "I can't stand Wes. He's such an armchair critic. He's always giving out unwanted advice, but he can't even do his own job right," Amber complained to Will.  
answer: (a) critic
- A5 He knew he would be tired for at least the next week. He had already worked around the clock and still had more work to do before he went home.  
answer: (d) clock
- A6 Don't give up yet, Jack. Alyssa has an arrow in her quiver that might just get us out of this.  
answer: (b) quiver
- A7 He knew that, as a rule, people usually try to do the right thing, but he was uncomfortable trusting an acquaintance that he barely knew.  
answer: (c) rule
- A8 Buddy, you are out of luck. You can try to explain to her why you missed work, but she is not going to care. She is as cold as ice.  
answer: (d) ice
- A9 "I feel uncomfortable around Alex. He freaks out too often. In my opinion, he's as mad as a hatter," Chris said to Kelso.  
answer: (a) hatter
- A10 "Your car is fixed now and is as good as new," the mechanic informed him.  
answer: (d) good

*English Slang Idioms (26)*

- A1 "Wow, that cheap drill you bought is about as useful as a handbrake on a canoe," Weston said.  
answer: (c) canoe
- A2 The military formation moved as one man.  
answer: (a) man
- A3 She thought her niece was as cute as a button.  
answer: (b) button
- A4 He knew that the beach was only about five miles as the crow flies, but was about 25 miles away by a lot of curvy roads.  
answer: (d) crow
- A5 "He got in a lot of trouble on Monday. He has had it coming for a long time. You reap what you sow," Linda said to Tom.  
answer: (c) sow
- A6 "I'm sorry that I messed up on that paperwork on Monday. I guess I was just asleep at the switch," Matt said to his boss.  
answer: (a) asleep
- A7 Don't mess with Callie. She will chew you out at the drop of a dime.  
answer: (c) dime
- A8 He did everything at a snail's pace, but he never made mistakes.  
answer: (d) snail's
- A9 He wasn't the most friendly of employees. He kept everyone, including people he had worked with for years, at arm's length.  
answer: (c) length
- A10 "I know we usually work at cross purposes, but I still think we can work together in this case," Jane told Melissa, her main competitor.  
answer: (b) purposes

*English Slang Idioms (27)*

- A1 "Alright, sir. You've paid your bill in full. We're all square now," the representative told Jim.  
answer: (a) square
- A2 Bell-bottom pants are all the rage in my hometown.  
answer: (b) rage
- A3 "Don't believe that this DVD player is a good one just because of its high price tag. All that glitters is not gold," Will said to Han.  
answer: (b) gold
- A4 He didn't care how much the drug lord offered him to do the job. He wouldn't do it for all the tea in China.  
answer: (d) tea
- A5 She knew that some people in the company would be mad at her for laying off some of its employees, but she thinks all's fair in love and war.  
answer: (b) war
- A6 He wanted to introduce his best friend Tom to his new girlfriend, since Tom was kind of his alter ego, but he wasn't sure that she'd like him very much.  
answer: (c) alter
- A7 I feel uncomfortable about being in Susan's wedding party. Everyone I know is married but me. You know what they say — "always a bridesmaid, never a bride."  
answer: (d) bride
- A8 He detested lawyers and thought that even the expensive ones were glorified ambulance chasers.  
answer: (c) ambulance
- A9 He was trying to eat healthier these days and people noticed. When asked about whether he was dieting, he always replied, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away."  
answer: (a) doctor
- A10 He knew that he could wait and see what happened before doing anything, but he was a strong believer in the saying, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."  
answer: (d) cure

*English Slang Idioms (28)*

- A1 "I have to buy paper, a binder, books, a new backpack and all that jazz," Matt told his folks.  
answer: (c) jazz
- A2 Suzy knew how mad her boss would be when he found out that Suzy had completely dropped the ball on their new advertising campaign.  
answer: (d) ball
- A3 "Wow, Lynn! I knew your father was sick, but he looks like he's at death's door!" Martha exclaimed.  
answer: (c) door
- A4 Shelly's kids had been at each other's throats all day, and she was sick of dealing with them.  
answer: (b) throats
- A5 Now that he had his morning coffee, he would be working at full tilt in no time.  
answer: (a) tilt
- A6 She didn't think the police would ever catch the burglar who broke into her house. He had been at large for fifteen months now.  
answer: (a) large
- A7 The FBI and CIA have been at loggerheads over several issues for a long time now.  
answer: (d) loggerheads
- A8 I don't like leaving any loose ends before going on vacation. I'm going to work overtime to make sure that everything is how it should be.  
answer: (c) ends
- A9 "Wow, I studied the chapter on Macroeconomics, and I must admit I'm lost in the sauce! I can't figure any of it out," Jake told Will.  
answer: (d) sauce
- A10 She knew that she would have to start at the bottom of the totem pole at the bank because she doesn't have any prior experience or a college degree.  
answer: (c) totem

*English Slang Idioms (29)*

- A1 He liked being a policeman, but he didn't like leaving his house at the drop of a hat anytime he was needed.  
answer: (b) hat
- A2 He was bored at work, but at the end of the day he was happy to be helping people — even if it wasn't much fun.  
answer: (a) day
- A3 "I feel like I am at the end of my rope now that I've lost my job and my sister in the same month," a depressed Sam told his wife.  
answer: (c) rope
- A4 He had to shout at the top of his lungs to get his wife to notice him when she was in the garden.  
answer: (d) lungs
- A5 "Don't worry. I'll have the project ready for you today. It's at the top of my list", Medford told his boss.  
answer: (d) list
- A6 He knew he would be able to excel in his job. An average joe could do any of the required duties.  
answer: (b) joe
- A7 "I tell you, Joe-- the receptionist is away with the fairies today. I've asked her to give me the number to corporate three times today, but she keeps forgetting", Wes told Max.  
answer: (a) fairies
- A8 His manager is a regular babe in arms. She looks like she is in her early 20's, and that seems extremely young for this position.  
answer: (c) babe
- A9 I think we have another babe in the woods here, Jack. I don't know why they keep sending inexperienced employees our way.  
answer: (d) woods
- A10 Analysts say that it is a good idea to invest in retirement housing now that the baby boomers are all retiring.  
answer: (a) boomers

*English Slang Idioms (30)*

- A1 His boss made him put his regular work on the back burner so that he could complete yet another special project.  
answer: (c) burner
- A2 I think the committee is backing the wrong horse on this one. Jack's idea failed in the past, but Nathan's idea is new and seems more feasible to me.  
answer: (a) horse
- A3 His day was very busy. He answered back to back phone calls from disgruntled customers.  
answer: (c) back
- A4 "None of the ideas we came up with at the last meeting have worked. I guess we're back to the drawing board," the manager informed her team.  
answer: (d) board
- A5 "Well, my break is up. Back to the salt mines. It was good seeing you!" Bill said to George.  
answer: (b) mines
- A6 Zack got into a fight at school, because he felt his back was up against the wall. The other boys kept yelling in his face even when he tried to walk away.  
answer: (a) back
- A7 My wife is a reformed backseat driver. She used to tell me to slow down every time we went out in the car, but she doesn't do that anymore.  
answer: (c) driver
- A8 He tried using both a comb and a brush, but resigned himself to the fact that he was having a bad hair day, so he wore a hat to school.  
answer: (c) hair
- A9 His parents were mad at him for bad mouthing his teacher at school.  
answer: (c) mouth
- A10 He knew he was in bad shape when he checked his temperature and found that he had a high fever.  
answer: (a) shape

*Warehouse and Logistics*

A1 A swap body is a type of container that can easily be transferred from one means to another.

answer: (c) a type of container that can easily be transferred from one means to another

A2 The following Incoterm is the most favourable for the buyer: DDU.

answer: (b) DDU

A3 Tank containers for foodstuffs must be labelled as "Potable Liquids Only".

answer: (d) Potable Liquids Only

A4 The abbreviation "DHL" stands for: Dalsey, Hillblom and Lynn.

answer: (b) Dalsey, Hillblom and Lynn

A5 The following abbreviation does NOT stand for a big logistics company: NBC.

answer: (c) NBC

A6 The following task is NOT performed by a warehouse worker: ticking.

answer: (b) ticking

A7 The acronym "FIFO" stands for: First In First Out.

answer: (d) First In First Out

A8 Fragile goods must be handled with care.

answer: (c) care

A9 The concept of a lift truck's "Stability Pyramid" describes how a lift truck is kept upright.

answer: (a) a lift truck is kept upright

A10 When a lift truck tips over, it loses its balance.

answer: (b) loses its balance



*English Slang Idioms (31)*

- A1 When his girlfriend broke up with him, it broke his heart.  
answer: (c) heart
- A2 We have different views on how this project should be run, but I think we can bridge the gap and work together.  
answer: (a) gap
- A3 My boss has been breathing down my neck today to get the expense sheet done.  
answer: (b) neck
- A4 He decided that he would breathe some fresh air into the garden. It was overgrown now and shoddy, but he believed that he could make it nice again.  
answer: (b) air
- A5 My grandfather is very, very sick. He seems to be breathing his last.  
answer: (a) last
- A6 He liked the color of her new car. It had a bright and breezy look to it.  
answer: (a) breezy
- A7 "I want you kids down here bright-eyed and bushy-tailed at 8 o'clock," their dad said.  
answer: (d) tailed
- A8 "It sure brightens up my day to see those flowers blooming outside," Katy said.  
answer: (c) brightens
- A9 "The guy's debate speech was so ill-prepared and ineffectual that it was like bringing a knife to a gunfight," Elliot remarked.  
answer: (d) knife
- A10 Now that his wife had gone to Italy, it was up to him to bring home the bacon so that they could pay their bills.  
answer: (b) bacon

*English Slang Idioms (32)*

- A1 The manager looked at the applicant's resume and saw that she had a lot to bring to the table. She had considerable experience and many accomplishments.  
answer: (d) table
- A2 "Can you describe the plan in broad strokes, just to give us an overall idea of what you want to do?" Jim asked the presenter.  
answer: (a) strokes
- A3 He told them that he couldn't afford to go to the concert. He had just paid for car repairs and he was now broke as a joke.  
answer: (d) joke
- A4 Jim is such a brown-noser! He spends most of his time hanging around the boss and telling her how smart she is and how all of her ideas are the best he's ever heard.  
answer: (d) noser
- A5 "Your idea is very good and is sure to score you some brownie points with the boss," Candy told Ernie.  
answer: (d) brownie
- A6 "Don't try to brush it under the carpet, young man. Did you think I wouldn't find out that you failed the test?" his mother asked.  
answer: (b) carpet
- A7 His investment consultant told him that he should cash in his bonds and buy stocks since it was a(n) bull market now and the recession had passed.  
answer: (c) bull
- A8 "Don't be bull-headed about it, Jim. Just listen to what the man has to say. He seems to have some very good points that even you might agree with," his wife said.  
answer: (c) headed
- A9 "We will have to plan a baby shower for Jennifer. Oh, you didn't hear? She has a bun in the oven," Kathy said to Lisa.  
answer: (a) oven
- A10 After hearing a tapping on her window late at night, she couldn't go back to sleep. The next day, she was a bundle of nerves.  
answer: (c) nerves

*English Slang Idioms (33)*

- A1 The cable company has been a real burr under my saddle. I've called them three times this month and I am sick of it.  
answer: (b) burr
- A2 "We are going to have to burn rubber to get there on time. If we drive as fast as possible, we might make it," Matt said to Brian.  
answer: (a) rubber
- A3 Steve is sure burning the candle at both ends. With all that money he has been spending on drinking late at the bar, he'll be broke and sick in no time.  
answer: (d) candle
- A4 "I had to burn the midnight oil to get the paper done on time. I think I finished at four in the morning," Ben said.  
answer: (d) midnight
- A5 "You really burned your fingers this time, Matt. I bet you won't smash people's mailboxes anymore after working all summer to pay the neighbors for your pranks," his sister said.  
answer: (a) burned
- A6 "Will we get laid off? That is the burning question," Pam said to Jim.  
answer: (b) burning
- A7 He was glad that he and his wife had finally buried the hatchet concerning the cat. They had fought too long about it and he was glad to move on.  
answer: (b) hatchet
- A8 "You can't avoid completing your expense sheet by burying your head in the sand," Maggie said to Earl.  
answer: (b) head
- A9 "My week off was a busman's holiday. My wife insisted that I finish building our patio deck," the construction worker complained to his co-worker.  
answer: (a) holiday
- A10 Don't bust my chops about the project. It's not my fault that it was late.  
answer: (d) chops

*English Slang Idioms (34)*

- A1 That car I was going to buy turned out to be a busted flush. The owner didn't put it in the advertisement, but the car needs over \$2000 in repairs.  
answer: (c) busted
- A2 You must have been as busy as a beaver to get all this done! Your yard is raked, the stairs are painted and the woodpile is tidied.  
answer: (d) beaver
- A3 He had been as busy as a bee from the moment he got to work and was now exhausted.  
answer: (c) bee
- A4 He turned down the invitation to join the company baseball team, since he didn't want his girlfriend to see that he was a(n) butterfingers. He was never good at catching a ball.  
answer: (a) butterfingers
- A5 It was five minutes until her performance, and she had butterflies in her stomach. She hoped that her nervousness wouldn't cause her to mess up.  
answer: (c) stomach
- A6 He was glad that he buttoned his lip when the boss yelled at him. A secretary had just got fired last week for talking back to him.  
answer: (c) lip
- A7 His grandfather bought the farm last Tuesday. He wasn't surprised; his grandfather was eighty years old and had been sick for years. The old man passed away in his sleep.  
answer: (b) farm
- A8 The van just missed his car by a hair's breadth.  
answer: (d) breadth
- A9 He managed to beat the top runner in the race by a whisker.  
answer: (d) whisker
- A10 It took him a long time to learn to play the song by heart.  
answer: (b) heart

*English Slang Idioms (35)*

- A1 "I think Steve should get the promotion. He has a great service record and has a reputation for always going by the book," Arnold said to Craig.  
answer: (c) book
- A2 When his team asked him how to perform their processing duties, he told them they should go by the numbers to reduce the chance of errors.  
answer: (a) numbers
- A3 "If the office does well, his speeches are full of praise, but by the same token, he ought to be more understanding when things get messed up," Elsa told Tina.  
answer: (a) token
- A4 "Wow, I barely made it to work on time today, and I just met my deadline. I'm flying by the seat of my pants today, I guess," Max told Donna.  
answer: (d) pants
- A5 "Yes, you could spend the money to put new appliances in your mobile home, but in my opinion, that cake is not worth the candle," the real estate agent said.  
answer: (d) candle
- A6 He decided to shave his head because he had a cowlick at the back that stuck out no matter what he did to try to control it.  
answer: (d) lick
- A7 "I know you like that car and want to fix it up, but it's a piece of junk, Jim. Your money would be better spent on a new one. Sorry, but I have to call a spade a spade," Tex told him.  
answer: (a) spade
- A8 "I know I screwed up, Kim. I'm expecting to get called on the carpet any moment now," Corky told her.  
answer: (a) carpet
- A9 "Detective, you know I'm innocent. We've worked together for 25 years. Call your dogs off and go after the guilty party," Eric said.  
answer: (d) dogs
- A10 "I'm being promoted and transferred to Tennessee, Gloria. You'll be calling the shots here from now on," her supervisor told her.  
answer: (a) shots

*English Slang Idioms (36)*

- A1 He decided to retire. He had been calling the tune at his company for more years than he could remember, and it was now time to relax.  
answer: (c) tune
- A2 The calm before the storm was just about to end, and they would be arguing again soon. On average, he had about 15 minutes of peace after he got home from work.  
answer: (b) storm
- A3 "Well, I might as well clean out my closet now, since I can't dance and it's too wet to plow," Kathy jokingly said to Greta.  
answer: (a) plow
- A4 "He won't get the project done right. He couldn't do it for toffee," Mike said.  
answer: (b) toffee
- A5 "I think that the Black& Decker drill is pretty good, but it can't hold a(n) candle to the Dewalt drill," Arnie said to Adam.  
answer: (c) candle
- A6 That's the problem with a lot of department managers: they're good at improving their own department, but often it's at the expense of the organization as a whole. They can't see the forest for the trees.  
answer: (c) forest
- A7 "I think that lawyer's a carpetbagger, and I would never hire him. He doesn't care about what happens to the company or making things right; he only cares about his fees," Maggie said.  
answer: (c) carpetbagger
- A8 "I love that guy. He's like a canary in a coal mine: he can spot trouble coming in the market from a mile away," the manager said.  
answer: (c) canary
- A9 "I think that the carrot-and-stick method works well in an office environment: the workers do what you want them to do," the boss opined.  
answer: (d) stick
- A10 "I'm not going to carry the can for you, Kyle. You're going to have to tell Dad what you did and own up to it," Mathew said.  
answer: (a) carry

*English Slang Idioms (37)*

- A1 He knew there wasn't one rule for deciding which clients a lawyer should try to help. It should be on a case-by-case basis, dependent on the merit of the situation.  
answer: (d) case
- A2 The employees' angry reaction to the blanket fine they all received was a case in point for why mass punishment should not be used.  
answer: (b) point
- A3 Everyone told him that the stock market would crash soon and that he should sell his stock. Now it had crashed, and he was broke. He should have cashed in his chips last week.  
answer: (d) chips
- A4 Her father had cast a long shadow as head of the CIA for 20 years, and she wasn't sure anyone would believe that she could get a promotion in that organization without her father's help.  
answer: (a) shadow
- A5 I don't know if the defendant committed the crime or not. His attorney cast doubt on the main witness's story once he proved that she was lying about having seen him at the crime scene.  
answer: (d) doubt
- A6 He thought his son must have a cast iron stomach when he saw him eating the spicy Thai curry.  
answer: (d) cast
- A7 "Giving him that painting is like casting pearls before swine. He has no appreciation for art, " Kelly's sister said to her mom.  
answer: (d) pearls
- A8 Everyone waited for the vote casting to see what would happen. The board members couldn't get a majority on either side of the issue, so they had to call in the CEO to break the tie.  
answer: (b) casting
- A9 He tried to cast his mind back to the day when his wife was killed, but he couldn't conjure up any details that would help the police.  
answer: (a) cast
- A10 "I'm not sure what market would want to buy our product, so I'm going to cast my net widely and hope for some takers," Murphy said.  
answer: (c) net

*English Slang Idioms (38)*

- A1 "Your offer is just a pipe dream. I haven't sold a home for that price since 1983," the real estate agent told the couple.  
answer: (a) dream
- A2 "They are going to transfer Tim to that department? That's sure putting a cat among the pigeons. Everyone there hates that guy," Maxine said to her friend.  
answer: (c) pigeons
- A3 They've been living a cat and dog life for years. They can't even get along during one dinner engagement!  
answer: (c) dog
- A4 "Did you hear that they finally caught the cat burglar yesterday that has been breaking in around our neighborhood?" Willy asked Percy.  
answer: (b) burglar
- A5 When John didn't answer his grandmother's question about whether he liked her cooking, she asked him if the cat had got his tongue.  
answer: (b) tongue
- A6 She decided to take a cat nap at lunchtime instead of going to the restaurant with her friends.  
answer: (a) nap
- A7 "The sirloin at that restaurant is the cat's pajamas," Hal said to Harry.  
answer: (d) pajamas
- A8 "I think that the new Ford Mustang is the cat's whiskers," Jake said.  
answer: (a) whiskers
- A9 He knew that he shouldn't judge his friend by what kind of clients he took at his law office. Times were hard and one needed a catch as catch can attitude toward business.  
answer: (b) catch
- A10 She knew that if she didn't get home in 15 minutes, she would catch hell from her dad.  
answer: (d) hell



*English Slang Idioms (39)*

- A1 I don't see how they manage married life. Those two are as different as chalk and cheese.  
answer: (b) cheese
- A2 "I think that this class of police cadets will do very well. They are all chomping at the bit to get out there and fight crime," the instructor said to the captain.  
answer: (d) bit
- A3 "No wonder she gets fed up with him so often. He spends money like it was water. He has a champagne taste on a beer budget," Nicole said to Sabine.  
answer: (a) beer
- A4 The current representative was mediocre, but she had been with the case since the beginning and he thought that changing horses midstream would do more damage than keeping her.  
answer: (b) horses
- A5 He had had a change of heart and did not want to buy the boat any longer.  
answer: (a) heart
- A6 She decided to change tack at work because what she was doing now was not resulting in any improvement.  
answer: (d) tack
- A7 "I questioned the chief on a tactic he used during the last case and he quoted me the part of the manual that describes that same situation chapter and verse," a surprised Jason told his buddy.  
answer: (c) verse
- A8 "When I yelled at him for lying, he immediately changed his tune and told me the whole story," his mom told her friend.  
answer: (d) changed
- A9 She was insulted when the telemarketer accused her of being too greedy to give to charity and told him that she believes charity begins in the home.  
answer: (a) home
- A10 Senator Merthy is chasing rainbows again. He is running for president for the third time. Doesn't he know that no one will vote for him?  
answer: (c) chasing

*English Slang Idioms (40)*

- A1 His father was a legend in the company, and he wasn't sure if he was big enough to fill his father's shoes.  
answer: (a) fill
- A2 "Are you going to stop chasing your tail and get to work?" his boss asked.  
answer: (c) tail
- A3 He decided to buy the plant since it was offered at such a good price-- it was as cheap as chips.  
answer: (b) cheap
- A4 The fire department said that I really cheated death. Most people who inhale that much smoke would either be dead or in a coma for life.  
answer: (a) cheated
- A5 He and his buddy were cheek by jowl. They did everything together and were rarely seen apart.  
answer: (b) cheek
- A6 "I don't know what to think about that problem yet. Let me chew on it for awhile and I'll get back to you this afternoon," Melissa replied.  
answer: (d) chew
- A7 I don't agree with Mark's analysis. He often cherry-picks his information, so you know that there is more to the story that he is not telling us.  
answer: (d) picks
- A8 She decided that she would have to chew the cud on it for awhile. It was an important subject and she hadn't really thought about it enough to make a decision yet.  
answer: (c) cud
- A9 "I won't work at that mill, Joe. They pay their workers chicken feed for the work they do," Kendall said.  
answer: (c) chicken feed
- A10 She decided to quit her job. She felt like she had been worked to death at the end of every day and was getting paid chump change for her efforts.  
answer: (a) chump

*English Slang Idioms (41)*

- A1 "The Chief put the Chinese Wall up on me when I asked who would be in charge of interviewing the victims. He said that I didn't need to know and wouldn't say anything more about the case.  
answer: (d) Wall
- A2 He was glad that his son liked the same things he did, especially fishing. His kid was a regular chip off the old block.  
answer: (c) chip
- A3 "This place is all about chop and change. You'll be told to do it one way one day and the exact opposite the next. The computer programs change fast as well," Christian said to the new girl.  
answer: (b) chop
- A4 The two girls were so close you couldn't get a cigarette paper in between them.  
answer: (a) paper
- A5 "We have to stop the killers. In order to do that, we have to circle the wagons and get all the departments working together," Sergeant Jennings said.  
answer: (c) circle
- A6 Business was looking up. With their top competitor circling the drain, there was nothing to stop them from making some serious money.  
answer: (a) circling
- A7 "That guy is a class act. I've been watching his show for years and I've never been disappointed," Megan told Kurt.  
answer: (a) act
- A8 Now that her doctor had given her a(n) clean bill of health, she could return to work and finish her project.  
answer: (b) clean
- A9 He made a clean break from the gang and was now in college and had a good part-time job.  
answer: (b) break
- A10 "I am not worried about the investigators checking me out," he said. "My hands are clean."  
answer: (d) hands

*English Slang Idioms (42)*

- A1 We can call John in for an interview. I did a background check on him and he has a clean sheet-- not even a parking ticket.  
answer: (d) clean
- A2 "Your orders are as clear as a bell," the private responded when asked if he understood what he was supposed to do.  
answer: (d) clear
- A3 She thought her boss was bad at communicating tasks. All of his instructions were about as clear as mud and he always added twice as much information as was needed.  
answer: (a) mud
- A4 The state election was a cliffhanger and no one would know who had won until the last little town's votes were in.  
answer: (d) cliffhanger
- A5 "I've been waiting for you to climb on the bandwagon and come to that show. Now we can all watch it together!" His girlfriend told him in front of her group of friends.  
answer: (c) bandwagon
- A6 He had been clinging for months to the hope that he would find his lost dog, but he now thought that he wouldn't see the dog again.  
answer: (c) hope
- A7 With graduation close at hand, she knew that she had better start looking for a job and new living arrangements.  
answer: (a) close
- A8 He had had another close call with the boss. He knew he would get fired eventually, but he hoped that he would be able to work there for a few more weeks.  
answer: (b) call
- A9 He knew he was lucky he hadn't hit that bicyclist with his car; it had been an extremely close call.  
answer: (d) call
- A10 Counseling is not going to help now. That's like shutting the stable after the horse has bolted. It might have helped a couple of months ago, but the feeling is now gone.  
answer: (c) stable

*English Slang Idioms (43)*

- A1 "I don't like that old car he's working on, but it's close to his heart, so I put up with it," Lisa said.  
answer: (a) close
- A2 "Chemistry is a closed book to me. I'll never understand it and don't even want to try anymore," his roommate told him.  
answer: (c) book
- A3 "What's the matter? Do you have cloth ears or something?" His mom asked when she found out that he had forgotten to take out the trash after being asked.  
answer: (d) cloth
- A4 He felt that she was living in cloud cuckoo land. It was not realistic, in his opinion, to believe one could make a lot of money by selling hand-copied poetry of great artists.  
answer: (b) cloud
- A5 He asked me to dinner on Friday. I am so happy! I am on cloud nine!  
answer: (d) nine
- A6 The cabinet member resigned and left under a cloud of suspicion.  
answer: (c) cloud
- A7 The company was doing well, but Steve could see clouds on the horizon and wasn't sure how to avoid the problems.  
answer: (a) horizon
- A8 "You are clutching at straws here, Mike. You are going to get fired and there is nothing you can do about it," Zack said.  
answer: (b) straws
- A9 The defense's witness's testimony was the clutch play for the case. After the testimony, there was no doubt in anyone's mind that the defendant was innocent.  
answer: (c) play
- A10 That's like bringing coals to Newcastle. It's a waste of time and money. It's totally unnecessary and will just make the boss even angrier.  
answer: (d) coals

*English Slang Idioms (44)*

- A1 "Come on! The coast is clear!" Tommy said to his younger brother, who was sneaking out through their bedroom window.  
answer: (a) coast
- A2 "There's going to be a real cock in the henhouse now. Teresa hired a very attractive guy to work here!" Lynn said to Glenda.  
answer: (c) cock
- A3 "The boss said that we'd get a bonus soon? Don't count on it. It'll be a cold day in hell before he gives us one," Rod said to Nate.  
answer: (b) cold
- A4 "I am not surprised that you're having second thoughts, Joanne. Many people get cold feet just before they get married," Sally said.  
answer: (a) feet
- A5 "I am glad you're finally seeing this in the cold light of day, Jack. She doesn't have anything in common with you," Will said.  
answer: (d) light
- A6 Quitting smoking is very hard. I quit a year ago, cold turkey: no patch, no gum, nothing — and it was horrible.  
answer: (b) turkey
- A7 "The explosion was just collateral damage. It didn't start the fire — it was caused by it," the fireman told the press.  
answer: (a) damage
- A8 He knew it was time to sell his guitar. It had been collecting dust in the corner for too long. There just wasn't time to play anymore.  
answer: (d) dust
- A9 He was going to graduate come hell or high water and prove to his folks that he wasn't lazy.  
answer: (c) water
- A10 "You can't watch horror movies until you come of age, Billy," his mom said.  
answer: (d) age

*English Slang Idioms (45)*

- A1 He had been assigned to guard their best player, but despite coming on hard the whole game, he had still been bested by the guy.  
answer: (c) hard
- A2 "It would be hard to win over the crowd after coming on the heels of a band that was that good," she thought.  
answer: (a) heels
- A3 "Don't worry about the bad mark on the quiz, Boris. It's only a small part of your overall grade. It'll all come out in the wash," his instructor said with a wink.  
answer: (d) wash
- A4 He didn't know why, but whenever there was a car show in town, all of the weird people came out of the woodwork.  
answer: (c) woodwork
- A5 She was a lot smarter than she let on, and she was starting to come out of her shell and talk to him.  
answer: (c) shell
- A6 "The boat show? Sure! I'll be there, come rain or shine," the sailor said.  
answer: (c) shine
- A7 He heard the clergyman coming to call and decided to pretend that he wasn't home.  
answer: (d) call
- A8 He finally came to grips with his drinking problem and started attending AA meetings.  
answer: (b) grips
- A9 "If I get that scholarship, my finances will finally be coming up roses," Wally thought to himself.  
answer: (b) roses
- A10 "We checked him out, Chief, but he came up smelling of roses," the policeman said.  
answer: (a) smelling

*English Slang Idioms (46)*

- A1 "I had to buy the tree. It would be cheap at twice the price. I got it for way less than it would have cost in a store," Doug said.  
answer: (a) twice
- A2 I have wanted to go to that concert for months. Come what may, I will be there.  
answer: (c) may
- A3 "My accounting class is boring and a lot of work. I guess that just comes with the territory," Louise said to Kurt.  
answer: (c) territory
- A4 I was afraid of changing jobs to one that requires talking to people for most of the day. That is a little outside of my comfort zone.  
answer: (b) zone
- A5 "Grandma will never be sick or weak when she is old. She has the constitution of an ox," Beth said to Leah.  
answer: (d) constitution
- A6 Several large US companies have gone bankrupt because management was embezzling funds. They hired accountants that would cook the books and make the company look better than it really was.  
answer: (d) cook
- A7 "I can't wait to go to Grandma's for dinner! I'm hungry, and that woman can cook up a(n) storm," Kathy said to her sister.  
answer: (a) storm
- A8 "If Mom catches you using her hairdryer, your goose will be cooked," Willy said to Billy.  
answer: (b) goose
- A9 "Did you see Ian's hostage negotiation? It was touchy at times, but he acted as cool as a cat the whole time," Sergeant Wilkins said to Lieutenant Calahan.  
answer: (c) cat
- A10 Where have you been? You left me cooling my heels for the past 20 minutes!  
answer: (b) heels



*English Slang Idioms (47)*

- A1 That guy gets angry and talks back to the boss way too much. He'd better cool his jets before he gets fired!  
answer: (c) jets
- A2 "Going bowling sounds great! I haven't gone bowling in a coon's age," Nathan said to Ken.  
answer: (a) age
- A3 Do you realize that if that patent goes through, we will be the only company with a product that cures that type of cancer? We'll corner the market!  
answer: (d) market
- A4 "I haven't eaten since noon. I'm so hungry I could eat a horse," Mattie said to Mark.  
answer: (d) horse
- A5 I don't like either candidate. I don't give two hoots about who wins the election.  
answer: (b) hoots
- A6 "Did you do anything in the warehouse, Ned? Or were you just back there counting sheep until your shift was over?" his boss asked. He had caught him sleeping on the job last week and was still mad about it.  
answer: (c) sheep
- A7 "Your teenage life isn't that bad, Chris. You should just count your blessings that you don't have to work full-time like your grandpa," his grandmother said.  
answer: (d) count
- A8 Remember that if someone tells you how far away something is, it's in country miles. It is always farther away than people around here say it is.  
answer: (c) country
- A9 "Makes sure that you cover all of your bases when you arrest the senator and read him his rights, Jack," the police chief said.  
answer: (a) bases
- A10 "He used these huge bolts on his project when little screws would have worked just fine. That's like cracking a nut with a sledgehammer!" the contractor joked.  
answer: (b) sledgehammer

*English Slang Idioms (48)*

- A1 He knew that he would have to cross swords with his boss about the budget. They didn't see eye to eye on the issues, but he knew he was right and would have to argue it out with her.  
answer: (c) swords
- A2 He was worried about passing his final exam, but it was only the third week into the semester now, so he'd cross that bridge when he came to it.  
answer: (b) bridge
- A3 "My brother always shows up out of the blue and expects me to give him a place to stay and food to eat. It's very annoying, but I guess that's just my cross to bear," Ella said to Grace.  
answer: (a) cross
- A4 If you knowingly enter false information into the accounting program, you are going to be crossing the Rubicon -- you won't be able to go back and fix it.  
answer: (b) crossing
- A5 His job had been pretty lax of late, but with Inventory coming up very soon, it was now crunch time.  
answer: (d) crunch
- A6 When Tommy told his parents that he was afraid he would get into a fight at school, they didn't believe him. He had cried wolf too many times on that same subject.  
answer: (c) wolf
- A7 When his mother found him, he was crying his eyes out, though he rarely cried. She immediately gave him a hug and asked him what was wrong.  
answer: (b) out
- A8 The kids at school teased him relentlessly for crying after he fell down on the basketball court. They called him a crybaby and a wimp.  
answer: (a) baby
- A9 "Wes, we've got a(n) cuckoo in the nest. All of the computers just went down and our customer service team can't work," Bill said.  
answer: (d) cuckoo
- A10 Mitch just got caught listening in on the boss's telephone conversations. I'll bet he gets fired. You know what they say: curiosity killed the cat.  
answer: (a) cat

*English Slang Idioms (49)*

- A1 He was trying to curry favor with his boss by being the first one in the office every day.  
answer: (c) favor
- A2 "I love to go with George to bars that play country dance music. He sure can cut a rug," Jessica told Helen.  
answer: (a) rug
- A3 I bought a Japanese-made car because I believe that they are a cut above their American-made counterparts.  
answer: (b) cut
- A4 For Jim, the issue was pretty cut and dried: "Cooking the books is stealing, no matter how you put it".  
answer: (d) dried
- A5 The boss didn't think too highly of the new employee. He was lazy and cut corners whenever possible.  
answer: (c) corners
- A6 "Wow, Jim, you'd better start working on your articles sooner. You cut your deadline pretty fine this week," Emma said.  
answer: (a) fine
- A7 The deadline's too near to include all the boss's statistics, but if I'm late on my project I will get in trouble too. It's like cutting off my nose to spite my face.  
answer: (c) face
- A8 "I wish my boss would cut me some slack. I already have too much work to do and I even take work home — but it's never enough," Mary complained to Chris.  
answer: (a) slack
- A9 "Good job, Chris. You really cut the Gordian knot with your solution. You solved a complex problem with a simple, easy fix," his boss said.  
answer: (d) knot
- A10 I bought a Harbor Freight electric drill, but it just doesn't cut the mustard. It doesn't have enough power, and the battery dies quickly.  
answer: (d) mustard

*English Slang Idioms (50)*

- A1 "Most high-school students have old cars, Kyle. You can buy a better one later, when you're making money yourself. You have to cut your coat according to your cloth," his dad said.  
answer: (b) coat
- A2 "You're going to have to lay off that whole department and close it down. It's just not profitable. The company has to cut its losses," the CEO told Max.  
answer: (c) losses
- A3 Every time Sam saw the child, he told her mother that she was just as cute as a bug.  
answer: (a) bug
- A4 "I know that you want to change that regulation, but your way of going about it cuts no ice," the activist said.  
answer: (d) ice
- A5 Doctors are using cutting edge technology these days to cure disease and perform surgery.  
answer: (c) edge
- A6 Every time he looks at me, I feel like someone is dancing on my grave. He gives me the creeps.  
answer: (d) grave
- A7 She thought she might be attracted to him because he was kind of a dark horse. He wasn't easy to read, but he seemed to have an interesting past.  
answer: (a) horse
- A8 "We have to find a new captain. The ship went down and its captain is in Davey Jones' locker," the commodore told the admiral.  
answer: (c) locker
- A9 He was OK with the fact that his wife received her promotion before he got one. He was a good employee and knew that he would have his day in the sun.  
answer: (c) sun
- A10 The salary you've got now is daylight robbery — they surely don't pay you enough for the hard work you do.  
answer: (b) daylight

*English Slang Idioms (51)*

- A1 Their conversation lagged, so he racked his brain trying to figure out something to talk about that would fill the dead air.  
answer: (b) dead
- A2 She couldn't believe that he was bringing up last month's finances again. She thought that they had worked it out and that the issue was dead and buried.  
answer: (a) buried
- A3 The project ran into a lot of problems at at the design stage, and then its budget was cut way back. Now it's as dead as a dodo.  
answer: (c) dodo
- A4 He tried each of his flashlights and none worked. Their batteries were as dead as a doornail.  
answer: (b) doornail
- A5 It was a very exciting game. The Superbowl was in the fourth quarter and both teams were dead even.  
answer: (a) even
- A6 I don't know why Jay doesn't fire Ted. That guy is dead from the neck up. He can't even get the simplest tasks done.  
answer: (d) neck
- A7 He couldn't decide who deserved the Employee-of-the-Month award more. The two front runners finished the month off in a dead heat. Their stats were exactly the same.  
answer: (a) heat
- A8 "I don't think I should go out drinking with you guys during the week anymore. It's only 11 a.m., and I'm already dead in the water," Maxine told her friends.  
answer: (c) water
- A9 "I know I'm late turning in my project. This is the first time I've used that computer program, but I did my dead level best to get it to you on time," Jay said.  
answer: (b) best
- A10 "Did you hear that Tim got caught falsifying documents to save time? The boss is going to flip out. Tim is a dead man walking for sure," Christie said to George.  
answer: (d) walking

*English Slang Idioms (52)*

- A1 He knew that once his father found out that he was in detention again at school, he would be dead meat.  
answer: (b) meat
- A2 He knew that the only way to get his next promotion would be to wear dead man's shoes. His boss was showing no signs of wanting to retire.  
answer: (d) shoes
- A3 Even though the boss didn't agree, he was not going to back down. He knew that he was dead right.  
answer: (b) right
- A4 He tried to wake up his daughter, but she had stayed up very late the night before, so she was dead to the world.  
answer: (d) world
- A5 "I know you think that I was out late partying, but you're dead wrong," Chris told his wife. "I was really working."  
answer: (a) wrong
- A6 "I've been calling your name for five minutes! I swear you're as deaf as a post," Grace told Paul.  
answer: (a) post
- A7 He received a Dear John letter from his fiancée. They had been together for four years, but he had been in Iraq for over a year now and she had met someone else.  
answer: (d) John
- A8 His car broke down, his roof leaked and he owed more income tax than he expected. He felt like he was experiencing the death by a thousand cuts.  
answer: (b) cuts
- A9 "You should go home, Gina. You're too sick to be here. You look like death warmed over," Willis said.  
answer: (d) warmed
- A10 "Boys, let's go to the bar. I'm decorating the mahogany. I just made a big sale!" Mitch said to his fellow salesmen.  
answer: (b) decorating

*English Slang Idioms (53)*

- A1 He has a lot of money, but he's got deep pockets and short arms. He hasn't given one dollar to charity or research.  
answer: (c) short
- A2 I asked her to make a spreadsheet of our expenses, but she just looked at me like a deer in the headlights. She listed Microsoft Excel on her resume, but I am not so sure she's familiar with it.  
answer: (d) headlights
- A3 "I asked Frank if he'd be able to get the support from his team to make this happen, and he promised that he could deliver the goods," Ned said to Clarissa.  
answer: (a) deliver
- A4 He would give up the demon weed soon. He had smoked cigarettes for 20 years, and they were killing him.  
answer: (c) demon
- A5 I hope Paul finds a job this summer. It will keep him out of trouble. You know what they say: "Idle hands are the devil's tools".  
answer: (c) hands
- A6 "I know you aren't worried about typos on the forms, but the devil's in the details. These mistakes can cost our customers a lot of money," the boss told the customer service team.  
answer: (d) details
- A7 He rides that dirt bike 'way too fast. His devil-may-care attitude is going to get him hurt badly one day.  
answer: (a) care
- A8 "I know you don't like the decision, but the die is cast. You're just going to have to live with it," Melanie told Jeff.  
answer: (c) die
- A9 I did well in college algebra classes, but calculus is a whole different kettle of fish.  
answer: (b) kettle
- A10 He didn't like how his neighbors had decorated their house. The colors were ugly, but "Different strokes for different folks," he thought.  
answer: (c) strokes

*English Slang Idioms (54)*

- A1 "I know you're mad at me now, but dig way down deep — don't you feel anything for me anymore?" Matt pleaded with Jennifer.  
answer: (b) dig
- A2 You are just going to have to dig your heels in and refuse to be persuaded out of your scheme. You have the best ideas in this place, even if your supervisor doesn't realize it.  
answer: (a) heels
- A3 "I want to rebuild a rare classic car. I'm not interested in Mustangs or Impalas — they're a dime-a(n)-dozen," Cassie said to Steve.  
answer: (d) dozen
- A4 You have to think about your successes, not this one failure. You have done a lot for this company. You don't need to dine on ashes all the time.  
answer: (c) ashes
- A5 He wasn't sure if he would like Management, but he decided to dip his toes in the water and take some night classes at the local college.  
answer: (a) toes
- A6 "I don't want to see you with that Wilkins boy anymore. He's got a reputation as a dirty dog who sleeps with girls then leaves them," her father said.  
answer: (b) dog
- A7 He knew that he would get the new analyst position. He had a reputation for having a discerning eye, and he had accomplished a lot since he started with the company.  
answer: (c) discerning
- A8 "Remember, men, discretion is the better part of valor. I don't want any of you trying to be heroes and running out there without thinking," the sergeant told his platoon.  
answer: (c) valor
- A9 "Now that Jeff is making fun of you, you're angry. What's the matter? You can dish the dirt, but you can't take it, eh?" Ella said to Zack.  
answer: (c) dirt
- A10 The teens had to wash dishes for a week. They had been caught trying to dine-and-dash, and this was their punishment for trying to run off without paying for their meal.  
answer: (d) dash



*English Slang Idioms (55)*

- A1 "Remember, Tommy, do as you would be done by and you can't go wrong," his mother said.  
answer: (a) done
- A2 He knew that he had been hired to do the dirty work, but this did not bother him.  
answer: (b) dirty
- A3 "Make sure you read the company manual so you are familiar with the do's and don'ts around here," the trainer said to the new employee.  
answer: (c) do's
- A4 "I don't know how you manage to always dodge the bullet. I get in trouble for everything I do," Jeff whined to his brother.  
answer: (c) bullet
- A5 His commander told him that his platoon would be in a parade next month. He hated these parades because they were just dog and pony shows.  
answer: (d) pony
- A6 Now that the dog days were upon the town, all the kids wanted to go to the river and cool off.  
answer: (c) days
- A7 Stockbrokers live in a dog-eat-dog world, and he didn't want to work under those stressful conditions.  
answer: (a) eat
- A8 "I can't wait until this shift is over so I can go home. I'm dog tired," Linda said to Lucy.  
answer: (b) tired
- A9 He didn't think that the college bookstore would buy back his chemistry book. It was dog-eared on the corners and had some titration stains on it.  
answer: (d) eared
- A10 "What's wrong with you? You look like you are in the hen house today. You always look so happy every other day," Helen said to Geraldine.  
answer: (a) hen house

*English Slang Idioms (56)*

- A1 "I am sure that the team will back you. It's dollars to donuts that you'll get their support," Max said.  
answer: (a) donuts
- A2 "You need to forgive your parents and end this stupid fight. I wish my parents gave me rent money. You shouldn't bite the hand that feeds you," Mikayla told Jackie.  
answer: (c) feeds
- A3 "You think you're going to get hired at Denny's, but you should apply to other places just in case. Don't count your chickens before they're hatched," Melanie told her brother.  
answer: (c) hatched
- A4 "I'm not going to look back and cry over spilt milk; I'm going to go out and apply for a new job tomorrow," Lilly said to her buddy.  
answer: (c) cry
- A5 "The shed you built will work, but it's crooked and kind of junky-looking. I don't think construction is your thing — don't give up your day job," Nathan said to Will.  
answer: (b) day
- A6 "I'm not saying that Jed won't eventually buy your car. Just don't hold your breath. You haven't heard back from him in a month," his dad said.  
answer: (a) breath
- A7 "I know he looks unconventional with those dreadlocks, but don't judge a book by its cover, Jack. He's the best professor I've ever had," Clark said.  
answer: (d) cover
- A8 "He's very confused. He doesn't know whether to wind a watch or bark at the moon," the boss told his assistant.  
answer: (d) wind
- A9 "You'll like the summer camp, kids. They have all the creature comforts — a pool, showers, heating and air-conditioning, and a sauna!" their dad told them.  
answer: (d) creature
- A10 "You always take so long to get out the door. Don't just stand there with curlers in your hair — let's get moving," Jennifer cried.  
answer: (a) curlers

*English Slang Idioms (57)*

- A1 "You're doing a good job, Todd. You've made some minor mistakes, but don't sweat the small stuff," his boss said.  
answer: (c) sweat
- A2 "You know he's going to try to take advantage of you. Don't take any wooden nickels, Jane — we didn't raise a fool," her father said.  
answer: (a) wooden
- A3 "That's just throwing stones when you live in a glass house! You complain that she lies, but you've lied yourself to almost everyone here!" his assistant said.  
answer: (a) glass
- A4 It was going fine and everyone was having fun until my alcoholic sister crashed the party and started a fight with one of my co-workers.  
answer: (b) crashed
- A5 "Don't upset the applecart. The receiving department's procedures have always worked quite well. If you try to change how they do things, you'll just mess it up," Jeannie told Kurt.  
answer: (d) applecart
- A6 "I hate it when people wash their dirty laundry in public. I don't want to hear who or who slept with John. I don't want to hear any of their personal business!" Elise said to Pauline.  
answer: (a) laundry
- A7 He was sick of people telling the same old joke at work. The joke had been done to death and hadn't been that funny in the first place.  
answer: (c) death
- A8 She knew it would take donkey's years for her boss to retire. She wished he would move or quit.  
answer: (d) donkey
- A9 "You Harvard graduates are the cream of the crop," the job interviewer told Jessie.  
answer: (d) cream
- A10 He told his grandfather that he had improved his school grades from a C to an A average, and his grandpa replied, " See? I told you cream always rises to the surface."  
answer: (a) cream

*English Slang Idioms (58)*

- A1 He did a double take when he saw her walking by. He hadn't seen her for over 15 years, but she still looked the same.  
answer: (b) take
- A2 Restructuring a company is a double-edged sword. You can get rid of an unprofitable part of your business, but you might get very bad press for laying off the workers in that department.  
answer: (c) sword
- A3 "My best friend's not doing well. She's down and out, so I'm going to let her stay with me until things get better for her," Tia said to Lonnie.  
answer: (d) out
- A4 "Those are just crocodile tears. She never liked that guy anyway, but she just doesn't want to look bad at his funeral," Elsie told Jessica.  
answer: (b) crocodile
- A5 "I can't come in to work today. I've been fighting this cold for about a week, and now I'm down for the count," Pedro said.  
answer: (b) down
- A6 "You better hurry up if you want to go to that movie. It is 2 o'clock now and it starts at 2:20. We're getting down to the wire," Luke said to Lewis.  
answer: (c) wire
- A7 You need to stop dragging your feet and start working; otherwise we'll be here until midnight.  
answer: (c) feet
- A8 "I just can't seem to get motivated today. I've been dragging my heels since I got here and now I'm more behind than ever," Matt said to Derek.  
answer: (d) dragging
- A9 "I'm trying to remember the person you are talking about, but I'm drawing a(n) blank," Angie admitted to Kyle.  
answer: (c) blank
- A10 "I'm drawing a(n) line in the sand, my boy. You can stay out until midnight when you're 16 years old, but not until then. This is non-negotiable!" his father pronounced.  
answer: (a) line

*English Slang Idioms (59)*

- A1 "Let me draw a line here. You can date when you are 15 years old. Now you have my answer," her mother told her.  
answer: (b) draw
- A2 He drew the shortest straw again and had to work the weekend shift.  
answer: (d) shortest
- A3 He was still mad about being dressed down in front of the company by the first sergeant.  
answer: (c) down
- A4 "Where are you going tonight all dressed to kill? I haven't seen you that dressed up for a long time," her roommate said.  
answer: (c) kill
- A5 She knew that he wouldn't be able to resist her tonight. She had got a new hair cut and was dressed to the nines.  
answer: (b) dressed
- A6 He was still mad at his best friend for driving a wedge between him and his girlfriend. He hoped he and his girlfriend could get through it but she was still angry.  
answer: (a) wedge
- A7 "I hope that going to the hospital drove home for you how dangerous riding motorcycles is," his mother told him.  
answer: (d) home
- A8 He had to leave. His seven-year-old brother was driving him up the wall.  
answer: (c) driving
- A9 "That kid sure can talk. You can't shut him up. It's like his mouth is driven by a motor," Kim said to Rob.  
answer: (a) motor
- A10 "My mom just dropped a bombshell on me. She is moving to Bolivia with some people from her church!" Lilly told Beth.  
answer: (d) bombshell

*English Slang Idioms (60)*

- A1 "The kid's birthday present was a drop in the bucket compared to how much his tuition, car, and books cost," Greg told Alex.  
answer: (d) bucket
- A2 "Some of you have been worried about how the increasing cost of electricity will affect our business. I can assure you that it is a drop in the ocean compared to some of our other costs and is nothing to worry about," the spokesman told the people at the press conference.  
answer: (c) drop
- A3 "I couldn't find a job for weeks and then all of a sudden, the perfect job dropped into my lap," Kari said to Liz.  
answer: (a) lap
- A4 The men in the Army formation were starting to drop like flies in the Texas summer heat.  
answer: (d) flies
- A5 It had been a while since she had called her best friend and she vowed to drop her a line as soon as she got off work.  
answer: (c) line
- A6 He tried handing the summons to his boss but his boss dropped it like it was a hot potato.  
answer: (a) potato
- A7 She hoped that it would rain soon. They were experiencing a dry spell for too long and she was getting worried about the possibility of a forest fire.  
answer: (d) spell
- A8 "Oh, that job is duck soup. I thought you were going to give me something difficult to do today, boss!" Adam said.  
answer: (c) soup
- A9 "I wasn't sure how well Brian was going to do in college but he's taken to it like a duck to water," Brian's dad told his relatives.  
answer: (a) water
- A10 "I am not ready to give the proposal yet. I just want to double-check everything to make sure all my ducks are in a row," Selma said to Cotton.  
answer: (d) row

*English Slang Idioms (61)*

- A1 "I didn't like that movie we went to see. It was as dull as ditch-water," Anna said to Jacob.  
answer: (d) dull
- A2 "That kid shouldn't be in this class. It's too advanced for him and he's as dumb as a rock," Kyle said to Joel.  
answer: (a) dumb
- A3 He wanted to fire Roy. Roy just cost him money and was as dumb as a sack of hammers.  
answer: (b) hammers
- A4 "I think it was the Dutch courage that made him try to climb the wall. No one sober would have tried that at night and in the rain," Karen said to Bill.  
answer: (d) courage
- A5 He had asked her out and, at first, she said "No." But when he said that they could go Dutch and pay their own bills, she agreed. She is a liberated woman.  
answer: (a) Dutch
- A6 "I know you didn't get the grades you wanted last semester. Just try harder this time and try not to dwel on the past," Christian told Pete.  
answer: (d) dwell
- A7 He wouldn't vote for the Democrat even though he was a better candidate. He was a dyed-in-the-wool Republican and proud of it.  
answer: (c) wool
- A8 "I wouldn't have built that shed in that way. I don't like the way the supports are set up but to each to their own," Luke said to Harry.  
answer: (c) own
- A9 She liked Dawn but Dawn was too much of an eager beaver in the morning. She always wanted to start work before the sun was up and she never seemed tired.  
answer: (d) beaver
- A10 "If we go paintball shooting on Saturday, I want Jim Bedford on my side. He's a good shot and has eagle eyes," Sean said to his friends.  
answer: (a) eyes

*English Slang Idioms (62)*

- A1 He really liked Sally. She had the same work ethic as he did. She was always the first one in the office and he believed that the early bird gets the worm.  
answer: (c) worm
- A2 He went to bed early even when he was in college. His grandma always told him "Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise," and he tried to model this saying in life.  
answer: (d) wise
- A3 Her mother kept nagging at her to go to college. She said that a college education is the best way for her to get into a job that would earn a living.  
answer: (a) earn
- A4 All of his friends told him that he would get a good grade in his Accounting class since he was smart. "Easier said than done," he thought to himself.  
answer: (c) done
- A5 When Sharon asked her if the last exam in Business Statistics was hard or easy, she replied, "It's as easy as ABC."  
answer: (b) easy
- A6 In his opinion, constructing a subfloor for a shed was as easy as beans.  
answer: (b) beans
- A7 Getting the job, with his extensive qualifications and experience, was as easy as pie.  
answer: (b) pie
- A8 "Easy come easy go" is a popular saying that relates to gamblers and their views about money.  
answer: (a) go
- A9 "Is it hard to use the Word Processing program here?" Wilma asked Maude. Maude replied, "No, not at all. Using it is easy peasy."  
answer: (c) easy
- A10 "All this time, you have been telling Greg that he isn't following the correct procedures when handling customer accounts. Now, it turns out that he has been right all along. Guess you are going to have to eat some crow," Lisa told Jack.  
answer: (b) eat



*English Slang Idioms (63)*

- A1 "When the boss finds out that you are having a problem with the project, he is going to be angry. Especially after you have told him, repeatedly, that you don't need any help and are ahead of schedule. You are going to have to eat humble pie when he finds out — if you want to keep your job" Melissa told Joe.  
answer: (d) humble
- A2 "I am never going to take Grace to an all-you-can-eat buffet again. She said that she could eat a lot of food but when we went, she ate like a bird. She only had one plate of food!" Craig said to his friend.  
answer: (c) bird
- A3 He loved Thanksgiving at his mother's house. She was a good cook and didn't yell at him when he ate like a pig every year. He ate at least three times as much as everyone else.  
answer: (a) pig
- A4 "Everyone knows I am the fastest runner on the team. If Chris can beat me in a race, I'll eat my hat!" Matt said to the team.  
answer: (c) eat
- A5 "He is a good wrestler but I am much better. I would eat him alive if he wrestled me!" Warren said to Nathan.  
answer: (a) alive
- A6 "I told you that I would get the best grade in the class. Eat your heart out, Neil," Max said.  
answer: (c) heart
- A7 "That stain will come off, Gina. You just have to use a little elbow grease," Gracie said.  
answer: (a) grease
- A8 "I can get the project done if you give me a little elbow room. You all are crowding around too much and I don't have enough space to work!" Steve yelled at the spectators.  
answer: (c) elbow
- A9 He felt uncomfortable having dinner at their place. They breached their contract with him last week and they didn't mention it all during dinner. It seemed like neither party wanted to be the first to bring up the elephant in the room.  
answer: (d) elephant
- A10 "Whew. I just handed in my report. I completed it at the eleventh hour and then found that my car had a flat tire. I called a cab and got to the classroom two minutes before class started. It has been a long day," Christie said to Larissa.  
answer: (a) eleventh

*English Slang Idioms (64)*

- A1 "I can't stand Gina. She just talks and talks but she has nothing of substance or intelligence to say. You know what they say — Empty vessels make the most noise," Cathy said to Frank.  
answer: (c) noise
- A2 "For all that talk about how good of an idea he had, the idea sure didn't produce any results. I am not surprised; most of his ideas end in smoke," Kristen said to Elsie.  
answer: (b) smoke
- A3 "Well, Jim, you finally did something right. Don't let it go to your head, though. Even a blind squirrel finds a nut once in a while," his boss told him.  
answer: (c) squirrel
- A4 "George thinks he is very smart because he got the right answer on the test. In my opinion, he tripped and fell into it. I think it was just random chance that he picked the right option," Irma said to Rafael.  
answer: (b) tripped
- A5 "Wow, Fred found the problem! He is an idiot, overall, though. That just goes to show that even a broken clock is right twice a day," the boss told his assistant.  
answer: (d) clock
- A6 He was glad that the embargo was over and the company was on even keel again. It had been dicey for a while.  
answer: (d) keel
- A7 "Thanks for paying me the five bucks you owed me for the plant. We are even-seven now," Mark said to Kurt.  
answer: (a) even
- A8 "Jeff talked a lot about himself at our party last night. How much he has accomplished, how much money he makes and how many trips he takes. Well, every ass likes to hear himself bray, as you know," Ursula said to Catherine.  
answer: (a) bray
- A9 "See? If you hadn't lost your job at the paper company, you never would have landed the job you have now. The hours are better and the pay is much better. It just goes to show that every cloud has a silver lining," Paul said to Lynn.  
answer: (b) cloud
- A10 "Mom, you want to invite the Jones, the Williams and the Marehearts too? Too many people have been invited already! Do you have to invite everyone and their dogs too?" Melissa whined.  
answer: (a) dogs

*English Slang Idioms (65)*

- A1 "What are we going to do now that our department is being shut down? Can you get me a transfer to another department?" Mark asked. Craig replied, "It's every man for himself now. I barely got a transfer to another department myself. You will have to find a job that is open."  
answer: (a) man
- A2 When he arrested the accountant for fraud, he asked himself if he could ever be bribed to do something illegal. He wanted to think he was incorruptible but he knew that every man has his price.  
answer: (c) price
- A3 "Have you seen my wallet? I have looked in every nook and cranny in this place and I still can't find it," Jim said to Ellis.  
answer: (a) cranny
- A4 "I tried every trick in the book to get out of trouble but it was no use. Now, I'm grounded for a month!" Ernie told Billy.  
answer: (c) book
- A5 "Don't tell anyone at school about the party. If you do, everyone and their uncle will want to come," Phil told Tom.  
answer: (b) uncle
- A6 "Linda, we are only going stay over for one night. You have too many things packed. It looks like you brought everything but the kitchen sink," her husband said.  
answer: (d) sink
- A7 "Don't give up on passing your Accounting class until you have explored all avenues," his dad told him.  
answer: (d) avenues
- A8 "I don't think that you should hire Jill as our new secretary. She makes for some nice eye candy but she doesn't have much experience and she is kind of rude," his assistant said.  
answer: (a) candy
- A9 "Sorry, Ted. You stole my idea so I stole yours — an eye for an eye, Ted," Bill said.  
answer: (c) eye
- A10 "Don't get too many plates of food, Todd. Your eyes are bigger than your stomach," his mom said as they entered the all-you-can-eat buffet.  
answer: (d) eyes

*English Slang Idioms (66)*

- A1 "You better watch out for the boss today. You know she doesn't like you and she seems to be in a bad mood. I just saw her go into her office and her face is like thunder," Lilly said to Mary.  
answer: (b) thunder
- A2 "I know we are supposed to act like all babies are cute but Pete and Paula's is not. Their baby has a face that only a mother could love," Wilson said to his wife.  
answer: (c) love
- A3 "Don't take that car at face value, Lewis. Take it to a mechanic and see what they think. There may be a lot of problems you don't know about," his brother said.  
answer: (a) face
- A4 He knew that the time had come to face his demons and climb the telephone pole for his job. He had been afraid of heights for years and that fear was holding him back from moving ahead in the cable company.  
answer: (b) demons
- A5 His daughter was turning twelve and he knew that he would have to talk to her about the facts of life soon. She was going to have a sex education class in school next month but he thought she should hear about sex education at home first.  
answer: (c) life
- A6 "Don't give up on your business because it didn't make you any money yet. It takes time for a small business to become profitable and failure is the mother of success anyway. Thomas Edison failed many times before inventing the light bulb," his friend told him.  
answer: (c) mother
- A7 "You have to ask her to the dance if you want to go with her. Stop being so afraid. Faint heart never won fair lady, Keenan," Wes told him.  
answer: (a) heart
- A8 "Pay me the ten dollars, Laurie. We had an agreement that whoever lost the race would pay the other ten dollars. So pay up because I beat you fair and square," Pauline told her.  
answer: (c) square
- A9 She didn't intend to talk to Maxie again. They spent a lot of time together in the past but as soon as she asked Maxie to hang out with her because she really needed a friend to talk to, Maxie told her that she felt kind of tired and wanted to go see a movie instead. She didn't need fairweather friends like Maxie.  
answer: (c) fairweather
- A10 She wanted to improve highschool education in America. Too many kids fell by the wayside and ended up without a diploma and a fair chance of success in society.  
answer: (b) wayside

*English Slang Idioms (67)*

- A1 "Boy, after he messed up the accounting books, he sure fell from grace. The boss doesn't even seem to notice him anymore and he never gets any good projects. He used to be the boss's favorite," Lisa said to Shawna.  
answer: (a) grace
- A2 "You don't buy that lame story, do you? She is obviously lying to you. How can you not see that? Did you just fall off a turnip truck, or something?" His best friend asked.  
answer: (d) truck
- A3 She could tell that he had fallen off the wagon again. He smelled of whiskey and was obviously having a hard time keeping his balance.  
answer: (b) fallen
- A4 His best friend seemed to be close to losing his house but he had a history of falling on his feet so he might be able to figure out a way to keep it.  
answer: (c) feet
- A5 "Well, Morgan resigned. He decided to fall on his sword and resign rather than try to lie his way out of it. If he had lied, I would have called the police," the boss told her assistant.  
answer: (d) sword
- A6 "Why don't you come out drinking tonight, boss?" the customer service employee asked. "I am not going to go because a manager shouldn't hang out with his employees too much for many reasons. One is that familiarity breeds contempt," the boss replied.  
answer: (c) contempt
- A7 "The chess team from the other school said that they will have no problem beating us on Friday. Famous last words!" The team captain said to the team.  
answer: (b) last
- A8 "The opponent came on fast and furious but I was able to beat him in the last match," the badminton player told her coach.  
answer: (a) furious
- A9 "Did you read about that banker who got caught stealing at our competitor's bank? He was one of the fat cats in the loans and mortgages department. I guess he was embezzling funds for quite some time," Mark said to Luke.  
answer: (c) cats
- A10 "He thinks he will beat me at chess this weekend? Well, fat chance!" Adam told Ashley.  
answer: (b) fat

*English Slang Idioms (68)*

- A1 "I guess the fat has hit the fire in the Democrats' campaign. It turns out that two of their candidates have been arrested for stock fraud. They are going to have a hard time overcoming that!" Miller said to Calvin.  
answer: (d) fire
- A2 "So, he told you that you weren't very good at problem solving. What would he know? That fat head isn't any good at problem solving or anything else for that matter," Sally said to Ken.  
answer: (a) fat
- A3 He only had three more years until retirement and then he would be living off of the fat of the land. He saved up a lot of money over the years for retirement and is set for life.  
answer: (d) fat
- A4 "I don't see how she could be going out with Elmer. In my opinion, that is a fate worse than death!" Maddie said to Louise.  
answer: (c) death
- A5 "I don't think that we should throw a party this weekend, Justine. I don't like the feast today, famine tomorrow thing. We should spread our money out more," his roommate said.  
answer: (a) famine
- A6 "If we get that grant that you applied for, that will be a major feather in your cap. The boss is going to be very thankful," Linda said to Derek.  
answer: (d) feather
- A7 "You are going away for a long time, Bob. I will personally make sure you get the worst sentence possible. I can't stand people who steal from charitable organizations to feather their own nest," the cop said as he led him off in handcuffs.  
answer: (a) feather
- A8 "I wouldn't go in there if I was you. They have been fighting for a while now and feathers are flying!" Matt told Jennifer as she was going to check on her friend Gina.  
answer: (b) feathers
- A9 "If the landlord doesn't fix our plumbing soon, I am going to report him to the city. I am fed up to the back teeth with how long it takes him to fix things around here," Beth said to Mike.  
answer: (d) back
- A10 "Thank you for making me feel at home here. I had a great week staying with you two," Jacob said to Tim and Beth.  
answer: (c) home

*English Slang Idioms (69)*

- A1 "Can I get a cup of coffee from this machine?" Kevin asked Murphy. "Feel free," Murphy replied  
answer: (d) free
- A2 "After I got out of the spa, I felt like a million dollars," Marcie said Shelly.  
answer: (b) dollars
- A3 "I can't go to dinner with you guys tonight. I have a bunch of bills coming up and I'm feeling the pinch," Lauren said to Rachel.  
answer: (a) pinch
- A4 "What's wrong? You look like you are feeling a little blue today," her dad asked her.  
answer: (c) blue
- A5 "You look surprised that the boss lost his temper. He has feet of clay like the rest of us and he's a good guy," Irma told the new hire.  
answer: (c) clay
- A6 "I like your boyfriend. He seems to have his feet on the ground and is a smart guy," her dad told her.  
answer: (a) feet
- A7 "Don't bother trying to figure out how Jack will vote on the proposal. He is a fence sitter and only will make a decision once he sees how the majority votes," Kirsty told Allen.  
answer: (d) fence
- A8 "The boss seems to be fiddling while Rome burns. He is going out to lunches, having meetings, talking about proposals as well as everything else he usually does. Meanwhile, the company is going bankrupt since we didn't keep up with the ever-changing technology," Laurie said to Morgan.  
answer: (c) fiddling
- A9 "Are you sure you want me to come with you and your boyfriend to the lake? I don't want to be the third wheel," Megan said to Alice.  
answer: (d) wheel
- A10 "I feel very strongly about this next bill. If you try to oppose it, I will fight you tooth and nail," the congressman from California said to the congressman from Texas.  
answer: (a) tooth

*English Slang Idioms (70)*

- A1 "Studying chemistry is like fighting an uphill battle for me. I don't get it as fast as others and I have to constantly ask for help," Doug told his brother.  
answer: (b) uphill
- A2 His professor told him that if he did all of the extra credit work, he would have a fighting chance of passing the course.  
answer: (c) fighting
- A3 He thought that Sarah would be a great builder as soon as she found her feet. She had intelligence and skill; she just had to build her confidence.  
answer: (a) feet
- A4 "How is the deck coming along, Larry?" "Fine and dandy," he replied.  
answer: (d) dandy
- A5 "What did you think of my idea?" the assistant asked the boss. The boss replied, "I think it is great. It needs a little fine tuning but I think that we can implement it by next week."  
answer: (a) tuning
- A6 "That is great that you are planning on doing better in college than I did but fine words butter no parsnips," his sister reminded him.  
answer: (c) words
- A7 "I am sorry. I know he's your brother but I can't give him a job with my construction company. The guy is smart but has no coordination. He's all fingers and thumbs," Steve told him.  
answer: (d) thumbs
- A8 "Can I ask you a personal question, Bill?" Mary asked. "Fire away," he replied.  
answer: (b) Fire
- A9 "How is your business doing?" his brother asked. "Well, we are finally firing on all cylinders and we are starting to get more customers every day. So, not bad," he replied.  
answer: (d) cylinders
- A10 "Do I have to make an appointment or reservation," the customer asked. She informed him that their restaurant worked on a 'first come, first served basis' and that she would not have to do either.  
answer: (c) served



*English Slang Idioms (71)*

- A1 "Thomas Edison was the first one out of the gate to convert electricity into light in an economically-feasible manner," the junior high teacher told the class.  
answer: (a) gate
- A2 "Oh, did I tell you that I would drop off your order today? In that case, I will make you my first port of call and I am sorry I didn't call you to confirm the delivery," the delivery man said.  
answer: (c) port
- A3 "I am kind of like a fish out of water here, Jay. I know about structural engineering but not much about mechanical engineering, I'm afraid. I thought you needed a structural engineer," Curtis said.  
answer: (b) fish
- A4 "Thank you for making such a big steak dinner. This is a meal fit for a king!" Her husband said.  
answer: (a) king
- A5 "He is just angry because the boss embarrassed him in front of the board by criticizing his plan. He is not mad at you; it's just a fit of pique," Elly said to Carie.  
answer: (d) fit
- A6 "That saw you have definitely fits the bill. That saw is the best I have ever seen and will work perfectly for what we are doing," Luke told Ernie.  
answer: (c) bill
- A7 "Grandpa looks fit to be tied. I guess the mailman forgot to stop here again today," Melissa said.  
answer: (d) tied
- A8 Jack looked like he had a hard night. His clothes were rumpled, his hair wasn't combed and he had a noticeable five o'clock shadow.  
answer: (b) shadow
- A9 "A lot of these new musicians are flashes in the pan. They are popular now but no one will remember them in a few years," Frank told his daughter.  
answer: (a) pan
- A10 "I am flat out disgusted with how this company treats it's employees," Garry remarked when he found out that the team's medical benefits were reduced.  
answer: (c) flat

*English Slang Idioms (72)*

- A1 "George is much more fleet of foot than I gave him credit for. I thought that the falling beam was sure to crush him but he moved faster than I have ever seen him move to avoid it," Tom told Ron.  
answer: (b) foot
- A2 "The sermon was one of those flowery speeches that don't teach you anything of substance," Gracie told Silvia.  
answer: (a) flowery
- A3 "The rain was a major fly in the ointment last Saturday. We had a nice picnic but then the rain came," Laurie told Jan.  
answer: (d) fly
- A4 "That was no reason to fly off the handle, Jim. I know you wanted to go to the lake together but I can't go with you this weekend — I have to work," his wife said.  
answer: (b) handle
- A5 "Don't be mad at Chris. I also flew the coop when I turned eighteen," his wife said.  
answer: (a) coop
- A6 "I am glad you brought that up. It is definitely food for thought. I will think about it and let you know this week," the boss told Ernie.  
answer: (b) food
- A7 "I just want to get my foot in the door at the mill. I know that I can advance once I get a job there," Zack said to his girlfriend.  
answer: (d) door
- A8 "If you all are willing to come to the bar with me tonight, I'll foot the bill," Bill said to his friends.  
answer: (c) foot
- A9 "I am so happy with this car. It works great and I got it for a song," Marcie told Will.  
answer: (d) song
- A10 "Why don't we go down to the river like we used to — just for kicks," Kyle told Helen.  
answer: (b) kicks

*English Slang Idioms (73)*

- A1 "Are they saying that they didn't receive my payment? I sent it two weeks ago for Pete's sake!" Jacob exclaimed.  
answer: (a) sake
- A2 "I think that some technology is useful but all of these different options on my computer are for the birds," Lisa said to Christian.  
answer: (a) birds
- A3 "I am working with Mr. Smith for the time being. I am going to get another job but the job I have is alright for now," Alex told Karl.  
answer: (c) being
- A4 Did you hear that Pete is doing drugs again? I am not really surprised. He has always been into the forbidden fruit. He always does the things he's not supposed to do," Matt told Nate.  
answer: (c) fruit
- A5 "My garden is a foregone conclusion. I went on a trip for three weeks and I didn't arrange to have a friend water it so almost everything is dead," Luke told Elsie.  
answer: (b) conclusion
- A6 "I can't believe he turned the job down. Fortune knocks once on every man's door and I think he just missed it," his dad told his sister.  
answer: (c) door
- A7 "Alex Wilson was found dead in his office at 42 years old. The police say foul play is suspected. If you have any information, the police ask that you contact them," the newswoman said.  
answer: (d) play
- A8 "I swear that computers can be found on the four corners of the earth. They seem to be everywhere and unavoidable," his grandpa said.  
answer: (c) earth
- A9 "I have been a four-eyes since I was in the third grade. The doctor told me I had to wear glasses a year before but I refused. As I got older, my vision got worse so I finally decided to wear them," Zack said to Lewis.  
answer: (a) eyes
- A10 "I think that you will do a great job as County Treasurer. You have my vote. I am four-square behind you," her friend told her.  
answer: (c) four

*English Slang Idioms (74)*

- A1 "I have to leave the office for about two hours. You have free reign to conduct business until I get back," the boss told his assistant.  
answer: (c) reign
- A2 "We had the Easter Egg Hunt organized so that the little kids would get one-half of the area and the big kids would get the other half. Each kid was supposed to get four eggs. We let them loose and it turned into a free-for-all with kids running everywhere and grabbing up to eight eggs each!" Maude told Vern.  
answer: (d) free
- A3 "Come on in and get some rolls. They are fresh from the oven!" Lisa told her friends.  
answer: (b) fresh
- A4 "Well, you are on friendly footing here. You have been here a year now and you are in the top ten percent of our employees," the boss told him during his performance evaluation.  
answer: (b) footing
- A5 "Maybe we need to look at this problem from a different angle. We have tried everything using traditional methods now we need to try something new," the team leader told her team.  
answer: (a) angle
- A6 "That guy just moves from pillar to post, doesn't he? He is always losing a job, starting a job, moving away, moving back he needs to get it together," his dad said.  
answer: (d) post
- A7 Several financial magazines published his story as a guy who went from rags to riches. He had moved from Italy with two dollars in his pocket and now he is one of the richest men in Canada.  
answer: (b) rags
- A8 "My law class has been a lot of work from the get-go," Lewis told his friend.  
answer: (a) get
- A9 "That company used to make such good tools but they have gone from the sublime to the ridiculous. The tools used to last for years but they now break within a job or to," Steve told the new employee.  
answer: (b) ridiculous
- A10 "Wow, I think I ate too much. I had four bowls of mashed potatoes. I am full as a tick" Kyle told Derek.  
answer: (c) tick

*English Slang Idioms (75)*

- A1 "This company has come full circle. We started off broke, we got big and now we are broke again," the manager told his staff.  
answer: (b) circle
- A2 "That guy is full of hot air. Every time I see him, he monopolizes my time by telling me how many great accomplishments he has achieved since he started at this company," Lilly told Jack.  
answer: (a) hot
- A3 "He is awfully full of himself today. He told me that thanks to him, this company was going to get rich and will get rich fast. I don't think that result will come about solely because of his work," Chris told Joe.  
answer: (b) full
- A4 "Let Wes do it. He is full of piss and vinegar. I used to be the same way when I was his age but we are getting too old for this stuff, Max," Les told his friend.  
answer: (c) vinegar
- A5 "You are awfully full of the joys of spring today. What are you so happy about? Did you win the lottery or something?" He asked his daughter.  
answer: (b) joys
- A6 He was happy that the company he started was in full swing and just started to turn a profit.  
answer: (d) swing
- A7 "I will be there as soon as possible. I am going full throttle as we speak," the employee told his boss.  
answer: (a) full
- A8 "Don't worry, son. My house will be done in the fullness of time. I am not worried about how long it is taking. I can afford to wait," his father told him.  
answer: (b) fullness
- A9 "He thinks that spending a lot of money shows others that he has class but he is a fur coat and no knickers kind of guy. He is rude, crass and presents himself horribly," Candice told Bethany.  
answer: (c) fur
- A10 "I think that is fuzzy thinking, Jack. The idea sounds good but the facts don't back it up. There is no support for it and no history of it working," the analyst said.  
answer: (c) fuzzy

*English Slang Idioms (76)*

- A1 "You want to challenge me to a game of chess? Well, game on! I have a chess board right over here," Jackie told Matt.  
answer: (c) game
- A2 "Now that we have our list of chores, lets make a game plan. I want to be done as soon as possible so that I can go to the lake," Luke told his brother.  
answer: (b) game
- A3 "I am sorry your speakers aren't working. I know the company that makes them uses really cheap, substandard parts to fabricate something that looks like a speaker. It is kind of a garbage in, garbage out kind of thing," Jed told Sarah.  
answer: (c) garbage
- A4 "We are still too broke to go. I have been waiting for my company to gather pace but it is taking longer than I expected," Helen told Laurie.  
answer: (a) gather
- A5 "I think that support for my idea is beginning to gather steam. I think it will work so the more people that push for it, the better," Karly told Nathan.  
answer: (c) steam
- A6 His son and the next door neighbor have been getting along famously ever since they found that they both love to play football.  
answer: (b) famously
- A7 "I can't believe that the boy who broke the window is going to get away Scot-free. The cops have a lot of evidence against him but I heard a rumor that his dad is a judge or something." Irma told Mike.  
answer: (a) Scot
- A8 "I don't want my son to hang out with the Jackson's boy anymore. There are no rules in their household. They let their son get away with murder," Teresa told Mary.  
answer: (c) murder
- A9 "Don't tell anyone at school about the party, Norton. If everyone finds out then there will be too many freeloaders trying to get in on the act," Lewis said.  
answer: (c) act
- A10 "Now is the time to invest in that company. They aren't popular yet but they will be soon. Now is the time to get in on the ground floor while we still can. By next year, their stock price will be way higher than it is now if everything remains equal," Jim told Scott.  
answer: (c) ground

*English Slang Idioms (77)*

- A1 "Tom just told me about a lot of personal issues he's dealing with right now. He said that he didn't want advice — he just wanted to get some things off of his chest," Larry said to Kim.  
answer: (b) chest
- A2 "I think that you should update your resume and research your options — if you get my drift," Wesley said to Kim when she asked if he thought she would get fired soon or not.  
answer: (c) drift
- A3 He couldn't wait until his company got off the ground and started turning a profit. He would then be able to quit his second job after his company started making a profit.  
answer: (c) ground
- A4 "The new guy is starting to get on my nerves. Every time I bump into him, he starts bragging about his car which isn't that nice," Millie said to Lauren.  
answer: (a) nerves
- A5 "Our Accounting professor got on his soapbox again today about the importance of using ethics to preserve our financial system. He talked about it for at least an hour," Curt told Jake.  
answer: (d) soapbox
- A6 "You sure got up on the wrong side of the bed today. You have been crabby since you got up and you keep picking fights with me," Jacob told his wife.  
answer: (c) wrong
- A7 "I had to go back to work for the hospital. The funding for the research I was doing got the ax due to government budget cuts," Dr. Shelly told her friend.  
answer: (b) ax
- A8 "Now that we have a plan of action, let's implement it and get the ball rolling," the boss told his team.  
answer: (d) ball
- A9 "I got the green light from my boss to start the research I have wanted to do for years. I am so happy!" Max said to Mike.  
answer: (a) green
- A10 "I have been in drug rehabilitation for the past three months. I had a monkey on my back the last time you saw me but it is gone now," Lisa told Rick.  
answer: (c) monkey

*English Slang Idioms (78)*

- A1 "I can't start the project until I get the nod from my boss. He should have an answer for me later today," Mike told the client.  
answer: (a) nod
- A2 "Come on! We have been waiting for you to start your presentation for twenty minutes! Let's get the show on the road!" A disgruntled member of the audience yelled at the presenter.  
answer: (d) show
- A3 "You have to get a grip on yourself, Mark. Getting drunk is not going to help. Losing your job isn't the end of the world. You will get another one soon," his wife told him.  
answer: (c) grip
- A4 "That guy has to get a hold of himself. I know that he was embarrassed in front of a client but cussing at the staff and locking himself in the bathroom is not acceptable," the boss told her assistant.  
answer: (c) himself
- A5 "I like Sarah. She has a lot of get up and go." She is always ready to start work when she gets here and is good at motivating people in the morning," the boss told her assistant.  
answer: (b) go
- A6 "If you get wind of any job opportunities in your department, forward an application onto me as soon as possible," Roger said. He was sick of working in his department and wanted a new challenge.  
answer: (b) wind
- A7 His wife got her feathers in a bunch at the party when John's wife told her that the weight she gained recently looked good on her. She immediately wanted to go home and vowed never to talk to John or his wife ever again.  
answer: (d) feathers
- A8 "Don't let the bully get your goat. Don't let him make you angry. That's what he wants you to do," Billy told Neil.  
answer: (d) goat
- A9 Once he found out that members of the department were stealing, they pressured him to get his hands dirty as well. He thought they wanted this so that he wouldn't tell on them.  
answer: (b) dirty
- A10 "I am still trying to get my head around the fact that my best friend and his wife are getting a divorce. They have been together as long as I can remember and they always seemed so happy," Matt told his sister.  
answer: (a) around



*English Slang Idioms (79)*

- A1 "Once you sink your teeth into the accounting course, you might find that it is not as hard as you thought and you might even like it," his mom told him.  
answer: (a) teeth
- A2 "I don't have a fat of a chance of getting the part in the upcoming school play. There are candidates trying out for the part who have way more experience and talent than I do," Marcie told Lindsay.  
answer: (c) fat
- A3 "I think that he will beat me in the upcoming debate. He has the gift of gab. He can talk and talk and it is somehow all relevant to the topic," Chris told Matt.  
answer: (d) gift
- A4 "I feel sorry for her being stuck in that gilded cage. As soon as she leaves her mansion, she is constantly hounded by reporters. She can't go anywhere and be in peace," Mary said to her friend about the celebrity on television.  
answer: (b) cage
- A5 "Marcie got the highest monthly statistics this month and, in fact, no one in the history of the company has ever come close to beating her. Let's give her a big hand," the boss said to the staff and they clapped long and hard.  
answer: (c) hand
- A6 "I will give you twenty dollars to go to the movies, Bob, but what are you going to do for me in return? This is a give and take relationship," his father said when he asked for money.  
answer: (c) take
- A7 "I think that Wes has a great chance of beating Alex at chess. He gives as good as he gets. He may lose a piece or two due to stupid mistakes but he has a knack for winning games that aren't going his way" Elsie said to Katie.  
answer: (a) gets
- A8 "You got an A on your final exam? Great job! Give me five," his best friend said and they slapped hands.  
answer: (c) five
- A9 "I feel good about letting my friend stay here to save money. I gave him a leg up and he is now doing well, has a good job and has a nice place of his own," Rick said to Nick.  
answer: (d) leg
- A10 "The plumber left a huge mess in the front room after he was here. Next time I talk to him, I am going to give him a piece of my mind," Misty said to Burt.  
answer: (c) piece

*English Slang Idioms (80)*

- A1 "I know Jack is a very good chess player. I am not too bad myself. I may not win but I'll definitely give him a run for his money," Kyle said to Bill.  
answer: (b) run
- A2 "By not directly asking the defendant about his crimes and only asking him open-ended questions, I am giving him enough rope to hang himself. He starts making himself look guilty by speaking without restraint," the lawyer told the plaintiff.  
answer: (c) hang
- A3 "Did you hear that Jed died recently? He gave up the ghost last Tuesday," Mary said to Grace.  
answer: (c) ghost
- A4 "I heard that Bill is selling his land by the lake. I would give my eye teeth to be able to afford it. It is beautiful," Mark said to Tim.  
answer: (d) teeth
- A5 "Women are able to achieve upward mobility these days; however, the top positions in companies, on average, are still held by men. While things are getting better, there is still a glass ceiling preventing women from being promoted to top positions," the management professor told the class.  
answer: (a) ceiling
- A6 "Matt keeps challenging me to a game of pool. He also keeps taunting me so the gloves are off now. I am going to show him that he's not as good as I am," Elliot said to Jay.  
answer: (a) gloves
- A7 "You know that 'Billy the Bully' always plays basketball on this court on Fridays yet you keep trying to play on Fridays when he is there. You know he is going to pick on you. You must be a glutton for punishment," Matt told Nate.  
answer: (c) glutton
- A8 "I can't stand how the boss always makes us do three things at once and then gets angry when one of the three has a mistake in it. It is obvious that we can only focus on one thing at a time since the tasks are very complex. His system really gnaws my vitals," Kim said to Jessica.  
answer: (c) gnaws
- A9 "It was an easy day until something in the computers went awry. The whole system quit working and we are all behind at least two hours of work now," Lilly told Jason.  
answer: (c) awry
- A10 "It's so cold — I should have worn some gloves today. My hands are starting to turn blue," Maxie said to Bill.  
answer: (d) blue

*English Slang Idioms (81)*

- A1 "Hi, Jake. What are you doing these days? I am working for a car dealership again. My auto shop went bust so I had to go back there," Carl said.  
answer: (b) bust
- A2 "I miss that old coffee shop in town. There is nowhere to get coffee now that the old coffee shop went under," Melissa told Jacob.  
answer: (a) under
- A3 "Your idea to save the company money by cutting health insurance benefits is going to go down like a lead balloon with the boss. You know how much she cares about her employees," Melanie told Grace.  
answer: (b) balloon
- A4 Even though he knew that he was going to lose the fight after school with 'Big Max,' he would not back down. If he was going to lose, he vowed to go down swinging.  
answer: (c) swinging
- A5 She knew the company ripped her off last month so she wanted to sue them as a matter of principle. She would not go down without a fight either.  
answer: (a) fight
- A6 "Quit calling me and go fly a kite," Bill told the telemarketer.  
answer: (b) kite
- A7 "I know that I don't have much money but I am a pretty good Blackjack player. I have a good hand and I am going to bet everything and go for broke," he told his wife at the Blackjack table.  
answer: (d) broke
- A8 "Go home, James. You are bugging us. Go fry an egg," the mean kids yelled.  
answer: (c) egg
- A9 "I love this combination in the morning. If you ask me, coffee and cigarettes go together hand in hand," Mike said to his brother.  
answer: (c) hand
- A10 "Don't give the kids anymore chocolate, mom. They will go nuts and we'll never get them to take a nap," Marcie told her.  
answer: (b) nuts

*English Slang Idioms (82)*

- A1 "This meeting is going to go by the schedule you all received. We barely have enough time to cover everything on the schedule, so we can't afford to go off on any tangents. If anyone has any questions, we can address them at the end of the meeting," the boss told the staff.  
answer: (a) tangents
- A2 "You kids have to leave me alone while I work. I need to concentrate. Instead of bothering me, why don't you go play in traffic?" Sam said to his bothersome children.  
answer: (c) traffic
- A3 "Here we are talking about this again. We have been over this point many times. We are just going around in circles. We have to find a way to make some progress," Lilly told Tim.  
answer: (d) circles
- A4 He knew he would have to find another supplier for his company. The deal he had with his present supplier was rapidly going south. The supplier already lost one of his payments and then accused him of not paying the invoice. Four deliveries were also very late this past month.  
answer: (a) south
- A5 "I know you were out drinking. You smelled like alcohol this morning and there are several charges to our account from two local bars. That story about your car breaking down and you walking home for hours from work is a flat-out lie. Go tell it to the birds," he told his girlfriend.  
answer: (d) birds
- A6 "I know that it will be hard to solve this case but I will go the distance. I won't stop until I have arrested the perpetrator," the new cop told the police chief.  
answer: (b) distance
- A7 "I am looking for someone who cares about people and will work hard to make sure they get the service they deserve. I am looking for someone who will do more than just go through the motions to help our customers," the hiring manager told the job candidate.  
answer: (d) motions
- A8 "I used to love that Chinese food restaurant but ever since the new owner took over, they whole establishment has gone to seed," Marie told Jenny.  
answer: (d) gone
- A9 "You did a great job on Friday. Don't let the compliment go to your head, though. You are still new, on probation and under close supervision," the gruff boss told the new employee.  
answer: (a) head
- A10 "I am not worried about what we do while we're here. I'll just go with the flow," Lisa told her best friend when asked what she wanted to do while in town.  
answer: (d) go

*English Slang Idioms (83)*

- A1 "Your computer is broken? Go see Lewis. He is our go-to guy here. He handles all of our technical issues," Beth said to the new girl.  
answer: (d) go-to
- A2 "Our competitor managed to increase their market shares from 25 to 35 percent so taking back our competitive advantage is our going concern right now. We need to increase our shares from 30 to at least 40 percent by next year," the boss said to her team.  
answer: (c) concern
- A3 "I know that you are mad at me for having lunch with that friend you don't like but don't you think avoiding my calls for two whole weeks is going a little overboard?" He asked his girlfriend.  
answer: (a) overboard
- A4 "I couldn't fire him because I knew he would sue us or make life miserable for this company. He is the senator's son, you know. So, I gave him the golden handshake. I offered him a whole year's salary if he would just leave and he took it," Mary told Jessie.  
answer: (d) golden
- A5 "I really need to fix up my garden. I have been very busy lately and I have been neglecting it. You should see it now; it's gone to pot," Maude told Bessie.  
answer: (b) pot
- A6 "I went to see my old high school and it has sure gone to the dogs. There is graffiti everywhere and the buildings look junky and need a new coat of paint badly. When I went to school there, it looked nice," Tom told Tina.  
answer: (a) dogs
- A7 "If you want to know if there is something dirty going on in the accounting department so send Bill down to check it out. He has really good antennae for that sort of thing," Christy told Mike.  
answer: (c) good
- A8 "Tim? He is a good egg. He is really well-behaved and smart, too," Wesley told his wife when she asked if their son should spend the night at Tim's house.  
answer: (b) egg
- A9 "I know that you are wondering if Jake is mean to Jenny but it isn't our business. Good fences make good neighbors, Melissa," Tom replied.  
answer: (a) neighbors
- A10 "I would hire Matt. He seems to know everything and is dependable. He is a good hand to have around the workplace," Nate told his buddy.  
answer: (c) good

*English Slang Idioms (84)*

- A1 "Good job, team One! You have had a really good spell this quarter. Keep this up and you can all look forward to a nice Christmas bonus," Sally told them.  
answer: (b) spell
- A2 "We just passed Portland and we have only been on the road for four hours. I thought it would take us at least five. We are making really good time," Chris told Kyle.  
answer: (d) time
- A3 "I invited Sarah to the party on Saturday but she said that she wouldn't go because her parents don't approve of her drinking. What a goody two-shoes," Willis said to Max.  
answer: (d) goody
- A4 "I know you are scared to use that circular saw I gave you but you have to cut those pieces and nail them to your shed before it rains. You are just going to have to grab the bull by its horns and overcome your fear. I would do it if I could but I am a thousand miles away," his father told him over the telephone.  
answer: (c) horns
- A5 "When the boss yells at you, take it with a grain of salt. He yells at everyone on Monday and doesn't even remember doing it later on that day. It's nothing to worry about," Jenna told the new employee.  
answer: (d) grain
- A6 "I know that you have been thinking about breaking up with your girlfriend in order to date Kate Wilson. I can't tell you whether that is the right answer or not but I can tell you that the grass may appear greener on the other side but it is just as hard to mow," Willy told his 16-year-old son.  
answer: (d) mow
- A7 "Hi, Mom. What have I been up to? Well, I have recently become involved in a grass roots activist group that is trying to save the old-growth redwoods from being cut down. I hope that through our efforts, our kids will be able to see these trees," Ken said.  
answer: (c) grass
- A8 "I finally left Jamie because I was sick of being a grass widow. He didn't get home until 9 o'clock most nights and was often away on business. I wanted a husband I could see and spend time with," Mary told her best friend in Ohio.  
answer: (b) widow
- A9 "My best friend is on the gravy train now. He wrote three best-selling novels and makes more on the royalties a year than I have in the past ten years," Tom told his parents.  
answer: (b) train
- A10 "I sure like this job. I get to use my brain much more than when I worked as a grease monkey at Joe's Automotive shop fixing cars," Willy told Gina.  
answer: (a) monkey

*English Slang Idioms (85)*

- A1 He had had to grease an official's palm in order to get out of jail in that country. He still couldn't believe that one could be thrown in jail for exceeding the speed limit.  
answer: (c) palm
- A2 "Are you still waiting to hear from the Curriculum Committee as to whether you can graduate on time without that class? I just started working with them about a month ago. Let me see if I can grease the skids a bit and get you an answer soon," Jennifer told Bill.  
answer: (a) skids
- A3 "Did you see that running back for our school football team? He got a hold of the ball and moved down the field like greased lightning!" Zack told Matt.  
answer: (a) lightning
- A4 "Did you see the arms on that private? I think he will do fine in the Army. He's got a great set of guns on him," First Sergeant Smith told the Commander.  
answer: (d) guns
- A5 "Great Scott! You are paying 30 percent interest on your credit card? You need to pay that off and get a better one immediately!" Her father told her over the phone.  
answer: (c) Scott
- A6 "Now that you are sixteen, it is time for you to join the great unwashed' like I did. Once you are eighteen, you can go to school if you want to. Then you can get a white collar job instead of a blue collar job like the ones I have had," his dad said to him.  
answer: (b) great
- A7 "I can't understand computers. When people try to explain them, I still don't get it. The computer language is all Greek to me," Lisa said to Brandon.  
answer: (a) Greek
- A8 "I got the green light from my wife to go camping with you guys. So, lets plan on leaving around eight in the morning," Bill told his friends.  
answer: (c) light
- A9 "Both of my parents have a green thumb. They can grow anything and create a beautiful garden. I have killed every plant I've ever had," Bethany told Ashley.  
answer: (d) green
- A10 "I showed that dress to Mary and she is green with envy. She told me that she was going to buy the same dress but I didn't know that when I bought it," Marcie told Kylie.  
answer: (a) envy

*English Slang Idioms (86)*

- A1 "Don't worry, Tom. I made the same mistake when I was a greenhorn like you. You won't make that mistake again and you will learn more when you get more experience," Matt said.  
answer: (b) greenhorn
- A2 Building a website is very confusing — it's still a gray area for me but I think I'll understand it more once I finish my computer class this semester.  
answer: (d) area
- A3 "You need to pay more attention to what you are doing. Use your gray matter for something other than figuring out how to get out of work," the boss told Nick.  
answer: (b) matter
- A4 "I know that you don't like being on the telephone but the boss asked you to make the calls. If you want to keep your job, you are going to just have to grin and bear it. This, too, shall pass," the secretary told Ian.  
answer: (c) bear
- A5 When the boss told him he was going to get a raise, he gave him a grin like a Cheshire cat.  
answer: (c) cat
- A6 "I don't mind learning that computer program. It is just grist for the mill. It will add to my resume and make me more efficient on the job," Luke said to Adam.  
answer: (a) mill
- A7 "We are going to try a new computer program at work but only Jonathon is going to use it for now — just until we see how it works. We have decided that Johnathon is going to be the Guinea pig," the supervisor said during the Monday meeting.  
answer: (d) Guinea
- A8 "I recommend using a little gun-boat diplomacy. They won't listen to reason, won't respond to sanctions and don't care about what we think. If we send the Army in, they will start seeing things our way," the Senator from Mississippi said.  
answer: (b) diplomacy
- A9 "He is one of those hail-fellow-well-met types. Friendly to everyone and willing to help whenever called upon," Matt replied when asked what he thought about Gary's personality.  
answer: (a) met
- A10 "You are hungover too? Do you want a little hair of the dog to help you out with that? I am mixing a Bloody Mary for myself," Evan said to Dwayne.  
answer: (c) dog



*English Slang Idioms (87)*

- A1 "Wow, your grandpa is sure hale and hearty for an eighty-year-old," Maxine told Ian.  
answer: (c) hearty
- A2 "I can't believe how rude Jerry was the other night. I have half a mind to call him and tell him not to come here ever again," Tina said to her husband.  
answer: (d) mind
- A3 "Jed, get a regular job. These half-baked ideas never work out and never make you any money," his sister said.  
answer: (d) baked
- A4 "They make a great couple. They are hand in glove and always seem to have a great time together," Elsie told Ernie.  
answer: (a) glove
- A5 "Traditionally, in a custody battle that involves young children, custody is awarded to the hand that rocks the cradle. The mother gets custody in almost all cases unless it can be proven that she is unfit for the job," the law professor told the class.  
answer: (b) rocks
- A6 "'The Office' is my favorite television show, hands down," Linda said to Lucy.  
answer: (d) down
- A7 "You need to start typing your work, Micah. I can barely read your writing. You have handwriting like chicken scratch," his English professor told him.  
answer: (c) scratch
- A8 "I am just hanging by a thread in that class. If I get anything less than an A on any assignment for the rest of the semester, I will fail the course," George told his girlfriend.  
answer: (b) thread
- A9 "The decision of who will be president of the United States is still hanging in the balance. We will have to wait until the last votes are counted," the newswoman said in her broadcast.  
answer: (c) balance
- A10 "Hey, thanks for hanging me out to dry, Derek. You told me that you would mow his lawn for me since I got called into work and you didn't. Now he won't ever hire me again," Ken said.  
answer: (b) hanging

*English Slang Idioms (88)*

- A1 "Wipe that hangdog expression off your face, private! You can't leave the base this weekend due to the field exercise and that's it! Suck it up and drive on," the platoon sergeant said to a forlorn Private Gonzales.  
answer: (d) hangdog
- A2 "You want to go camping all weekend and I want to reorganize the house this weekend. Maybe we can find a happy medium. We can go camping for one day and organize the next day," his wife said.  
answer: (c) medium
- A3 "I think we should ask Sergeant Maxwell to represent us on the Army boxing team. He is smart, experienced and hard as nails," Sergeant Major Elkins said to Major McKutchins.  
answer: (b) nails
- A4 "I am sick of these hard sell' tactics that salesmen and women are using these days. If I ask a simple question about how a product works, all of a sudden I am being told about what accessories I need to purchase for it," Bill complained to his wife.  
answer: (d) hard
- A5 "To answer your question, succulent plants are very hard to come by around here since it is so cold. You might be able to order them on the internet," the nursery representative said to Chris.  
answer: (a) come
- A6 "I am sorry, Tommy. I will pay you back by the end of the week. I am a little hard up at the moment. My car broke down and I had to spend all of my money on repairs. I get paid on Friday, though," Max told him.  
answer: (a) up
- A7 "I know you want to get this job done but you are going too fast. You have already ruined five good boards by not taking your time cutting them — haste makes waste," the foreman told Luke.  
answer: (c) haste
- A8 "After that hatchet job on my family by the press, I have no chance of getting elected," the gubernatorial candidate told the political party.  
answer: (c) hatchet
- A9 "Nice hat trick, Josh. You have landed three major clients for this firm in a row. You are do for a promotion soon," the boss told him.  
answer: (d) trick
- A10 "You are going to have a ball at the farmers' market this Saturday. There are going to be three booths selling succulent plants and I know that you have wanted to buy some for a while," his wife told him.  
answer: (b) ball

*English Slang Idioms (89)*

- A1 "I don't know if I'll be able to get that nail out of the floor since it is so close to the kitchen cabinets but I'll have a bash at it," the carpenter told Alex.  
answer: (c) bash
- A2 "Both of us have tried to get that board off of the deck and neither one of us can do it. Will you have a go at it, Jesse?" Bill asked him.  
answer: (b) go
- A3 "You have to let me go, Dad. I have been sick for the past two weeks and I was grounded for a month before that. You know how much I have wanted to go to that concert. Have a heart, Dad," Rachel said.  
answer: (a) heart
- A4 "Come to the rodeo with us, Jack. You know we'll have a ripper of a time. When haven't we at a rodeo?" His best friend asked.  
answer: (c) ripper
- A5 "I am going to win this chess game shortly — unless you have a trick up your sleeve," Tim said to Jake.  
answer: (a) trick
- A6 "We have one more speaker tonight. I am pleased to introduce Jim Hodgekins. Jim, you have the floor," the emcee said.  
answer: (d) floor
- A7 "Zach, I challenge you to a boxing match — that is, if you have the guts," Marshall said.  
answer: (b) guts
- A8 "Did you hear about Fred? He had his collar felt by the police last night. They arrested him for public drunkenness," Paul said to Adam.  
answer: (d) collar
- A9 "Thanks for the offer of seconds on chicken salad but I've had my fill for tonight," Mike said to Sarah.  
answer: (c) fill
- A10 "Wow, I destroyed you in that game of cards. You have had your lunch handed to you again," his grandpa told him.  
answer: (b) lunch

*English Slang Idioms (90)*

- A1 "You did great on that presentation! You have a real knack for public speaking," Tom said to Louise. "Thank you. I have my moments," she replied with a twinkle in her eye.  
answer: (b) moments
- A2 "I think that we will be able to finish ahead of schedule despite the setbacks and I am really looking forward to starting on the project right away," the team leader said. Bill whispered to his friend, "She sure has her tail up today. She is too awake and motivated for a Monday morning."  
answer: (c) tail
- A3 The yard was overgrown with three-foot-tall weeds. When he bought the place, he wanted to clean up the garden and now it was time to start. As he looked at the weeds, he knew that he had his work cut out for him.  
answer: (b) work
- A4 Her mom hated when her daughter said "hey" to anyone in public. She often remarked, "Hay is for horses." Her daughter retorted "What is the big deal with saying "hey" as opposed to "Hello?"  
answer: (d) horses
- A5 "Wow, you have so many interesting stories and you sure know a lot about other countries," his date said. He replied, "He who travels far knows much," with a grin.  
answer: (d) knows
- A6 "So what do you say about the new job, Tim? It does require moving, which I know you don't want to do, but it is a great opportunity to advance. You do have some time to think about it but I need to know soon. As they say in the Army, he who hesitates is lost," Matt said.  
answer: (c) hesitates
- A7 "She tore my idea to bits in front of the boss instead of talking to me first and embarrassed me in front of everyone. She'll regret that. She'll rue the day she crossed me," Bill told Ellis.  
answer: (a) day
- A8 "Mom knows that you stole five dollars from her purse. When Dad finds out, it will be over for you. You'd better head for the hills," his older brother told him.  
answer: (c) head
- A9 "My son is an idiot. He moved to Hollywood to become an actor. If he thinks that anyone is going to put him in a movie when he has no experience or education, his head is in the clouds," Mike told his brother.  
answer: (a) clouds
- A10 "Can you help me assemble the kid's toy? I can't make head nor tail of these directions," Wes said to his friend who was a mechanic.  
answer: (d) head

*English Slang Idioms (91)*

- A1 "Jack, I want to know who is stealing from this company. I want him caught and I want his head on a spike," the Chief Financial Officer said.  
answer: (b) spike
- A2 "Jim, you have to tell them that it was you who lost the paperwork. My head is on the block for this," Rob implored his friend.  
answer: (a) head
- A3 He had heard rumors that some errors had been made in the company's accounting department. His boss was an honest guy, and if someone was deliberately making those errors, heads would roll.  
answer: (a) heads
- A4 "I want to give you all a heads-up the test is going to be next week on Tuesday," the professor told the class.  
answer: (b) heads
- A5 "I am sorry that I came across a little headstrong last night. I should have been more open to discussion and compromise," she told her boyfriend.  
answer: (d) headstrong
- A6 "Of course I can help you move. I may be 68-years-old but I am as healthy as a horse," Chris's grandpa told him.  
answer: (a) horse
- A7 "I know that you want to have some say in how this project is run. However, it's my neck on the line if something goes wrong. For that reason, you can help with the project but not from a leadership position," Mark told Elsa.  
answer: (c) line
- A8 "You should have come to work today. Max started yelling at Tim, saying that he treated Max badly because he was gay. It was such a surprise who would have thought he was gay? Everyone was so shocked at what had happened they were speechless. The office was so quiet, you could have heard a pin drop after the yelling," Rachel told Jim.  
answer: (b) pin
- A9 "I heard on the grapevine that we will all get a bonus soon. Our stats were very good this month," Zack told Will.  
answer: (c) grapevine
- A10 "I know that he was rude to you, but he is always that way. Aside from that, he is a nice guy. He has helped a lot of my older friends move for free. At least his heart's in the right place," Maude told Bette.  
answer: (d) heart's

*English Slang Idioms (92)*

- A1 "Next Tuesday, we are going to have a white elephant party for the Christmas season. We'll assign names on Thursday and there is a twenty dollar limit," Jan told the staff.  
answer: (a) elephant
- A2 "What are you so sad about, Christian? You look like your heart's in your boots," Matt said.  
answer: (d) boots
- A3 He knew that he should quit his job and try another field. His heart just wasn't in it anymore. The customers needed someone who would do more than just go through the motions.  
answer: (d) heart
- A4 "I was so scared before giving that speech. My heart was in my mouth the whole time," Natalie told Amy.  
answer: (d) mouth
- A5 "I didn't see it coming. There were no signs. My heart skipped a beat when he said you're fired' and I just walked out," Helen said to Ella.  
answer: (b) beat
- A6 "It was really productive. We had a heart-to-heart talk and I was able to see where she was coming from. We are back together now," Steve told his mom.  
answer: (d) heart
- A7 Heaven only knew why he kept going to work day after day. He hated the work and didn't like the people.  
answer: (c) knew
- A8 He knew that he had been a little heavy-handed with Tina. He shouldn't have fired her for something as little as losing too many office supplies. He decided to call her and ask her to come back to work tomorrow, he thought.  
answer: (b) heavy
- A9 "I have put in offers on three different houses. I hope, by hedging my bets, one of the places will come through and my wife will be happy," Nathan told Jack.  
answer: (d) bets
- A10 He knew that he would have to run hell-for leather to school to make it on time. This was the third time this month that he missed the bus and he didn't want his parents to find out.  
answer: (c) leather

*English Slang Idioms (93)*

- A1 "This neighborhood is going to hell in a handcart. When I moved in here, it was nice. Now, there is graffiti, broken glass everywhere and thugs standing around on the streets," Gladice told Emma.  
answer: (d) hell
- A2 "Getting a whole class of junior-high school students into and out of a gymnasium in an orderly manner is about as easy as herding cats," Melissa told David.  
answer: (a) cats
- A3 "I can't go to the movies with you. I already spent the majority of my paycheck," Jay said. Tommy replied, "Isn't that the way of it? Paychecks are here today, gone tomorrow. I can never seem to save any money."  
answer: (a) gone
- A4 "Why didn't you show up to help me move like you said you would do? You left me high and dry. I had to hire the next-door neighbor to help," Randy said to Bert.  
answer: (c) dry
- A5 He hated his boss. Anytime he asked her for help, she would get all high and mighty and either treat him like a little kid or an idiot.  
answer: (d) mighty
- A6 "I am sorry if I acted like an idiot at the bar the other night. I don't usually drink and I was as high as a kite," Ronald said to Nancy  
answer: (a) kite
- A7 He felt bad about how he treated Maureen at work. He acted all high-handed with her when she voiced her concern about who would pay for her gas on the company trip. He implied that it was her fault she couldn't afford it.  
answer: (b) handed
- A8 "Let's find a plan that has a good chance of working. Tim's idea requires too much of a high-wire act. The costs of failing are too high," Rick said to the team.  
answer: (c) act
- A9 "Our main competitor committed the worst Himalayan blunders that I have ever seen. They committed all their resources to producing kitchen tables with television sets built into the tops. No one wants them and our competitors may go out of business," Tim told his coworker.  
answer: (c) blunders
- A10 "Don't worry about it, Tina. It was hard to see what the right answer was at the time. It is easy to see what someone else should have done after the fact. Hindsight is always twenty-twenty," Jay said.  
answer: (c) twenty-twenty

*English Slang Idioms (94)*

- A1 "I asked her how her mom was doing and I must have hit a nerve unintentionally. She grimaced and was withdrawn for the rest of the night," Maxie said to Ellis.  
answer: (d) nerve
- A2 "That channel is pretty much hit and miss. Sometimes there are good movies on there, but not often enough," Johnny said to Paul.  
answer: (a) miss
- A3 "Alright, professor. I am ready to answer your questions. Hit me with your best shot," Alexis said after her presentation was complete.  
answer: (b) Hit
- A4 He knew that he had hit rock bottom. His wife had left him, he had lost his job, and now he was in trouble with the police for drinking and driving.  
answer: (d) bottom
- A5 "My wife and I have hit rough weather. lately. We've received lots of unexpected bills and both of us have had deaths in the family," John told Brian.  
answer: (c) weather
- A6 "As soon as the story of his corruption hits the airwaves, he will be done. You will win by a landslide," the politician's advisor told her.  
answer: (a) airwaves
- A7 He couldn't wait for the semester to be over. He had been hitting the books for the past week to prepare for the upcoming final exams and was sick of even looking at his text books.  
answer: (b) books
- A8 He had always been a better shot than his best friend. He had won another twenty dollars from his friend when he had hit the bull's-eye three times out of five at the firing range.  
answer: (d) eye
- A9 "I hope I don't get fired. I told the boss that I was going to be late getting my project done and she hit the ceiling. This is the third time this week I have done something to make her mad," Tom said to Christian.  
answer: (a) ceiling
- A10 "The stuff is about to hit the fan. Our boss just got arrested for fraud and I have heard that his boss is next. I hope that the company can survive all this," Shirley told Dave.  
answer: (d) hit



*English Slang Idioms (95)*

- A1 He would never forget his first night in Army Basic Training with the others. They had hit the ground running as soon as they had arrived on the base. It hadn't mattered that it was 2 o'clock in the morning.  
answer: (d) running
- A2 He knew that he had hit the mark when he asked the politician where she got her campaign money. He knew that there was a story there after the politician failed to give a good explanation.  
answer: (c) hit
- A3 Camping with his best friend had been fun. He knew that he better pack up and hit the road soon if he was to get to work on time.  
answer: (b) hit
- A4 "When they first got here, they were undisciplined and couldn't work together as a team. Now they are like a hive of worker bees they function together as a single unit," the First Sergeant told the Commander at the Basic Training site.  
answer: (b) bees
- A5 "Some people believe that a woman's choice to have cosmetic surgery is more of a Hobson's choice than an exercise of free will since there is so much pressure on women in our society to look beautiful," the professor said to the class.  
answer: (d) choice
- A6 "So, you got hoisted on your petard. I was wondering when you were going to get fired. No offense, but you are lazy, you call in sick too often, and you don't care enough," her mother told her.  
answer: (b) petard
- A7 "I don't know if we will be able to defeat the other side. They have more troops and supplies. They also have better intelligence. They seem to be holding all the aces," the sergeant told the sergeant major.  
answer: (d) aces
- A8 "Thanks, you guys, for not doing any work on the group project. You left me holding the bag and I am never going to work with any of you again," Steve told the others.  
answer: (a) bag
- A9 He was still mad at his friends. They had all promised Miss Grady that they would help her build a shed and he was the only one that had shown up. In addition to being mad about being stuck holding the baby, he had a sore back.  
answer: (b) baby
- A10 "I have to go get more food and drinks for the party. Will you hold the fort until I get back and make sure that nothing gets broken?" Todd asked his roommate.  
answer: (d) hold

*English Slang Idioms (96)*

- A1 "Why haven't you gone on any dates in the past six months? Don't tell me that you are still holding a torch for Steve. He doesn't even live in this area anymore," Lisa said to her roommate.  
answer: (c) torch
- A2 "I can't believe Joe's holier-than-thou attitude toward people who live together before they are married. He shouldn't be so judgmental of other people," Maggie said to Elisa.  
answer: (a) thou
- A3 She was sure that her best friend had a hollow leg. She could eat and eat and was still as skinny as a rail.  
answer: (c) hollow
- A4 She had made a scene in front of the dinner party when she had yelled at her boyfriend in front of everyone for not allowing her have a cat. He had agreed to let her get a cat at dinner, but as it turned out, she had won kind of a hollow victory. Her friends made excuses when she asked them to do something with her and her boyfriend was still mad.  
answer: (d) hollow
- A5 "Holy smoke! You charge one hundred dollars to change a head light? That is twice as much as anyone else around here!" Willie told the mechanic.  
answer: (c) Holy
- A6 Gas was now over four dollars a gallon. He thought it was highway robbery since he had just read a report that the gas companies had made record profits that year.  
answer: (a) robbery
- A7 He had been in Iraq for 15 months now and couldn't wait to get back to home and hearth.  
answer: (a) home
- A8 He had come from Israel but now the United States felt more like home. He figured that whoever had coined the saying "home is where you lay your hat," must have had a similar background.  
answer: (d) hat
- A9 "Well, there are only two more weeks left in the semester. We are on the home stretch now," Morris said to Jackson.  
answer: (c) home
- A10 He knew that he would be able to finish Basic Training and become a soldier. With only a week left to go in the program, he was on the final stretch.  
answer: (b) stretch

*English Slang Idioms (97)*

- A1 "This vacation has been great, but I am looking forward to getting back to our place. Oh! There it is! Home sweet home," Linda said to Chris.  
answer: (c) home
- A2 "I had to work late again and that's the honest truth. I know you think I was out with my friends but my boss will vouch for me if you will call him," her boyfriend said.  
answer: (d) honest
- A3 "Showing yet another case of honor among thieves", it has now been proven that the Mafia kingpin arrested two years ago was innocent and was covering up for a best friend," the television blared in the bar.  
answer: (c) thieves
- A4 "I told him that there was nothing wrong with the car and he bought it hook, line, and sinker. I hope the car runs long enough for him to get home," the crooked used-car salesman told his friend.  
answer: (d) line
- A5 "Is there a grocery store around here?" Jed asked. The couple responded, "Yes, Jay's Groceries is just a hop, skip, and a jump from here. Just go about a block up, turn right, and you can't miss it."  
answer: (a) hop
- A6 He was hoping against hope that the loan for the house would come through. His credit wasn't the best and he didn't have many assets. In fact, he was quite in debt, but he still had to try for his kids.  
answer: (c) hope
- A7 He knew that he didn't have a hope in hell of getting the promotion now that he had called his immediate boss an idiot.  
answer: (c) hope
- A8 "Wow, I didn't know I would be stirring up a hornets' nest by suggesting that all of the departments eat together for the company picnic instead of by themselves," Bill told Pam.  
answer: (a) nest
- A9 "I am right on the horns of a dilemma here, Jack. My wife's mother, who I can't stand, just lost her source of income. If I suggest that we put her in a retirement home, my wife will hate me. If I allow her to move in with us, she will make my life hell," William said.  
answer: (a) horns
- A10 "I am sorry, Bill. I know a lot about car mechanics, but fixing washing machines is a horse of a different color. You had better call a professional," Todd told him.  
answer: (c) color

*English Slang Idioms (98)*

- A1 "I just had to do some horse trading with Chris. He is selling his business and we had to agree on terms. He is a tough character. He must have got me to make five concessions that I was not planning on to make," Brendan told his assistant.  
answer: (c) trading
- A2 "Well, it's horses for courses. Just because you like rap music doesn't mean that everyone in the office is going to like it. Everyone's got different tastes," his wife told him.  
answer: (a) courses
- A3 "We were able to stave off a hostile takeover from our competitor over the weekend. Perhaps we should buy some of our outstanding stock to try to keep this from happening again," the manager told the board of directors.  
answer: (b) hostile
- A4 "We must be heading for an early summer. It is as hot as blue blazes out here and it is only May!" Bette said to Wanda.  
answer: (c) blazes
- A5 "Wow, I am sweating and it is only 7 o'clock in the morning. It is going to be as hot as Hades today," Max told Jessie.  
answer: (d) hot
- A6 What to do about immigration is a hot topic in America at the moment.  
answer: (a) hot
- A7 "It is later than I thought. I am going to have to hot foot it home so that I don't get grounded. I'll see you tomorrow!" Billy told Tommy as he turned to sprint away.  
answer: (d) hot
- A8 "The Ipod is a very hot ticket in America today and has changed the medium in which music is stored and played back forever," Tommy told the class during his presentation.  
answer: (c) ticket
- A9 "Did you see Private Hayward? He must be hot to trot to get out of here for the weekend. He could barely sit still and looked at his watch a couple of hundred times during a five-minute interval," Sergeant Gonzales told the First Sergeant.  
answer: (d) trot
- A10 "I am sorry. We voted and the majority of the office wants the coffeepot to stay in the break room. Don't be such a hothead about it only two others voted the same way you did," the boss told Willy after he started shouting at a coworker for not voting his way.  
answer: (a) hothead

*English Slang Idioms (99)*

- A1 Larry knew that his wife wouldn't be happy that he told his best friend that he could stay with them until he found a place to live. He had to. His best friend had been there for him in his hour of need and he would return the favor.  
answer: (d) hour
- A2 His friend's plan to start a business was like a house of cards. If any one of the multiple steps that it took to start a successful business failed, the whole plan would fall apart.  
answer: (b) cards
- A3 "How come Tommy got picked for the baseball team and I didn't? I am much better than he is and have been playing longer," Ricky asked the coach.  
answer: (c) come
- A4 "I got the highest score on the test and you got the second highest. How do you like them apples? I told you I would do better than you," Tim said to his best friend Kyle.  
answer: (c) apples
- A5 "Hey, Bill. I haven't seen you in ages. How's tricks?" Rod asked.  
answer: (a) tricks
- A6 He had decided that he would have a pool installed in his backyard, but with as little hue and cry possible. He didn't want everyone he knew to be constantly coming over to use it.  
answer: (a) cry
- A7 He decided to stop by the local restaurant. He hadn't eaten anything in over six hours and was as hungry as a bear.  
answer: (c) bear
- A8 She couldn't stand Jake he was a jerk. Even though he and her mother were all hunky dory again, she remembered how he had acted toward his mother and what he had said that night.  
answer: (d) dory
- A9 He thought about what he would say to his boss tomorrow when he put in his two-weeks notice. He decided that he would start off by saying something to the effect of "I hereby give notice of my intention to quit." He still had to figure out what he would say after that.  
answer: (d) intention
- A10 "I know that I have to turn the darn key to turn the truck on. I may be daft, but I'm not stupid, Dad!" His son said during his first driving lesson.  
answer: (c) stupid

*English Slang Idioms (100)*

- A1 "I know the entrance exam for law school is difficult and takes a lot of preparation, but I'll cross that road when I come to it. I have at least two years before I can even apply to take it!" Marisa told her mom.  
answer: (d) come
- A2 He had to call his girlfriend and arrange to see her tonight. He had a bone to pick with her about the party she threw in his place last night while he was away on business.  
answer: (b) bone
- A3 "That's alright. You can lie to me if you want to right now, but I've got your number. Now that I know what you are doing, I just have to figure out how you are doing it and then I am calling the police," the boss told Jeremy.  
answer: (d) number
- A4 "I could handle him drinking too much, but cheating on me? That was the icing on the cake. I threw him out and I don't regret it," Mattie told her mom.  
answer: (d) icing
- A5 "I made a mistake there myself the first time I did it. You have to keep at it though. If at first you don't succeed, try try again," Nate told his son as he worked on building his first cabinet.  
answer: (a) succeed
- A6 "If I had a nickel for every time that darn commercial came on TV, I'd be able to pay the cable company not to show commercials at all!" Joey said to his parents.  
answer: (c) nickel
- A7 "Look, we need to focus on the big problems here. We need to stop focusing on parts of the company that are functional and look at the parts that aren't making us money. Let's see what we can come up with, and remember, if it ain't broken, don't fix it," the boss told the team.  
answer: (d) broken
- A8 "We had the church service at my house last night! It was so cool! The pastor knew I was sick and couldn't come, so he brought some of the congregation here and we had church. If Mohammed won't come to the mountain, then the (...) must come to Mohammed!" Jerry told her friend.  
answer: (b) mountain
- A9 "I hate Joe, Grandpa. He called me a liar!" Morris said. "But you did lie to him! You told me! If the shoe fits, wear it!" His grandpa replied.  
answer: (d) wear
- A10 "I wish I had a Ford Mustang," Jill told her friend. "Well, if wishes were horses, beggars would ride," her friend replied with a laugh.  
answer: (c) ride

*English Slang Idioms (101)*

- A1 He hadn't heard from his son in months and it was his fault. When his son had voiced a legitimate concern about passing Basic Training he had told him "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen," Not the most understanding thing to say.  
answer: (a) kitchen
- A2 He knew his dad didn't like his friends since they had been in trouble with the law. His father told him "if you fly with the crows, you get shot with the (...)," but he just couldn't see how he would get in trouble just by hanging out with them.  
answer: (c) crows
- A3 He had been arrested as an accomplice to robbery simply because his friends, who he was going to a movie with at the time, had robbed someone earlier that day. He remembered what his grandma used to say about keeping company with the wrong sort: "if you lie down with the dogs, you get up with fleas."  
answer: (d) fleas
- A4 "Let's just assume, for the purpose of this conversation, if you will, that Mr. Jones did rob the store," the defense attorney said before starting his argument.  
answer: (b) will
- A5 He felt ill at ease every time he saw Mrs. Collins. She had once accused him of attacking her daughter and, even though the attacker had been caught, things had never been the same.  
answer: (c) ill
- A6 "If you are found guilty of dealing drugs or laundering money, the courts may take all of your assets if they believe that those assets were paid for with ill-gotten gains," the Law professor told her class.  
answer: (c) gains
- A7 "Hi, Bro. I need you to loan me one hundred dollars. I am really in a fix. I don't get paid until next week and I am short on my rent. I had to pay for my transmission to get fixed this week and had to pay the doctor I saw a month ago," Jake said to his brother.  
answer: (b) fix
- A8 "My front tire popped, and in a flash, I was off the road in a ditch. Miraculously, I am fine and so is my car, other than the tire," Cat told her boyfriend.  
answer: (a) flash
- A9 "I am sorry I messed up especially after you just told me what to do. I have been in a fog all morning it won't happen again," John nervously said to his supervisor when she caught his mistake.  
answer: (d) fog
- A10 "You are at the hospital with Mom? I will be there in a heartbeat I am leaving work right now and am very close to the hospital," Derek said to Larissa.  
answer: (c) heartbeat

*English Slang Idioms (112)*

- A1 He knew that he possessed a trait that every good manager should have: he had the ability to keep his head in very stressful situations.  
answer: (b) head
- A2 When she first started working for the company she had a hard time keeping her head above water. She could barely cope with the workload and with learning all the different company regulations.  
answer: (b) water
- A3 He knew that to succeed in the job he had, one had to keep his or her nose to the grindstone from the time he or she got to the door until close of business.  
answer: (a) grindstone
- A4 He didn't know if he could quit smoking cigarettes. He had tried to kick the habit several times before and had always gone back to smoking within a period of a month or two.  
answer: (d) kick
- A5 "Hi, Jim, it's your Dad. I hate to say it, but your mom and I have decided that we are going to stop paying for your car insurance. We are kicking away the ladder so that you learn how to make it on your own without assistance from anyone."  
answer: (b) ladder
- A6 His girlfriend showing up at work with his best friend to let him know that she was breaking up with him to marry his best friend was the worst kick in the teeth he had ever experienced.  
answer: (c) teeth
- A7 "We need to address this problem with our products. People could get hurt. We can't afford to kick the problem into the long grass and pretend it doesn't exist," the manager told the staff.  
answer: (b) grass
- A8 "I want you to leave this assignment in plain view on your desk until it is completed. If you see it, you will complete it. If you put it in your desk, it's out of sight, out of mind and it may be forgotten," the supervisor said.  
answer: (d) mind
- A9 He knew that as soon as his father kicked the bucket he would inherit the family farm. He wasn't sure whether it would be right to sell the farm after his father passed away and put all of the hands that worked there out on the street.  
answer: (d) bucket
- A10 "I don't have a specific job at a specific company in mind. When I get out of school, I am going to keep my options open and look for the job that pays the best," Luke told his parents over the phone.  
answer: (c) options



*English Slang Idioms (113)*

- A1 At first, she had told her friends that she wouldn't go out with them that night. She then decided that it would probably do her some good to kick up her heels for a change.  
answer: (c) kick up
- A2 He knew that he would have to handle the investigation of the senator's possible corruption with kid gloves. If something went wrong, which it easily could, his career would be over.  
answer: (c) kid gloves
- A3 The head Research and Development technician had been fired last week for radically changing the product design of the company's leading product at the last moment without permission. The change was not for the better. The last comment from the boss before the technician was lead out of the building was, "Thanks for killing the goose that laid the golden egg."  
answer: (c) goose
- A4 She first met Ellen at a conservation rally. They seemed to have everything in common and started spending a lot of time together. She was glad that she had found a kindred spirit in her new area.  
answer: (d) spirit
- A5 "Jim, meet Dan. He is the king of the castle around here; the regional manager in charge of this office," Wesley said.  
answer: (a) king
- A6 "I sure love this car but it cost a king's ransom. My wife is still mad that I spent as much as I did on it," Mike told his coworker.  
answer: (b) ransom
- A7 "I can't believe that you betrayed my confidence and told Irma that I was mad at her and why. I didn't figure you for someone who would kiss and tell. I thought I could trust you!" Rachel yelled at Jessica.  
answer: (c) kiss
- A8 "We need to focus on selling a different product. As you know, the one we have been pushing was aimed at buyers from high society. Hanz Crankenborkel, as you know, has a lot of sway with the society types and he gave our product the kiss of death by saying, in front of the public dinner, that our product is too tawdry for his social status," Michael told the team.  
answer: (c) kiss
- A9 "The whole lot of you failed to meet the standards this month. Every single one of you! You can kiss your performance bonus goodbye," the angry boss told his staff.  
answer: (d) kiss
- A10 "I am sorry that I punched you in the face when you walked through the door last night, Bill. It was just a knee-jerk reaction. I wasn't expecting you you said you were going to be out of town. I heard the knob rattle at 12 o'clock at night. I went to check it out, the door opened, and I swung. I thought you were a burglar," Matt said.  
answer: (a) reaction

*English Slang Idioms (114)*

- A1 When Bill picked up the box that she could have easily picked up and then acted like if he hadn't been there she wouldn't have been able to get the box inside, she said sarcastically "What would I have ever have done without you. You are my knight in shining armor."  
answer: (b) knight
- A2 She asked him if he had any idea who would have slashed her tires. He knit his brows, put his fist under his chin, and was silent for about a minute. He told her that he was sorry, but he couldn't think of anyone who would do that.  
answer: (c) knit
- A3 "I am sorry that I missed your call. I was up drinking until late and was dead to the world until 10 o'clock this morning," Jimmy told Ernie.  
answer: (d) world
- A4 "Are you ready for the interview? You are? Well, knock em dead. I am sure you will do great," her dad told her.  
answer: (a) dead
- A5 "I kept getting calls during dinner asking me to donate to the Firemen's Union. I knocked that on the head. I called the supervisor and told him to quit calling. He said he would," Chris told his wife.  
answer: (b) head
- A6 "I am sorry that I knocked the pins out from under you on Friday. I know I said I would help you move, but I got called into work at 5 o'clock in the morning and didn't get a break until after you were done," Wallace told Steve.  
answer: (c) knocked
- A7 "I can't wait to show you the new product we've designed, Max. It will knock your socks off," Lilly told him.  
answer: (b) socks
- A8 "I don't think we should rehire Mitch during the spring. He is an idiot. The guy doesn't know a hawk from a handsaw," Larry told Ellis.  
answer: (b) hawk
- A9 "I am sorry, Christian. I am going to have to take you to court. You knew full well that I was relying on your promise to sell me your wood and you sold it to someone else. Why? I am not sure," Bill told him.  
answer: (b) well
- A10 "I don't think this company will ever fire Kim. She has been here longer than anyone else and knows where the bodies are buried," Linus told Ben.  
answer: (c) bodies

*English Slang Idioms (115)*

- A1 "Jack won't join the union. I told him not to and he'll listen. He knows which side his bread is buttered on," Mr. Willis told the union representative.  
answer: (c) bread
- A2 "Jake is a good employee. That guy sure knows his onions. There isn't anything about how this place is ran that he doesn't know about," Marcie told Melissa.  
answer: (a) onions
- A3 "You all think that Jack is going to side with you against management, but he won't. He knows his place. He knows that it is not his job to decide how things are ran around here and won't get involved," Mr. Willis told the union representative.  
answer: (b) place
- A4 They had been maintaining a hobby farm for several years. They made a little money from it, but just enough to cover the costs. It was more a labor of love than anything else. They just really liked animals.  
answer: (b) love
- A5 "Sorry, Wes can't come to the phone right now. He has gone to the land of nod. He fell asleep at about 8 PM. You'll have to try back tomorrow," Jake's wife said.  
answer: (a) land
- A6 His campaign manager had said that he would win by a nice amount but he hadn't planned on the landslide victory that he had won. He had won by a huge margin.  
answer: (c) landslide
- A7 "Tim is the manager's lap dog. He is always kissing up to him and doing favors for him. It makes me sick," Lillibeth said to Ellie.  
answer: (b) dog
- A8 He didn't want to seem like he was kissing up to the boss, but the boss had made a great maneuver that he felt was worth complimenting. He hoped that the others see it that way too.  
answer: (d) kissing
- A9 He disliked people that whined about petty day-to-day problems that everyone in America faced. He felt that those who whined needed to suck it up and handle the issues without bothering him.  
answer: (c) suck
- A10 His brother responded, "I have no idea if it will rain. That is in the lap of the gods," and hung up on him in annoyance.  
answer: (d) gods

*English Slang Idioms (116)*

- A1 When Christopher Reeves died, many mourned the passing of a guy who seemed larger than life.  
answer: (b) life
- A2 "Hey, Mike, it's Henry. The guys and I are going out for drinks as kind of a last hurrah before shipping out to Iraq. Do you want to come?"  
answer: (d) hurrah
- A3 "That hoodlum thinks that he got away with my car scott free. I'll have the last laugh though I'll see him in jail! I got a picture of him and the police think that they know who it is," Millie said to Geraldine.  
answer: (b) laugh
- A4 His last-ditch effort to save his company had failed and he knew now that he would have to file for bankruptcy.  
answer: (d) ditch
- A5 "I love hanging out with your brother. That guy is hilarious! He's a laugh a minute!" Jane told Roxanne.  
answer: (c) laugh
- A6 "When I see Zack, I am going to smack him. He put my junior high school pictures on the internet. You know, when I had braces and blue hair? I'm now the laughing stock of the whole school," Melissa told Stacey.  
answer: (d) stock
- A7 "I am so glad that you came over and talked to me. I feel so much better. Laughing did me a lot of good," Percy told Lucy. "I have always believed that laughter is the best medicine," she replied.  
answer: (b) laughter
- A8 He saw Mr. Smitch and quickly ducked into the nearest store. Mr. Smitch was kind of a law unto himself. He had a tendency of telling people what they needed to hear, according to his opinion, no matter who it was or whether it may any sense at all. He had recently insulted some policeman by saying that they were corrupt even though they were not.  
answer: (b) himself
- A9 "Sorry about that, Steve. I heard the kids fighting and had to go lay down the law. They are behaving now," Millie told him.  
answer: (c) law
- A10 "I feel bad for Maude. A used salesman led her up the garden path and sold her a car. Unfortunately, all the good things he told her about the car weren't true. That car has been in the shop since she bought it," Lisa told Beth.  
answer: (b) garden

*English Slang Idioms (117)*

- A1 "I like Sergeant Caruso. He really leads with his chin. He says what needs to be said and does what needs to be done, no matter whether it gets him flack or not," Sergeant Lent told Sergeant O'Brian.  
answer: (b) chin
- A2 Barrack Obama's presidential campaign has caught a lot of flack from people regarding his pastor's views.  
answer: (d) flack
- A3 Wal-Mart is considered a lean and mean organization by many due to the efficiency of their business and their ability to offer products at a lower cost than many competitors.  
answer: (d) mean
- A4 "We have to find this killer and get him out of society before anyone else dies. I know no clues have been found, but you all need to search again. Leave no stone unturned. We have to get this guy," the Chief of Police said.  
answer: (c) stone
- A5 "You are going to have to leave. She already asked you twice not to bring up her not getting accepted into the college she wanted to go to. Can't you leave well enough alone?" her dad asked Jimmy.  
answer: (c) alone
- A6 Sometimes it is hard for businesses to keep everything coordinated when they expand quickly. Business can be disrupted by departments not communicating and other examples of the left hand not knowing what the right (...) is doing.  
answer: (d) hand
- A7 "Jim, you know I have equal seniority with the others here. Why am I not being invited to any of the meetings? I feel like I am being deliberately left in the dark," Luke said.  
answer: (a) dark
- A8 "What would I be doing? Well, if left to my own devices, I would be reading a book in the woods," Private Johnson told Specialist Bilby.  
answer: (b) left
- A9 "Hey, Paul, it's Chris. Do you have time to lend an ear? I have a problem that I think you might know how to deal with."  
answer: (d) ear
- A10 "I am not surprised that your brother is in jail for drugs. He has always had that problem. I know he says he will change, but a leopard can't change its spots, Melanie," Misty said.  
answer: (c) spots

*English Slang Idioms (118)*

- A1 Some Americans believe that none of the presidential candidates they can choose from represent them. They feel that it is a choice between the lesser of the two evils.  
answer: (d) evils
- A2 It is hard for many families to pay for college text books in America, let alone pay the expensive tuition for school.  
answer: (b) alone
- A3 He had tried to make up with his best friend for years but his best friend wouldn't talk to him. He wished that his friend would just let bygones be bygones and hang out with him again.  
answer: (d) bygones
- A4 "Jay, I don't know that you should take the promotion. You have told me many times that you have always wanted to be a lawyer. Why don't you go to law school? It's not too late. Don't let the best be the enemy of the good," Melissa told him.  
answer: (c) good
- A5 "I have decided that I don't care if I live in California or not. I have sent resumes to companies all over the world. I am going to see who calls first and let the chips fall how they may," Randy said to Cathy.  
answer: (b) fall
- A6 "Don't worry about how Chris is doing at work. Just worry about how you are doing and let the devil take the hindmost. I know that is hard since he's your brother, though," the boss told Luke.  
answer: (a) let
- A7 "Great. Why did you ask Linda what time she was coming to her SURPRISE party, you idiot! You let the genie out of the bottle and now she knows all about the party," Rick said to Bill.  
answer: (d) bottle
- A8 "Don't let the grass grow around your feet. You have the time to clean your room, clean it up!" His mom said.  
answer: (c) grass
- A9 Many people hate dealing with the bureaucracy of the Department of Motor Vehicles. One criticism is that they refuse to listen to logic, or think outside the box, since they only follow the letter the law.  
answer: (b) letter
- A10 "I hate it when people lie but are very obvious about it. Like Mary she lies like a rug. Her voice changes, she won't look you in the eyes, and her stories don't hold up," Jerry said to Lilly.  
answer: (b) rug

*English Slang Idioms (119)*

- A1 "I can tell that you are lying through your teeth, Cindy. Your friends all told me the real story so give it up," her mom said.  
answer: (d) teeth
- A2 I am always impressed by people who risk life and limb to help strangers in distress.  
answer: (d) life
- A3 "How am I doing? I can't complain right now. Life is a bowl of cherries at the moment. How about you?" Tim asked John.  
answer: (c) bowl
- A4 "I know that you are worried about college finals but there is light at the end of the tunnel. No matter what happens, you will be finished in two weeks. On top of that, will be only one semester away from graduation!" Her mom told her.  
answer: (a) tunnel
- A5 "Wow, I just had a light bulb moment! I finally understand now how to erase unwanted work in Microsoft Excel!" Brian told Brenda.  
answer: (c) bulb
- A6 He knew that it would be hard to out-argue the other lawyer, Tom Gradinson. Mr. Gradinson was renowned for being light on his feet.  
answer: (b) light
- A7 Every company that sells technology hopes to develop a product that is light years ahead of their competitors' products  
answer: (d) years
- A8 "Dwayne is our local lightening rod. Before he started working here, the boss used to take out his anger on all of us. Now he just yells at Dwayne when he's mad," Candice told Adam.  
answer: (b) lightening
- A9 "After the car accident, I was trapped for four hours like a beached whale," Carie told Marcie.  
answer: (b) whale
- A10 "You need to slow down and think about what it is you're doing. You are going about this like a bull at the gate. You are going too fast and screwing up too much," Larry said to Luke.  
answer: (d) bull

*English Slang Idioms (122)*

- A1 He hated the wait before a job interview; he felt as antsy as a cat on hot bricks.  
answer: (c) hot
- A2 "I just saw Steven leave the boss's office. It must have been good news. He looks as happy as the cat that got the cream," Jenny told Rachel.  
answer: (c) cat
- A3 "I got another jury summons! I needed that right now about as much as a fish needs a bicycle," James told his roommate.  
answer: (d) bicycle
- A4 He felt insulted. The proprietor of the store had been watching him like a hawk ever since he entered the store. He wasn't a thief.  
answer: (d) hawk
- A5 He decided that he would jump off of the bridge and into the water even though it was potentially dangerous. He didn't want his friends to think he was a chicken.  
answer: (a) chicken
- A6 "My husband and I went to the classic car show this weekend. My husband had been looking forward to it for a long time. As soon as he entered into the event he looked as happy as a kid in a candy store," Lisa told Ken and then laughed.  
answer: (c) candy
- A7 Even though he had been in several serious motorcycle accidents, he still rode too fast. He was drawn to high speeds like a moth to a flame  
answer: (b) moth
- A8 The manager read the second letter of resignation she had received that day. Since the press release reporting that the company was in a lot of trouble had come out, employees had been leaving like rats deserting a sinking ship.  
answer: (d) sinking
- A9 Now that the new procedure had been implemented in the warehouse, packages were arriving, being stored, and were leaving like clockwork.  
answer: (c) clockwork
- A10 "Marty's boy is doing extremely well so far as a banker. His old man was one of our best employees, so I am not surprised. Well, like father, like son," Mr. Williams said to Mr. Todd.  
answer: (c) father



*English Slang Idioms (123)*

- A1 "Hi, Adam. How are your hot pepper plants doing? Mine are growing like no one's business now that the weather is getting warmer," Chris said.  
answer: (c) business
- A2 "I am going to take my Honda in to the mechanic to change the timing belt. Changing a timing belt on a Honda is like pulling teeth. It is so hard!" Adam said to Tom.  
answer: (d) teeth
- A3 "Passing the final Law exam was as easy as taking candy from a baby. I expected it to be much harder," Luke said to Kyle.  
answer: (a) baby
- A4 "I used to have a hard time playing that song on the guitar as well. I have played it so many times now that I know it like the back of my hand," Chris replied in response to Kyle's question.  
answer: (a) hand
- A5 "Private McCan was so drunk last night. He kept ordering beers like there was no tomorrow," Sergeant Haze said to the platoon sergeant.  
answer: (b) tomorrow
- A6 "If private McCan is late to duty one more time, I am going to be on him like white on rice," First Sergeant Wilson said to his squad leader.  
answer: (d) rice
- A7 The news of the boss's getting fired spread through the office like wildfire.  
answer: (c) wildfire
- A8 Tim was suspended from school for fighting. When asked by his parents why he had gotten into a fight, he told them that another kid had called him a lily-livered coward for refusing to cut school.  
answer: (d) livered
- A9 "I talked to the boss about adding medical benefits for the staff. She said that she would consider it and would hopefully add medical benefits to our compensation soon. I don't think she will though. I think her response was just lip service. I think she just said that to get me to leave her office peacefully," Kim told Randy.  
answer: (a) lip
- A10 "I know that the job seems very difficult but it isn't really. It is made up of a bunch of little tasks, so just start in on one, then another, and soon the job will be done. Just remember, little strokes fell great oaks," the boss said to the worried employee.  
answer: (b) oaks

*English Slang Idioms (124)*

- A1 Tom Larrington was one of her favorite employees. The guy was a regular live wire. He was always full of energy and enthusiasm. He never ceased to motivate others who wanted to be motivated.  
answer: (d) wire
- A2 There was a knock and the door and, lo and behold, it was the pizza man who was 45 minutes late.  
answer: (b) behold
- A3 He knew he had a gambling problem, he just wished he admitted it to himself and got help before borrowing \$30,000.00 from a dangerous loan shark. The money was due, plus 40% interest, two days from now and he didn't have it.  
answer: (c) loan
- A4 He asked the manager if it would be possible to place him on a different work team. She had assigned him to the same team as Ricky. He and Ricky disagreed on everything and he knew that it would only be a matter of time before he and Ricky locked horns about an issue if they were forced to work together.  
answer: (c) horns
- A5 "Why the long face, John? I would think that you would be happy now that your final exams are over and you are on summer vacation," his girlfriend said to him.  
answer: (b) face
- A6 She knew that she only had a long shot at graduating college after this semester now that she had flunked two of her four midterm exams.  
answer: (d) long
- A7 "Hi, Jack. Long time, no see. How long has it been since we got together last? It must be at least a year," Ron said.  
answer: (c) see
- A8 "I am sorry that I applied and took the job you wanted, Steve. It was the only job being offered that I was qualified for and I had to look for number one," Cathy told him.  
answer: (d) look
- A9 His grandfather had always told him "look before you leap" and he had found time and time again that failing to contemplate the consequences of one's actions could get one in a lot of trouble.  
answer: (b) leap
- A10 "I know that you really wanted to work in Nicaragua this summer and are sad that you won't be able to. Look at the bright side, though. At least you will have more time to spend with me," Mike's girlfriend said to him.  
answer: (c) bright

*English Slang Idioms (126)*

- A1 She couldn't help snidely saying "look what the cat dragged in" when the presenter finally arrived 30 minutes after he was supposed to.  
answer: (a) cat
- A2 "I went to see the new horror movie with my boyfriend this weekend. It was so gory I almost lost my lunch. I felt sick to my stomach for a good while after the film ended," Sally said to May.  
answer: (c) lunch
- A3 "My best friend recently spent five thousand dollars on clothes when she barely makes fifteen hundred dollars a month and is heavily in debt. That doesn't make any sense! I think she has lost her marbles!" Justine told Carie.  
answer: (d) lost
- A4 The professor informed the students before the exam that if they were unable solve the more complex equations they might still pass the test since there was plenty of low-hanging fruit on the test.  
answer: (d) fruit
- A5 When examining the possibility of turning a profit from currency exchange transactions, he came to the conclusion that he could make a mint if he could obtain sufficient capital to start business.  
answer: (d) mint
- A6 Earlier in the day, Jacob asked his dad to buy him a new Honda Accord for his 17th birthday. His father thought to himself, "what does the kid think? That I am made of money?"  
answer: (a) money
- A7 Gina asked the insurance representative to update her on what was happening with her case. He informed her that some of her records were in another department and weren't immediately accessible. He then informed her that he would make an inquiry and would call her back as soon as possible with the requested information  
answer: (c) inquiry
- A8 Her mom said that she was going to go to the store to pick up some food for dinner. She asked her mom as her mom was leaving, "Can I make a request? Can you buy my some Vanilla ice cream while you're there?"  
answer: (d) request
- A9 "How did the auction go? Did you get any good deals?" Sally asked Tim. Tim replied, "I got three couches and a bed for the price of one couch. I made out like a bandit."  
answer: (c) bandit
- A10 "I never figured Tom for someone who would make waves around here. He seemed like the meeker type someone who would follow directions without complaint and who would accept the way things are around here," Luke said to Beth  
answer: (b) waves

*English Slang Idioms (128)*

- A1 The politician said to the audience, "Every man in the street wants the same things: to work hard, to make money, to get to keep most of the money, to get quality healthcare for his family, and to be able to vote on a candidate that mirrors his views."  
answer: (d) street
- A2 "Kids, sometimes you are going to be tempted to do the wrong thing because you don't think that anyone will ever find out that you did the wrong thing. We, as your parents may not ever know what you did, but the man upstairs knows," their dad told his son and daughter before bed.  
answer: (c) upstairs
- A3 "My dog is so loyal. Everywhere I go, he wants to go. Everything I tell him to do, he does. I guess that is why dogs are called "man's best friend," Linda told James  
answer: (b) friend
- A4 "Steve? I don't think you would like Steve. He is kind of a man's man, you know? He likes hunting, fishing, drinking beer, going to the races, those kinds of things. You don't like any of those things," Gina told her best friend.  
answer: (d) man
- A5 "Your plan sounds good, but have you given thought on how to implement it? There is many a slip twixt cup and lip, you know," the boss told the head of the department  
answer: (a) slip
- A6 The birthday card was simple. It only had one line that said "many happy returns" and a short message from his son, but it still meant a lot to him that his son remembered his birthday.  
answer: (b) returns
- A7 "I don't think I am going to come tonight. Many moons ago, I was a big drinker, but I don't like to get drunk anymore," Lilly told her friends when they asked her to go to the bar with them.  
answer: (b) moons
- A8 "Steve is an interesting guy. He definitely marches to the beat of his own drum. He dresses eccentrically and uses obscure words in his speech. I like him because he is different," Sally told Joe.  
answer: (b) drum
- A9 "I think that we should offer him police protection. After testifying against the gang, he is a marked man. It is only matter of time before one of the gang members tries to kill him," the policeman told the chief  
answer: (d) marked
- A10 "Can you send an ambulance right away? It is a matter of life and death. There are people who are severely injured here and some are bleeding profusely," the man said over his cell phone at the scene of the car crash.  
answer: (d) death

*English Slang Idioms (129)*

- A1 "Well, the meat and potatoes of the issue is that our competitors are able to produce a similar product at much less cost due to their buying supplies from China," John told the other company members during his presentation  
answer: (b) potatoes
- A2 "I hope that we can save our marriage. We are going to counseling, but so far it has not helped. If only my husband would meet me halfway on some of our issues, we might be able to make our marriage work," Tina told Jessica.  
answer: (d) halfway
- A3 "Did you here that Jim died? He went to meet his maker last Thursday. We are taking his wife dinner this week. Would you care to come with us?" Maude asked Elizabeth.  
answer: (b) maker
- A4 "I enjoy playing chess with Derrick. I have finally met my match. Usually, I beat my opponent easily, but it is always a challenge to beat him," Adam said to his wife.  
answer: (d) match
- A5 "I went to watch Jay's band play and I didn't expect much. I didn't think that Jay would be able to sing, but he has a voice and lyrics that are guaranteed to melt your heart," Tina said to Jacky.  
answer: (b) heart
- A6 America has been described as a melting pot. One reason for this is there are so many different cultures that live in close proximity to each other. The different cultures eventually have an effect on each other in which each incorporates aspects of the other.  
answer: (a) melting
- A7 "I like John, but he has a memory like a sieve. He forgets everything I tell him within minutes of hearing the information," his boss told his assistant  
answer: (c) memory
- A8 "Steve and I have been able to finally mend our fences. We have been mad at each other for about a year over something stupid, but we have finally go the problem resolved. It is no good for neighbors to be mad at each other for long periods of time," Jack told Nick.  
answer: (d) fences
- A9 "That kid that attacked Officer Jefferson has been put away for a long time. If he thought that he could get away with it, he was wrong. Some people are saying that the sentence he received is too long for someone that young, but if you mess with a bull, you get the horns," Officer Mills told his wife.  
answer: (b) horns
- A10 "Jim conducts business in a somewhat atypical and unconventional way, but there is a method to his madness and he consistently gets more results than any of our other representatives," Bill told Jack.  
answer: (c) madness

*English Slang Idioms (130)*

- A1 They had been trying to negotiate the sale of their house for what seemed like an eternity. It didn't look like they were going to be able to sell it to the couple after all. After four hours of negotiation, the two couples were in a Mexican standoff. The sellers wouldn't accept anything less than a hundred fifty thousand dollars and the other couple wouldn't go above one hundred twenty thousand dollars.  
answer: (c) standoff
- A2 "Why are we paying Steve such a high salary? We are paying him that much because he has the Midas touch. Everything he has done for this company has resulted in more than expected profits. His ideas make us vastly more money than what we have to pay him," Jim told the board of directors.  
answer: (c) touch
- A3 "We had a great day on Saturday," Maxie said sarcastically. "We were driving to the river and then we popped a tire. We were in the middle of nowhere when it happened and we didn't have our cellphone," she said to Grace.  
answer: (c) nowhere
- A4 The private had previously failed his running test. He vowed, might and main, that he would pass the next one so that he could stay in the army.  
answer: (a) might
- A5 His son was having trouble seeing how doing well in school would help him succeed in life. He explained to his son that success in life was the sum of many little achievements and that each little step counted. He told him "Mighty oaks, from little acorns grow."  
answer: (a) acorns
- A6 "This job is becoming a millstone around my neck. The longer I work here, the less chance I will have to go to school and land a career doing what I truly want to do," Matt told his coworker and friend.  
answer: (c) neck
- A7 "Don't mince words, Jeff. Tell me exactly what you think of my idea and don't worry about me getting angry," the boss said  
answer: (d) words
- A8 The army tries to instill will power in its new recruits. When privates get tired and want to quit running, they are encouraged to think "mind over matter" and keep going, which they often can.  
answer: (d) matter
- A9 The train conductor told the passengers to mind the gap when exiting the train since there was a space of about six inches between the train and the platform.  
answer: (a) gap
- A10 "Gina, quit asking Grace about what she exactly said to her husband when she found out he was cheating on her. Mind your own beeswax!" Rachel told her.  
answer: (b) Mind

*English Slang Idioms (131)*

- A1 "We are going to your great aunt's house for dinner tonight. You better mind your P's and Q's while we are there tonight. She is from an older generation and expects kids to act politely. You were both very rude last time we were there," Ben and Josie's grandma told them.  
answer: (b) mind
- A2 He was very happy with his purchase. He had bought a Ford Mustang that was in mint condition for a very cheap price  
answer: (c) mint
- A3 "Don't pay attention to Jimmy's insults. He just has a case of the misery guts. He is unhappy so he tries to make others unhappy," his grandpa told him when he came home from school hurt.  
answer: (d) misery
- A4 "There is no room for error on this project. A miss is as good as a mile here since this is the first of many steps and each step hinges on the previous one," the boss told his staff.  
answer: (b) miss
- A5 He liked to go to the mom and pop coffee shop on the corner when he had spare time and wanted to read.  
answer: (d) pop
- A6 "Don't worry about what the Monday morning quarterbacks say to you about your decisions. They don't understand that the right answer isn't always clear at the time and that sometimes there isn't adequate time to make a decision. They have the benefit of not having to make a decision and examining things after the fact. Just know that I understand why you decided to do what you did," the upper-level manager told the middle manager.  
answer: (c) quarterbacks
- A7 "What today's generation doesn't understand is that money doesn't grow on trees. They think that because they went to school, they should make more than someone who has worked their whole life," George complained to Max.  
answer: (a) trees
- A8 In America, money laundering is a major crime. Often the crime is committed to attempt to make drug money seem legitimate.  
answer: (c) laundering
- A9 "I know that making money doesn't matter to you right now, but money makes many things. Later in life, you are going to want a nice house, a car, some nice things, and the ability to travel. Money, or the lack of it, is a very important part of everyone's lives," George told his hippie, college-age kid.  
answer: (d) things
- A10 "We are going to behave and act our age while in the nice restaurant. I don't want any yelling or monkey business," Josie told her three kids  
answer: (c) monkey

*English Slang Idioms (132)*

- A1 "Jim got caught stealing from the country store. I am not surprised since his brother had got caught earlier for the same thing. It's a case of monkey see, monkey do in my opinion," Jack told his wife when she brought up the neighbors' kids.  
answer: (b) do
- A2 "Why are we still arguing about the trim color on that house? We can't afford it now that you lost your job, so it's a Moot point," Jake said to Louise  
answer: (d) Moot
- A3 In a moment of honesty, he admitted to himself that he did not have the moral fiber necessary to resist corruption that a police officer must have in order to be effective.  
answer: (d) fiber
- A4 "I am going to take the moral high ground and stick to the issues rather than attack my opponent's past like he has done to me," the political candidate told the press  
answer: (b) high
- A5 He made it a point to ensure that each new construction worker understood that it was better to take their time and reduce their mistakes than to hurry and do sloppy work. He told them "More haste, less speed" to explain that it took longer to correct mistakes made when going to fast than to take one's time and not make the mistakes in the first place.  
answer: (a) haste
- A6 The manager's attempted explanation for why the products were failing and hurting people generated more heat than light. He said, in the press release, that the company was not responsible since the products had been made in a different country. In many peoples' opinion, the company was responsible since they bought the products and put their name on them. Many were angry that the company wouldn't take any responsibility.  
answer: (c) heat
- A7 "I asked him where he was on the night of the crime and he lied. His story had more holes in it than Swiss cheese," the police detective told his boss.  
answer: (c) cheese
- A8 "I don't think Steve gave us the whole story. I think there is more going on here than meets the eye," Mark said to Lucy  
answer: (b) eye
- A9 "I heard that your brother lost his job. He shouldn't worry too much since he has more than one string to his bow. He has three different degrees, so finding a job in one of those fields shouldn't be difficult, especially with his employment record," Jan told him.  
answer: (a) string
- A10 "I also have to take Finance next semester. It's just one more mountain to climb. I also have to take Management Accounting, which is another difficult class," Max told his parents.  
answer: (d) climb



*English Slang Idioms (133)*

- A1 When asked if he would continue the relationship with his girlfriend after she got deported, he replied, "Yes I will. I love her and I will move heaven and earth to see her again."  
answer: (b) earth
- A2 The strength of human will power can move mountains.  
answer: (d) mountains
- A3 One of the problems he had with the Law class he was in was the teacher's propensity to move the goalposts on the students. She would tell them what the standards and requirements were one week, then change them the next.  
answer: (c) goalposts
- A4 When he was a kid, he had wanted to be one of the movers and shakers in Washington, D.C. He wanted to be one of the people who created laws and changed society.  
answer: (c) movers
- A5 "People are so petty sometimes and make so much ado about nothing. Today, a major argument broke out about whether the coffee filters should be stored in the drawers or the supply closet," Jenny told Maxine.  
answer: (b) nothing
- A6 He decided to engage in a little mud slinging and attack the other candidate's relationship with his wife and other women.  
answer: (a) mud
- A7 "The fact that the Chief Executive Officer didn't know about the plan further muddies the waters. It is tough to know what to do when employees commit fraud. Is it fair to make the employer pay as well as the employees if the employer didn't know what is going on?" The Law professor asked her students.  
answer: (c) waters
- A8 He had been suspended from school for fighting. Another kid had called him a "momma's boy" and he had punched him.  
answer: (b) boy
- A9 "John is being investigated for possible accounting fraud. He may not get in trouble, but from what he has told me, he seems to be operating in pretty murky waters. What he is doing seems, if not illegal, borderline illegal," Jay told his wife  
answer: (a) murky
- A10 "You will sell me your car? I have been waiting for months to hear you say that! Hearing that news is like music to my ears," James told Tim  
answer: (d) music

*English Slang Idioms (134)*

- A1 "I hate how being a bank teller requires one to stand on their feet all day. My dogs are always barking after a day of standing on them for eight hours," Maxine told Stacy.  
answer: (c) barking
- A2 "The newsman said the reason that gas is so expensive is that it is costing more to get it to the United States. My eye! It is so expensive because the gas companies are charging too much for it. They reported record profits last year," George grouched to his wife.  
answer: (d) eye
- A3 "Dina told me that she was late from the dance because her car got a flat tire. My foot! She still has the same tires on her car that she has had for months!" Her dad exclaimed to her mother.  
answer: (a) foot
- A4 "Can you bring the vacuum in with you? I would, but my hands are full as you can see," Jessie said to her husband.  
answer: (b) full
- A5 "Oh, you don't have enough money to buy both new clothes and go to Disneyland with your friends? My heart bleeds for your plight," her dad said sarcastically.  
answer: (d) bleeds
- A6 "I would like you to stay on the investigation, but I can't let you. My hands are tied. My superior already ordered me to remove you from the case," the lieutenant said to Jack.  
answer: (d) hands
- A7 When Jill protested her dad's rule that required her to be in at 11 o'clock, he told her that as long as she was living with him she would follow his rules. He then caustically said, "My way or the highway," as a last comment.  
answer: (a) highway
- A8 Showing up late for work after he had been warned to be timely was another nail in his coffin. He had been warned about many other things lately and was close to being fired.  
answer: (b) coffin
- A9 "Jacky is sick again? My heart goes out to your family. You have had such a rough time lately," Bill told his best friend George.  
answer: (c) out
- A10 "The game was a real nail-biter. It was a tied game in the fourth quarter and went into overtime. Overtime went for five minutes until Oakland scored a touchdown," Lewis informed his friend who had to work during the football game.  
answer: (c) biter

*English Slang Idioms (135)*

- A1 He knew that it would only be a matter of time before another criminal replaced the drug dealer he arrested last week. Nature abhors a vacuum.  
answer: (c) vacuum
- A2 As the two lead runners rounded the last corner, they both ran even faster. As the runners approached the finish line, it seemed that the two runners were neck and neck and no one knew who would win the race at that point.  
answer: (a) neck
- A3 The crowd was antsy because the band they paid to see was now over an hour late. A collective sigh of relief came from the audience as the emcee of the performance finally said, "This next band needs no introduction."  
answer: (b) introduction
- A4 "I would like to tell you where a good swimming hole is but, unfortunately, there are none that I know of in my neck of the woods. I am fairly new here so you might want to ask someone else who knows the area better," Tom said.  
answer: (d) neck
- A5 He dropped his cell phone somewhere in Disneyland. As he walked back into the park, he knew there was almost no chance of finding the phone in that huge park. It was like trying to find a needle in a haystack.  
answer: (c) haystack
- A6 "Jeremy is one of those neither fish nor fowl" types. He is a loner and is kind of strange. He dresses in antique military clothing and he talks about strange things. The last time I heard him speak in class, he brought up an obscure fact about spiders and it was completely off-topic," Lisa told Jacky.  
answer: (c) fowl
- A7 "The fact that you owed someone else money for another product is neither here nor there. You owed me the monthly payment for the car you bought from me and you still haven't paid it. The payment is past due so you can expect a late payment charge," Jack said to Jill.  
answer: (a) there
- A8 "I don't like that huge metal thing, for lack of a better word, in Jenny's yard. It is neither use nor ornament. She says it is a sculpture that she purchased in San Francisco but it doesn't look like art to me," Sally said to Beth.  
answer: (d) ornament
- A9 "You should have seen the program on firefighters last night. They must have nerves of steel! I can't believe what they go through to save people," Max said to Jessica.  
answer: (b) steel
- A10 "I guess my new boyfriend does have some faults. He got angry last night because I talked to my parents for five minutes on the telephone — he complained because he said I was ignoring him. That is the first time he got angry around me," Vanessa said. Emma replied, "Did you expect him to be perfect? Never a rose without a prick, you know."  
answer: (a) prick

*English Slang Idioms (136)*

- A1 "Get out of here, Jed! First you show up drunk, then you hit on my wife and then you insult my son. Get out of here and don't come back! Never darken my doorway again!" An irate Matt told him.  
answer: (c) doorway
- A2 "Boy, does this town need some new blood! The businesses and houses all need a fresh coat of paint and the style is out-of-date it is at least fifty years old!" Linda said to Chris.  
answer: (b) new
- A3 "After the car crash, I felt invigorated. Everything seems new and interesting. I feel like I have a new lease on life," George told Melissa.  
answer: (d) lease
- A4 The new manager started off his first speech to the staff with, "There is a new sheriff in town!" The staff knew that it was a lame attempt at humor and hoped that the speech would be quick.  
answer: (b) sheriff
- A5 "Within a New York minute, our business went from broke to profitable thanks to our biggest client, Mr. Wilson," Nate said to the employees.  
answer: (d) minute
- A6 "I don't like these newfangled TVs. There are a million buttons on them and they last for only two years or so. The old ones were better, if you ask me," Jed said to Louise.  
answer: (a) newfangled
- A7 "I just met our new neighbor, Mrs. Finch, and she is as nice as pie. She brought us dinner and said that if we ever need anything, not to hesitate and ask," Maude said to Bill  
answer: (b) pie
- A8 "It seems like all of the employees are nipping at the bit to get started. It seems like the company morale is much higher now that we have offered a performance-based bonus," Steven told the middle manager.  
answer: (c) bit
- A9 She thought that she looked great. The nip and tuck procedure made her look younger and more fit. She felt that she looked much more attractive to her husband.  
answer: (d) nip
- A10 "Sally just refused to take out the trash, so she is grounded. We need to nip that kind of rebellious behavior in the bud," Jenny told her husband when he came back into the house.  
answer: (b) bud

*English Slang Idioms (137)*

- A1 "Well, now that we have been introduced, let's get down to the nitty gritty. We are interested in buying your house and we think the price is fair but we need to get a home inspection done on your place first. Will you agree not to sell it to anyone else until we can get the inspection done?" Nate asked Brad.  
answer: (c) nitty gritty
- A2 "It will cost you about \$600.00 to get your timing belt changed on your car. Why is it that expensive? The reason it costs so much is that it is no bed of roses to get to the belt to change it. You have to remove the motor — among other things," the mechanic told Tim.  
answer: (a) bed
- A3 "Can I have your car done by today? No can do. The job takes about six hours and we are booked up already today. I can have it done by Thursday — if that is acceptable," the mechanic said to Tim.  
answer: (c) do
- A4 "All but three of you passed the test. If you are one of the three that received a no go on your driving exam, please see Mrs. Skinnard after you get your test back," Mr. Willis said to the class.  
answer: (b) go
- A5 "I helped Max build his shed for three hours and would you believe that he got angry at me because I wasted one measly board? Well, no good deed goes unpunished," Larry said to Kim.  
answer: (d) unpunished
- A6 "Don't worry about the mistake you made on the paperwork on Mr. Ellis's case. We caught the mistake before it became a problem so no harm, no foul. Just double-check your work next time to make sure there are no errors," the boss told a worried employee.  
answer: (b) harm
- A7 Detective Benson had a reputation for being a no holds barred, tough cop. He did anything that was necessary to take down criminals and did not worry about political ramifications.  
answer: (d) holds
- A8 "I want you to take out the trash and then you can go to the pool with your friends. You have to take out the trash first and I don't want to hear any ifs or but's," his mom told him when he asked her if he could go out with his friends.  
answer: (b) but's
- A9 "What you boys did is no laughing matter. People could have been hurt. The window you broke will cost a lot of money and you will both work to pay for it," Steve told his two kids.  
answer: (d) laughing
- A10 "I just heard Zack and his father fighting and both were really mean to each other," Jenny said. Jacky replied, "There is definitely no love lost between the two of them. They have acted like strangers for at least the last ten years."  
answer: (c) love

*English Slang Idioms (138)*

- A1 "Expect to be sore tomorrow. This has been a much longer run than you are probably used to but no pain, no gain," the drill sergeant told the recruits.  
answer: (b) gain
- A2 "The police are on their way. Once they get here, we will give them no quarter. Am I clear?" The drug lord asked his cohorts.  
answer: (d) quarter
- A3 "There is no question that I want to buy a classic car but not at the expense of the company. I haven't stolen anything from them. I'm a loyal and honest employee," Matt told the cops.  
answer: (a) question
- A4 He read the warranty agreement carefully and found that if he had a problem with the camera, he could return it and get a new one with no questions asked. Since the warranty indicated that the company would stand by their products, he decided to buy the camera.  
answer: (c) asked
- A5 He was reasonably certain that his next-door neighbor was selling illicit drugs. People came and went at all hours of the day and night and none stayed for longer than fifteen minutes. He knew that the traffic didn't necessarily make his neighbor a drug dealer but he believed that where there's smoke there's fire.  
answer: (d) smoke
- A6 "Will has absolutely no spine. The boss called Will into his office and yelled at him because his team is behind schedule. I don't know where the boss heard that but it isn't true we are right on track. Instead of standing up to the boss and telling him that, he apologized for our poor performance!" Gina told Lynn.  
answer: (c) spine
- A7 "You are getting old! You are already tired and we just began planting these flowers fifteen minutes ago!" Beth said to Gracie. Gracie replied, "You are no spring chicken yourself and let me remind you that just last week you had to cancel our card game to take a nap!"  
answer: (b) chicken
- A8 "For your birthday, I am going to sell you my car. I know you don't have the money so I am going to loan the money to you, interest free, with no strings attached," his father's best friend told him on his seventeenth birthday.  
answer: (c) strings
- A9 "Ever since school started, I have no time to play the guitar. I really miss playing my guitar," Joey told Nate.  
answer: (b) time
- A10 "Hi, Jim. You asked if I could help you change your living room window. Let's go do it. There is no time like the present," Jacob said.  
answer: (d) present

*English Slang Idioms (139)*

- A1 "We should fire Todd. He is no use to man or beast. He doesn't know his trade and has a horrible work ethic," Luke said to Christian.  
answer: (c) man
- A2 "I tried to explain to him that he will lose everything he owns by borrowing huge sums to gamble with but none are so blind as those who will not see," Jake told Lewis.  
answer: (d) blind
- A3 "I hate hanging out with Marcie. She has her nose in the air about almost everything we talk about. She acts like our problems or interests are too low class for her," Jenny said to Alison.  
answer: (b) nose
- A4 "Steve is not all there — if you ask me. He talks to himself endlessly and spends hours sweeping his sidewalk, long after it is spotless," Nate told his friends.  
answer: (d) there
- A5 "Sergeant Jones is a mean guy. I saw him send three privates to jail for questioning his orders without batting an eye. I heard what they said and it seemed like they were only asking question for clarification purposes," First Sergeant Williams said to Sergeant Price.  
answer: (b) eye
- A6 "He tried to tell me that he wasn't drunk but rather exhausted. Like I was born yesterday! I could smell the alcohol from twenty feet away," Jack told his wife.  
answer: (d) yesterday
- A7 "Joe told me that he wasn't actually stealing but that he was going to pay for the candy he put in his pocket but forgot. I told him that I was born at night but not last night and grounded him," Bill told his friend.  
answer: (b) night
- A8 "We are never going to stay in this hotel again. It is too small for adults, if you ask me. There isn't enough room to swing a cat in here!" Jack said to Lucy.  
answer: (a) swing
- A9 "I know that we decided not to sell our old car to Tommy but he came by and told me that his mother's car broke down and his new job is about 45 minutes away. I didn't have the heart to tell him no," Kay said to Paul.  
answer: (c) heart
- A10 If only his old friends could see him now. In high school and college, he didn't have two pennies to rub together but now he is a millionaire.  
answer: (d) pennies

*English Slang Idioms (140)*

- A1 "Why are you telling me how to work on my car? You don't know beans about mechanics. You can't even change your own oil," Matt said to Ellis.  
answer: (b) beans
- A2 "I always take my car in for service. Working on cars is not my cup of tea," Chris said to Paul.  
answer: (d) tea
- A3 "We need to make sure that we follow the regulations so that the rapist doesn't get off on a technicality. We are not going to be the cause of a rapist going free to harm others. Not on my watch," Chief of Police Watson said to the detectives.  
answer: (d) watch
- A4 "I don't like watching soccer games on TV. Watching sports is not my bag," Chris said to Derrick.  
answer: (a) bag
- A5 "I dumped Carl after he stood me up last Friday. He acted surprised. I told him that he is not the only pebble on the beach and he left," Marcie told Jane.  
answer: (c) pebble
- A6 "I am sorry that it didn't work out between you and Dina. Don't be too sad, though. There are plenty of other fish in the sea," Mike's dad told him.  
answer: (b) fish
- A7 He knew that he would have to do a lot of planning for the case. The lawyer for the defense was not to be sneezed at. She had won more than 95 percent of her cases and had a lot of experience with this type of case.  
answer: (d) sneezed
- A8 "I think that you need to come up with a different plan. Your plan just won't wash. That idea has been looked at by management before and it costs too much to be viable," Jones told Elliot.  
answer: (c) wash
- A9 "In my opinion, the screwdrivers you are talking about aren't worth a red cent. They wear out after two or three jobs," Mike told Ben.  
answer: (a) cent
- A10 "I made another huge sale after lunch. That's one more notch on my belt," Dwight told Sally.  
answer: (d) belt



*English Slang Idioms (141)*

- A1 "I went to the new amusement park and in my opinion, it's nothing to write home about. The rides were very small and expensive, as was everything else. I wouldn't recommend going," Billy told Lewis.  
answer: (a) write
- A2 "I offered \$25,000 for Mitch's farm. He said that he wouldn't sell it for that cheap. I didn't think that he would but nothing ventured, nothing gained," Pat told Sue.  
answer: (c) gained
- A3 He liked being able to take his canoe out on the lake every now and then. It was a good way to relax and enjoy nature.  
answer: (b) then
- A4 He called a plumber to fix his leaky sink. He knew a lot about construction but didn't have the know-how to fix a plumbing issue.  
answer: (a) know-how
- A5 "I just can't trust you to deliver on your promises, so I have found a different supplier. You can consider our business relationship null and void, Jack," Ken said.  
answer: (d) null
- A6 "Your plan sounds good, Tom. Please write it up and we will submit it to the number crunchers to make sure that we have the money to implement it in our budget," Wilson told him.  
answer: (c) number
- A7 "We are spending too much time talking about the petty details. We need to focus our discussion on the nuts and bolts of the issue," Susan told the other people in the meeting.  
answer: (a) nuts
- A8 "Did you hear that mechanic? He is as nutty as a fruitcake! He told me that my brakes are worn out but I just had them replaced with the top of the line brake pads two weeks ago," Miles told Sarah.  
answer: (b) fruitcake
- A9 "I need to bring this up as an object lesson to all of you. If you are rude to a customer, for any reason, you will get fired. I just fired Luke because he insulted a customer," the manager told the staff.  
answer: (c) lesson
- A10 "Yes, I would like to participate in your yard sale next weekend. I have some old furniture and some odds and ends in my garage that I've been meaning to get rid of for a long time," Rachel said to Ashley.  
answer: (d) ends

*English Slang Idioms (143)*

- A1 He was happy that he purchased the top of the line brakes for his car when his old ones needed replacing. When a deer jumped into the road in front of him, he was able to stop before hitting it.  
answer: (b) top
- A2 He felt quite embarrassed. He told an off-color joke during dinner that did not go over well. No one laughed and he received some dirty looks from several of the people at the table.  
answer: (a) color
- A3 "We went to the newly-discovered waterfall this weekend and it is beautiful! It is off the beaten track a little bit but you can drive your car and it will be OK," Lisa told Bill and Jennifer.  
answer: (c) beaten
- A4 "I wasn't sure if the new comedy show would go over well with the public. I just looked at our ratings and they are off the charts! The people love that show!" Mark said to Jeff.  
answer: (a) charts
- A5 "Chief, we have to let the suspect go. He has an air-tight alibi when the crime was committed," Detective Bills said.  
answer: (c) tight
- A6 With a heavy heart, Mel said the final words, "You're fired," to his wife's best friend.  
answer: (a) heart
- A7 "No assembly is required to get everything in working order. The product comes ready to use right off the shelf," the salesman told the couple.  
answer: (b) off
- A8 "Is it alright to do the assignment by hand or does it have to be typed?" Jan asked her professor.  
answer: (b) hand
- A9 "Oh, my goodness. You startled me! Knock next time," Sally told her friend who had just walked into her house without warning.  
answer: (a) goodness
- A10 "We have known each other for twenty years. I wouldn't trade our friendship for one hundred new friends. Old friends and old wines are the best," Arthur said to his son.  
answer: (d) wines

*English Slang Idioms (145)*

- A1 "I am sorry, Sir. We have to put your case on hold until we receive more information from the hospital," the customer service representative said.  
answer: (b) hold
- A2 "We have to put the plan to diversify our product line on pause until we can find a reputable supplier," Max told Tim.  
answer: (a) pause
- A3 "I am sick of worrying about your moods. I have to walk on pins and needles until I know whether you are happy or angry," Gladice said to Will.  
answer: (a) pins
- A4 "Max used to be a below-average employee but not anymore. He is really on the ball these days," Steve told Justice.  
answer: (b) ball
- A5 "Jim, you are on the case. Joe, you are on traffic duty," the chief told them  
answer: (d) case
- A6 "Let's see if we can find any hotels on the way that are offering a good deal right now. I am trying to do this vacation on the cheap and I think that finding a hotel that is offering some kind of special rate is a good way to save money," Shelly told her husband.  
answer: (c) cheap
- A7 "He wants you here at 9 o'clock on the dot," the secretary said to the job applicant.  
answer: (b) dot
- A8 He was a decent debater but his downside was his inability to address the flip side of his argument.  
answer: (d) flip side
- A9 "I am sorry, Tim. We aren't going to be able to go to the restaurant today for lunch. We have to be in Arcata, California in an hour and a half, so we have to eat on the fly," Maureen told him.  
answer: (a) fly
- A10 "We should base our battle tactics from the information provided to us by our troops on the ground instead of the analysts in the pentagon who aren't actually there," Colonel Price said to General Thomas  
answer: (b) ground

*English Slang Idioms (146)*

- A1 He escaped from prison and had been on the lam for two months now. Life on the run was hard.  
answer: (c) lam
- A2 As the salesman pitched his product, Jerry got the uneasy feeling that the guy was not on the level. He wouldn't look Jerry in the eye and the things he claimed the product could do seemed a little too good to be true.  
answer: (d) level
- A3 He had to make his sales' quota this weekend. He missed his goals last month and management was understanding about it but he knew that his career was now on the line.  
answer: (b) line
- A4 He really hoped to be the one to cure cancer and put his hometown on the map.  
answer: (d) map
- A5 The impressed manager looked up at the clock on the wall. It was exactly 9 o'clock and he said, "Mr. Tims, you are certainly punctual and for that I am thankful. It is 9 o'clock on the nose."  
answer: (d) nose
- A6 "I am not sure that I would date Sally right now. She just broke up with her fiance two days ago and she is obviously on the rebound. You may run into a lot of problems if you go forward with this," Chris told Kyle.  
answer: (c) rebound
- A7 "We have been impressed with you ever since you joined the firm. You started off on the right foot and have always met your goals on time. I am recommending that we give you a raise," Ms. Elkins told Bill.  
answer: (b) foot
- A8 "I can't believe Jimmy beat me in chess. I had him on the ropes and somehow he managed to turn the game around," Lester told Bert.  
answer: (b) ropes
- A9 The police were embarrassed. Their main suspect had been on the run for more than two months and they could not seem to track him down.  
answer: (d) run
- A10 "You think that we should try to think of a different plan? I do too. I am glad we are on the same page," the boss said to the leader of the work team.  
answer: (a) page

*English Slang Idioms (150)*

- A1 He asked his wife where she was all day. She replied, "Oh, I was out and about. I had some errands to run and I had to pick up my dry cleaning."  
answer: (b) out
- A2 His best friend moved out of the city about a month ago. He hated the location and hated driving down all the isolated, curvy, windy roads to his house. He wondered why anyone would move out of a big city where there was lots to do to a house out in the sticks.  
answer: (c) sticks
- A3 He knew that his grandma was home when he heard a voice say, "Oops a daisy." His grandma had a habit of saying that every time she dropped something. She was also in the habit of dropping things.  
answer: (d) daisy
- A4 His parents' divorce was bitter. He didn't like to bring it up because he could tell that it was opening old wounds.  
answer: (a) wounds
- A5 He had been advertising his car in the local paper for a month. He was about to give up on the idea of anyone buying it, when out of the blue, three people in two hours called and asked to come see it.  
answer: (c) blue
- A6 The job posting said that the firm was looking for a creative person who could think out of the box. He felt that he was good at solving problems using unconventional methods so he applied for the job.  
answer: (d) box
- A7 He became desperate as the rent was coming closer to being due. He didn't have the money to pay, so he decided to rob someone. He robbed a teenager for twenty dollars and found out later, while watching the news, that the boy he robbed was the police chief's son. He had definitely jumped out of the frying pan and into the fire.  
answer: (c) frying pan
- A8 "I am really impressed with George. It is only his second week here and he already has the third highest sales' rating in this department. He really came out of the gate running," Jack told the president of the company who was visiting.  
answer: (b) gate
- A9 "You should try Luigi's restaurant. The shrimp bowties are out of this world," Sally said to Jennifer.  
answer: (c) world
- A10 The manager was very relieved when the computers started working again. Without them, the customer service representatives couldn't help customers over the phone. He picked up the phone and heard his systems analyst, Jack. Jack said, "The computers are working but we are not out of the woods yet. The phones, for some reason, aren't working now."  
answer: (c) woods

*English Slang Idioms (151)*

- A1 The kids kept him busy on his day off with a constant barrage of questions. He just wished that they would get out of his hair and go find something else to do.  
answer: (a) hair
- A2 James told her that he did not have her lost bicycle. Unfortunately for him, the handlebars were just visible from around the corner right where she was standing. She yelled "James, that is an out and out lie!" and slapped him.  
answer: (d) out
- A3 People will often do desperate things when they find themselves over a barrel. For instance, some people commit murder when they are being blackmailed in order to keep the information from getting out.  
answer: (a) over
- A4 "This keeps happening. You are late and now we can't go to the movie. Last time we saw each other you told me over and over that you would be on time from now on," James told Beth.  
answer: (c) over
- A5 "Thank you for your hard work on my house. You have gone over and above what was necessary. I will recommend you to all of my friends," Matt told the contractor when she was finished.  
answer: (d) over
- A6 She was very happy that she found an over the counter allergy medication that worked for her. She was sick of paying to go to the doctor just to get a prescription.  
answer: (c) counter
- A7 "You are not going to the races this weekend. Over my dead body are you going to spend the last of our money on something like that," George's girlfriend informed him.  
answer: (d) dead
- A8 "Don't let my grandson fool you. I am perfectly capable of raking my own yard. I am not over the hill yet," Walter told the church.  
answer: (d) hill
- A9 "I finally got to go to the local hot springs and read my book. I wanted to do that for months. I was in seventh heaven," Marcie told her friend  
answer: (b) heaven
- A10 "We agreed to ride in Wes's car down to the concert. We didn't know that he had a small two-door car and there were five of us. We were packed in his car like sardines," Grace told Rachel.  
answer: (c) sardines

*English Slang Idioms (152)*

- A1 "I planned on doing my paper two days before it was due. Now, I have an assignment due on the same date in three of my other classes. I've really painted myself into a corner this time," Archie told Jim.  
answer: (b) painted
- A2 I decided to put new siding on the outside of my mobile home. I took off the old siding and found ants and rotten wood. I removed the rotten studs and found that some of the wiring was not in good shape either. I fear that by deciding to renovate my home, I have opened Pandora's box.  
answer: (d) box
- A3 "You can't just paint those rotten boards on your deck to hide the fact that they need to be replaced. You can't just paper over cracks like that. People could get hurt," Jim said to Nick.  
answer: (a) cracks
- A4 "Don't worry about Cindy and her comments. She acts like she has a lot of authority and sway around here but she is just a paper tiger. She actually holds the same title as you!" Justine said to Meredith.  
answer: (c) tiger
- A5 "It took you about five hours to dig that hole? That is about par for the course due to the fact that the dirt has so much rock and clay in it. Don't worry about it," the teenager's boss told him.  
answer: (c) par
- A6 "I am sorry, Duke. You are going to have to redo the railing on the porch. It is not going to pass muster. If the boss sees it as uneven and crooked as it is right now, he is not going to be happy," Derrick said to him.  
answer: (a) pass
- A7 "I know that you are broke but that doesn't give you the right to pass the hat at my party. I didn't invite you here to bum off of the other guests," the college student said to an acquaintance.  
answer: (b) hat
- A8 "I just stopped by the church to pass the time of day with some of my friends," Donald said to his wife when she asked why he went to the church on Tuesday.  
answer: (c) time
- A9 The secret agent told his partner to burn the report to make sure that it never saw the light of day again.  
answer: (d) light
- A10 "I don't know how you can take care of this huge garden by yourself and without using automatic watering systems. You must have the patience of Job," Jay told Billy.  
answer: (d) patience

*English Slang Idioms (153)*

- A1 "Although we have the same rank, I am higher on the pecking order due to the fact that I have been put in charge of the project," Sergeant Wilkons said to the private who asked him for advice on how to deal with another sergeant.  
answer: (c) pecking
- A2 "I am sorry that I fell asleep in the meeting. I caught a Peeping Tom outside of my window last night and called the cops. They were at my house investigating until 4 o'clock in the morning," Sally said to her boss.  
answer: (b) Peeping
- A3 Often social change is not and can't be brought about by brute force. An example of a situation in which the pen has been more powerful than the sword is when Martin Luther challenged the Catholic church by writing a list of complaints and nailing them to the door of the church.  
answer: (d) pen
- A4 "I am tired of hearing these petty ante concerns from you. I did not call this meeting to discuss how we are out of coffee filters again. I called this meeting to ask you for solutions because the company may be going out of business!" the manager yelled at the staff.  
answer: (b) petty
- A5 "My husband is such a penny pincher. He is always telling me not to buy things for the house that we don't need because we have to save money. Most of my purchases are under ten dollars!" Linda told Brandy.  
answer: (d) pincher
- A6 "I just gave Jenny a pep talk about her performance and what she can do to improve. I think she understands and will improve," Jennifer told the boss.  
answer: (b) pep
- A7 He was ecstatic when he received a large, unexpected bonus from the company. The note attached to the check said "For consistent performance above and beyond what is expected from an employee."  
answer: (d) beyond
- A8 "A month ago, I told her that she had to improve her performance or she will lose her job. She really took the talk to heart and has improved quite a bit," the supervisor told the manager.  
answer: (b) heart
- A9 "Come with me to the lecture. I need company and you might actually learn something — perish the thought!" Lanna said to her boyfriend.  
answer: (a) perish
- A10 "One of my pet peeves is people who chew with their mouths open. My boyfriend is the worst offender and it bothers me to no end," Lisa told her friend.  
answer: (b) peeves



*English Slang Idioms (154)*

- A1 "Will you pick up the tab for dinner? You owe me twenty dollars and that would be a good way to pay me back," Kyle said to Brian.  
answer: (d) tab
- A2 This was the first time he had been to his brother's picture perfect house in Beverly Hills.  
answer: (c) perfect
- A3 "I don't know why you two are arguing about which one of you has the better tool. To me, they are just pieces of the same cake. They are both in the same price range and have the same features. Both are made by reputable companies and have roughly the same inner-parts," Jack told Bill and Joe.  
answer: (a) cake
- A4 "Boy, did I ever buy a pig in a poke when I bought this chainsaw. My friend told me to check it out first and I should have listened. I had to take it to the shop twice now for two different problems. It is a pile of junk," Joe told Phil.  
answer: (c) pig
- A5 "I don't like rave parties at all. I refuse to go every time I am invited. You will see me at one when pigs fly," Jim said to Rachel when she invited him to go with her  
answer: (b) fly
- A6 "Jocks are so annoying. Take Josh, for example. He walks around here like he owns the campus. Ten years from now, though, he'll be working for me," Elmer said. Josh replied, "Don't pin me down with a label. For your information, I got very good grades last semester and I enjoy lots of things besides sports. I like gardening, for example."  
answer: (b) label
- A7 "I have some bad news, honey. I got a pink slip at work today. I have to find a new job," Bill told Maureen.  
answer: (d) pink
- A8 He liked his coffee to be pipin hot and the fast food store just gave him a lukewarm cup.  
answer: (b) piping
- A9 "I have toured with my band in bars for the last six years. I feel like I have earned my place in the sun — at least as much as other famous musicians have in the past," Rick said to Louise.  
answer: (a) sun
- A10 "We need to fix our car. That fact is as plain as the nose on your face. It was smoking from the hood earlier today," Melissa told Will.  
answer: (c) nose

*English Slang Idioms (155)*

- A1 She was looking forward to a hot bath all day. By the time she was able to get into the bath after putting the kids to sleep the bath water was lukewarm. It figured.  
answer: (c) lukewarm
- A2 He thought that his brother made a strange choice in life partners. He was tall, good-looking and rich. She, in his opinion, was kind of a Plain Jane with average intelligence, no money and little.  
answer: (d) Plain
- A3 "I have been looking forward to a hot cup of coffee all day. Knowing my luck, the restaurant will say that their coffee machine is broken," Todd told Steven.  
answer: (d) luck
- A4 "Your first plan will not work due to the fact that my truck is broken down. What is plan B?" He asked his roommate.  
answer: (c) plan
- A5 A secretary with a plastic smile was waiting to greet customers. She didn't look as happy as the smile indicated.  
answer: (a) plastic
- A6 "So if I don't agree to help you get a job at the company I work for, you are going to call the city and tell them that I built my shed without a permit? You really play for keeps, don't you?" Bill asked Adam.  
answer: (b) keeps
- A7 "I am sorry that I couldn't wait for you to get here before starting the presentation. I tried to play for time by asking everyone to introduce themselves but the regional manager asked me to start," Jill told her boss.  
answer: (b) play
- A8 "I thought you liked Jake and wanted to go out with him. Why didn't you talk to him more while he was sitting at our table? Were you just playing hard to get?" Allison asked Beth.  
answer: (d) hard
- A9 "I am sorry that I didn't get the project in to you sooner. As you know, my workstation has a virus. Unfortunately, the virus has been playing havoc with all of my saved files," Brent told Steve.  
answer: (a) playing
- A10 His son was grounded again. Except this time, it was for playing hooky from school.  
answer: (c) hooky

*English Slang Idioms (156)*

- A1 "Don't react when the drill sergeant is yelling at you. You are just playing into his hand. He wants you to yell at him so he can make an example out of you," Private Gonzales said to Private Smith in basic training.  
answer: (d) hand
- A2 He decided that he would find another job in a smaller outfit. He was currently an assistant manager but was sure that he could work somewhere else as a manager. He was sick of playing second fiddle to a man who was an idiot.  
answer: (c) fiddle
- A3 "I think that perhaps you should play the field a bit more and, especially, before getting into another committed relationship. You always go out with the first guy who asks you and then you try to date him for a long time," Christy told Dawn.  
answer: (b) play
- A4 "Why do you always act like an idiot?" his roommate asked him. "I like making people laugh and if I have to play the fool to do it, that is fine with me," Jay replied.  
answer: (d) fool
- A5 "I know you don't think that you will get addicted to cigarettes if you just smoke them every now and then. However, you are playing with fire. It is a big risk and if you are wrong, it is very hard to quit," Steve's dad told him.  
answer: (b) fire
- A6 "He is not good for this department. He is playing to the gallery by taking actions that make the department numbers look good in the short term. However, the short term gains come at the expense of long term ones," Marshall told Joel.  
answer: (d) gallery
- A7 "I am just pleased as punch with the way our garden turned out," Linda told Chris.  
answer: (c) punch
- A8 "I like Jeff. He is surprisingly intelligent for one of those poacher turned gamekeeper types. He was in an LA street gang and now works for the anti-gang unit," Mark told Detective Reynolds.  
answer: (c) poacher
- A9 "Watching the prosecuting attorney shred the defense's star witness was pure poetry in motion," Pete, a first-year law student told Jeff.  
answer: (a) poetry
- A10 Colleges are supposed to be places where many differing ideas can be shared. Lately, restrictions have been placed on what kind of ideas are acceptable. For instance, one must use politically correct labels for special interest groups at all times when speaking if one wants to escape reprimand  
answer: (d) correct

*English Slang Idioms (157)*

- A1 "I can't go to the concert with you guys. I am as poor as a church mouse and have to buy my college textbooks this week," Sam told Christian and Bart.  
answer: (b) poor
- A2 "I heard you popped the question. Did she say yes? If so, when are you getting married?" Matt's best friend asked.  
answer: (d) popped
- A3 Many politicians have been criticized for their pork barrel politics. It is not good when a trusted official abuses that trust by attempting to make money at the public's expense.  
answer: (c) pork
- A4 "You are calling me a liar? That is the worst case of the pot calling the kettle black that I have heard in a good while. How many times have you lied about not having the rent or doing chores?" Nate asked his roommate.  
answer: (d) pot
- A5 "Jeanna, can you order me a Coke if the waitress comes over here and I am gone? I am going to powder my nose and will be right back," Lisa said.  
answer: (c) powder
- A6 "The powers that be have made it clear that we are not to discuss the case with anyone — including our families," Lieutenant James said to the other cops.  
answer: (b) be
- A7 He decided to play a practical joke on his friend. He, when his friend wasn't looking, took his army hat and flipped his friend's rank upside down so he would get yelled at when he went outside by a drill sergeant.  
answer: (d) practical
- A8 "You are always telling your son not to drink too much but here you are drunk — again. You need to start practicing what you preach," Diana said to James.  
answer: (c) preach
- A9 "Why do you keep trying to convince us that the Democratic party is the right one to vote for? We are Democrats. You are preaching to the choir," Janis said to Tom.  
answer: (d) choir
- A10 "I am so proud of you for having the presence of mind to go into our house while it was burning and grab our important papers and money," Mrs. Williams said to Mr. Williams.  
answer: (a) mind

*English Slang Idioms (158)*

- A1 Josh was certainly there for him when part of his roof collapsed during a snowstorm. One sometimes has no way of knowing if an acquaintance is truly a friend until a time of need arises. Mark thought of the old saying, "A friend in need is a friend indeed."  
answer: (a) indeed
- A2 "My husband is adding an outside light to our house today and that is worrisome. He has no electrical experience he just watched a do-it-yourself program on TV that showed how to do the wiring. I don't think he knows enough about electrical work to do the job without electrocuting himself. The TV show wasn't meant to be a replacement for a course in electrical work. A little knowledge is a dangerous thing," Elsie told a coworker.  
answer: (c) knowledge
- A3 The job advertisement stated "A four-year degree in an applicable field is a must." He didn't go to college so he decided that he would have to apply for a different job.  
answer: (b) must
- A4 He thought about why he had been fired from his job and realized that it wasn't one big thing that had been the cause it had been a number of little things that added up over time.  
answer: (d) number
- A5 "There is the contractor now. It is about time. He was supposed to be here a half hour ago," Matt told his roommate.  
answer: (d) about
- A6 "I was just about to call you. Thanks for stopping by. It has been too long since I saw you last," Bill told his best friend.  
answer: (c) about
- A7 "Thoroughly investigate all of the suspects even the senator. No one is above suspicion," the chief of police told her staff.  
answer: (b) above
- A8 "I am so mad. The person who was selling the house we were going to buy has done a complete about face and has decided not to sell the house," Kim told Gina.  
answer: (d) face
- A9 "According to the government, we should get our tax refund in two weeks," Matt told his wife.  
answer: (c) According
- A10 "I use my CD player as acoustic perfume to cover up the annoying rattling sound my car engine makes," Matt told his friend.  
answer: (a) acoustic

*English Slang Idioms (159)*

- A1 "When I was a kid, I hated green beans. It wasn't until I was an adult that I was able to acquire a taste for green beans," Nate said at the dinner party.  
answer: (c) taste
- A2 "I had a horrible time living with my ex-husband and the experience made me wary of men in general. It took a real act of faith to trust a man again and attempt dating," Laurie said to Ronda.  
answer: (d) faith
- A3 "My best friend is 43-years-old and is still going out to bars that are frequented by college kids at least twice a week. She usually stays out until 2 o'clock in the morning as well. Her friends are all in their twenties — except me of course. I wish she would start acting her age," Laurie told Beth.  
answer: (d) age
- A4 In many cases, young children who act out are looking for attention.  
answer: (a) out
- A5 "Thank you for the compliment. The shed is not yet done, though. I am waiting until a sunny day to add the finishing touches the trim and the last of the paint," Rick told Ben.  
answer: (d) finishing
- A6 "I feel bad for Wes' kid. He is starting school next week and he is so shy and afraid of his own shadow. I know he is going to get picked on," Brian said to his wife.  
answer: (b) shadow
- A7 "This homemade greenhouse is designed to keep the heat in — after a fashion. There are some cracks in the sides of it but I think it still does the job," Chris told Adam.  
answer: (c) fashion
- A8 "Yes, we'd love to come to your party. I can't tell you exactly when we'll be there since I am not sure what time I will get off of work but we'll be there after a while," James told Mark.  
answer: (a) while
- A9 "I figure if I read all of the required reading for the business class, that begins in the fall, over my summer vacation, I'll be ahead of the game and will have an easier time in the class," Ken told Walter.  
answer: (c) ahead
- A10 "I had pneumonia and the doctor gave me some antibiotics. I took them for a week and now I'm all better," Jeff told Ronda.  
answer: (d) better

*English Slang Idioms (160)*

- A1 "There were some things that I didn't like about the amusement park. For instance, the food was very expensive. All in all, though, I would say that the park is worth taking your kids to," Matt told Ben.  
answer: (c) all
- A2 "When are you going to build the new shed, Jim?" his wife asked. He replied, "You know how busy I have been lately — especially with work and fixing the roof. All in good time, honey."  
answer: (a) good
- A3 "What will you have at your garage sale, Maude?" "All kinds of things. Gardening stuff, old furniture, cooking utensils, clothes — you name it Wanda," she replied.  
answer: (c) kinds
- A4 "I am sorry I am late. I got into a car accident. I was driving home on the highway when, all of a sudden, a deer jumped out in front of me. I tried to stop but I still hit it," Craig told his girlfriend.  
answer: (d) sudden
- A5 "Is everyone all in one piece?" Matt asked his passengers after his car went off the road due to a popped tire.  
answer: (c) one
- A6 "Wow! The Stevens sure went all out on this party. They have a live band, a catering service and an open bar. This must have cost them a fortune," Bette said to Grace.  
answer: (b) all
- A7 He liked going to the local thrift shop. There was all manners of things to look at and all were unique, it seemed.  
answer: (d) manners
- A8 "Don't call me again. It is all over between us. We are not together anymore," Jennifer told Kyle.  
answer: (d) over
- A9 "If I find out that you lied about where you were a week ago, I am going to be all over you," the policeman told Bill.  
answer: (a) over
- A10 "Why don't you move in with me and pay half the bill?" Matt asked Bert. Bert replied, "That's all right for you! You get half of your mortgage paid and someone to do your chores and repairs around the house."  
answer: (a) right

*English Slang Idioms (161)*

- A1 "Are you alright? Do you want to talk about it? You look all shook up," Rene said to Jean when she came out of the boss's office.  
answer: (c) shook
- A2 "Will you come on Saturday to mow my lawn? I will pay you twenty bucks," Iris said to Tommy. Tommy replied, "All right, I'll come. I'll be there at 10 o'clock."  
answer: (d) right
- A3 "Are we all set to go?" Mark asked his family as they were getting ready to go to Disney Land.  
answer: (d) all
- A4 "Do you want to go to a Chinese restaurant or a Mexican restaurant? Or, we could get seafood if you like?" Abbey asked Alice. "I don't care. It's all the same to me. Whichever restaurant you prefer," Alice replied.  
answer: (a) same
- A5 "I don't want to go to the races. We are going to go to the lake on Saturday instead. We do what you want to do all the time. We are going to the lake and that is final," Bella said to Nathan.  
answer: (c) all
- A6 "We need to have more social programs for the poor and the elderly. They need help getting food and housing — among other things," Jay said. Matt replied, "That's all well and good the help and the food but where is the money going to come from for the programs?"  
answer: (b) good
- A7 "The gig is up. You are under arrest for embezzlement. We can prove that you have been stealing from your employer. Granted, you have a complex way of going about it but it didn't fool us," Detective Burns told Mr. Hammond.  
answer: (d) up
- A8 He wanted to go to a restaurant but few were open since it was Christmas day. He tried to think of some restaurants that were open all year round but couldn't think of any. He decided he would have to drive by some to see if they were open.  
answer: (a) round
- A9 "I saw you with Steve the other night. You shouldn't date him. He is a total alley cat. He has dated almost everyone in this town often at the same time — unbeknownst to them," Grace told Katie.  
answer: (d) alley
- A10 "When figuring out what materials you will need to complete the job, don't forget to allow for waste," the contractor told Jim.  
answer: (a) allow



*English Slang Idioms (162)*

- A1 "No Ma'am. I am not another repairman. I am the repairman's best friend and I am just along for the ride," Craig told the customer.  
answer: (d) ride
- A2 "I think that you should hire someone to split the wood instead of doing it yourself. Your health isn't the best, Fred, and you are getting along in years," his wife told him.  
answer: (d) along
- A3 "I don't like the local cable company. Their customer service doesn't amount to a hill of beans," Mr. Gerald said to Mr. Thompson.  
answer: (b) beans
- A4 It just figured that his roof would start leaking right when he took a vacation from work. It was going to take all of his vacation time and then some to fix the roof.  
answer: (d) some
- A5 "Some people don't think that Jim should have joined the Peace Corps. I think that it is important to answer one's calling and I am glad he went," Mark said to Lisa.  
answer: (d) answer
- A6 "Why do you think he broke up with his girlfriend?" Melanie asked Grace. She replied, "Well, I can't answer for Brian but it might have something to do with her drinking a lot."  
answer: (a) answer
- A7 "I still don't know what is going on with the contractor. He still hasn't shown up and I am still waiting for an answer back from his company. They said they would find out where he is and call me," Brendan said to Marcie.  
answer: (c) back
- A8 "I will be right back. I have to answer the call of nature. I am going to walk to the bathroom and will be back in about five minutes," Jim told his boss at the site.  
answer: (c) nature
- A9 "I am sorry, son. I have to call the police. You seriously hurt that other boy. You are going to have to answer to the police for your actions," Dan said.  
answer: (b) answer
- A10 "You want to know why Adam moved out of the area? It could have been any matter of things. For one, he lost his job when the mill shut down and he couldn't find another job in the same line of work. Another reason might be that his parents moved not too long ago and he moved to be closer to them to help them in their old age. I am not sure which reason it was," Chris told Adam's old girlfriend.  
answer: (d) matter

*English Slang Idioms (163)*

- A1 "Did you hear that the warehouse workers are trying to form a union at this company? That is sure to upset the apple cart around here," Lisa told Linus.  
answer: (d) apple cart
- A2 "Something is wrong with my computer. Can you help me fix it?" Sarah asked Adam. He responded, "I will give it a good Going-over and I will find the problem. I will call you when it is fixed."  
answer: (b) Going
- A3 "When the boss told me I was fired, I couldn't believe my ears. I had never done anything wrong and I did so well in my performance evaluation," Rick said to Tim.  
answer: (a) ears
- A4 "I don't want to sell my car but I will as a last resort — if we can't pay our bills," Max told his roommate.  
answer: (d) resort
- A5 "Do you have a circular saw I can borrow for the weekend? I am going to build a small shed," Tom asked his buddy. Tim replied, "As a matter of fact, I do. I am not sure where it is right now but I will find it and bring it to you at work tomorrow."  
answer: (d) fact
- A6 "I love this new wool jacket. It is as comfortable as an old shoe," Jane told Eileen.  
answer: (b) comfortable
- A7 "What did you do today?" Mary asked her son, Tom. Tom replied, "I went to the fair for a few hours and, then, I went to a movie with Fred. That is all there is to tell — as far as that goes."  
answer: (d) goes
- A8 "What tools do I need for the job?" Derrick asked his friend. His friend replied, "The tools you need are as follows: a circular saw, a tape-measure, a T-square, a pencil, a drill and some square-drive screws."  
answer: (b) follows
- A9 "I went to Hawaii for a vacation and Hawaii is as good as it gets. Sun, beaches, warm weather, beautiful plants and warm water. What more could one ask for?" Linda said to Sean.  
answer: (a) good
- A10 "Where did you get that wine barrel planter?" Jean asked. Linda said, "I worked for Mr. Marcus and he promised that if I completed the job by last Tuesday, he would give me the planter as a bonus. I finished last Tuesday and he was as good as his word."  
answer: (b) word

*English Slang Idioms (164)*

- A1 "I think we should promote Adam. He is dependable and is as hard as nails," Rick said to the chief of the fire department.  
answer: (b) nails
- A2 "Why do you think Mark missed work today?" Tim asked Rob. "As likely as not, he drank too much last night and didn't feel like coming in to work today. I have known him since high school and he is almost always drunk," Rob replied.  
answer: (d) not
- A3 "Do you have any nails left over from your deck project that you could spare?" Tom's neighbor asked. "As luck would have it, I do. Come by at about 6 o'clock and I will let you have the nails," Tom answered.  
answer: (c) luck
- A4 "I heard that Tom was in a major car accident. Do you know what happened?" Tina asked Lacey. She replied, "As the story goes, he was heading home on the highway when a big-rig truck popped a tire and went into his lane. He swerved to avoid it and ended up hitting a tree."  
answer: (d) story
- A5 He wanted to ask for her hand in marriage but couldn't think of where he wanted to ask her. He was torn between a picnic on the beach or underwater during scuba-diving lessons.  
answer: (a) hand
- A6 "Watch out for Steven. He will promise you the moon to get you to go out with him. Once you do, he is all about himself and what he wants," Mary told Kathy.  
answer: (a) moon
- A7 He knew that he would have to study very hard to pass the test in Business Law. The class was now almost over and he couldn't afford a poor grade at this stage of the game.  
answer: (c) stage
- A8 "I am sorry, Sir. I am at a loss as to how this happened. I completed the project yesterday and saved it on my computer. When I came in this morning, the file was gone. I don't know how to explain this. I worked with Tina yesterday on the project and she can verify that it was completed yesterday," Luke said to his boss.  
answer: (a) loss
- A9 "Tommy, you need to start working faster. You are working at a snail's pace. If you don't start working faster, the job won't be completed on time," the foreman told him.  
answer: (c) snail's
- A10 "I am sorry that I arrived too late for the game. I didn't know that we had to be here at a set time. I thought that this was an informal party that one could show up to anytime in the afternoon," Jess said to Blake.  
answer: (b) set

*English Slang Idioms (165)*

- A1 "So your idea to make enough money to pay me for the car I sold you is to recycle aluminum cans? I think you are grasping at straws here. I think you need to think of something else and ask someone you know for a loan because you are not going to make enough by recycling cans to pay me," Hank told Jimmy.  
answer: (b) grasping
- A2 "You know that her husband passed away yesterday and that you will get paid soon. Asking her to pay you for the lawnmower, at a time like this, is just wrong," Matt told his brother.  
answer: (c) time
- A3 "Management just told us that a lot of our inventory got destroyed in a fire and that we need to obtain more inventory immediately at all cost," Jim informed Candice.  
answer: (a) cost
- A4 "How much will it cost to repair the water damage caused by the leak in the roof?" Mary asked the contractor. "At best, you are looking at \$1,500 for the drywall. I can't tell you for certain how much it will cost until we remove some of the drywall and see whether any of the studs are rotten. If the studs have rotted, it will cost more to fix," he replied.  
answer: (d) best
- A5 She hated the second and third weekend of the month when she was "on call" at the newspaper. She wouldn't get paid unless she was called but she also couldn't leave the area in case of an emergency call.  
answer: (a) call
- A6 "We know that the victim was shot at close range. He has gunpowder burns on his dress shirt," the police officer told the reporter at the crime scene.  
answer: (d) range
- A7 His opponent was quite good at chess. He was very good and didn't usually have a hard time beating his opponent. He tried multiple strategies of attack but had been stopped at every turn.  
answer: (c) turn
- A8 "Is \$2,000 a good deal for a 2001 Honda Civic with 100,000 miles on it?" Lisa asked Beth. Beth replied, "It seems to be but I wouldn't take it at stated value. Bring it into the shop and we will take a look to see if there is anything seriously wrong with it."  
answer: (d) stated
- A9 "Well, first things first, we need to rearrange the shed. Then, we can get the dresser out of the bedroom and that will make room for the new king-sized bed," Steven told Clarissa.  
answer: (c) first
- A10 "We really got a good deal on this house. At first glance, it didn't look like much but all it needed was paint and landscaping," Bill told his wife.  
answer: (b) glance

*English Slang Idioms (166)*

- A1 "I am so mad at my boyfriend. He has gone to great lengths to convince me he quit drinking. Then, his friend came to the house and asked if my boyfriend had made it home OK the other night after driving drunk," Shirley told Grace.  
answer: (c) lengths
- A2 "Look at Tom. He looks exhausted. He must have had a long night last night. His eyes are half-mast," Ryan said to Karen.  
answer: (d) mast
- A3 "What is your manager's cell phone number?" the disgruntled customer asked the representative after being informed that the manager wasn't in at that moment. The representative answered, "I am not at liberty to give that number out. I can have him call you once he comes in, though."  
answer: (a) liberty
- A4 He had checked every music store in town for a quality distortion pedal for a guitar. He searched for months and none of the stores had the pedal in stock. At long last, he found one in a pawn shop.  
answer: (c) long
- A5 He and his boss had been at odds about what to do about the supply crisis for the past month. Each refused to see the other's perspective and rationale.  
answer: (c) odds
- A6 "I am so sorry! I must not have set my alarm last night. I am sorry that I am late. I will leave my house at once," Laurie said when her work called to find out why she wasn't in the office.  
answer: (b) once
- A7 "I am coming home immediately after I am done here. I have some loose ends to tie up at the office before I can leave and that should take about twenty minutes. Then, I will come home," Chris told Linda when she called.  
answer: (d) loose
- A8 "Please don't invite Jack to your party. I dated him at one time and we had a nasty break-up now we can't stand the sight of each other," Beth said to Kim.  
answer: (c) one
- A9 "Will you come to our party on Saturday? You don't have to show up at any particular time you can show up at your leisure. I know you have some things you have to do in the morning," Wes said to Brandon.  
answer: (c) leisure
- A10 "It will cost you, at most, \$150 for a new pump," the repairman told the Watsons.  
answer: (a) most

*English Slang Idioms (167)*

- A1 "I am sorry about the other night at your parents' house. I hope they don't think I am boring or impolite. I know I didn't talk much. I wasn't at my best the other night. I have been sick all week and, then, I found out the night of the dinner party that my cousin had passed away. I didn't get a chance to tell you before dinner," Jack told Maureen.  
answer: (d) best
- A2 He finally had his desk set up so that everything he would need was at his fingertips.  
answer: (c) fingertips
- A3 "Jack, are you there?" The boss called out. "Right here. At your service, Sir," he replied from the next room over.  
answer: (c) service
- A4 He had finally earned the company's trust. When they trusted you, they really trusted you. He had gone from having barely any responsibility to having millions of the company's dollars at his disposal.  
answer: (a) disposal
- A5 "I am sorry but there is nothing more that we can do. We have, at great pains, done our best to make your experience with us a positive one. We gave you a new product, after your warranty had expired, and then we refunded you the money. There isn't anything else we can do," Kyle said to the disgruntled customer.  
answer: (c) pains
- A6 "I am at wit's end. My husband doesn't have a job and won't look for one. I don't know what to do!" Lisa said to Phyllis.  
answer: (a) end
- A7 "James, do you have a moment? I have been trying to catch sight of you all day," Tristan said.  
answer: (b) catch
- A8 He decided to move out of the dormitories at the school and into an apartment. He had somehow lost sight of his goal of getting perfect grades in his classes and he suspected that the reason for this was the constant distraction of living with others who were just starting out in college and wanted to party.  
answer: (d) sight
- A9 "Mark, you have been making a few mistakes in your paper work. I need you to double-check your work from now on. There is a lot of money at stake here," the boss said to him.  
answer: (b) stake
- A10 "I was late again today after being warned that I would be fired if I was late again. I am totally at the mercy of my boss and am just waiting for her to call me in to her office," Jane told Louise.  
answer: (c) mercy

*English Slang Idioms (168)*

- A1 He knew that his Law class would be a lot of work. At the same time, he thought it would probably teach him a lot.  
answer: (c) time
- A2 "Every time I start working on my files, the boss calls me into his office to ask me some dumb question about our inventory. At this rate, I'll never get my work done," John said to Carrie.  
answer: (a) rate
- A3 "My daughter is having a hard time right now in school with people making fun of her appearance. She is at that awkward age where she is all joints and pimples," Sarah said to her friend.  
answer: (d) awkward
- A4 "I feel sorry for Cherish. She is such a babe in the woods when it comes to business. She just can't tell when people are taking advantage of her for their own sake," Mary said to John.  
answer: (d) babe
- A5 Some people are wary of online banking due to a fear that a computer hacker might find a back door into their bank account through one of their computer programs.  
answer: (b) back door
- A6 "We argue for very long periods of time when we do argue. Neither of us will back down when we think we are right," Dan told his father when his father asked how things were going between him and his roommate.  
answer: (d) back
- A7 Periodically, classic movies will be put back in circulation by the companies who made them in an effort to remind people about the movies.  
answer: (a) circulation
- A8 "I think that we should find an alternate supplier who can deliver what we need in case the one that we are signing a contract with decides to back out of the deal," Marcus told Ronda.  
answer: (c) out
- A9 "I think our renovations will have to take a back seat until we can save more money," Jim told  
answer: (d) back
- A10 "You need to go clean your room and I don't want to hear any back talk out of you, young man," Sarah told her boy.  
answer: (c) back

*English Slang Idioms (169)*

- A1 "Sir, I need you to back up, turn around and put your hands on the car," the policeman told the aggressive criminal who started to threaten the officer.  
answer: (b) back
- A2 "Today has been so busy! There has been back-to-back calls since the phones turned on," the customer service representative told her friend who had stayed home sick.  
answer: (d) back
- A3 His plan to renovate his house and then resell it for more money had backfired. The housing market, during the renovation process, had changed from a seller's to a buyer's market.  
answer: (b) backfired
- A4 He wasn't worried about the final exam in his Law class. He knew the material backward and forward.  
answer: (d) forward
- A5 "He tried to convince me that there was nothing wrong with his car but he was a bad actor. I knew he was lying he looked nervous and blinked his eyes way more than usual. He also kept stuttering — which my neighbor is not in the habit of doing," Jane said to Mark.  
answer: (c) actor
- A6 He had expected to marry a woman who would stay at home. He would bring home the bacon and she would raise the kids and do the chores. Life had turned out very different for him. His wife made more money than he did and worked longer hours.  
answer: (a) bacon
- A7 "I love my girlfriend but does she ever have a lot of baggage. She hates her family, she has an ornery ex-husband and her sister sold all of her things when she needed money a few years ago. It is hard to put up with the anger and stories," Max told Steve.  
answer: (b) baggage
- A8 He had expected to read some favorable articles in the local paper about his company when he opened a branch in the small town. However, his company got a lot of bad press speculating that the new branch would put a lot of local businesses out of business and would cost many of the residents their jobs.  
answer: (c) bad
- A9 She had told her son that if he was ever arrested, she would not bail him out. Rather, she'd let him spend the time in jail to teach him a lesson.  
answer: (d) bail
- A10 "Are you having fun tonight?" He asked his girlfriend. She replied sarcastically, "Oh, yes. I am having a ball." She told him that she hated the drag races. However, he had begged her for a long time until she agreed to go with him.  
answer: (c) ball



*English Slang Idioms (170)*

- A1 "Did you have fun at the amusement park?" Sarah asked Allison. "Oh, yes. It was a blast. We went on the waterslides and a lot of other rides. I haven't done anything like that in many years," she replied.  
answer: (d) blast
- A2 "I was at Steve's house and then came home," Jay told his mom. She said, "Baloney. Steve's mother just called wondering where he was and said that she hasn't seen you in weeks."  
answer: (b) Baloney
- A3 "We all need to band together and demand that management includes health benefits in our compensation package. They will listen if we all demand the benefits as a group," Will said to the office staff.  
answer: (a) band
- A4 "I know you think that the mill is going to give you a job and that is why you haven't been out looking for a job. Don't bank on it, though. It has been more than a month since you applied and you haven't heard from them yet, have you?" His mom asked him.  
answer: (d) bank
- A5 "I am sorry, Matt. I know that you got more than you bargained for on the car you bought. I know you weren't expecting to have to fix every other part on it. Your father and I will help out as much as we can," his mom told him.  
answer: (a) bargained
- A6 "Thank you for the bang-up job you did on my house. The hardwood floors look great as does the paint job," William told Bert.  
answer: (d) bang
- A7 "I am sorry that I threw out your best friend the other night. He barged in drunk the other night at two o'clock in the morning with three guests he didn't knock or call first. He wanted to spend the night and wait until you called back," Ron told Paul.  
answer: (c) barged
- A8 "I know that you think that I spent all of my money on partying but you are way off-base on that. I spent my money on getting my car and computer fixed. I can show you the receipts to prove it to you," Paul's roommate told him when he yelled at him for not paying his half of the rent.  
answer: (a) base
- A9 "I like Mrs. Grady but I think she has some bats in the belfry. She told me to watch out for the burglars the other day but no one has been robbed in this neighborhood for twenty years. My friend in the police force just told me that the other day," Beth told Amanda.  
answer: (c) bats
- A10 "How did you do on your performance goals this month?" Janice asked David. "I batted about average this month. I need to improve on the amount of time it takes me to complete my work but I got high marks again for my accuracy," he replied.  
answer: (d) batted

*English Slang Idioms (171)*

- A1 "Did you hear the news? Ben and Paula are an item now. Ben told Mark that they have been dating for about two weeks but haven't told anyone in the office yet," Rick told Gladice.  
answer: (c) item
- A2 "Do you want to go to the river with us?" Jill and Alice asked Kim. "I'm game," she replied.  
answer: (c) game
- A3 "How can we solve the expired inventory issue, Jack?" the boss asked. He replied, "I am not sure yet. Let me stew on it for a while and I will give you an answer by tomorrow."  
answer: (b) stew
- A4 "You want to look in my shed for infected mice? Be my guest," Janice told the animal control officer.  
answer: (a) guest
- A5 "Please don't invite Gina. We have been fighting and are currently on the outs. I won't have fun if she comes," Chris told his friends when they started talking about who they would invite to the river with them.  
answer: (b) outs
- A6 "Look out the window. Isn't that Carrie's boy looking in that car across the street. It's 10 o'clock at night! You know he is up to no good," Lisa told Tom.  
answer: (d) good
- A7 "I caught Terry's son poking around our neighbor's shed. I think he is up to something. I think that he is looking around for something to steal," Grace told Ellis.  
answer: (a) something
- A8 "I know that he failed to show up a month ago. I am not going to bear a grudge against him for not showing up one time. If it happens again, then I will talk to him," Matt told his wife.  
answer: (b) grudge
- A9 "I haven't been studying for my final exams during these last couple weeks. I need to really bear down and get the necessary studying done. I am sorry I am going to study instead of go to the park with you all," Larry told Kurt and Steve.  
answer: (d) bear
- A10 "I started to argue with my boss and he got this look like he was going to fire me on the spot. I quickly beat a retreat and started agreeing with him and apologizing for my behavior. Luckily, he didn't fire me. I am going to have to be more respectful in the future," Tom told Rachel.  
answer: (a) beat

*English Slang Idioms (172)*

- A1 "I don't know how to beat it into Joey's head that teenagers shouldn't drink. Do you have any suggestions?" Dick asked Alice.  
answer: (c) beat
- A2 "We don't want to hang out with people who lie to their friends, so beat it!" Steve and Justine said to Max.  
answer: (d) beat
- A3 The community was outraged when the burglar beat the rap on a technicality. The police had searched his van and his house and they had only had a warrant for the house. The stolen goods had been in the van.  
answer: (b) rap
- A4 "The waterfall is off the beaten track a bit, but you can get to it without a truck. It is well worth seeing. I think you two should go," Tom said to Jill and Ben.  
answer: (d) beaten
- A5 "I tell you what. Digging ditches around here is no bed of roses. There are too many big rocks and the soil is very hard," Joe told Ben.  
answer: (a) bed
- A6 He had started lifting weights to beef up for the summer season. He didn't want to look like a skinny, wimpy kid in a bathing suit.  
answer: (b) beef
- A7 "Why don't you go watch some TV and before you know it, the pile of leaves you have been complaining about will be raked up and gone," Adam told Rachel.  
answer: (a) know
- A8 "You are going to go to summer camp, so stop bellyaching about it. It is not optional," Larry told his son, Mike.  
answer: (c) bellyaching
- A9 "I am sorry, guys. I don't have enough money to go on the trip anymore. I bet my boots on the football game on Sunday and I lost. I am broke until payday," Craig told Luke and Kyle.  
answer: (c) boots
- A10 "In my opinion, your best bet on finding a wine barrel planter is to go to Michael's nursery. They have a lot of different things," Jim told Chris.  
answer: (a) bet

*English Slang Idioms (173)*

- A1 "I went to the farmers' market on Saturday in town to look for fresh herbs. When I got there, I could hardly believe my eyes! There were stalls that had fresh garlic, basil, oregano, thyme, parsley and sage, among other things. I was not expecting so many different kinds of herbs," Lilly said to Lucy.  
answer: (d) believe
- A2 "I was expecting the conference to include a few people from the office and some snacks. It turned out to be a big deal, though. All of the employees from our branch were there, along with all the employees from another of our branches. There was a catered food service, music and guest speakers such as the CEO of the company and other high-up members of the company," Luke said to Candice.  
answer: (b) deal
- A3 "I was so nervous during the presentation. I had to give it in front of all the big shots the CEO, the Chief Financial Officer, the President of Marketing, and some high-up government officials," Sarah told her parents.  
answer: (c) big
- A4 "Hi James. You would like me to work on your car? I do work on cars but they are all old cars. Your car is a bird of a different feather. Your car, being newer, has a lot of computerized parts that are not present in older cars. I don't have the equipment or the knowledge to fix newer cars like yours. I am sorry," James said to Zack.  
answer: (a) feather
- A5 Accepting that he didn't have what it took to be a doctor was a bitter pill for him to swallow. He wanted to be a doctor his whole life.  
answer: (c) bitter
- A6 "I am sorry that I wasn't able to make it to your art show. I got called in to work unexpectedly and didn't have a chance to let you know. You forgive me? No hard feelings? Thanks. I'll talk to you soon," Kim said to Lacey over the phone.  
answer: (d) hard
- A7 He was scared. His wife told him that they fought last night and he couldn't remember fighting with her at all. The last thing he remembered was pouring another drink and dancing. He figured that he must have blacked out since he couldn't remember anything after that moment.  
answer: (d) blacked
- A8 His next-door neighbors were having a friend help them build an addition onto their house. He knew that they didn't know much about construction and were only moving forward with the project because their friend claimed to know a lot about construction. He had talked to the friend and found that he knew about as much about construction as a high school woodshop student. The whole process was a case of the blind leading the blind.  
answer: (a) blind
- A9 "Tina is remarkably perceptive when it comes to other people but she sure seems to have a blind spot when it comes to her boyfriend. She just won't see that the guy is an insensitive jerk who only cares about himself!" Mandy told Sarah.  
answer: (d) blind
- A10 "I told you to take back the nails and get more screws but you took back the screws and got more nails you stupid blockhead!" the contractor yelled at the worker.  
answer: (a) blockhead

*English Slang Idioms (174)*

- A1 "I heard someone outside my window last night and my blood turned to ice. I was so scared! It turned out that my husband realized, in the middle of the night, that he had forgot to lock the shed and it was him that I was hearing," Jamie told Dorothy.  
answer: (c) ice
- A2 "I hated elementary school. I got picked on a lot and have tried to blot the whole experience out of my memory," Chad told David.  
answer: (a) blot
- A3 "I am sorry that I am late for dinner," Jack told his friends. "I had a blow out on my way here and had to put on my spare tire. You can see the little spare tire from here."  
answer: (c) blow
- A4 James was surprised that Jack had blown the lid on his criminal plans. He offered Jack a lot of money to look the other way but he refused. He just didn't think that he would call the police on him too.  
answer: (b) lid
- A5 "You can yell at me until you are blue in the face. I am still not going to miss my prom because I am grounded. I am going and that is it," Jamie told her dad.  
answer: (a) blue
- A6 It looked like it was a blue Monday for about half of the staff members. They looked depressed, tired and like they wanted to be anywhere but the office.  
answer: (d) blue
- A7 He couldn't believe his stupidity. The boss started in on him asking why he had been late — and he had blurted out that he had accidentally forgot to set his alarm when he had gone to bed late last night.  
answer: (b) blurted
- A8 His plan to get all of his chores done by 1 o'clock in the afternoon was coming apart. He got bogged down by three different friends stopping by, unexpectedly, and he was way behind schedule.  
answer: (c) bogged
- A9 Computer technology changes so often that it is often hard to keep up with the newest programs. Each time a new program comes out, there is enough information that one has to learn to boggle the minds of even the very intelligent.  
answer: (b) boggle
- A10 Lucy and her boyfriend had been harboring a growing resentment toward each other. Finally, one night, he started in on her about not taking back the movies and she finally reached her boiling point. She told him everything that she hated about him and then some.  
answer: (b) boiling

*English Slang Idioms (175)*

- A1 "I told you to return the saw before Tuesday since it was not refundable after Tuesday. You said you would and it is now Thursday. Now I am stuck with the saw, you bonehead," the boss said to Tim.  
answer: (a) bonehead
- A2 "While you were at the store, I caught Larry stealing some of your change. I booted him out immediately. I made sure that he left your change here before he left," Craig said to Kyle at his party.  
answer: (c) booted
- A3 "This movie has bored me to tears. Let's turn it off and go to the river or go somewhere else. Anything is more interesting than that movie," Matt said to Steve.  
answer: (d) bored
- A4 "That lecture bored me to death. The Economics professor is a very smart guy and very knowledgeable but his lectures are not interesting," Matt told Kyle.  
answer: (c) death
- A5 "I am envious that your husband built a shed for you instead of buying a pre-assembled one. My husband couldn't build a shed to save his life," Amber told Laurie.  
answer: (b) life
- A6 "I like Matt but I don't want to work with him on a group project. He is a hard worker but he's not the brightest star in the sky," Luke told Joe.  
answer: (d) brightest
- A7 "We need someone else for the position someone who has a quick mind and is business savvy. I like Mark but let's face it he's not the sharpest tool in the shed," Mr. Wilson told Mr. Thompson.  
answer: (b) tool
- A8 "I told you I don't want to go to the movies. I want to go hiking today so stop trying to boss me around," Kyle told his roommate.  
answer: (a) boss
- A9 "Hi Lewis. Thanks for coming by. We are still trying to renovate the kitchen, as you can see. We had to hire a new contractor after the last guy botched the job. The cabinets the last guy put in were very crooked," Brian told him.  
answer: (c) botched
- A10 The candidate for the job who was the most qualified was the girl with the bottle blond hair. She had the necessary education and three years experience in the field. He decided to call her and offer her the job later on that day.  
answer: (d) bottle

*English Slang Idioms (176)*

- A1 Many home owners lost money in America when the housing market recently bottomed out.  
answer: (b) bottomed
- A2 The local college football team bowled over their opponents in the last game with a final score of 49-7. It was a refreshing change of pace.  
answer: (d) over
- A3 It is hard for developing countries to advance due to what some call the "brain drain." The developing country's best and the brightest are often hired to work in other countries for higher salaries than are available in their home countries. This, in turn, leaves the developing countries with less talented and smart people to help them advance.  
answer: (b) brain
- A4 "Don't be too hard on him for coming in dirty. Boys will be boys. They all like to get dirty at that age," Mary told Ellen.  
answer: (d) boys
- A5 "I don't mind if you ride to the store on your bikes. Make sure to wear your brain buckets, though. I don't want you getting hurt or cracking your head open," Ryan said to his two boys.  
answer: (c) brain
- A6 "I thought we would start figuring out our options by brainstorming for five minutes. Once that is complete, we will look through the list of ideas we have come up with and talk about the pros and cons of each. So what I need you to do is right down anything that comes to mind and don't stop to think whether it is a good idea or not. We will critique the ideas after the five minutes," Janice told the team.  
answer: (a) brainstorming
- A7 "I have only had one hobby for years throwing pottery. However, I got kind of sick of it and decided to branch out and try new things. I am now learning how to refinish furniture and play the bass guitar," Susan told Louise.  
answer: (d) branch out
- A8 "I decided to break away from the fraternity in college and make different kinds of friends. They weren't a bad group of guys but they were more interested in partying and having fun than planning a future for themselves and getting good grades," Matt told his little brother.  
answer: (c) break
- A9 "We had a small ground breaking ceremony before we started building the new office. We invited the new workers and their families. We had a barbecue and some beers. Then the Manager put a shovel into the ground and dug out some dirt to signify where the new office will go. It was fun," Marcie told her good friend when she asked what Marcie had done that day.  
answer: (d) ground
- A10 "As you know, we have been trying to break into the cell phone market without much success. However, we have a new product that we hope will make us a major competitor in that market. We are wondering if you would be able to provide the service for our new phone," Lisa told the telephone network executives.  
answer: (c) break

*English Slang Idioms (177)*

- A1 "I am sorry that I am late. My car broke down again. I am getting it fixed tomorrow. This time, it kept overheating," Wes told his boss.  
answer: (b) broke
- A2 "I heard from Tim that you broke off your engagement with Jones. What happened?" His mom asked him.  
answer: (d) off
- A3 "She left because she doesn't want to be around Doug. He broke her heart about a year ago by dating her cousin without telling her. She really loved him and now, obviously, she can't stand him," Laurie told Linda when she asked why Kim abruptly left the party.  
answer: (c) broke
- A4 "I don't want to see you standing on the top of that ladder anymore. You almost tipped it over just now. It isn't safe to stand on the top of it. You could break your neck," his wife yelled at him.  
answer: (a) break
- A5 "I can't trust you anymore. You promised me that you would help me move and you broke your word. I had to do everything myself because I couldn't find anyone else on such short notice," Nate told Brent.  
answer: (a) broke
- A6 He had it made. He won a full sports scholarship to Harvard after breaking the record for fastest marathon runner.  
answer: (d) record
- A7 We have seen many breakthroughs in computer technology in our lifetime. Computers used to take up entire rooms and now the computers in our cell phones are more powerful than those room-sized computers used to be.  
answer: (c) breakthroughs
- A8 "Can you please call your sister? She is really broke up about your cousin dying. I think she needs to talk to someone that cares," her mom told her.  
answer: (b) up
- A9 He had always wanted to be a public servant so that he could bring about change. He thought that there were a lot of good things about society he just wanted to improve whatever he could.  
answer: (c) bring
- A10 "I don't like Jack that much. He is such a brown-noser around the boss. Anytime we try to talk about ideas, he backs the boss automatically and gets all confrontational like he thinks that him and the boss are going to gang up on me," Luke said to Elsie.  
answer: (a) brown-noser



*English Slang Idioms (178)*

- A1 "That was the most unproductive meeting I have been to. Any time we tried to ask the presenter a question, she brushed it aside and kept on with her presentation. I am so confused on so many things," Beth told Lukas.  
answer: (a) brushed
- A2 "Mom! Come here for a moment. Look at this cool rock I found. If you brush back the dirt a little bit, you can see that it has lots of little crystals on it," Jeff said.  
answer: (d) back
- A3 "I know that you are sad that your girlfriend moved away but you have to brush it off and keep studying. Your grades are going down and you don't want to get kicked out of college," Dirk's brother said to him.  
answer: (c) off
- A4 "You can't let that bully keep pushing you around. You are going to have to buck up and fight back so that he and everyone else knows that you can't be picked on," George's dad told him when he got home from school and told his dad what had happened.  
answer: (a) buck
- A5 "I know that I should sell my car. It is constantly breaking down and leaving me stranded. It is also costing me a lot of money. However, I have a really fond feeling for that old bucket of bolts," Chris told Steve.  
answer: (d) bucket
- A6 "My son is a hard worker once he gets started on a job. However, one has to light a fire under him to get him to get off the couch, put away the video games, and do some work," Larry told Bill.  
answer: (c) light a fire
- A7 "The ground is not level on that side. We have to build it up on that side before we build the deck floor so that the deck will be level," Mark said to Lewis.  
answer: (c) build
- A8 "I don't have a lot of money but I don't want to stay in the apartment all day. Why don't we go bum around the beach for a while?" Matt asked Brandon.  
answer: (a) around
- A9 "I am sorry. I can't loan you twenty dollars. I have been burned too many times by people telling me that they will pay me back and then never doing so. It has hurt a lot of my friendships in the past," Luke said to Jacob.  
answer: (d) burned
- A10 He was embarrassed. He had promised to barbecue food for everyone at the party. He had put all of the meat he had on the barbecue and, then, he got into a conversation with a friend about the housing market. He forgot all about the food and when he finally went to check on it, he found that all of the meat was burned to a crisp. Now there was nothing to feed the guests.  
answer: (a) crisp

*English Slang Idioms (179)*

- A1 "I hate how one keeps bumping into the one person he or she doesn't want to see. I have tried my hardest to avoid my ex-girlfriend Sally and I have run into her three times in the past month. It isn't like this is a small town," Jeff said to Christian.  
answer: (c) bumping
- A2 "Did you hear that our boss is in jail? I guess he tried to bump his wife off the other night and she managed to escape and call the police. Crazy, isn't it? I never would have thought that a guy that nice would be capable of something like that," James said to Raquel.  
answer: (a) off
- A3 "Watch out, when using a hole-boring bit on hard wood, that you don't burn up your drill. I just ruined mine drilling holes in a planter box the other day. It started smoking and then quit," Derrick said to Paul.  
answer: (c) burn
- A4 He almost caught his apartment on fire the night before. He was trying to deep-fry some chicken when the pot of oil burst into flames. He tried to find a lid but couldn't. The cabinets had just started to catch fire when he found his fire extinguisher and then was able to douse the flames.  
answer: (d) burst
- A5 He felt like a jerk. He told his girlfriend that he had fell in love with another woman and she burst into tears. He felt horrible after that.  
answer: (b) tears
- A6 "This company is going out of business! You can either bury your head in the sand and pretend it isn't happening or we can try to find a solution but something has to happen now!" The accountant told Bob.  
answer: (a) sand
- A7 "When I was in school not college I hated it when the teachers made us do busy work to keep us occupied. I felt like we were there to learn, not to be babysat," Rick said to Martha.  
answer: (a) busy
- A8 "Dad said that we can't go to the roller-skating rink on Saturday. Why don't we try to butter him up a bit by telling him how much we appreciate all he's done for us and how smart he is. Then, maybe he'll let us go. It has worked before," Rachel told Rhoda.  
answer: (d) butter
- A9 "I had a hard time going from a social worker to someone who works in health insurance. There are so many buzz words to learn. It sounds like the people who work there are talking another language when you first hear them talk to each other," Beth said to Sylvia.  
answer: (c) buzz
- A10 The detective was disgusted when he found out the police chief had been bought off by the mob. He wondered why the chief stopped investigating them and, then, he just happened to hear a telephone conversation between someone in the mob and the chief. They were discussing his payment for looking the other way.  
answer: (d) bought

*English Slang Idioms (180)*

- A1 The accountant called her almost immediately after she had found the fraud and offered to pay her \$10,000 to look the other way. She turned him down but told him that if he redid the work, correctly, she wouldn't call the police, she would just force him to resign.  
answer: (b) other
- A2 "Tim told me that he had fixed my gutters but I am not buying that. I looked at them and they are still falling off in some places and aren't sealed to the house anymore. I am not going to take his work as a monthly payment for the car loan," Sam told his mom. She understood how Sam's brother Tim could be.  
answer: (c) buying
- A3 "I have plenty of money for retirement. I owned a 35 percent interest in a computer manufacturing company and, about five years ago, the board of directors decided to buy me out. I got quite a bit for that," Jeff told his best friend from college.  
answer: (b) buy
- A4 "I wanted to sell my house to the Watsons but they only offered me \$100,000. That is not enough money. Not by a long shot. The place is worth at least twice that," Jim told his neighbors.  
answer: (d) shot
- A5 "I was the one who pitched the last inning and struck the last batter out. We were ahead by one point but the other team had three people on base and had one more person up to bat. I pitched two balls and he swung at both. I threw a fastball straight across the plate and the last batter missed it by a mile. Game over." Luke told his mom who missed the game due to work.  
answer: (a) mile
- A6 "I have to get my car door fixed immediately. It is hanging by a thread and will fall off any time now," Craig told his girlfriend.  
answer: (c) thread
- A7 "We want to come stay with you but we don't want to be a burden," Lisa said to her mom. Her mom replied, "You are never a burden. By all means, come stay with me as long as you want."  
answer: (d) means
- A8 "I can't believe I lost that game. By all odds, I should have won the chess game after I took your queen," Jake said to Bethany.  
answer: (b) odds
- A9 "In my opinion, The Gladiator is the best movie ever made, by far," Ricky told Shannon.  
answer: (c) far
- A10 "I can turn on the furnace if you are cold. However, it works in fits and starts, so it may take a while to warm the room. It will work for a few minutes and then shut off for no apparent reason. It does this all day long. I don't get it," Linda said to her guests.  
answer: (a) starts

*English Slang Idioms (181)*

- A1 He finally found his dream house and it was for sale. He said to himself, "By hook or by crook, that house will be mine no matter how much it costs me."  
answer: (b) hook
- A2 "Hasn't Tommy grown a lot? He was a foot shorter a year ago. He is growing by leaps and bounds," Cindy said to Maxine.  
answer: (b) leaps
- A3 He had built the house and barn by the sweat of his brow. It had been hard and had taken years but the results were breathtaking and just how he wanted them to be.  
answer: (c) sweat
- A4 "Sir, I just called a halt to operations due to a safety issue. The conveyor belt is off its rollers and is caught in the machine. Can you tell me who to call to have it fixed?" Fred asked his boss.  
answer: (a) halt
- A5 "I lost a hundred dollars last night playing poker. I had a four-card flush but I was betting like I had the flush. I thought I had tricked everyone and then Derrick called my bluff," Paul said to Maureen.  
answer: (c) bluff
- A6 "I am sorry, guys. I am going to call it a night and go home to bed. I'll see you guys next week," Bill said to the group.  
answer: (a) night
- A7 "Tammy and I aren't dating anymore. We kept fighting and we finally decided to call it quits," Jake told his brother.  
answer: (d) call
- A8 "Boys! Settle down and quit calling each other names. It isn't nice," Sam told the kids.  
answer: (c) names
- A9 "Don't you feel bad about people losing their jobs as a result of your restructuring the company?" the reporter asked the CEO. The CEO responded, "No, I don't. If I didn't restructure the company everyone at this company might have lost their job because we wouldn't be able to compete anymore. You can't make an omelet without breaking some eggs."  
answer: (c) omelet
- A10 He really wanted to quit smoking cancer sticks but it is hard to quit. He tried to quit smoking cigarettes before and had not been able to quit.  
answer: (c) cancer

*English Slang Idioms (182)*

- A1 "I worked all day Saturday to make some extra money and I earned \$70. Then, on Monday, my headlight went out and I had to spend \$65 to get it fixed. I guess it all cancels out," Jeff told Melissa.  
answer: (d) cancels
- A2 He might have found parts of the show funny if it had not included loud, canned laughter to accompany each joke. He hated shows that did that.  
answer: (b) canned
- A3 Some college kids are beginning to car pool to try to eliminate some of the harmful byproducts released by cars into the environment.  
answer: (c) pool
- A4 He believed he could succeed in college but he knew that the cards were stacked against him. He didn't have any money and had been out of school for a decade. He also would have to move to go to college and that meant quitting his sole source of income.  
answer: (a) stacked
- A5 "I thought, when I was a kid, that I would meet a man who would sweep me off my feet and I would be married happily for the rest of my life. It hasn't happened yet and I am not sure that I will ever get married now," Shelly told Jacky.  
answer: (d) feet
- A6 "Jay said that he is dropping out of school to become a full-time singer in a band. I don't think that is a good idea. He can't even carry a tune," Matt told his brother.  
answer: (b) carry
- A7 "I am sorry that I talked so much about politics the other night. I know that I kind of monopolized the conversation. I tend to get carried away when talking about politics," Luke said to Jim.  
answer: (a) carried
- A8 If he thought he was broke last month, he was really broke this month. He hadn't been able to pay all of his bills last month and they carried over into this month. Now he had to find a way to pay today's and yesterday's bills at the same time.  
answer: (b) over
- A9 He was juggling so many different responsibilities. He felt stressed out all the time and felt like he was carrying the weight of the world on his shoulders.  
answer: (a) shoulders
- A10 He didn't understand why his buddy was always buying motorcycle gear when he didn't have a motorcycle. His friend told him that he was buying the gear and saving for the bike at the same time. To him, that was like buying the cart before the horse and didn't seem to make much sense. What if he never bought the motorcycle?  
answer: (b) horse

*English Slang Idioms (183)*

- A1 The burglars decided to case the joint before performing the robbery. They wanted to look for security systems and for ways into the building.  
answer: (c) case
- A2 Often, the World Bank will encourage countries, that have obtained loans from them before, to start growing cash crops like sugar cane or coffee to help raise the money to pay back the loans.  
answer: (d) cash
- A3 Many companies in America are looking for ways to cash in on the push toward sustainability and "going green."  
answer: (a) cash
- A4 He had been waiting three hours for the guys to show up and cart off his sheet metal from the old shed he had torn down. He was starting to get annoyed with them since he had errands to run in town that he couldn't get to, due to the wait.  
answer: (b) cart
- A5 Some churches believe that people can become possessed by demons who will harm them. These churches believe that the possessed people cannot become whole again until the demons are cast out by members of the church or by God.  
answer: (d) out
- A6 "My cat fell out of our tree and is completely fine. The tree is about 30 feet tall! I guess cats really do have nine lives. My cat sure used one of those up that time," Sally told Fred.  
answer: (c) nine
- A7 "You should call Nate back. He is a doctor and is rich. He is quite a catch, you know. I wish I had a doctor that was interested in me," Maxine told Jenny.  
answer: (a) catch
- A8 "That is the eighth time I have sneezed today. My nose is getting stuffed up, too. I think I am starting to catch cold," Marcie told Bill.  
answer: (d) cold
- A9 "I am sorry, you caught me off balance with that question. Yes, I will go to dinner with you," the accountant said to the assistant manager.  
answer: (d) balance
- A10 He felt old asking his daughter to wait for him as he caught his breath. He wasn't able to climb steep hills as easily as he used to.  
answer: (d) caught

*English Slang Idioms (184)*

- A1 "Why don't we go to the beach this weekend and catch some rays? It will be fun," Jenny said to Beth.  
answer: (d) rays
- A2 Soldiers in the U.S. Army are prohibited from visiting cathouses when stationed in other countries. If they are caught with a prostitute or even in the prostitute's place of business they can get in a lot of trouble or even kicked out of the military.  
answer: (d) cathouses
- A3 He was so embarrassed. He had forgotten his wallet at home and now could not pay for his breakfast. He hadn't been caught short like this since he was a teenager.  
answer: (a) short
- A4 She couldn't wait to leave. Her date had been using foul language all night at the top of his voice which had caused many an eyebrow to raise in the fine restaurant.  
answer: (a) eyebrow
- A5 "I bought the car yesterday. I have wanted this car for years, as you know. I kept pressuring my neighbor and he finally caved in and sold it to me," Will told Matt.  
answer: (c) caved
- A6 "We aren't going to work this out tonight. Can we agree to a cease-fire until tomorrow? We'll talk about it some more and hopefully get it worked out then," Bill said to Louise at 11 o'clock at night.  
answer: (b) cease
- A7 "I can't date you anymore if you and your roommate gang up on me every time we have a disagreement. This relationship is between you and me and he shouldn't be getting involved. You need to tell him to mind his own business," Lilly told Will.  
answer: (c) gang
- A8 In Arcata, California, local businesses are doing their best to block chain stores from being able to open because they believe they will be forced out of business by the stores' lower wholesale prices.  
answer: (a) chain
- A9 Private Smith said, "I hate kitchen duty. This is the second time in two weeks I have been chained to the oars. How about you? How many times have you had to do this?" Private Wilson responded, "Three times this month," with a grimace.  
answer: (d) chained
- A10 The policeman noticed that the suspect was extremely nervous about something. His hands were shaking and he had chain-smoked five cigarettes in fifteen minutes.  
answer: (d) chain

*English Slang Idioms (185)*

- A1 "My sister and I no longer talk. We had a big fight when my parents divorced about which parent was the one responsible. She shut me out of her life after I told her she was wrong and we haven't spoken in three years," Matt told Jenny.  
answer: (c) shut
- A2 He thought that he had enough room to turn his car onto the roadway without causing an accident. He decided not to chance it, though, just in case he didn't have enough room.  
answer: (c) chance
- A3 "Hey, let's put it down for a minute. I have to change hands. My left hand is getting tired," Wes said to Steve as they were moving the couch down the stairs.  
answer: (a) hands
- A4 "I didn't want to work in the accounting department but it will be a nice change of pace from answering telephones," Jill said to Amber.  
answer: (b) pace
- A5 "Hey, if you get tired of digging, let me know and we will change off for a while," Dirk said to Steven who was digging a ditch for a telephone line.  
answer: (b) off
- A6 He told his friend that he was too tired to go out to the bar that night but he would call if he changed his mind and decided to come.  
answer: (d) mind
- A7 "Joe is so funny and always does the silliest things in the office," Amanda said to Megan. "He is a chracter, isn't he?" She replied.  
answer: (d) chracter
- A8 "I was assigned gate duty but now I am charged with guarding the satellite facility," Private Jones told Specialist Kim.  
answer: (d) charged
- A9 "So, your boyfriend bought you a brand-new car? You do live a charmed life, don't you?" Sally said to her best friend.  
answer: (b) life
- A10 "I threw my boyfriend out. I caught him cheating on me with one of my coworkers. I haven't talked to him yet; it just happened yesterday. I don't want to talk to him, though," Jenny told Melissa.  
answer: (a) on



*English Slang Idioms (186)*

- A1 She liked Joe better than Will but he was such a cheapskate. He hadn't offered to pay for her food and hadn't taken her on a date yet that cost him more than ten dollars.  
answer: (c) cheapskate
- A2 "I just got chewed out by the boss for being late. He is so mean when he is angry," Mitch said to Beth.  
answer: (a) chewed
- A3 "Changing a light switch is child's play. You will have no trouble doing it yourself. You just have to deal with a couple of screws and connecting two wires," Bill told Marty.  
answer: (d) play
- A4 "You can't believe that I stole your watch because your 6-year-old kid told you. He's making it up. I wouldn't do that," Rick said to Tom and Jeana. Jeana replied, "I do believe him. He doesn't lie and you know what they say — children and fools speak the truth."  
answer: (c) speak
- A5 "This issue is between me and my wife. My wife told me that you agreed with her and would call and tell me so. Why are you choosing sides? Our disagreements are none of your business," Ben said to his best friend.  
answer: (b) choosing
- A6 There wasn't anything else he could do for the time being. The suspect had clammed up and had asked for a lawyer. He couldn't question him anymore until the lawyer got there so he decided to get a cup of coffee.  
answer: (a) up
- A7 Too many people had been stealing office supplies from the company. The manager didn't want to make it hard for people to get what they needed to do their job, but he had to find a way to clamp down on the problem.  
answer: (c) clamp
- A8 I knew that if I didn't clean up my act, I would get fired. The boss had already hinted that I was a step away from losing my job.  
answer: (a) act
- A9 The guy used bad language loudly, insulted his date and was rude to the staff. He couldn't remember a time when he had been so glad about showing a customer the door.  
answer: (c) door
- A10 He would have to move to get another job. He had been canned from his last job for stealing inventory and word got around fast in a small town.  
answer: (d) canned

*English Slang Idioms (187)*

- A1 He and his girlfriend had been fighting for three hours with no sign of resolution. He remembered how happy he had been when he first met her and he reminded her of their first date. Bringing back the pleasant memory had cleared the air between them and they were finally able to talk like they were on the same side.  
answer: (d) cleared
- A2 "We need to fire Jack immediately and stop the press from finding out somehow. We have a clear- cut case of embezzlement and fraud here. It would lower our stock prices if the public found out that this could happen to our company," Luke said to Jake.  
answer: (a) cut
- A3 "Rave music makes me want to climb the walls. I can't stand it and everywhere I go, someone seems to be playing it," Rob said to Fred.  
answer: (d) climb
- A4 "I have something to tell you but I can't tell you over the phone. Can I meet you at your place after work?" Detective Stevens said to Will. Will said, "Cut the cloak and dagger stuff, will you? No one is listening in on our calls. Just tell me what you have to tell me."  
answer: (a) cloak
- A5 "It is time you moved out, Gina and started your own life. You need to quit clinging to your mother's apron strings and got your own place," her older sister told her.  
answer: (c) strings
- A6 "Just a word to the wise, Jimmy. You need to at least clean your desk up before leaving. Yesterday, when your shift was over, you left without even throwing away your candy wrappers. The boss hates clock watchers," Lyle said to Jimmy.  
answer: (b) clock
- A7 He would have to find a better paying job if he was to pay his debts. He could feel his creditors closing in and he didn't want to lose his possessions or be forced into bankruptcy.  
answer: (b) closing
- A8 The department started to close ranks when Detective Jackson had been accused of shooting the wrong guy. They claimed that he had done the right thing, according to the situation, and that the man who was shot was also a wanted criminal. She had proof that the man did not need to be shot and was laying down with his hands up at the time.  
answer: (a) close
- A9 It seemed like his future was over. He had been hanging on to his boss's coattails and got a promotion every time his boss was promoted. He knew that it was his boss who recommended him for a promotion every time. He also knew that it was not his performance that earned him the promotion but his relationship to his boss.  
answer: (d) coattails
- A10 He stood back and looked at his work. He said a bad word. His shed door was cockeyed and he would have to fix it.  
answer: (c) cockeyed

*English Slang Idioms (188)*

- A1 He was happy about the sale. The customer had offered less than he was asking but could pay, that same day, in cash. Nothing beat cold, hard cash no loan terms and uncertainty, no financing issues and no hassles.  
answer: (a) hard
- A2 He tried to convince his wife not to get rid of his neon beer advertisement sign by telling her that it was a collectors' item and couldn't be easily replaced. She, of course, didn't want it to be replaced.  
answer: (c) collectors'
- A3 "Wow, you have come a long way since I last saw you. Last time I saw you, you were working as a dishwasher. Now you have a degree, your own company, and a beautiful house. Congratulations," Bill told Thomas.  
answer: (b) long
- A4 She knew that their relationship was coming apart at the seams. She didn't know how to stop the fighting and lying; these had become a routine in their relationship.  
answer: (d) seams
- A5 "We can't start the company without John and his computer expertise and he said that he doesn't want to join," Wes told Chris. Chris said, "I'll talk to him. He'll come around soon and join us. I can convince my brother to do almost anything."  
answer: (c) around
- A6 "I am glad to see the two of you. It is nice when your offspring comes home to roost," Gladice told her two sons Rick and Bill.  
answer: (d) roost
- A7 "I am really glad you brought your jigsaw with you. It sure came in handy," Luke said to Christian.  
answer: (a) handy
- A8 "What happened to your old car?" Lilly asked Amanda. "Well, I came into some money lately and sold it. It was old and this car will last me for a long time," she replied.  
answer: (b) into
- A9 "Oh come off it. I go to Mom's house to help her out, not to bum money. Have you seen her deck? I did all that as well as fix up the roof," Bill told his brother James.  
answer: (b) come
- A10 "I really thought that I might have discovered something that worked on lung cancer. It seemed, on paper, that it would work but I have come to a dead end. None of the mice I injected with my drug responded in any way," Dr. Cap told Dr. Lewis.  
answer: (d) dead

*English Slang Idioms (189)*

- A1 My first home needed a lot of repairs. My best friend really came through for me and helped me for two days on the repairs.  
answer: (c) came
- A2 She was knocked unconscious during the crash. When she came to her senses, she was in the hospital with her family all around her.  
answer: (a) senses
- A3 A good history teacher can make history come to life for his or her students.  
answer: (d) life
- A4 "Do you know of any nurseries in this town that have a good selection of succulents?" Chris asked his grandma. "Nothing comes to mind. I haven't seen many of them in the nurseries here," she replied.  
answer: (a) mind
- A5 His dreams of becoming a professional long-distance runner did not come to pass. He broke his ankle skateboarding and it didn't heal right. He could still run, but not for very long distances.  
answer: (c) pass
- A6 "I have nothing to worry about. I have engineered this so that if the plan were ever discovered, it would look like you did all of it. I will come up smelling like roses and you will go to jail," Rick said to Tim.  
answer: (a) roses
- A7 "I heard Larry got arrested for hitting his wife and kid. I hope he gets what's coming to him," Tom said to Lukas.  
answer: (d) coming
- A8 "I have been so busy with work, school, and volunteering, I don't know if I am coming or going anymore," Bill said to Christian.  
answer: (d) coming
- A9 "Bill acts like his car is so cool. It's a Honda Civic, for goodness sake. That kind of car is as common as an old shoe," Wes said to Billy.  
answer: (b) common
- A10 "Jack? He is the epitome of a company man. He is an hourly worker but often stays longer at night and comes in on weekends to help out with things after his tasks are complete," Chris said to Justine.  
answer: (b) company

*English Slang Idioms (190)*

- A1 "I am glad that we were able to find some common ground. We haven't gotten along too well in the past but maybe we can now now that we have found some things we both enjoy and agree upon," Shelly said to Vicky.  
answer: (d) ground
- A2 "I don't think we will make it to your party tonight, Bill. My husband is conked out on the couch and wouldn't wake up for dinner. Thank you for inviting us, though," Rhoda said to Bill.  
answer: (a) conked
- A3 "I know that you like to grow hot peppers. I am trying to grow them for the first time. Perhaps we can get together soon and compare notes," Ted said to Jill.  
answer: (c) compare
- A4 "Why do you have the carburetor from your car on the kitchen table?" his wife asked him. He replied, "Well, I was working on it and decided to leave it here because I think it will make a great conversation piece for the party tonight. A lot of my friends that are coming are mechanics."  
answer: (a) conversation
- A5 "The suspect is one cool customer. I threatened him with jail time and he didn't flinch. I told him I would arrest his wife as an accomplice and he didn't flinch. He didn't get nervous when I asked him personal and embarrassing questions either," the detective told his coworker.  
answer: (b) cool
- A6 "Lester is such a corn ball at work. The other day, he came to work in a prisoner's costume," Vicky told Michelle.  
answer: (d) corn
- A7 "I am going to let you out a bit early. We have covered a lot of ground today and I want to give all the information a chance to sink in," the professor told the class.  
answer: (c) covered
- A8 "I hope no one finds out that we embezzled the money. I don't think they will I covered our tracks pretty well but you never know," the crooked accountant told his accomplice.  
answer: (a) tracks
- A9 Many of the military's cover-ups have been exposed but one has to wonder how many more have gone undetected.  
answer: (b) cover
- A10 "Sorry guys. I can't come to your house to watch a movie. I have to crack the books and start studying for my mid-term exams," Craig said to Joe and Nick.  
answer: (a) crack

*English Slang Idioms (191)*

- A1 "I think I made a big mistake. I cracked a joke in the meeting and no one laughed. My manager gave me a dirty look and the rest of the delegates gave me the cold shoulder," Barry told Jean.  
answer: (d) joke
- A2 "We were having fun until the manager returned and cracked the whip. He yelled at us to go back to work and stood there glaring at us until we turned off the music and went back to work," Larry told Jim.  
answer: (b) cracked
- A3 He was very sad. His wife had cracked up and was currently in a mental institution. The doctor said that she would get better but what if it happened again?  
answer: (c) cracked
- A4 She got into a cradle robber. Her boyfriend was only four years younger than herself and she, being 24, didn't think the age difference was a big deal.  
answer: (c) cradle
- A5 "The boss said that we can no longer wear sandals to work anymore. That is going to put a major cramp in my style. I don't wear shoes," John said to Kim.  
answer: (a) cramp
- A6 His girlfriend wanted him to be more spontaneous and hated that he followed the same routine every day. He didn't think it was fair since he had told her he was a creature of habit when they first met.  
answer: (d) habit
- A7 "I think he is still drinking. Last time I saw him, he was unsteady and slurred his words. He also stuttered and he does a lot when he's drunk," Kim, his sister, said to Ronda, his other sister. She replied "I must admit that thought did cross my mind. I noticed the same things too but on a different occasion."  
answer: (d) mind
- A8 Some people believe that a black cat crossing their path is a signal that bad luck is coming their way.  
answer: (d) path
- A9 "You are missing the point. The crux of the matter is that the company can't afford to give people company vehicles anymore. We aren't stopping do to trust issues or accidents," Lisa told her assistant.  
answer: (a) matter
- A10 It bothered him that his kid was so prone to crying. He cried before school, he cried before he went to the dentist. He cried when he went to the doctor. He finally had enough one day and said, "Don't cry before you are hurt anymore!"  
answer: (c) cry

*English Slang Idioms (192)*

- A1 "But what will happen if I break up with Tommy? Will everyone at school hate me?" Carrie asked her brother. He replied, "I don't know. Does it look like I have a crystal ball to you?"  
answer: (d) crystal
- A2 "John, I told you to bring the most experienced crime scene investigator you have. Why did you bring this cub scout?" Ted asked when John showed up with a man who couldn't have been over 21 years old.  
answer: (a) cub
- A3 Chris and Linda added lots of plants to their yard to increase their house's curb appeal.  
answer: (b) appeal
- A4 "During the presentation, my boss's toupee almost slipped all the way off of his head. I tried not to crack up but I couldn't help it. He didn't laugh with me," Jenny told Hank.  
answer: (c) up
- A5 He had been grounded for two months when the school called his father and informed him that he had been cutting class on a regular basis. Now he wouldn't be able to go to the rock concert with his friends.  
answer: (c) class
- A6 "I am sorry that I left you by yourself at the party the other night but I saw my ex-girlfriend with the guy I got into a fist-fight with coming my way so I decided to cut and run," Mark told Frank.  
answer: (b) run
- A7 He knew that he was in a cranky mood and was trying to care about the effect it was having on his guests. He tried to cut back on the amount of cigarettes he had been smoking by three quarters. His need for a cigarette was not making him an agreeable host.  
answer: (a) back
- A8 "Did you hear about Hank the Bully getting cut down to size at school on Tuesday? He picked a fight with a kid half his size and the kid punched him out," Robby told Ian.  
answer: (a) size
- A9 "I just got the monthly statistics in and they are so good that I have decided to cut you all loose for the day early as a way of saying thanks for all of your hard work. You only have to work until 12 o'clock and then you can all go home," Bill told all the employees.  
answer: (d) loose
- A10 Some rich people, I suspect, enjoy it when their status doesn't cut ice with a person serving them or doing business with them. I suspect that they must enjoy being treated like regular people sometimes.  
answer: (d) cut

*English Slang Idioms (193)*

- A1 "You should go to the mall today. There are some good sales and some cut rate deals on pants. I got two pairs for less than 50 percent of their original cost," Bart told Melissa.  
answer: (c) rate
- A2 "I asked you to correct the English errors in my paper not cut it to pieces. You rewrote almost the whole paper and now it doesn't include the facts that prove my point," Jane told Irma.  
answer: (a) pieces
- A3 "We have had to cut our expenses to the bone since Jim lost his job. We have even gone so far as to start riding our bicycles to do errands to save money on gas," Laura told Tina.  
answer: (d) cut
- A4 I got in big trouble for cutting up during kitchen duty in Basic Training. I was restricted to the base and had to do extra duty.  
answer: (b) cutting
- A5 "I am having a hard time with my girlfriend. First, she gets angry with me for not being supportive of her trying to lose weight. Then she gets mad at me for encouraging her to work out and says that I am implicitly calling her fat by suggesting that she should exercise. I'm damned if I do and damned if I don't," Robby told his best friend.  
answer: (a) don't
- A6 He was very happy that he had talked to Steve about being late. He thought that Steve would get angry and continue to be late but Steve had been dancing to a different tune ever since their discussion. He had been punctual for every engagement for the last two weeks.  
answer: (b) dancing
- A7 He couldn't believe that his friend had backed out. He had dared him to run through the abandoned house and his friend had accepted in front of all the neighborhood kids. Now, that he wasn't going to do it, the other kids that were present at the time, would think his friend was a wimp.  
answer: (c) dared
- A8 "Leave my house immediately, Jim. My wife told me that you hit on her and asked her to sleep with you. Get out of my house and never darken my door again!" Matt yelled.  
answer: (d) darken
- A9 He always believed that he and his wife would be able to work through any problem that they encountered. Then, during their last fight, it dawned on him that they didn't agree on almost anything and that they would not be able to work things out between them.  
answer: (b) dawned
- A10 "The act of marriage, in one form or another, dates back several thousand years," the history professor told the class.  
answer: (d) back



*English Slang Idioms (194)*

- A1 "I am sorry that we can't have breakfast together this morning. I woke up late and now I have to dash off to work," Lisa told her friend.  
answer: (d) off
- A2 "The new president is as different from the last one as night and day," Beth said to Louise.  
answer: (c) night
- A3 He had been fighting with his girlfriend day in and day out for several months. He didn't know how much longer he could stand the constant fighting.  
answer: (a) out
- A4 "So far, the owners of the dog that bit my wife have not offered to pay her medical bills nor have they apologized. We will have our day in court soon and then they will have to own up to their responsibilities," Mr. Smith told the reporter.  
answer: (b) day
- A5 "Do you want to go to the mall on Wednesday? Wednesday is my day off so we can go for as long as you like," Maxine said to Linda.  
answer: (a) off
- A6 "Matt has been ripping a lot of people in this town off and has gotten away with it until now. I talked to some reporters today who are going to do a story about this and make his actions public. Then, hopefully, there will be a day of reckoning," Luke told Steven.  
answer: (d) reckoning
- A7 "My car is over twenty years old and its days are numbered. It is breaking down more often and runs horribly rough," Janis said to Luke.  
answer: (a) numbered
- A8 "Dad, the exit you are looking for is dead ahead! You had better get in your left lane right now so you don't miss the turn-off," Matt said.  
answer: (b) dead
- A9 "Don't worry about standing me up on Friday. I know that you had a good reason and I have forgiven you. Consider the issue dead and buried," Chris said to Jenny.  
answer: (d) dead
- A10 "Ouch! That really hurt! I just hit the dead center of my forehead on the doorknob as I was bending over," Lisa told Tim when he asked what had happened.  
answer: (a) dead

*English Slang Idioms (198)*

- A1 "I am not afraid of you and I don't think anything you do can cost me my job. So, if you want to tell boss I am slacking off or something, do your worst," Kim said to Gina.  
answer: (c) worst
- A2 "How was your date with Lisa last night? Do tell," Misty told her brother.  
answer: (a) tell
- A3 "The auto shop did me out of five bucks by charging me for the same part twice. I am going to go down there and get the five bucks back," John told his wife.  
answer: (d) did
- A4 "I don't think we should rehire Tom. He always does his work by halves. He either doesn't complete his tasks or he cuts corners and does the work in a very sloppy fashion," Bill told Fred.  
answer: (b) halves
- A5 "We have all of the evidence to convict you for burglary. You are going to do time for this," the policeman told the criminal.  
answer: (d) time
- A6 They really did it up this year. The party was a huge success since they had arranged for caterers, transportation, dancing, and live music.  
answer: (b) did
- A7 "I could give up my TV and my bicycle but I couldn't do without my guitar," John told Wesley.  
answer: (a) without
- A8 American businessmen are known for having an aggressive do-or-die attitude toward business.  
answer: (b) die
- A9 The leftovers from the restaurant were good but a little bland. He decided to doctor up the chicken dish with some garlic, basil, oregano, and sage to add more flavor.  
answer: (d) doctor
- A10 "Jim hates the fact that I am better than he was at sales and is scared I will take his job. He has dogged me every step of the way since I started here. He keeps hoping that he will scare me off but it won't work. I am going to do a good job — with or without him," Lisa told Alison.  
answer: (c) dogged

*English Slang Idioms (199)*

- A1 "School is a major expense. I just had to dole out \$200 so that my daughter can go to the prom," Tony told his best friend.  
answer: (b) dole
- A2 "Why are you all dolled up? You have a dinner dress on, your make-up done, and your hair styled and you told me that you were going to a faculty meeting tonight," Jane asked her roommate.  
answer: (d) dolled
- A3 "If I don't get home in less than an hour, I am done for. I know you aren't ready to leave yet but I am begging you to drive me back home," Nate said to Jacob.  
answer: (c) done
- A4 "This is the third time I caught you borrowing my stuff without asking. I told you that you have to ask permission the last time I caught you. I am done with you. Get out of my apartment," Kyle told Bert.  
answer: (a) with
- A5 "You have been yelling at people for being late and you've never accepted their excuses for as long as I have known you. Remember when you threw Jim out for being late when he had popped a tire? Now you got fired today for being late even though you had a good reason. How does it feel to get a dose of your own medicine?" Jake's brother asked him.  
answer: (a) medicine
- A6 "I am sorry that I am late for dinner. After I left, I couldn't remember if I had turned off the stove. I had to double back and make sure that it was off," Lilly said to Kim.  
answer: (d) back
- A7 "I totally understand, Lilly. You have to double check that sort of thing. It would be rotten to lose all of your things over something like that," Kim replied.  
answer: (b) double
- A8 "Matt and Sarah asked us if we would go on a double date with them to the Italian restaurant on Friday night. What do you think?" Laura asked Chris.  
answer: (d) date
- A9 "What do I do for work? Well, I do double duty for Mr. James. I handle customer service and do all of the accounting. How about you?" Chris asked Matt.  
answer: (c) double
- A10 "You can go faster on this road if you want to. The speed limit is the regular old double nickel," Ray told Beth.  
answer: (d) nickel

*English Slang Idioms (200)*

- A1 "We realized that we had brought the tents and sleeping bags but we forgot the second set of tent poles. We had to double up and sleep in one tent. On top of that, it rained the whole time. It was a horrible trip," Allen told his wife.  
answer: (d) up
- A2 "I quit my job today. I can't work with Jim any more. He acted like my friend and I confided in him about some of the things I was working on. He then double-crossed me and took my ideas. He told my boss that he came up with the ideas and he got promoted to my team-leader," Beth told Bill.  
answer: (c) crossed
- A3 The staff was getting increasingly angry at the new boss. When asked about whether they were to be laid off or not, he responded in a way that left more questions than before. The double talk was worse than if he had chosen not to answer in the first place.  
answer: (b) talk
- A4 Her boss was a constant annoyance. He had been down on her and had questioned everything she did ever since that fateful day when she had questioned his judgment in front of the staff.  
answer: (d) down
- A5 He decided that he would let his best friend live with him for no more than six weeks. That was long enough for him to get on his feet and he felt like he would be returning the favor. His best friend had given him a car, free of charge, when he was down on his luck.  
answer: (b) luck
- A6 "There is a heavy metal concert on Friday? That sounds like it's right down my alley," John told his college roommate.  
answer: (c) alley
- A7 "I am sick of being forced into taking classes that shove liberal views down my throat," John told his roommate.  
answer: (d) throat
- A8 "I don't think I am going to go out tonight. I think I am coming down with a cold," Matt told Paul.  
answer: (a) coming
- A9 She was having a hard time talking to her roommate, Jessica. Every time she had a problem with her, Jessica would drag in every fight they had ever had whether it was relevant or not.  
answer: (b) drag
- A10 The lecture seemed to sound on and on. He couldn't wait for it to be over. Economics bored him.  
answer: (b) sound

*English Slang Idioms (201)*

- A1 He hadn't slept in a week. His neighbors had been having knock-down drag out fights every night and they were not quiet about it.  
answer: (c) knock
- A2 He had worked hard through college and earned perfect grades as a result. Now, he had drawn a bead on Harvard Law School and was waiting to take the entrance exam.  
answer: (b) drawn
- A3 "You are lying so that I don't get mad at you for drinking. What other conclusion could I possibly draw from what you have been telling me?" Steve asked Megan.  
answer: (d) draw
- A4 "We need to communicate better. Every time I try to talk to you about why you do the things you do, you draw back and get defensive," Paul said to Kim.  
answer: (d) draw
- A5 "We can draw a parallel between abusive husbands and rapists in that both of these groups are using tactics to take power from the victim to give to themselves," the psychology professor told the students.  
answer: (a) parallel
- A6 "One of these days, my partner and I are going to have it out. I refuse to be the first one to draw blood, though. He'll have to start the fight," Sergeant Garcia told his coworker.  
answer: (d) blood
- A7 "I am surprised that Jay backed his brother against his best friend when his best friend was obviously right. I guess blood is thicker than water," Paul said to Matt.  
answer: (a) blood
- A8 He was sad. The end of his time with his girlfriend was drawing near. Soon, he would have to go back to his country and family and vice versa.  
answer: (c) drawing
- A9 Many times, during a campaign season, a candidate will make accusations about another's ethics or background in an attempt to draw the fire from the media away from his or herself.  
answer: (d) fire
- A10 "Now that we are in agreement as far as the terms, please draw up a contract and we'll all sign it," Matt told the others.  
answer: (a) draw

*English Slang Idioms (202)*

- A1 One of the major drawbacks to living in an apartment is that one can't earn equity in it. All of the money one has spent for past months' rent will be gone.  
answer: (b) drawbacks
- A2 "I don't know where my roommate went and I don't think she will be back any time soon. She left dressed like a million dollars about fifteen minutes ago. Maybe she went dancing," Sarah said to Jessica.  
answer: (a) million
- A3 "I am sorry that my husband embarrassed you in that nice restaurant by telling dirty jokes loudly. You can dress him up but you can't take him anywhere," Gina said to Paula.  
answer: (d) take
- A4 "We should repaint that dresser that you want to sell. A nice sanding job and a new finish would dress it up nicely," Carly told Amy.  
answer: (b) up
- A5 He asked his friend for his notes last class. He kept drifting off and missed a good portion of the lecture daydreaming or falling asleep.  
answer: (a) drifting
- A6 "It is getting late. Drink up and let's go," Matt told Paul at the bar as Paul was working on a beer.  
answer: (d) up
- A7 "Boy, the neighbor sure drives a hard bargain. We have been hassling over the details for the past two hours," Jim told his wife.  
answer: (b) bargain
- A8 "Why do you keep asking me where I was on Tuesday? I already told you twice. What are you driving at?" Maxine asked her sister.  
answer: (c) driving
- A9 "Seeing my best friend's brother die in a car accident that was his fault really drove home the importance of being sober while driving," Sue told Melanie.  
answer: (d) home
- A10 "I thought you would never get home, Tom. Please take the boys outside and play catch with them. They are so hyper today. They are driving me ape!" May said to him.  
answer: (c) ape

*English Slang Idioms (203)*

- A1 "Being trapped in the Department of Motor Vehicles for any length of time is enough to drive someone around the bend," Janice told Alison.  
answer: (a) bend
- A2 The congested traffic in Los Angeles can drive almost anyone bananas — especially if the person is trying to get to work and is going to be late.  
answer: (d) bananas
- A3 "I am having a party on Saturday. Why don't you drop by?" Paul asked his brother.  
answer: (a) drop
- A4 "Paul is pathetic. His girlfriend dumped him over a year ago and he has been drowning his sorrows in the local bar ever since," Rick told Bill when he asked how his cousin was doing.  
answer: (c) drowning
- A5 "Why do people bring their little babies into theater performances? Some stupid person's two-year old drowned out the whole last song in Phantom of the Opera by screaming and crying. Do you think the adult took the crying kid out? Heck no," Gina said to Tyler.  
answer: (c) drowned
- A6 "I am going to see if I can drum up some work and I will be back later. I am going to try to rake people's yards," Tommy told his parents.  
answer: (a) drum
- A7 "Luke is a very good employee and has a great work ethic. He isn't completely dry behind the ears yet though, if you know what I mean," Steve told Terry.  
answer: (d) dry
- A8 It is hard for many alcoholics to dry out it is even harder for some to learn good habits in other areas of life.  
answer: (b) dry
- A9 Unfortunately for the Republican Party, support for their cause has dried up since President Bush was elected.  
answer: (d) up
- A10 "Can you watch the place for a while? I have to duck out really quick to pick up more drinks and food," Matt said to his roommate during the party.  
answer: (c) duck

*English Slang Idioms (204)*

- A1 "I got yelled at by my boss again today but I just dusted it off. I know that the reason I got yelled at is not my fault," Karen told her mom.  
answer: (d) off
- A2 "You are going to have to find a job if you want to live here. You don't have to pay much but you do have to earn your keep," Matt's dad told him.  
answer: (c) earn
- A3 "I was so embarrassed today. My boss complimented me in front of everyone and my ears started to burn. Then, the person next to me noticed and said something. Then, everyone had to take a look!" Jane told her husband.  
answer: (d) ears
- A4 "John, Melissa is trying and we can all see that. Maybe you could ease up on her a bit? I think she will do great around here once she gets the hang of things," Gina told the boss.  
answer: (a) ease
- A5 "Be careful, Lee. Don't hit the nails on the window too hard or it will break. Remember, easy does it," Bill told him.  
answer: (c) does
- A6 "Why don't you take the landscaping job? I know the family and they pay high and expect very little. It is easy money, trust me," Ashley said to Adam.  
answer: (b) easy
- A7 "I like Ed. He is very easy going and is very caring," Beth told Chris.  
answer: (a) easy going
- A8 "I didn't think that I would be bothered by your brother's rude comments but I am. His comments have been eating away on me ever since we saw him last. I am going to have to say something to him," Luke said to Rachel.  
answer: (d) eating
- A9 "I like it when Steve comes over to spend the night. He is a nice kid. However, he is getting expensive. Every time he comes over, he eats us out of house and home," Linda said to Rose.  
answer: (a) home
- A10 "I think the boss will grant my request for a transfer. I will compliment him first he has a big ego- and he will be eating out of my hand in no time," Lisa said to Alice.  
answer: (b) eating



*English Slang Idioms (205)*

- A1 "Do you know a good auto body shop? The combination of the saltwater and humid conditions has caused rust to eat a hole in my door," Matt said to Nathan.  
answer: (c) eat
- A2 "Why don't we go to the coffee shop? We still have an hour before the conference and going to the shop across the street will help us eat up some time," Gina said to Frank.  
answer: (a) up
- A3 "The new paper company is trying to edge in on our business. They have been calling some of our biggest clients in an attempt to win their business by offering them a discount on both paper and shipping. We need to find a way to combat this," Lew said to Rachel.  
answer: (d) edge
- A4 "I will be inside in one minute to help you with the dishes. I am just trying to eke out the last bit of barbecue sauce in this bottle so we have enough for the barbecue chicken," Chris said to Linda.  
answer: (b) out
- A5 "Wow, there are so many people out today! There is a ton of traffic everywhere and people all over the streets. Even the elevator going up to the office was packed for a change. I had to elbow my way into it and barely fit. It must be the Christmas season that is causing this," Lisa told Candice.  
answer: (a) elbow
- A6 "I felt bad for your brother today. He was walking down that hill behind the cafeteria at school when he slipped in the mud. He went end over end all the way down the hill in front of everybody and was covered in mud. Everyone laughed at him," Kim said to Carlie.  
answer: (b) end
- A7 "If you don't go to college, you will probably end up working at some minimum-wage job that you hate for the rest of your life," Curt's mom said to him when he told her he wasn't sure if he wanted to go to college or not.  
answer: (d) up
- A8 "Well, this is the end of the road for you. You have failed your physical training test three times in a row and we have no choice but to discharge you from the army," First Sergeant Jones told Specialist Jennings.  
answer: (b) road
- A9 "Your dad made another rude comment to me. I have tried to ignore him and told myself that his rude behavior is temporary but enough is enough. I am going to confront him and ask him to stop next time I am there," Billy said to Tommy.  
answer: (d) enough
- A10 "Honey, have you seen my wallet? I have looked everywhere for it and it seems that it has evaporated into thin air," Walter told Edna.  
answer: (b) evaporated

*English Slang Idioms (206)*

- A1 "When the roof started leaking, I thought that we would have to call a contractor and spend thousands of dollars we didn't have. My husband, surprisingly, proved equal to the occasion and somehow fixed it after only a few hours," Lilly told Paula and Mike.  
answer: (c) equal
- A2 "Look at Jake in his fireman's costume. I think he looks every inch the fireman," Lisa said to Jake's dad when Jake came over to show them his Halloween costume.  
answer: (d) inch
- A3 "I don't like croquet but I do like to go golfing every now and then," Jack said to Thomas.  
answer: (a) then
- A4 "People really need to learn how to drive in this town. Every time I turn around, it seems like I am either hearing about another crash on the radio or see ambulances and fire trucks by the scene of a crash," Beth said to Jenny.  
answer: (c) turn
- A5 "I really need to do something about the garden outside. When we bought this house, the previous owners had neglected it and let the plants grow every which way. We have been meaning to prune the garden, plant new plants and clean its overall appearance up we just haven't got around to it yet," Jacky said to Marlene.  
answer: (d) which
- A6 "Don't try to explain away the fact that you are drunk and it is two o'clock in the morning. You didn't even call to let me know that you weren't coming home from work. I don't care what reasons you had for your behavior, you could have called and you should have come home first," Bill said to Sylvia.  
answer: (b) explain
- A7 "As soon as I get home from work, I am going to go face down. I am exhausted," Rodney said to Christopher.  
answer: (a) down
- A8 "You spend too little time on schoolwork and too much on partying with the fraternity. You are going to have to face up to the fact that school takes a lot of work and that comes first. I think that you need to figure out your priorities," James told his little brother.  
answer: (c) face
- A9 "Thanks for the face-saver, John. I don't know how you knew that I had forgotten what I was going to say in the presentation but I appreciate you stepping up and taking over for me. That would have been really embarrassing if you hadn't. I started stuttering and looking around for my notes in my briefcase," Bill said.  
answer: (d) saver
- A10 "I just don't have enough money to stay in school. I am faced with the choice of getting another job and working or going to school twenty hours a day or dropping out of school. I don't know what to do," Laurie said to Max.  
answer: (a) with

*English Slang Idioms (207)*

- A1 "I am going to have to quit my job here. I came here looking for a fair shake and that isn't happening. Every time I say something to the boss's kid about the safety violations he is perpetuating, he runs off to his dad and tells him that I am bullying him. Then his dad gets mad at me and tells me to leave him alone. I can't work as the safety officer here without support from management," Bob told Lewis.  
answer: (c) shake
- A2 "I joined the army to become a telephone line installer. I figured that I could work as an installer through school and that it would be a good job to fall back on in case I got sick of being a manager," Chris told Jake.  
answer: (d) fall
- A3 "I am trying hard not to fall behind in my schoolwork this semester. Last semester, I played around too much and it was horrible trying to get caught back up. It was much more work trying to get caught up than if I had just done the work in the first place," Bill told Fred.  
answer: (d) fall
- A4 "I told a joke in my presentation and it fell flat. No one laughed and I got dirty looks from several of the people there. I thought it was funny and I think they all need to develop a sense of humor," Steven said to Lewis.  
answer: (b) flat
- A5 He still remembered what had made him fall for her. She walked out of the ice cream shop with a cone in her hand and, then, bumped the cone into his shirt. He was still laughing about their conversation afterwards.  
answer: (c) fall
- A6 "I am not going to put my name on this contract. I know that you are going to try to defraud the other party and I am not going to be the fall guy for your scheme. I am not going to ruin my reputation for your benefit," Max said to Frank at work.  
answer: (d) fall
- A7 "I am worried about our son. His grades are slipping and I think it is because he fell in with the wrong crowd. His friends don't care about anything except getting drunk," Louise told her husband.  
answer: (a) in
- A8 "You are fired. You have fallen short of every expectation we have of a customer service representative. You are rude, late, slow, and sloppy," Mark told Will.  
answer: (c) short
- A9 "We are not on speaking terms at the moment. We had a falling-out over the decision of whether or not to put our parents in an old folks' home or to have them move in with one of us. My brother wanted to send them to a home and I didn't," Mark told Suzy.  
answer: (b) falling
- A10 "Unfortunately, Frank is in my family tree. He is my mother's brother. You can pick your friends but you can't pick your family," Rick said to Ben.  
answer: (a) tree

*English Slang Idioms (208)*

- A1 "Bob! Fancy meeting you here! I didn't know that you liked gardening!" Justine exclaimed.  
answer: (a) Fancy
- A2 "I saw our old friend Brian. He was pretty far gone if you ask me. His clothes were dirty and old and he smelled like whiskey. He said that he had just lost his job, but by the look of him, he hasn't been working in some time," Beth said to Brandon.  
answer: (d) gone
- A3 "I told Bill that he was to be grounded for two weeks. He gave an excuse of why he was late for curfew but it seemed pretty farfetched to me. He said that the bus broke down and they wouldn't let the passengers off for two hours until it was fixed. I think he is lying," Mary said to her husband.  
answer: (c) farfetched
- A4 "I could have done the plumbing job but I really didn't want to. I can make more money than it would cost to hire a plumber for the task if I keep working on building the house. I farmed the plumbing job out to a plumber who is a friend of mine," Jake told Bill.  
answer: (b) farmed
- A5 He decided to ask his son if he wanted to make a quick buck and mow the lawn. He had a lot of other things to do and he didn't want to mow the lawn too.  
answer: (d) quick
- A6 "I am not going to buy a used car from that lot. The salesman was too much of a fast talker. I don't get the impression that the cars are quality," Lisa said to Rick.  
answer: (c) fast
- A7 "We have the idea and the patent for the invention. We also have surveys from random people showing customer interest in our product. All we have to do is figure out how to market and produce the product and we are in fat city," Ben said to Brendan.  
answer: (a) city
- A8 "I don't think that we should offer less money for the car considering that the owner is a widow who obviously needs the money. I feel it in my bones that trying to bargain with a lady in her position is morally wrong," Steven said to Tina.  
answer: (c) bones
- A9 After he began an exercise routine and followed it for a month, he felt like a new man. He felt younger, stronger and healthier.  
answer: (c) new
- A10 He had been feeling out the competition for some time to see if they would be interested in a merger. He felt that they were close to an agreement about a merge and that would be good for both companies.  
answer: (d) feeling

*English Slang Idioms (209)*

- A1 He was bored with life. He knew he needed to find a new hobby or new group of friends. Moments of excitement and happiness were few and far between these days.  
answer: (c) between
- A2 He had worked for the company for thirty years and did quite well for himself. However, his job was now being outsourced to India and he was getting laid-off next month. He felt he deserved more but that was the fickle finger of fate for you.  
answer: (a) finger
- A3 "Sorry about our bathtub not draining properly," Matt told his guests. "I have been meaning to fiddle around with it to get it working but haven't yet found the time."  
answer: (d) fiddle
- A4 "Jane has been spreading rumors about me at work. I know lots of bad things about her, but so far, I didn't want to start gossiping about her. If she is going to be spreading rumors about me, I am going to start fighting fire with fire," Lynn told Ellis.  
answer: (d) fire
- A5 "Can I borrow fifty dollars until payday? I have managed to fight off the creditors for this long but I am a little short right now," Brad said to his brother.  
answer: (b) fight
- A6 "I took a vote of the office personnel to see if they would rather have time off as a bonus or a gift certificate to Wal-Mart. The vote was about fifty-fifty. You will just have to pick one and go with it," Gladice told the Boss.  
answer: (c) fifty
- A7 "We need to come up with an invention. My best friend's cousin invented some little part that goes in your toilet and he is now filthy rich," Ben said to his roommate.  
answer: (d) rich
- A8 "I know that you don't like your brother but can you find it in your heart. to help him fix his roof? You know how and it is winter. You know he can't afford the repairs," Melissa said to her husband.  
answer: (a) heart
- A9 "I told Bill not to drink and drive many a time but he won't listen. I guess he'll have to find out the hard way and either get arrested or into an accident," Steve told his wife.  
answer: (c) hard
- A10 "I don't care if you want to buy this shirt. I found it and picked it up first. Finders keepers," Kim said to Alice jokingly.  
answer: (b) keepers

*English Slang Idioms (210)*

- A1 "A lot of rich, famous women are in the news these days for their weird or trashy behavior. I guess it goes to show that fine feathers do not make fine birds," Matt told Lewis.  
answer: (d) feathers
- A2 "Your spare tire is flat too? What a fine kettle of fish this is! We are fifty miles from the nearest town and it's raining," May said to Tom.  
answer: (b) kettle
- A3 His kid asked him to look for his school report in his room since he had to go to soccer practice. He had already glanced around the room and didn't see the paper. He would have to go through the room with a fine-tooth comb to find the report in that mess.  
answer: (a) comb
- A4 "I met with Mr. Wilson and tried to pitch our product to him. I didn't even get to first base before he told me he was late for some nebulous meeting and showed me the door," Mary said to Derrick.  
answer: (c) first
- A5 He really enjoyed his train trip and vowed to recommend the tour company to everyone he knew. They were really first class. The meal had been great, the staff had been courteous and the seating and view were also top of the line.  
answer: (a) class
- A6 Even though there was little demand for watch repair, he refused to retrain and find another profession. His great grandfather, his grandfather and his dad had all been watch makers or repairers in Switzerland. He was, first and last, a fixer of fine watches and that was all there was to it.  
answer: (c) last
- A7 "I expected him to at least praise my work on the project before yelling at me. I went into his office and first thing off the bat, he started yelling at me for being late to the bus for the business trip," Randy told Rod.  
answer: (b) bat
- A8 He was happy that he had finally been promoted to first string on the sales team. He knew that he could land the big sales just as well, if not better, than anyone else on the team.  
answer: (d) first
- A9 She was more angry at him than she had ever been before. She felt that she deserved to hear from him, first hand, that he was going to be getting the promotion that she really wanted.  
answer: (b) hand
- A10 "Nancy is very annoying. She is always fishing for compliments. She is always bringing up her accomplishments and situations that make her look smarter than others," Irma said to Peggy.  
answer: (c) compliments

*English Slang Idioms (211)*

- A1 He knew that he should be more ethical in his accounting practices. He felt that his worth was defined by how much money he saved the company in taxes but he was fishing in muddy waters. He wouldn't be worth much if he got arrested for fraud and embarrassed the company.  
answer: (b) muddy
- A2 "I don't think I believe that Joe used to own a Lamborghini. He doesn't have any pictures of it and no one he knows had ever seen it. I think that it is like the fish that got away. It sounds good but didn't happen," Matt said to Davis.  
answer: (a) fish
- A3 "I love those pants on you. They are perfectly tailored for you. They fit like a glove," Lilly said to Nancy.  
answer: (d) glove
- A4 He hated it when his parents tried to fix him up with one of their friends' daughters. They were always unattractive and some were weird.  
answer: (c) fix
- A5 "So, you think you can rip me off and I won't do anything about it? I'll fix your wagon," Bill angrily told the local mechanic.  
answer: (a) wagon
- A6 He didn't know what to do. He had invested all of his savings in his business. The business started out strong but it was starting to fizzle out.  
answer: (c) out
- A7 He was late for work and the rain picked up. He hoped he could flag down a cab soon.  
answer: (a) flag
- A8 The economists working for the government did their best to reduce inflation but it had flared up again.  
answer: (d) flared
- A9 "I can't go with you to the party. Everyone has to bring a food or alcoholic drink and I am flat broke," Jim told Ray and Tanya.  
answer: (c) flat
- A10 "You want to drive to Texas from Northern California for your vacation and with the gas prices as high as they are? Have you flipped your lid?" Max asked his wife.  
answer: (c) lid

*English Slang Idioms (212)*

- A1 "It floored me when Joe told me he wanted to accept the promotion and move to New Jersey. He has never even hinted at wanting to move out of California in the thirty years we've been married," Jan told Sylvie.  
answer: (b) floored
- A2 "That boy is no good. He didn't finish school, he flunked out of the army and he got fired twice in the past five months. Can't you find another guy to date?" Logan asked his daughter.  
answer: (d) flunked
- A3 "Did you hear that Jay is in jail for punching his boss? He really flushed his career down the toilet when he did that," Christian said to Jesse.  
answer: (a) toilet
- A4 "You can't give me any information about the new customer that I am supposed to be pitching our product to? I am going to be flying blind with these guys," Nick said to the boss.  
answer: (d) flying
- A5 "I don't think I want to order anything from that company, even though they offer a warranty. They seem like kind of a fly-by-night outfit to me. When I called them to ask some questions, all I got was an answering machine and they never called back. Also, they only have a P.O. box as an address. They could take our money and run and there is nothing we could do about it," Tom said to Alice.  
answer: (c) night
- A6 "After years of waiting for the promotion, I was sure flying high when the boss announced that I would get the promotion, unexpectedly, in front of everyone. I wasn't aware of it until then," Janine said to Billy.  
answer: (a) flying
- A7 "It makes me foam at the mouth when businesses wrong you out of something and then act injured and hurt when you call them on it. I also hate it when they act like it is my fault when something with their product goes wrong," Shelly said to Shannon.  
answer: (d) foam
- A8 "I don't want a broken tractor. I know you don't want to pay someone to haul it off or fix it but don't try to pawn it off on me," Tony said to Al.  
answer: (c) pawn
- A9 "Why do I have a rusted bicycle in my front yard? Well, my best friend fobbed the darn thing off on me saying that all it needed were some brake pads and a new tire. It turns out everything on the bike, with the exception of the frame, has to be replaced. I am trying to find someone who will take it off their hands," Will told his folks.  
answer: (a) fobbed
- A10 "I have decided to fold up shop and try getting a job as a boat repair man. I have always wanted to work on boats and I wasn't making that much selling fishing equipment," Jake told his brother, Tim.  
answer: (d) fold



*English Slang Idioms (213)*

- A1 "I don't know if I want to go into management or not. I am not playing with a full deck of cards at the moment. I haven't gone through enough classes to know if I will be good at it or not and I don't have any clear idea as to what a manager does on a day to day basis," Matt told his dad.  
answer: (d) cards
- A2 "I don't know why Tim quit his job at the RV repair place to work as a landscaping assistant. That is a serious pay cut. He's a few clowns short of a circus — if you ask me," Joe said to Barney.  
answer: (b) clowns
- A3 My parents didn't want me to join the Peace corps but I remembered that my grandmother once said that the most important thing in life is to follow your heart.  
answer: (b) heart
- A4 "For some reason, when I quit drinking, I thought my friends would follow suit. Surprisingly, they didn't, so I had to find a new group of friends," Tom told Eloise.  
answer: (d) follow
- A5 He made a commitment to himself to get perfect grades in school the next semester. He had fooled around for too long and had almost been booted out of school last semester for poor grades.  
answer: (b) fooled
- A6 He was proud of himself. He found a fool proof way to make constant money working from home. Now he wouldn't have to work with that annoying team any longer.  
answer: (b) fool proof
- A7 "It threw me for a loop when management said the company was downsizing and we were all to be laid off. There were no rumors of this happening and no warning from the corporate office," Jill said to Sam.  
answer: (d) loop
- A8 When she told him that she was leaving his best friend because she caught him cheating on her, he was at a loss for words. He had known about what his friend was doing and had encouraged him to stop. What else could he do?  
answer: (a) loss
- A9 She then told him that she was going to take his best friend for everything he was worth in court and he couldn't think of anything meaningful to say to that either. It was an uncomfortable situation.  
answer: (b) worth
- A10 He thought that his best friend was a bad person for what he had done but he still wouldn't trade their lifelong friendship for all the world.  
answer: (c) world

*English Slang Idioms (214)*

- A1 "I am sorry that my wife called you a jerk in front of everyone at the party. I talked to her about it. She is my wife, for better or for worse, so I would appreciate it if you didn't yell at her or insult her," Tim said to Fred.  
answer: (c) worse
- A2 "You are leaving me because I am gone too often? We have been married twenty years, for crying out loud. Surely we can work this out," Dan said to Shirley.  
answer: (b) loud
- A3 Dan was depressed and stayed in his house for days on end after Shirley left him.  
answer: (c) end
- A4 He hung on to the marriage for dear life and tried everything to keep her from leaving but she was adamant about getting divorced.  
answer: (b) dear
- A5 "Let's add two more screws for good measure. We probably don't need to add more but it is better to have too many than too few," Jack said to his son.  
answer: (d) measure
- A6 He fought with his wife for hours on end about where they should live. She wanted to live in Sweden but he wanted to live in New York where there was a great job waiting for him. In the end, they decided not to move at all.  
answer: (a) hours
- A7 He quit immediately when they asked him to cook the books. He wouldn't lose his integrity for no man.  
answer: (d) man
- A8 "I understand that you are not in a position to buy another car right now but it is there for the asking if you decide to buy one," James told his neighbors.  
answer: (c) asking
- A9 His wife was mad at him again. When he told her he had to do some work on the trip, she accused him of planning the whole vacation so that he could make some contacts in Hawaii. He countered by telling her that he arranged the vacation, for the most part, to be with her and the kids. She didn't buy that, though.  
answer: (a) part
- A10 "I tried to force the boss's hand about giving me my overdue raise by telling him I knew about the personal gifts he bought for his wife on the company's expense account. He fired me because he said that he wouldn't be blackmailed," Lisa told Josh.  
answer: (d) hand

*English Slang Idioms (215)*

- A1 "I went to the Department of Motor Vehicles and it took forever and a day to simply renew my registration. I hate that place," May told Maxine.  
answer: (b) day
- A2 "I know that you are mad at your best friend right now but you have been friends for years. Is it that important? I think you need to forgive and forget sometimes and move on," Danny's mom told him.  
answer: (a) forgive
- A3 "Hey Jed, it time to fork over that bicycle I paid you for. You said you would bring it by in a week but it's already been two weeks," Chris said.  
answer: (d) fork
- A4 "I am sorry, Honey. I have to go into work. I know it's our day together but there was a foul up at the plant that requires my attention — something about a broken pump," Jake said to his wife.  
answer: (a) foul
- A5 "I am sorry. I am not in the right frame of mind to go to the river with everyone today. I am very angry and wouldn't have or be much fun," Lisa said to Tim, Rob, and Tina.  
answer: (c) mind
- A6 "The boss gave me a free hand to get my project completed and I am very happy. Now I don't have to ask permission to do things twenty times a day," Ken said to Vince.  
answer: (b) free
- A7 "We saw a mouse in our place the other day and my roommate completely freaked out. She refused to go back in the house until the pest control company came. They couldn't come until the following day so she slept in the shed," Marcie said to Lila.  
answer: (b) freaked
- A8 "After you told me about the burglar who hit the neighborhood two blocks away, I could swear I heard something outside my window last night. I was frightened out of my wits! It turned out it was a fat raccoon," Bethany told her friend Isabella.  
answer: (c) frightened
- A9 "Then, at five in the morning, my husband took the garbage out and I thought it was the burglar again. I was scared to death again so I hit him with my umbrella when he came through the door," she said and laughed.  
answer: (d) death
- A10 His parents told him that if he didn't get better grades, they would stop paying for his school tuition. They told him to stop "frittering away" his time. He hated when they said things like that.  
answer: (a) away

*English Slang Idioms (216)*

- A1 "I told my wife that I didn't want to go to her parents anymore and she got really angry. Then I told her that their boring conversations irritated me to no end and the situation went from bad to worse," Tom told his friend Bill.  
answer: (c) worse
- A2 The American media always makes a big deal out of the shortcomings of the pillars of society.  
answer: (d) pillars
- A3 There are many interesting stories of people who built successful internet-based companies from the ground up that came to light around the year 2000.  
answer: (b) ground
- A4 "Yes, I know Tom very well. He is an old friend from way back," Gina told Rachel.  
answer: (a) way
- A5 "I have heard rumors about some practical jokes being played in the office. I want all of you to knock it off. It is all fun and games until someone gets hurt," the boss told the staff.  
answer: (d) fun
- A6 "Tina spread a nasty rumor about me at work. That is OK. Spreading rumors is a game two can play," Marcie said to Jillian.  
answer: (d) play
- A7 He was mad. He had been waiting to see Jenny at the party. He had to deal with some gate crashers and by the time he had ejected the moochers from the party, Jenny had come and gone. It wasn't fair.  
answer: (a) crashers
- A8 "I am sorry that my mom told you that your music is awful. There is a bit of a generation gap between my mom and me — especially when it comes to music," Dan told Jimmy.  
answer: (c) generation
- A9 "I am sorry that grandpa didn't leave you any tools. He didn't have any to leave. He was generous to a fault. Whenever his friends needed a tool, he gave them his," his grandma told Sam.  
answer: (d) fault
- A10 "In some ways, I resent rich kids for getting all the breaks. Life is easy for them and they don't have to work as hard as we do. On the other hand, in some ways I feel sorry for them since they are weaker and will be almost helpless if the money runs out," Sam told his brother.  
answer: (b) breaks

*English Slang Idioms (217)*

- A1 "Losing our biggest client due to your misrepresentation of our product line is going to be a major black eye in your record but you will get another chance to prove yourself again. You have been a good employee up until now and we aren't going to fire you," Richie's boss told him.  
answer: (a) black
- A2 "Let's go on vacation next month to Yellowstone National Park. We are getting a break on our taxes this year so we have a little extra money to spend," Jim told his wife.  
answer: (d) break
- A3 "I know that you are sad about your boy friend moving to Spain but you have to get a grip on reality. You can't just stop working and going to school just because you don't want to anymore," Jane's mother told her.  
answer: (c) grip
- A4 "Jim, will you come over this weekend to work on the group project? I know that it isn't due until next month but if we get a head start on it, we will have less stress and more time," Steve said.  
answer: (b) head
- A5 He always got a kick out of watching the wild rabbits play in the outskirts of his yard.  
answer: (d) kick
- A6 "Steve, you have to come over and get a load of this old radio I found. It has radio tubes in it but it still works!" Tommy said over the phone.  
answer: (a) load
- A7 He hated that his wife was always late to functions. Once again, it was time to get a move on and she was — just now — applying her make-up.  
answer: (c) move
- A8 "This one kid in school keeps trying to get a rise out of me at school by calling me names but I am a big believer in that saying from Africa It is not what you call me that defines me but what I respond to'," Jimmy told Jack.  
answer: (c) rise
- A9 "Maureen talks so much! The whole time she was over, I kept trying to speak and she just rolled right over me. I couldn't get a word in edgewise," Gladice told Wanda.  
answer: (b) word
- A10 "You have to figure out how to get along with people, Bill! You can't fight everyone you meet and you have to be able to work together with people," Nancy told her son.  
answer: (a) get

*English Slang Idioms (218)*

- A1 "Hi Jim. I am sorry to ask you for this favor but can I stay at your house for about a month? I lost my job and I can't afford to stay in my place. I was hoping that you would let me stay with you long enough for me to get back on my feet. I promise that I will move out as soon as I have enough money saved," Nate said to his best friend.  
answer: (c) on
- A2 "Now that we have all the tools and materials, let's get cracking on building this deck," Paul said to his son.  
answer: (b) cracking
- A3 "I have researched and memorized the steps to build a shed and now I have the process down cold," Nate said to Max.  
answer: (d) cold
- A4 He knew there was a lot of work to be done but he just didn't want to wake up at the crack of dawn to get it done. He liked to sleep in and couldn't see any reason why not to.  
answer: (b) crack
- A5 She thought to herself that quitting her job would be a good thing. She knew she would never get ahead since her boss took all the credit for her accomplishments.  
answer: (a) credit
- A6 "I am happy to see you, Steve, and I would like to catch up with you but I am pressed for time. Let's get down to business and set a date to catch up for the near future. We need to discuss the terms of the contract," Randy said.  
answer: (b) business
- A7 "I know that you are still mad at me for being late the other night but did you have to try to get even with me by being 45 minutes late to the dinner party at my parent's house?" Luke asked Jane.  
answer: (d) even
- A8 "Please stay away from that bridge. It isn't safe. You are going to give your mother gray hair by playing up there," Lisa said to her two kids.  
answer: (c) hair
- A9 "Rob treats his wife and coworkers horribly. He is going to get his one day. I am sure of that," Kim said to Beth.  
answer: (a) his
- A10 "Tom, I heard that you have a plumbing problem you need to get fixed. I have a friend who is a plumber who will give you a good deal. Let me get a hold of him and I will tell him to call you," Jim said.  
answer: (d) hold

*English Slang Idioms (219)*

- A1 "Jake, we have a lot of extra chicken. Why don't you get in on some?" Matt asked.  
answer: (c) get
- A2 "I am going to try for the promotion and I would appreciate it if you would agree not to get in my way. I know that we have had our differences and we have tried to sabotage each other in the past but this means a lot to me. I promise not to bother you anymore as well," Jack said to Frank.  
answer: (d) way
- A3 "You have a friend who is a plumber? I would appreciate it if you would get in touch with him and ask him to fix my bathtub," Tom said to Jim.  
answer: (b) touch
- A4 "How should I dress for my first day at work? I don't want to get in wrong with the boss on my first day by being underdressed," Lynn said to Jacob.  
answer: (d) wrong
- A5 "Jack, you need to get it together here. You have been late to work and haven't brought the right tools all week. Will you promise to be on time and with the right gear?" Tom asked him.  
answer: (b) together
- A6 "I am sick of you making fun of me at school. Get lost!" Bill said to the bully.  
answer: (a) lost
- A7 "I am sorry that I messed up the project. When a lot of people interrupt me while I am working, I sometimes get mixed up and make mistakes. I will try to make sure it doesn't happen again," Luke said to his boss, Shelly.  
answer: (c) mixed
- A8 "Where do you get off telling me how to do my job? I have been doing this longer than you and this isn't even your specialty. I know how to do this task and you don't," Wesley said to Michael.  
answer: (d) get
- A9 "Wow, you only had to pay \$10 to get a new headlight put into your car? You got off cheap. Where did you go? I am going to take my car there if I need a new headlight," Greg said to Tanya.  
answer: (a) cheap
- A10 "You only got a week of extra duty for being rude to the commander? You got off easy! I would have thought that they would have taken your rank and some of your pay for that violation," Private Lukas said to Private Robertson at the army base.  
answer: (c) easy

*English Slang Idioms (220)*

- A1 "I am sorry that I told you to go make me some coffee and some copies of these forms. I thought you worked for the clerical department and now I find out that you are on my work team. Please accept my apology. I don't want to get off on the wrong foot with you," Jay said to Fay.  
answer: (d) foot
- A2 "This is the fifth time you have asked me for my expense sheet. I told you that I would give it to you in the early afternoon and it is only 10 o'clock. Get off my back, will you?" Steve asked George.  
answer: (c) back
- A3 "I am sorry to bring this up but I just have to get it off my chest. I am still mad at you for not showing up to the movies the other night when I was expecting you. You never called to apologize or explain why you weren't there," Matt told Nancy.  
answer: (a) off
- A4 "I broke up with Nancy because she stood me up on Friday. She never apologized and when I talked to her about it, she acted like it was no big deal that she didn't come and didn't cancel beforehand," Matt told Nancy's sister Beth.  
answer: (b) stood
- A5 "You need to get a job, Max. You are twenty years old and aren't doing anything with your life. It's time you stood on your own two feet and started supporting yourself," Luke told his son.  
answer: (c) feet
- A6 "Ted, you really got off on a flying start today. I was expecting this work to take three days and you are already more than half-way done. It is only now 3 o'clock!" His grandpa said. He hired him to do some repairs on his house and to help him with the landscaping.  
answer: (b) start
- A7 "Rainy days always get me down. I get a bit depressed and lazy. Sunny days make me feel happy, energetic, and motivated," Jane said to Chris.  
answer: (a) down
- A8 "Don't smoke marijuana. That stuff will fry your brain," Steve's parents told him when he came back high after a party.  
answer: (c) fry
- A9 "Bill, my brother, always brings up these stupid childhood stories of the embarrassing things I did when I was around five years old. I told him to stop and he won't. I am not going to let him get my goat today, though. I have been looking forward to this trip for a long time and he is not going to ruin it for me," Lisa told Matt.  
answer: (c) goat
- A10 "Do you know where I can buy the new Microsoft Word program? I would really like to get my hands on the program before school starts," Maxine said to Lilly.  
answer: (a) hands



*English Slang Idioms (221)*

- A1 "You agreed to start work at 7 o'clock and, here you are, asleep at 8 o'clock. It is time to get your rear in gear and get out in the yard. You might still finish by the end of the day but you will have to work hard," Steve's dad told him.  
answer: (b) gear
- A2 "I am sorry that I said I wanted to quit hiking. I am ready to go again. I got very tired but I just got my second wind. I am full of energy now," Jay said to the group.  
answer: (d) second
- A3 "I know you don't want to talk about our fight the other night but I think we need to get the issues out in the open. I don't want to fight either but if we don't talk about it now, it won't get worked out and we will end up fighting again later," Shirley said to her mother.  
answer: (c) open
- A4 "Are you alright? You look kind of rattled and I know the boss can be quite mean. Did he yell at you when he called you into his office?" Brendan asked his coworker Melanie.  
answer: (a) rattled
- A5 "I need to take a vacation. I have been dreaming about getting out of here and traveling for about a month. I think I just need to go and get it out of my system. I can barely even concentrate around here and I know that I just need a break," Bill told Lewis at work.  
answer: (b) system
- A6 "I know that you don't want to dig up that stump in the yard. I don't either. Why don't we just go and get it over with and then we won't have to look at it or think about it anymore," Steve told his wife.  
answer: (a) over
- A7 "Let's get something straight here. I am not your friend or your sibling who you can bully out of something. I am your boss. If I give you an order, you must follow it instead of trying to guilt trip me so you can get out of it," Mark told Eleanor.  
answer: (c) straight
- A8 "Every time I go to my parents' house, they try to guilt trip me into staying longer. They always make it sound like I don't visit often enough or stay long enough. They are retired and I have to be at work once the weekends end. It isn't fair," Mark told Linus.  
answer: (d) guilt
- A9 He would have to find another job soon. His research funding had got the ax due to government budget cuts. He didn't think anyone in private industry would put up the money for his experiments so he would have to find something else to do.  
answer: (b) ax
- A10 "I am sorry that I left the party early. I got the boot from the host because I insulted a girl who was in some of my classes. I caught her cheating on an exam. The girl turned out to be his fiancée and he was not too happy about that," Billy told Joey.  
answer: (c) boot

*English Slang Idioms (222)*

- A1 "Don't worry too much about whether you will make it in college or not. It takes a while to get the feel of it and get used to the pace. I am sure you will do fine," Brandon's older brother told him.  
answer: (b) feel
- A2 "Hi Jane. I am trying to find the best way to get on the inside track for promotion here. You have worked here for a long time so do you have any tips for me on what I can do to be promoted quickly?" Ronald asked.  
answer: (d) inside
- A3 "I am so embarrassed. I had to give a solo performance of a song in the Phantom of the Opera and I got a bad case of the jitters. I just stood there and wasn't able to start singing for almost a minute. I was so nervous," Jan told Bethany.  
answer: (a) jitters
- A4 "Why don't we start early tomorrow and get a jump on the day? We can avoid the worst heat and be off work early," Dan said to Phil.  
answer: (c) jump
- A5 "So, if I don't allow for the width of the saw blade in my measurements, my boards will eventually be too short if I am cutting from a large piece of wood? I get the picture. I will make sure to add the width of the saw into my measurements in the future," Ryan said to Jesse.  
answer: (b) picture
- A6 "I called the company to see why our account wasn't credited with our payment and I got the runaround. No one, the manager included, could give me a proper explanation. What is worse, they wouldn't fix their records to reflect that we sent the payment on time," Jones told his wife.  
answer: (d) runaround
- A7 "I arrived late to work again due to that big traffic accident in town and I got the sack. The boss wouldn't listen to my valid excuse he just told me I was fired and to get out," Steve told his roommate.  
answer: (b) sack
- A8 "We have been waiting for this presentation to start for twenty minutes. We all have a lot to do today. Can we get this show on the road?" Max asked the presenter.  
answer: (b) show
- A9 "I called the car company and asked why our statement still showed a balance owing and they gave me this whole song and dance about their new office location and that we should have sent our payment there. They didn't tell us about the move beforehand," Mr. Walters told his wife.  
answer: (d) dance
- A10 "Why are you giving me the third degree about going out with my friends tonight? You have questioned me about where we went, what we did, why and lots of other things. I told you all of this before I left," Tommy told his parents.  
answer: (a) degree

*English Slang Idioms (223)*

- A1 "I finally beat Derrick in chess. I finally got the upper hand when he lost his queen in a trap I laid for him," Chris told his wife.  
answer: (b) upper
- A2 "I just got the word from our corporate office that we will all be getting a Christmas bonus this year," Tom told his staff.  
answer: (d) word
- A3 "I have tried to tell you that you will make more money if you stay in school. I have also told you that you will be able to get married faster and that you will have more power to the things you want to do later in life. I have also told you that you will get a job that you like if you go to school but nothing works. I just don't know how to get through to you," Kevin's dad said to him.  
answer: (b) through
- A4 "So far, you are all pointing a finger at each other. One of your family members committed the crime. We will get to the bottom of this and when we do, the person who committed this crime will be in a lot more trouble than if the person had just admits what he or she did right now," the policeman said to the family.  
answer: (a) bottom
- A5 "John says he is going to join the army but I don't believe it. I don't believe that he will get up the nerve to sign up and go to basic training," Ryan said to Kyle.  
answer: (d) nerve
- A6 "I am so slow at getting my work done when I first come into the office in the morning but once I get warmed up, I can get a lot done in a relatively little amount of time," Josh said to Kate.  
answer: (c) warmed
- A7 "You just heard that our office might be closing too? I got wind of that at lunch. I hope our manager can tell us what's going on," Pam worriedly told Jake.  
answer: (c) wind
- A8 "It took a while but I got wise to the game you are trying to play. You are giving me orders that you know are wrong and you are hoping that you can tell the boss about my actions and get me fired. It is not going to work," James told Craig.  
answer: (a) wise
- A9 "I saw Professor Jenkins the other day and he was just a ghost of himself. It was almost like the life had drained out of him. He didn't laugh at all like he used to and he was oddly quiet. It was sad to see him like that," May told Allen.  
answer: (d) ghost
- A10 "I don't have time anymore to write and publish those training manuals that I was telling you about. I think, since I have most of the material, that I will hire a ghost-writer to complete them for me so I can still send them into the company that wanted them," Laura told her best friend.  
answer: (a) writer

*English Slang Idioms (224)*

- A1 "I have to go to a social function at work and I don't want to go. I am too shy to enjoy one of those things. I will just stand in the corner the whole time. I can't ever think of what to say. I wish I had the gift of gab like you; then I'd have no problem fitting in," Matt said to his sister.  
answer: (a) gift
- A2 "Mike made it through the month with no errors in his work and surpassed all of his timeliness goals. We are going to give him a gift certificate to Starbucks. Everyone give it up for Mike!" The manager told the staff.  
answer: (c) give
- A3 "The presenters came a long way to give this presentation and they did a great job. Let's give them a hand," the manager told the staff and they all clapped.  
answer: (c) hand
- A4 "You might think you can easily beat Rick in the wrestling match but don't underestimate him. He always gives as much as he gets," the trainer told Zachary.  
answer: (a) gives
- A5 "I am surprised that Shelly was willing to compromise. She usually doesn't give any ground unless she is forced to by the boss," Mike said to Marcie.  
answer: (d) ground
- A6 "There must be a good reason that the police sent four officers out to my house at 3 o'clock in the morning. Please give it to me straight. Is everyone in my family OK?" Max asked the cops in his hotel room during the business trip.  
answer: (b) straight
- A7 "Hi Jake. I saw that your car won't start. Can I give you a lift home?" Ray asked him.  
answer: (a) lift
- A8 "Let's go to a movie on Friday. Why don't you give me a ring when you get off of work and we will meet for a movie," Grace said to Ellis.  
answer: (c) ring
- A9 "I wouldn't offer to help Steve seal his window. If you give him an inch, he'll take a mile. He will ask you to fix everything at his place and will call you for free work every other week," Jack told Miles.  
answer: (c) inch
- A10 "I thought about downloading free music from the Internet but the stories in the paper about kids getting prosecuted and fined huge sums is enough to give one pause," Joey said to Liam.  
answer: (d) pause

*English Slang Idioms (225)*

- A1 "I saw this kid stick a couple of screwdrivers in his pocket today. I gave him the eye and he put them back. I hate it when kids steal and I have to call the police. I don't like to be partially responsible for kids getting a criminal record," Jack told Grace.  
answer: (b) eye
- A2 "Your friend came into my shop the other day and I gave him the works. He came in for an oil change and I checked his tires, gave him a new headlight, and fixed his tail lights for free. You have always done me favors so it was the least I could do," Lane told Sarah.  
answer: (a) works
- A3 "I know you don't like Jack but you have to give him his due for the marketing campaign he created. Sales are up 30 percent," Laurie told the boss.  
answer: (c) due
- A4 "You were doing great in poker until you tried to bluff James. You gave yourself away by laughing too much and acting happy. You overdid it you barely blink when you have a good hand," Lane said to Tim.  
answer: (a) away
- A5 "I would say that your house is worth \$100,000 give or take \$10,000 or so, depending on the market," the real estate agent told the family.  
answer: (c) take
- A6 "I am sorry I can't come into work today. My back gave out on the weekend when I was hauling bags of concrete. I can't get out of bed," Mark said to his boss.  
answer: (b) gave
- A7 "Jack didn't come into work this week and no one has heard from him. He didn't show any signs of wanting to quit. I hope he is OK," Shelly said to Carol.  
answer: (d) signs
- A8 "I am not sure that I believe your story but you have never done anything wrong around here before. I am going to give you the benefit of the doubt and forget this ever happened. Let's not have a repeat of this, OK?" The boss told Jimmy.  
answer: (c) benefit
- A9 "I don't like Misty. She gives me the creeps. She is always right behind me when I turn around and she looks very scary," Beth said to Andy.  
answer: (b) creeps
- A10 "I don't like Paul as a person but to give the devil his due, he is the best mechanic I have ever seen," Laura said to Chris.  
answer: (a) devil

*English Slang Idioms (226)*

- A1 "He was my best friend in the whole world. I would have given him the shirt off my back if he had needed it until he tried to sleep with my wife," Randall said to Thomas.  
answer: (b) shirt
- A2 "Don't invite Paul to the movies with you. He always gives the show away. Every time I have taken him with me, he tells me the end of the movie about half way through the show. That is no fun," Jay said to Logan.  
answer: (d) away
- A3 "Thanks for waiting for me. I had to give my little brother the slip. He follows me everywhere and he would have ruined our fun if he had come. He tried to follow me but I tricked him," James told his friends.  
answer: (b) slip
- A4 "I was given to understand that I would be promoted as soon as I finished training and met your expectations. I have been here six months three months after training ended and I have met every expectation. When am I going to be promoted?" Jeff asked the boss.  
answer: (a) understand
- A5 He really wanted to be the mayor of this town. He was poor when he was a kid so he wanted to give the poor people of the town a voice. He thought that a lot of their problems would decrease if someone was stuck up for them once in awhile.  
answer: (c) voice
- A6 He watched the political candidate glad hand the crowd at one of his campaign stops. He looked like a nice guy but maybe a little fake.  
answer: (b) glad
- A7 He was lucky that the rock had only glanced off his head when it fell off the hill. He could have been seriously hurt by a more direct blow.  
answer: (d) glanced
- A8 His wife tried to gloss over her increased drinking but, to him, it was a serious issue. She didn't even like alcohol in the past but she was now drunk most nights.  
answer: (a) over
- A9 He was so close to finding a cure. He would surely go down in history as one of the greatest scientists the world had ever known if he could find a cure for cancer.  
answer: (c) down
- A10 "Hey Kyle, I just bought a new truck. It is out in the parking lot. Want to go for a spin? We will only be gone for about twenty minutes," Jay said.  
answer: (a) spin

*English Slang Idioms (227)*

- A1 "Don't give the kids anymore chocolate, Gary. They have already had plenty. If you give them anymore, they will go haywire and will destroy this room by wrestling," Mary told him.  
answer: (c) haywire
- A2 "Don't let our daughter take the credit card with her when she goes shopping at the mall or she will go hog wild and bring back half of the store," Jeff said to his wife.  
answer: (c) hog wild
- A3 "You spent \$500 on what? A new remote-control boat? Have you taken leave of your senses? Our rent is due in a week and I know that you only have \$100 in the bank and only got paid \$450 this week," Bill said to his idiot roommate.  
answer: (b) leave
- A4 "I see that you have decided to go native. Well, there is nothing wrong with wearing a sombrero while on a trip to Mexico, although, the locals will be laughing at you since yours is way too wide," Sarah said to Elmer.  
answer: (d) native
- A5 "So you are going to tell the boss he is wrong during the meeting? You had better think about what you are going to say very carefully and have lots of evidence to back you up. If you go off half-cocked, you might lose your job," Rob said to Will.  
answer: (d) cocked
- A6 "I don't like Karen. Every time she comes to one of our functions, she leaves in a huff whenever someone disagrees with one of her many, well-voiced opinions," Laurie said to Kayla.  
answer: (a) huff
- A7 "When I told you to pick out a new TV for the living room, I didn't mean that you should go off the deep end and spend \$3,000. I was thinking more along the lines of a nice, cheap TV," Beth said to Craig.  
answer: (b) deep
- A8 "I am not going to sell my bicycle for \$20. Do you have rocks in your head? I bought it for \$500 two months ago. You were with me when I bought it. Don't you remember?" Jake asked Kyle.  
answer: (c) rocks
- A9 "I am sorry that you didn't have a good time but don't look at me like it is my fault. I went way out of my way to introduce you to my friends, keep you company, and make sure that you had enough food and drink," Marcie said to Luke.  
answer: (b) way
- A10 "James and I have been going steady for three months now. Everything is going great between us but high school is still no fun," Laurie told her sister.  
answer: (d) steady

*English Slang Idioms (228)*

- A1 "That was the worst karaoke performance of that Beatles song I have ever heard. Someone needs to get the hook," Larry said to Beth.  
answer: (c) hook
- A2 "Son, you are still working on raking the leaves? You should have been done with that over an hour ago. You need to get the lead out of your pants and work faster. I need your help with the roof," Gary's dad told him.  
answer: (b) lead
- A3 "I just got the lowdown on what is going on with the summer classes and how the budget cuts are affecting them. The school is cutting half of the classes and the remaining classes can be viewed via the internet," Rachel said to Ian.  
answer: (a) lowdown
- A4 His dreams of being a famous pianist went out the window the night of the car accident. He could no longer move his right arm and he had lost the ability to move three fingers on his left hand.  
answer: (d) window
- A5 "I am sorry, Jack. I came to you for help on this matter and you say there is nothing you can do. I am going to have to go over your head and speak to your boss about my problem," Janice said.  
answer: (c) head
- A6 "Mark's kid is very smart and is a hard worker. He seems very mature for his age. He is going places, mark my words," Sylvia said to her husband.  
answer: (a) going
- A7 "I heard that Tom's car lot is offering 10 percent off all of their stock. I will not only offer you the 10 percent off, I'll go you one better. I will offer anything in my lot for 15 percent off," Danny told the couple.  
answer: (a) better
- A8 "I am sorry, Honey. You can't come with us tonight we are going stag. Next time you can," Mark told his girlfriend.  
answer: (b) stag
- A9 "I am sorry. I can't go to the bar with you guys. You are going too late. I used to stay up late when I was younger but now I go to bed with the chickens," Mark told his friends.  
answer: (d) bed
- A10 "You worry me. You will go to any length to get promoted," Jane said to Bill.  
answer: (a) length



*English Slang Idioms (229)*

- A1 "I need to take tomorrow off, Boss. My brother is going to family court for custody of his two kids and he has asked me to go to bat for him. I have to testify that he is a good guy and a hard worker," Bill said.  
answer: (a) bat
- A2 "Matt and I were planning to get married in March but I just told him I couldn't go through with it. I just can't see myself spending the rest of my life with him," May said to Gracie.  
answer: (c) through
- A3 "My next door neighbor used to have an award-winning garden but she let it go to pot when her husband passed away," Irma told her mother.  
answer: (a) pot
- A4 "You are not going to go anywhere with your friends until your grades have improved and your chores are regularly done. Listen to what I am saying because I mean business," Lukas's mother told him.  
answer: (c) business
- A5 "My good friend Keenan just got arrested for stealing others' property for drug money. It just goes to show that drugs aren't fun and make people do bad things," Nathan told his parents.  
answer: (d) show
- A6 "I need you to take down this old shed, Jim," Nathan said. Jim asked, "Is it OK with you if I use a sledgehammer and break it apart that way?" Nathan replied, "That is fine with me. You have my permission to go to town on it with the sledgehammer or anything else you want to use."  
answer: (a) town
- A7 At Humboldt State University, there is a competition for new businesses that offers a prize of \$25,000 in seed money to help the winning business get started.  
answer: (c) seed
- A8 "I am happy that you are going to use that scholarship and go to school. Don't let the opportunity go to waste by partying and neglecting your studies in order to chase girls," Ben's mom told him.  
answer: (d) waste
- A9 "What you just said about inflation kind of goes together with what we were talking about earlier the more money present in an economy, the less that money is worth, and vice versa," Max said to a fellow economics student.  
answer: (c) together
- A10 "Life isn't going that well for me right now. My wife and I are having problems, my business is about to go under, and my teenagers act like they don't want to talk to me anymore," Vince told his brother over the phone.  
answer: (c) under

*English Slang Idioms (230)*

- A1 "It is hard to watch a paycheck go up in smoke. I just got paid two days ago and I am already broke. I only bought two pairs of pants and the money is already gone," Tina said to Grace.  
answer: (b) smoke
- A2 "I am not sure yet where I am going to move, Mom. It is kind of up in the air right now. I have to decide which job offer I want to pursue and the job offers are all in different cities," Gracie told her.  
answer: (a) air
- A3 "We forgot to bring food on our camping trip and had to go without food for two days. I lost some weight, though," Tom told his wife when she asked about the men's' camping trip.  
answer: (a) go
- A4 "Of course you were supposed to sweep all the dirt off the deck before painting it, Jim! That goes without saying. Now the paint will peel up and it looks bad," Simon said to his teenage son.  
answer: (d) saying
- A5 "I have been busy the last couple of weeks being the go-between for my brother and his soon-to-be ex-wife. Whenever each of them wants to give the other a message, guess who the call to relay the message? It is very annoying but I understand that they are not getting along right now and are not yet on speaking terms," Irma told her best friend Jacky.  
answer: (c) between
- A6 "My sister's kid had a full scholarship to Harvard University and decided to start a landscaping company instead. Only God knows why. I can't understand why he would pass up such a good opportunity to be set for life," Maxine told Larissa.  
answer: (a) God
- A7 "I am moving about six hours away with my best friend to go to school. I know you want me to stay in this town but that isn't the best option for me. God forbid I find my own life away from you two," Rick told his parents on his 18th birthday.  
answer: (d) forbid
- A8 "I like Steve. He is a real go-getter. He is always motivated and always finds his own people to pitch our product to. I never have to hold his hand; he always makes it happen on his own," Bill said to his boss.  
answer: (b) getter
- A9 "My husband is always out on the course with his friends playing golf on the weekends. When I married him, he didn't even like golf. I never thought I would become a golf widow," Lilly told Sylvia.  
answer: (a) widow
- A10 When he was a teenager, he left home as much as possible because it was too much of a goldfish bowl for his taste. Everything he said and did could be seen and examined at anytime.  
answer: (b) goldfish

*English Slang Idioms (231)*

- A1 "We should all start going in on lottery tickets and agree to split the winnings. If we win, we will be set for life and will never have to go to work again," Phil told his three friends at work.  
answer: (b) set
- A2 "Professor Jackson, am I am going to pass this class?" Jenny asked during office hours. He replied, "What are you talking about? You are golden. You have an A in the class."  
answer: (d) golden
- A3 "Well, you promised to give me 50 hours of hard work instead of paying me the money you owe me and you have been as good as your word. Consider the debt paid," Mr. Wilson said to Craig.  
answer: (c) good
- A4 "I am very impressed with Louie Chang. He has only been in the United States for two years and already, he has a good command of the English language. I think he actually knows more words than me!" Elliot said to his two friends.  
answer: (d) command
- A5 "I should be mad at Luke for selling me this car — considering that it broke down a week after I bought it. But, I am not. I know that he knows next to nothing about cars and he acted in good faith when he told me he thought it was in good working condition. I believe that he believed there was nothing wrong with it," Tommy told his dad.  
answer: (b) good
- A6 He was very happy with the dog he had rescued from the pound. She was easy to train and was very good natured. She didn't bark at people and was very nice to little kids.  
answer: (a) natured
- A7 "I like your new boyfriend. He has a good head on his shoulders. He thinks about the future, is smart, and believes in hard work," Ronald told his daughter.  
answer: (c) head
- A8 "I am trying to decide how much to sell my bicycle for. I know that a good many people will want it since gas prices have gone up so much," Jim said to his roommate.  
answer: (b) many
- A9 "I am kind of glad that our TV broke. It is good riddance, if you ask me. It never worked right and it was quite ugly looking," Jane said to her husband.  
answer: (c) riddance
- A10 "That good-for-nothing neighbor of ours is outside. He wants to know if he can borrow your saw and drill," Lisa said to her husband.  
answer: (c) nothing

*English Slang Idioms (232)*

- A1 "Don't listen to your boyfriend's advice as to what you need to buy for your car. He knows next to nothing about cars and will tell you to buy parts that you don't need and that won't fix the problem," her dad told her.  
answer: (c) nothing
- A2 "I need to study for a long time in order to pass my final exams. I have goofed off too much this semester and now I have to learn everything now that I should have learned earlier," Walter said to Ben.  
answer: (a) goofed
- A3 "I need to find a way out of this problem with my business. I only make three cents on the dollar when I sell a product and that profit gets raked off by the banks for the use of their debit and credit card machines," Jay told Wallace.  
answer: (d) raked
- A4 "I liked the movie The Sixth Sense but it was scary. I got goose bumps when the boy was being chased down the hallway by the ghost," Ashley told Adam.  
answer: (b) goose
- A5 She couldn't help but ask her brother, "Why are you quitting your job with the accounting firm? You have a good thing going there. You make a heck of a lot of money and you get to set your own hours. What is wrong with that?"  
answer: (b) thing
- A6 "I know that you can paint well but you are not as good yet as your grandfather. He could tell you a thing or two about painting," Eleanor told Bob.  
answer: (d) tell
- A7 "I just went to the supermarket and they have a deal there that if you spend \$50 on groceries, you get a free grap-bag of groceries. In my bag I got: ice cream, cheese, a loaf of bread, some salsa, a certificate for a pizza, and several little items," Irma said to Rose.  
answer: (b) grap
- A8 Many people are becoming fed up with the medical insurance companies in the United States. For example, one dental insurance company has a mandatory six-month "grace period." What this means is that for six months after you sign up with them, they will not pay any of your dental bills.  
answer: (a) grace
- A9 "Bob just hit a major grand slam for the company. He just took our competitor's biggest client away from them and the client just signed on with our firm. Everyone give him a hand!" The manager said.  
answer: (d) grand
- A10 This was such good news for the company that the round of applause went on for several minutes.  
answer: (a) round

*English Slang Idioms (233)*

- A1 "I am sorry, Russell. You are fired. It is nothing personal you are just not making the grade around here. You haven't met your performance objectives once in the last six months," Shelly, his boss, told him.  
answer: (b) grade
- A2 "I am sorry, Joe. We are forced to lay people off and you didn't make the cut. We are going to offer you three month's pay to help with the transition to another job," Shelly told him.  
answer: (c) cut
- A3 "It is sometimes embarrassing to go out with my best friend. He is such a grandstander. He brags to everyone about how fast he goes on his motorcycle, like anyone cares," Chris said to Linda.  
answer: (d) grandstander
- A4 "I hate when a friend asks me to grease the wheels at a place I work so that they can get a job. I don't like anyone's actions to unfavorably affect me and I don't like the uncomfortable position it puts me in to have to tell a friend no," Jim said to Ellis.  
answer: (d) grease
- A5 "Can you let your wife pick the paint for your new house? I know that you don't really care about what color the place is but it means a great deal to her," George's sister said to him.  
answer: (a) deal
- A6 "I have no hope of being elected school president of the college. The other candidate has the green power behind him. I don't have the money he does to throw parties and to put up fliers," Matt told Elizabeth.  
answer: (a) green
- A7 When he was drafted into the army, his school career grinded to a halt. When he got back from his long deployment, he meant to go back to school but ended up finding a job and working instead.  
answer: (c) grinded
- A8 "I am sorry. I don't want to go to the seafood restaurant. The smell of fish grosses me out. Is there any other place you two would be willing to go?" Sarah asked George and Jessica.  
answer: (a) out
- A9 "Before you all start construction, I have to lay down some ground rules. Everyone here will wear eye protection at all times and no one will lift anything over 50 lbs. without assistance. Can anyone here think of anything else?" The foreman asked the crew.  
answer: (b) ground
- A10 "I didn't like this apartment when we first moved in but it is beginning to grow on me," Laurie told her husband.  
answer: (c) grow

*English Slang Idioms (234)*

- A1 "My son was in this heavy metal phase for a while so all of his clothes were black and he only listened to hard, heavy metal. He finally grew out of it and is dressing more like a normal person and he now listens to different kinds of music," Jeff told his friend.  
answer: (d) out
- A2 "I am leaving the fraternity. It is time for me to grow up and take school more seriously. Life is more than a party," Jake told his sister.  
answer: (c) grow
- A3 "When a company goes from a relatively small company to a large one quickly, it is not uncommon for the company to experience growing pains. Some examples are: a breakdown in communication between different departments and a difference in goals, standards, and methods between different parts of a company," the Management instructor told the class.  
answer: (b) pains
- A4 "I am still mad about you beating me in chess by checkmating me with a pawn. I am gunning for you now. We need to play a game soon so I can return the favor," Mark told Derrick.  
answer: (a) gunning
- A5 "Did you beat Derrick in chess the second game?" Marcie asked. Mark said, "No. He beat the pants off me. It wasn't even a challenge. He is much better than me."  
answer: (d) pants
- A6 "I accused Max and his team in the meeting of being behind schedule and he stood up and said I was flat-out wrong to my face. It must have been hard to tell that to the regional manager. He's got guts, I'll say that for him," Mr. Silas said to his boss.  
answer: (a) guts
- A7 "I know that housing market looks great for sellers right now but my gut feeling tells me that the market is going to change soon. Sellers have been receiving artificially high prices for their houses for too long. I wouldn't recommend investing in housing right now," the financial analyst told Mr. Whitaker.  
answer: (c) feeling
- A8 "I am sorry that I turned off the horror movie you all were watching. It was just a gut reaction to the gory scenes. I am going to start it again and go do something else," Mary told the group.  
answer: (b) reaction
- A9 "It is almost 10 o'clock. You had better get home so that you don't get in trouble for being out past your curfew," Johnny told Bobby.  
answer: (a) better
- A10 "I am from a little town in Wisconsin. Where do you hail from? I am going to take a guess. Your accent, to me, sounds like North Dakota," Jane said to Gracie.  
answer: (d) hail

*English Slang Idioms (235)*

- A1 "Don't let Tommy spend the night at your house. He'll steal everything you own if given half the chance. I let him stay the night with Billy and he stole half of his video games. I'm sure he would have taken the other half if they had been available," George said to Lauren.  
answer: (b) half
- A2 "I know you told me to get a twelve-pack of beer but all the store had left was a six-pack. Don't get mad. A half a loaf is better than none," Mark told Bert.  
answer: (c) none
- A3 "You are late again! This is the third time this week! I have half a mind to fire you right now but I won't, unless you are late one more time in the next two months," Mr. Bertram told Joey.  
answer: (d) half
- A4 "Everyone told me that the food was cheap and tasted horrible at the restaurant down the street but I went last night and the food wasn't half bad," Tim told Jimmy.  
answer: (d) bad
- A5 "Don't get too excited about getting the new timing belt on your car. Putting it on is only half the battle. Now you have to get the engine back in the car," Eric told the new mechanic.  
answer: (c) battle
- A6 "My roommate is an idiot. He keeps coming up with these half-baked plans to make money so he won't have to work and none of them will work," Jack told his dad.  
answer: (b) baked
- A7 "My brother needs to figure some things out. He has to find something he wants to do and do it. He made a half-hearted attempt in college and got kicked out. Then, he joined the military and got kicked out when he figured out that he didn't like the military," Mike told Rebecca.  
answer: (b) hearted
- A8 "Joe, do you always have to ham it up at work? If the boss catches you joking around again, he is going to fire you," Chloe said.  
answer: (d) ham
- A9 "I have been so busy studying for finals. I just spent all day hammering away at my Law textbook and notes," Shaun told his mom.  
answer: (b) hammering
- A10 "I think that you need a new alternator belt. Yours looks pretty hammered. It is cracked, appears to be stretched, and has that old rubber color of gray to it," Paul said to Chris.  
answer: (c) hammered

*English Slang Idioms (236)*

- A1 She was sick of having to wear her sister's hand-me-down clothes. Her older sister was 10 years older, so all of her clothes were out of style by the time she could wear them.  
answer: (c) down
- A2 "Do you have an extra caulking gun? I am not looking for hand-outs I want to trade a drill for it if you have a caulking gun," Rick's next-door neighbor said.  
answer: (b) hand
- A3 "I am selling this redwood bench for \$100. It is made from hand-picked boards that I accumulated over quite some time and is made with hardy deck screws," Bill told the customers.  
answer: (b) picked
- A4 "Mark is the best chess player in this state, hands down. He has won every championship in this state that he has ever played in," his sister told the reporter.  
answer: (a) down
- A5 "I believe in a hands-off approach to the work my employees do. I believe each one is capable of getting the job done without micromanagement. I am here as a mentor and a problem-solver, not as an authoritarian," Mr. Smith, the manager of a successful biotechnology company, told the audience.  
answer: (a) off
- A6 "I don't want you hanging around the high school anymore. You could get hurt by the older kids or involved in things that you shouldn't be," Rudy's mom told him.  
answer: (d) hanging
- A7 "I know that you all want to jump off the bridge into the river but I am going to hang back on the river bank and read a book. I'm afraid of heights," Shawn told Jesse and Derrick.  
answer: (d) back
- A8 "It is only a matter of time before I get fired. I am just hanging by a hair. The boss was yelling at me every day for a while and now she is ignoring me. People have told me that there is a rumor going around that the minute I make a mistake, I am going to get the boot," Luke told his roommate.  
answer: (b) hair
- A9 "You are a good employee, David. I know that you are having a hard time in your new position but hang in there. You will get it. I have faith in you," Isaiah said to him.  
answer: (d) there
- A10 During the Second World War, many thought that the freedom of the world was hanging in the balance and that many personal freedoms would be squashed.  
answer: (d) balance



*English Slang Idioms (237)*

- A1 The little boy hung his head in shame when his mom caught him lying about breaking the front window with a baseball.  
answer: (c) head
- A2 "I am glad that I finally got the laminate flooring done in the bedroom. That job has been hanging over my head for months. Now I don't have to think about it anymore," Linus said to Bart.  
answer: (c) over
- A3 "This boat takes off very quickly so hang on to your hats, ladies!" Rob said to Jessica and Rosa.  
answer: (a) hats
- A4 "Why don't we go to the bar on Friday instead? I have to make a presentation tomorrow and don't want to have a hangover at work," Wally said to Joe and Steve.  
answer: (d) hangover
- A5 "I am sorry I am home late from work. I got pulled over by the police for speeding," Ronny said to Bernice.  
answer: (c) pulled
- A6 "We have been very lucky to have Zachary. We thought he might be a jerk when he became a teenager but he has remained his normal happy-go-lucky self," Christina told Zoe.  
answer: (b) happy
- A7 "Why do you always have to be so serious and mean? You are a very hard man to be around sometimes," Shirley said to Isaac.  
answer: (a) hard
- A8 "Jeff, you are a hard nut to crack. I have worked with you for five years and I still don't know much about you. You have always refused my invitations and you never answer any of my questions," Paul complained.  
answer: (d) nut
- A9 "You will have to speak up. Fred is a little hard of hearing," Geraldine said to their guests.  
answer: (d) hard
- A10 He hoped that this spell of hard luck that he had come across would soon pass. He had looked for a job for a month and a half and still hadn't found anything. He had already sold off almost everything he owned of value.  
answer: (b) luck

*English Slang Idioms (238)*

- A1 He knew that joining the Marine Corps would be a hard road to hoe but he wanted to join anyway. His father and grandfather had both been in the Corps and he wanted to make them proud.  
answer: (a) road
- A2 "I pitched our product to Mr. Winters like you told me to do, and let me tell you, he is a hard sell. He wanted discounts on the product and free shipping. I agreed to his terms since we need his business," Tim told the boss.  
answer: (c) sell
- A3 He knew that he would get a raise. He had a reputation as a hard-hitting salesman and he had been at the company long enough to achieve seniority.  
answer: (c) hard
- A4 He envied his peers those who had an easy, carefree childhood, that is. He had had to grow up the hard way. He had his first kid, by accident, at sixteen and had been working full-time ever since.  
answer: (d) grow
- A5 He looked for a hotel room that had a vacancy. The snow storm had come on hard and fast and the roads were quickly becoming unmanageable. His chances of making it home in one piece were few and far between.  
answer: (b) fast
- A6 "I know that I have to get my headlight fixed soon. My parents have been harping on me to get it fixed for the last two weeks and it is dangerous to drive with one headlight," Rene told her boyfriend when he said that she had a headlight out.  
answer: (d) harping
- A7 He didn't like professors who were sticklers for dumb details. For example, his hardboiled Law professor had taken off half of the available points on his homework because he turned it in five minutes after class started. It wasn't his fault he didn't have a good, reliable car.  
answer: (a) hardboiled
- A8 He couldn't wait to move out of his parents' house. His father was a hard-nosed pastor who punished him for the slightest infraction of the house rules. He also got punished for religious infractions — which wasn't fair in his mind.  
answer: (d) nosed
- A9 "You won't even say goodbye to your son? I know it is disappointing to you that he is not going into medical school like you did but that is not what he wants to do. Are you going to pull all of your love away from him just because he has different goals? Are you so hard-hearted that you won't talk to him?" Gracie asked Rudy.  
answer: (c) hard
- A10 "Why don't you stop making harebrained plans to make money and get a real job? You don't think any of those lame plans are going to work, do you?" George's girlfriend asked him.  
answer: (c) harebrained

*English Slang Idioms (239)*

- A1 "I know that you want to go to Harvard Law School but we can't afford it. Will you stop being so hardheaded and at least discuss other options with me? There are many other law schools that we could afford," Amy said to Jackson.  
answer: (d) hardheaded
- A2 Before the two started on building the deck, they decided that they should hash out some plans first.  
answer: (b) hash
- A3 He knew that he should go hat in hand back to the office to ask for his old job back. Unfortunately, his pride was getting the best of him and he was rapidly deciding that since his boss was wrong, he would wait until the boss called to apologize.  
answer: (c) hat
- A4 "The interview for the job with the CIA was horrible. They raked me over the coals for at least three hours and wanted answers about everything I had ever done wrong," Max told his wife.  
answer: (b) coals
- A5 "Thank you for taking me to the concert. I had a ball," Cheryl said to Adam.  
answer: (a) ball
- A6 "Your grandfather had a hand in your getting that car for that cheap. The person that sold it to you is one of his old friends and he called in a favor. I don't know why he didn't tell you while he was still alive but I thought you should know," Kathy told Zeke.  
answer: (a) hand
- A7 "Is there anyone who wants to try knocking out the boxing champion? If anyone can knock him out, they get \$100," the announcer said. "I'll have a go," Nick shouted and ran up to the ring.  
answer: (b) go
- A8 "I know that you want Ted to join the army but he has a mind of his own. He has never wanted to join and you can't make him," Beth told her husband.  
answer: (d) mind
- A9 "I don't know if you want my help on putting in your bathtub. I have a rough idea about how it should be done but I have only helped with one before. I would recommend calling a professional," Ross said to Frank.  
answer: (d) rough
- A10 "Don't pick out the new paint for the bedroom while I am away on the business trip. I want to have a say in what color of paint we buy," Cheryl said to Mike.  
answer: (c) say

*English Slang Idioms (240)*

- A1 "My aunt, Kathy, has a serious sweet tooth. She eats pounds of chocolate and desserts every day," Chris told Linda.  
answer: (b) sweet
- A2 "My brother is staying on my couch for now. His wife had an affair with his boss and he caught her last Friday. I told him he could stay until he figures out what to do," Bill told his best friend.  
answer: (a) affair
- A3 "I am no good at chess. You have beaten me three times in a row," Shawn said to Derrick. He replied, "To be fair, I have an edge on you. You have only been playing for a few years and I have been playing my whole life."  
answer: (d) edge
- A4 She had fun shopping with her sister. Her sister had an eye for good deals and constantly saved her money.  
answer: (b) eye
- A5 "Jimmy has a real ear for music. He can listen to a song twice and then play the whole thing, note for note, on the guitar," Laura said to Bethany.  
answer: (c) ear
- A6 "This is the third mistake on the job you've made this week. I have my eye on you, so don't screw up again!" The boss told Craig.  
answer: (b) eye
- A7 "Don't even think about buying that blue shirt in the window, Rhonda. I have dibs on it," Mary said.  
answer: (d) dibs
- A8 "Don't worry about me going to college with other attractive women. I have eyes for only you," Billy told his girlfriend.  
answer: (c) eyes
- A9 "Don't mention Amber's mother. She goes into fits of rage anytime her mom is mentioned," Bill warned Eric.  
answer: (a) rage
- A10 "Ever since I told the boss that my supervisor was treating me unfairly, I feel like he has it in for me. He is always saying nasty things to me and yells at me for the littlest mistake," Jill said to Amber.  
answer: (c) in

*English Slang Idioms (241)*

- A1 "What are you talking about? You have a great life. You have it made. Both of your parents are rich and they buy you whatever you want. Don't tell me that your life is hard and depressing," Max said to Christian.  
answer: (c) made
- A2 "As you know, my girlfriend has been going out drinking with her friends three times a week and I haven't liked that. We finally had it out last night and she told me she would do whatever she wanted to do. So, we broke up at least for the time being," Jake told his brother.  
answer: (a) had
- A3 "Don't worry, you will find a girlfriend soon. You have a lot going for you. You are decent looking, smart, and you have money. It will happen soon," Ron's friend Stacey told him.  
answer: (b) going
- A4 "We have been apart for three weeks now. You have no business asking me if I am seeing anyone or if you can come over for dinner," Amber told her ex-boyfriend.  
answer: (c) business
- A5 "Go to your room! I'll have none of your bad attitude, young man. It is your fault you got in trouble, not mine. You know the rules," Billy's mom said to him.  
answer: (d) none
- A6 "No, Mom, I don't want any more chicken. I have had my fill for tonight. Does anyone else want some?" Zachary asked the others at the table.  
answer: (c) fill
- A7 "Don't complain that you had to work a long, hard day. You worked five hours today. I have had my hand at the till since 6 o'clock this morning and I left the office at 4:30," Bill's dad said.  
answer: (d) hand
- A8 "I am sorry. I don't have time today to help you with your fence. I already have my hands full. I have to watch the kids for a couple of hours and then work on the roof," Paul told Ken.  
answer: (a) full
- A9 "Why didn't you buy that Honda Civic? Is your head screwed on backwards? You are in the market for a new car and the Civic is the best deal I have seen offered in months. You won't get another opportunity like that," Frank said to Lou.  
answer: (a) backwards
- A10 "June, there have been rumors that you have been stealing office supplies. I have no proof that you have taken anything, so you are not in trouble. I just called you in here to tell you that I will have your hide if I ever catch you stealing from this company," Carol said.  
answer: (c) hide

*English Slang Idioms (242)*

- A1 "The job interview was hard. I really had to keep my wits about me. They asked me detailed financial questions, for over an hour, that were very difficult to answer and that required me to think very hard," Matt told Karen.  
answer: (b) wits
- A2 "I am going to put in my resume for the new accounting position that just opened up. I think I have a shot at it. I have the experience and the education to do well at the job," Kara told Roxanne.  
answer: (a) shot
- A3 "If I am hired, I have no qualms about working weekends. I will work every weekend if you want me to," Stewie told the hiring manager.  
answer: (c) no
- A4 He was starting to have second thoughts about going to graduate school. He was broke and he would have to add to an already large amount of student loans.  
answer: (b) second
- A5 "I think it is time for a new pair of shoes. Yours have seen better days. The heels are worn through and you have a hole in the toe of the left one," Zeke's dad told him.  
answer: (d) better
- A6 "I love my best friend, but you have to watch him. He's got sticky fingers. He steals something from almost every place he goes," Bill told his girlfriend.  
answer: (b) sticky
- A7 "If we work hard today, we can have the frame made and up by the end of today and we will have the makings of a new shed," Rod said to Adam.  
answer: (a) makings
- A8 "I am so glad we went to Hawaii for our honeymoon. I had the time of my life. I don't think I have ever seen any place as beautiful," Amber told Darren.  
answer: (a) life
- A9 "Now I got to play a joke on you and you are moving away next week. He who laughs last laughs best," Robert said to Neal.  
answer: (d) best
- A10 "It is late. I think I am going to head home but I will see you tomorrow," Jill said to Mary.  
answer: (b) head

*English Slang Idioms (243)*

- A1 "I went to the local thrift store today and found an almost-new Tiffany lamp. The store obviously didn't know how much it was worth and only charged me \$15 for it. What a stroke of luck!" Maxine told Suzanne.  
answer: (b) stroke
- A2 "My girlfriend's father is so mean. He refused to help her move out to college and refused to give her any money. He didn't even pay her the money he owed her for some work she did for him. If that isn't a man with a heart of stone, I don't know what is," Carl told his mom.  
answer: (c) heart
- A3 "What are you going to buy Mark for his birthday? I know that his heart is set on a new bicycle and I know that he has been saving up for it so I am going to buy it. Then he will have a new bike and some money," Luke said to Ellie.  
answer: (c) heart
- A4 He looked out the window on the day of the big game and his heart sank. Why did it have to rain. for the first time in months, on the last day of the Little League World Series.  
answer: (d) sank
- A5 I remember the first time I saw the Twin Towers fall down on TV. I hadn't heard about the incident and. at first thought, it looked like a scene from an up-and-coming movie. My heart stood still and my mouth opened in horror as I realized that the picture I was watching was real and was not a special effect from a film.  
answer: (a) still
- A6 "Elvis Presley was not much to look at in his later years but he was a heartbreaker when he was young in my opinion," Jane said to Louisa.  
answer: (a) heartbreaker
- A7 "I know that you want to move in with your 16-year-old girlfriend but you can't. You may think you like her now but it is just puppy love. If you still feel the same when you are eighteen, then you can. Do you still approve of the girls you liked when you were fourteen? Probably not," Randy's dad told him.  
answer: (d) love
- A8 "I took some of the soup made last night with me to work and it really hit the spot. A good, warm, hearty soup in the winter can sure help fight off the cold," Mark told his wife.  
answer: (d) hearty
- A9 "It makes me want to throw up when child molesters get acquitted due to a technicality in the law," John said to his wife as they were watching the news.  
answer: (a) throw
- A10 "I really like San Francisco but there are so many bums there. I can guarantee that at least three homeless people will give you the shake down as you are walking on any street down town. It is sad," Jane said to Frank.  
answer: (b) shake

*English Slang Idioms (244)*

- A1 "Nothing hits the spot on a hot day like a cold glass of lemonade," Chris said to Linda.  
answer: (d) spot
- A2 "Unfortunately, the drill you brought with you is not powerful enough for what we need to do. We need a more heavy-duty drill that can drill through concrete and I believe I have one in my shed. Let me go check," Billy said to David.  
answer: (b) duty
- A3 With a heavy heart, he brought his guitar into the pawn shop. It was the last thing of value he owned but he needed money for rent. The guitar was a present from his parents when he was 16 years-old and he loved to play it.  
answer: (a) heart
- A4 "Our boss discovered that someone has been stealing office supplies at an alarming rate. He called each of us into his office and put us through the wringer about how many supplies we have taken lately, what we used them for, and how many we currently have," Rodney told his wife.  
answer: (a) wringer
- A5 "Our boss is hell-on-wheels every Monday morning. I pity the person who has to ask him a question or has to work directly with him on Monday Mornings. That person is sure to be screamed at or belittled," Jack said to Elizabeth.  
answer: (d) wheels
- A6 "We haven't apprehended the suspect yet but we have him pretty well hemmed-in. We have each of the exits covered in the building he is holed up in and it is only a matter of time before he is in custody," Sergeant O'Brian told the reporter.  
answer: (c) hemmed
- A7 "I asked Tim why he hadn't delivered my gravel for my driveway and he just hemmed and hawed. I think he forgot to deliver it since he couldn't come up with an explanation," Bill said to Sarah.  
answer: (b) hawed
- A8 "The movie we wanted to watch isn't playing here and nothing else looks very good. Let's clear out of here and get something to eat instead," Tom said to Beth.  
answer: (a) clear
- A9 "You keep bringing up past fights we have had. I don't think that we are going to make any progress by bringing up things we can't change. But we can make progress on this disagreement so let's focus on the here and now," Billy told Rebecca.  
answer: (c) now
- A10 He had been afraid of heights all of his life. So, naturally, when his friends dared him to jump off of the rock and into the lake, he was a bit nervous. After five minutes of edging up to the end of the rock, he said to himself, "Here goes nothing," and jumped. It turned out to be not as bad as he was anticipating.  
answer: (b) nothing



*English Slang Idioms (245)*

- A1 "Karen is a great artist. If you ask her if she can paint well, she'll probably hide her light under a bushel and tell you that she is not very good. I think her art is good enough to hang in a gallery, though," Margaret said to Philip.  
answer: (a) light
- A2 The police were searching for him in town and in the nearby areas. His plan was to hide out for a while in an abandoned mine and then try to sneak into Mexico.  
answer: (d) out
- A3 "I searched for the drill you were looking for high and low and couldn't find it. I checked the shed, the garage, your truck, and your study," Zeke told his roommate.  
answer: (a) low
- A4 Although practical jokes and the like are frowned upon by the drill sergeants, most soldiers have fond memories of the high jinks they were involved in during Basic Training.  
answer: (c) jinks
- A5 He decided that he would ask for a raise that day at work. It was high time that the company started paying him a decent amount for his hard work and long hours.  
answer: (b) time
- A6 He was disappointed to find out that his favorite hotel in Eureka, California doubled their rates for high season. He had forgotten that the arrival of summer resulted in the arrival of higher prices in anticipation of tourists.  
answer: (c) season
- A7 He decided to take his date to the high-class restaurant overlooking the water. It had a beautiful garden area in the back that was currently in bloom and the summer breeze felt great on the patio.  
answer: (b) class
- A8 He decided to break the bad news about the car repairs until after dinner. His wife just got home and looked very stressed out. She was always kind of high-strung after a day at the office but she looked even more so today.  
answer: (d) strung
- A9 "I am not able to authorize a raise for you but I will talk to one of the highers-up about it and have an answer for you after lunch," the supervisor told Rick.  
answer: (a) up
- A10 "The cops showed up at the graduation party and we had to hightail it out of there before they caught us drinking underage," Chris told Brian.  
answer: (b) hightail

*English Slang Idioms (246)*

- A1 "Our new product's success hinged on getting a patent for the electronics inside. We were unable to do so due to the fact that someone else already owns the rights to the electronic system. We are currently trying to contact the owner to see if he will sell his idea to us," Matt told management.  
answer: (b) hinged
- A2 "I am usually pretty useless at work in the early morning. I usually hit my stride after being there for about an hour," Kim told Gina.  
answer: (a) stride
- A3 Matt told his paintball team to hit the deck as the other team came around the corner unloading their paintball guns on his team.  
answer: (c) deck
- A4 Carl hit the jackpot. He found the guitar he wanted for one eighth the cost of a new one in a local pawn shop. This pawn shop was the 15th one he had checked for this particular kind of guitar.  
answer: (c) jackpot
- A5 "Our boss is an alcoholic. As soon as he gets off work, he starts hitting the sauce. We have seen him drunk within an hour after work on three different occasions in the past month," Lesley told Erica.  
answer: (b) sauce
- A6 Some people in the United States wonder if, perhaps, President Bush declared war on Iraq to steal some of their Texas Tea.  
answer: (c) Tea
- A7 He liked Paul and invited him to dinner. He was shocked and a little bit angry when Paul blatantly hit on his wife in front of him. Paul even invited his wife to dinner without him.  
answer: (b) hit
- A8 "I am sorry, Son. I wouldn't be doing you any favors if I paid all of your bills every time you got into trouble. You, like all of us, have to hoe your own row," Dan told his kid.  
answer: (d) row
- A9 "Stop trying to hold me down. I am going to go to college and am going to get out of this town where there is nowhere to work. I am not going to end up like everyone else in the family just making enough money to scrape by," Josh told his older brothers.  
answer: (d) down
- A10 "We are never going to work this out between us if you keep losing your temper. We can't talk for five minutes without you getting mad and stomping off," Dana said to Garrett.  
answer: (c) temper

*English Slang Idioms (247)*

- A1 "Tim, I asked you if you had a circular saw you could lend me for an afternoon and you said no. There is one sitting right there on your work bench. You have been holding out on me," Simon said to his best friend.  
answer: (b) holding
- A2 "In the short run, there is a trade-off between inflation and unemployment. However, this does not hold true in the long run," the Economics professor told the students.  
answer: (c) true
- A3 I needed one sale by the end of the day and I tried Mr. Bentler first. He agreed to buy a large shipment of our product. I got a hole in one!" Ed said to Allen.  
answer: (d) one
- A4 "Isn't it funny how the best Italian food can be found, not in one of the large chain restaurants, but in the little hole-in-the-wall restaurants?" Kim asked Cathy.  
answer: (b) wall
- A5 I like all of our son's friends with the exception of Robert. He is a holy terror on our stuff. He jumps on the couches and beds when we are not looking and slams all of our doors even though I have asked him not to," Jill said to Ben.  
answer: (a) terror
- A6 "Honest to goodness, Marcie, you are the best painter I have ever seen. I think that you should visit some galleries and ask them to take some of your work on consignment," Chloe said.  
answer: (d) goodness
- A7 They fought daily and seemed more like roommates than husband and wife. He couldn't pinpoint when the feelings of love got swept away by the deluge of day-to-day details all he knew was that the honeymoon was over.  
answer: (a) over
- A8 "How would you like to come to dinner with us? We are going to a Mexican food restaurant not far from here. We are completely hooked on their Flautas," Margie said to the Wilsons.  
answer: (c) hooked
- A9 "Now that you have your instructions, hop to it!" the Platoon Sergeant told his soldiers after ordering them to pump the water from the base's manholes.  
answer: (c) to
- A10 "I could kill your brother, Joe. He showed up at our place all hopped up on espresso and proceeded to talk all the way through the movie we rented. He would quiet down long enough for us to get it started again and then start talking about God knows what," Ray said.  
answer: (a) hopped

*English Slang Idioms (248)*

- A1 "We didn't mean to break the window, Mom. We were just horsing around and we started to play keep away' from Derrick. I threw the ball as he tackled me and it broke the window," Jimmy said.  
answer: (a) horsing
- A2 "You are trying to tell me that you had a Lamborghini but you traded it for a Honda Civic because it gets better gas mileage? Horse feathers! I don't believe you," Matt said to Ian.  
answer: (d) feathers
- A3 He thought about pushing his brother into the pool and then decided not to when he saw the sign saying "no horseplay." He didn't want to get kicked out of the pool before he had a chance to swim and play.  
answer: (b) horseplay
- A4 She knew she shouldn't get hot and bothered about her new friends' tardy behavior. Most people in the United States — between 13-40 years of age — seem to be late for social gatherings. All the same, she was anxious about the time.  
answer: (d) bothered
- A5 Chris got it hot and heavy from his wife when she found out that he had promised to help Ian build his deck. She thought that he helped Ian too much and that Ian was taking advantage of the friendship.  
answer: (d) hot
- A6 "If you need cheap concert tickets, Dan has the hook up. His brother works for one of the big ticket vendors and can get you a good discount," Larry said to Adam.  
answer: (b) hook up
- A7 He couldn't stand it when Mike horned in on something he wanted. When he hangs out with his friends, he likes to speak freely about the things he wants and already, Mike bought two of the products he had mentioned in previous conversations.  
answer: (c) horned
- A8 The Ipod music player is a hot number at many colleges. It seems like everyone has one at times.  
answer: (c) number
- A9 He had always liked hot rods and was currently working on restoring a Shelby Cobra and an old Chevy Corvette.  
answer: (d) rods
- A10 "I know you believe in management by walking around' but it is a little distracting with you hovering over me all the time," Bill said to the boss.  
answer: (c) hovering

*English Slang Idioms (249)*

- A1 "We played live for the first time last night and it was a howling success. We weren't sure how we would sound but apparently our band sounded OK," Steven said to Lewis.  
answer: (a) success
- A2 Some of the early SUVs were dangerous due to the fact that they didn't hug the road very well. They had a tendency to tip over in tight turns.  
answer: (d) road
- A3 "Now that our midterm exams are over, we are over the hump. We only have a couple more weeks of instruction and then it is time for final exams," Beth said to Ellis.  
answer: (d) hump
- A4 "Well, if there is nothing else to be happy about today, it is Hump Day. Only two more days to go and then the weekend is upon us again," Bill said to Jake.  
answer: (a) Hump
- A5 He never learned to type properly and that the lack of that special skill sure hurt him in college. It was not easy to type a 15-page report using the hunt and peck method.  
answer: (c) peck
- A6 "I can't go to lunch with you today. I am sorry. I have to go hunt down a new battery for my car during my lunch break instead," Nick said to Ryan.  
answer: (c) hunt
- A7 Sometimes, the police will hush up some details of a murder investigation to help them verify whether a tip given by the public is real.  
answer: (b) hush
- A8 "I tried to get some answers from the police department about the suspect that was shot by the police the other night but they were very hush-hush about it. All they would tell me is that they are currently investigating the situation," Irma told her boss.  
answer: (c) hush
- A9 "I can't pay you today for the plants but I'll give you an I.O.U. for them. You know that I will pay you soon we've been friends for a long time," Chris said to Paul.  
answer: (a) I
- A10 He couldn't stand the fact that his roommate refused to do anything else on the weekends but watch the idiot box. He wanted a hiking partner, a friend to go on road trips with and someone who wanted to check out the different shops in town. He couldn't think of a worse way to spend the weekend than watching TV the whole time.  
answer: (b) idiot

*English Slang Idioms (250)*

- A1 "I have checked your interior walls and the water damage on them is only the tip of the iceberg. You have to replace the studs due to rot and you'll probably have to replace some of your subfloor," Chris told Derrick.  
answer: (c) iceberg
- A2 "I checked your car for you and there is a problem with the charging system. I am not sure if it is the battery or the alternator. If worst comes to worst and you have to replace them both, I can help you so you won't have to pay the high cost of labor in an auto shop," Paul told Chris.  
answer: (b) worst
- A3 "I just checked on your husband and he is in a bad way. His kidneys are failing and his lungs are beginning to fill up. We will have to keep him for at least another couple of days," Dr. Peterson told Sharon.  
answer: (d) way
- A4 "Marcie, would you be able to take the kids to soccer practice on Wednesday? I am kind of in a bind, here. I have to take them at 4 o'clock but I was just informed by my boss that I will have to give the board a presentation on Wednesday at 3:45," Jacky said to her sister.  
answer: (a) bind
- A5 "He hates sitcom shows in a big way. He also hates fast food," Michelle told Jacky when she asked her basic questions about her new boyfriend.  
answer: (d) big
- A6 "Could I hire you to help me build my deck? The deck won't be very big and I have all the tools. It will be a breeze, I just can't lift all of the long boards into place by myself," Jake said to his son.  
answer: (b) breeze
- A7 Adam was very happy to be able to say to his friend that his wife was in a family way. They had been trying for some time to have a baby but they had had no luck until now.  
answer: (d) family
- A8 "Is it hard to change an alternator belt, Paul?" Chris asked. He replied, "No, it is a walk in the park. We just have to unscrew some screws, put on the new belt and then tighten it. It doesn't take long."  
answer: (d) walk
- A9 "Jim is an atypical kid. He is nice enough to talk to; he just doesn't like to play with others and prefers to be by himself. He is kind of in a world of his own," Greg said to Jim's teacher.  
answer: (d) world
- A10 "I know you don't agree with Paul ending his marriage and moving in with that other woman. I am sure that if either of us were in his place, we would phrase things differently than he did. I can't say for certain that either of us wouldn't have done the same thing, though. We can't know what it is like to be him," Adam said to Lisa.  
answer: (a) place

*English Slang Idioms (251)*

- A1 "I thought my credit was good until I realized my account with the Internal Revenue Service was in arrears. It had completely slipped my mind that I still owed them one more payment from what I owed on last year's taxes," Paul said to Alison.  
answer: (b) arrears
- A2 "Lisa, I don't want to tell you your business but I was wondering if you might give my brother a break. I know you are mad at him for getting drunk, since you don't approve of drinking, but believe me, getting drunk is completely out of character for him. I have seen him drunk twice in my whole life. There must be some explanation," Kurt said.  
answer: (b) character
- A3 He was really embarrassed. His neighbor just yelled at him to keep his dog in check since it bit the neighbor's poodle. His dog had never bit anything or anyone before.  
answer: (a) check
- A4 His father wanted him to go hunting with him but he didn't want to go. He wasn't sure that he could or wanted to kill an animal in cold blood. He also wasn't sure that he wanted to share that part of himself with his dad.  
answer: (a) blood
- A5 "Do you want us to purchase another truck for the receiving department?" Jay asked Sidney. Sidney responded, "No, the one we have is OK for now. Let's keep it in commission for a little while longer. Once it breaks, we'll buy a new one."  
answer: (d) commission
- A6 "We are still reviewing your case and will have an answer for you in due course," Matt told Mrs. Smith when she called in to inquire about the outcome of her insurance claim.  
answer: (a) due
- A7 Despite the change in watering practices and the pot size, the rot on Chris's Sempervivum rosettes was still very much in evidence. The cold, damp conditions were not conducive to growing this particular kind of succulent plant.  
answer: (c) evidence
- A8 The police always show up in force in Chico, California on Halloween. There have been numerous crimes committed during the almost city-wide revelry.  
answer: (b) force
- A9 "I am sorry that you took offense to my comment about your consistent crabby behavior in the morning on Mondays. It was meant in jest. I am no better and neither is anyone here," Mark said to Shelly.  
answer: (a) jest
- A10 "Your account with us has remained in good stead since you opened it with us. We are going to grant your request for a higher credit limit," the banker told John.  
answer: (c) stead

*English Slang Idioms (252)*

- A1 "We only encourage actions that are in keeping with the highest standards of excellence and professionalism. Our representative did not act in that manner and, for that, we apologize. We are going to credit your account for the whole amount, not just for the payment you sent in. Your debt is paid in full now, Mrs. Elbert," the manager told her.  
answer: (d) keeping
- A2 "Let me check to see if we have a size 13 in that particular shoe. We do; you are in luck," the representative told Tom.  
answer: (c) luck
- A3 "The mechanics over by the mall are very good. I expected my repairs to take several hours but they had everything done in nothing flat. I think I was out of there in about a half-hour," Phil said to Ashley.  
answer: (a) nothing
- A4 "With the two of us working on the alternator belt, we'll have it done in no time," Paul told Chris.  
answer: (d) time
- A5 "I am here on behalf of my wife. She ordered some products from your company and has not received them. I am wondering if you can tell me when she will receive her purchase," Don said to the receptionist.  
answer: (d) behalf
- A6 "I have been trying to follow the presidential election but I am unable to find out where each candidate stands on the important issues. It really sticks in my craw that the candidates spend more time refuting each other's allegations than they do defining where they stand," Mary said to Eleanor.  
answer: (b) craw
- A7 "I always hoped that my son would follow in my footsteps and become a doctor like me. He chose, instead, to become an ecologist," Brian told his buddy.  
answer: (d) footsteps
- A8 "In my mind's eye, downloading music for free on the Internet is the same as physically stealing something. The songs cost money — you didn't pay for them — but now you have them," Bette said to Wanda.  
answer: (a) eye
- A9 "Mr. Ellis sold his farm to move into Oxnard, California. No one in their right mind, in my opinion, would move from a nice piece of land to that awful place," Justin said to Raquel.  
answer: (b) right
- A10 "No one understood what you meant. I know that you think it made sense but it was very ambiguous. Speak in plain English next time and you won't have to worry about people taking things the wrong way as much," Lilly told Ken.  
answer: (d) English



*English Slang Idioms (253)*

- A1 "I know that you don't like seafood but our friends make the best seafood Fettuccini Alfredo I have ever had. Will you agree to keep an open mind and try it before deciding you don't like it?" Jill asked her son.  
answer: (a) open
- A2 The boss was a scary guy. When he called you into his office, you could bet that you would receive the worse insults you have ever had to endure and there was something about him that would stop anyone from talking back to him. People immediately froze in their tracks and meekly walked into his office when he called them.  
answer: (b) tracks
- A3 In order to change the sink, he would have to turn off the water that runs to the facet. He failed to do so and got a surprise when water started liberally spraying down on the kitchen floor.  
answer: (d) order
- A4 Since the company put a set of sexual harassment rules in place, incidents of sexual harassment were virtually non-existent.  
answer: (b) place
- A5 "Your shed is in pretty poor shape. The back of the foundation is sinking and there is water getting into it from the roof. I can't help you with the foundation but we can look for ways to seal it," Rob said to Christian.  
answer: (d) shape
- A6 "Can we speak in private about a personal matter?" Jenny asked her boss when she saw her.  
answer: (c) private
- A7 His boss fired him in extremely short order. He had been rude to a customer and 15 minutes later, he was in his car with no job.  
answer: (d) order
- A8 "How did you do at the casino with your friends?" Kate asked her husband. He replied, "Not too well. I kept losing at Blackjack. I left when I was \$40 in the hole."  
answer: (b) hole
- A9 "I am not surprised that you are good at repairing things. That skill definitely runs in the family. Your father, of course, was a mechanic, your grandfather worked on airplanes in World War 2 and your great grandfather worked on trains," Sally told Bill.  
answer: (c) family
- A10 She was crushed to hear that her father had been killed in the line of duty defending some civilians from a bank robber that day.  
answer: (b) line

*English Slang Idioms (254)*

- A1 "I hear that you are in the market for a new car. My friend has a Honda Accord that he is selling for really cheap, if you are interested. It works fine he is selling it because he is going to work overseas for a couple of years," Matt told Brendan.  
answer: (d) market
- A2 "I need you to get me a new pair of chemical boots without telling anyone or writing it down. I know that is hard for you to do but you owe me a favor. I took it in the neck for you when you didn't show up for formation and I told the First Sergeant that it was my fault because I forgot to tell you about it," Sergeant James told Specialist Watson.  
answer: (c) neck
- A3 It is always sad when someone dies in the prime of his or her life due to a car accident with a drunk driver.  
answer: (a) prime
- A4 Politicians have to watch their actions and words almost every minute of the day since they are in the public eye. What they say and do is reported in the newspapers and on television even when the politician thinks no one is watching.  
answer: (d) eye
- A5 "You had better watch your step around here. If you are late again or make another mistake in your work, you might get fired. I know you are new and don't know how it works here yet but the boss has zero tolerance for tardy behavior or silly mistakes. Wanda got fired for missing a day it was her first one and she has worked here for ten years," Maggie told Justine.  
answer: (b) step
- A6 "I believe I was in the right to fire Justin for being late even if it is only the third time. I owe it to the stockholders and the public to make sure both are getting what they paid for," Justine's boss told middle management.  
answer: (a) right
- A7 He felt that he had a good career. He had been in the running for mayor twice and once for senator. He served one term as the mayor of his town and made a decent living during the rest of his working years.  
answer: (c) running
- A8 "I don't understand you right now. First you say you are sorry for the way you acted and then, in the same breath, you tell me that the way you acted is all my fault. Can you please explain which it is?" Joe asked Michelle.  
answer: (b) breath
- A9 Many people want to be rich and famous. He just wanted to be rich. He found that being in the spotlight was more trouble than it was worth one couldn't be alone and everything one said and did was analyzed by a good portion of society. One couldn't have "personal business" when that person was famous.  
answer: (d) spotlight
- A10 "We went out on the lake in our canoe and everything was going fine until Steve dropped his cigar in the boat. He tried to grab it and tipped the boat. We both ended up in the drink and let me tell you, it is cold today," Jim told his girlfriend.  
answer: (c) drink

*English Slang Idioms (255)*

- A1 Preparation measures for a large-scale emergency, in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, has become a priority for the U.S. government.  
answer: (b) wake
- A2 "Why do you keep getting in the way of my making friends here? You always tell me that it is good that I am meeting people but when I make plans with them you get mad at me?" John asked Melissa.  
answer: (b) way
- A3 "Can you come to my house soon to pick up the bicycle?" John asked. Tim responded, "I will be there in two shakes of a lamb's tail. I am leaving for your house right now."  
answer: (a) shakes
- A4 "Grandma, you were in the wrong to tell my wife that she should always spend Christmas with our family and not with hers. We have to have Christmas with her family an equal amount of times," George said.  
answer: (d) wrong
- A5 "We have had plans for an expansion in the works for some time. I am pleased to tell you that we are opening a new store in two months in Seattle, Washington. This means more business and more money, among other things," the store manager told the staff.  
answer: (c) works
- A6 "I have been inching along in school to learn how to become a good manager and, while it doesn't seem like I am learning much, I have learned a lot since I started," Jim told his parents.  
answer: (d) inching
- A7 "While I see your point of view, Sir, I am inclined to agree with the customer service representative who has been helping you. There is no way, in my mind, that you could have bought the product you are returning last week. The product you have is at least a year old," Miles told the customer.  
answer: (a) inclined
- A8 His career took a nose dive ever since he publically disagreed with his boss and was proven wrong by upper management. Upper management implemented his idea and it backfired. The result: a loss of over a million dollars.  
answer: (c) nose
- A9 "When you take into account the days you were out of work due to the surgery, you have the best performance out of everyone here. You are getting a raise and the Christmas bonus you missed while having surgery," Beth told Rachel.  
answer: (d) account
- A10 The police won't tolerate people taking the law into their own hands. Too many times a major injustice the very thing vigilantes are opposed to — are committed by vigilantes.  
answer: (b) hands

*English Slang Idioms (256)*

- A1 "I thought it would be very difficult to build a garden bench but it is a cinch. if you have the proper tools and a good set of plans," Ryan said to Jesse.  
answer: (c) cinch
- A2 "I hate how all hotels and restaurants jack up their prices around holidays or events. I can't find an inexpensive hotel anywhere around where we are going because we just happen to be going on our trip on Labor Day weekend," Dan told his friend.  
answer: (b) jack
- A3 "I can't wait for the next-door neighbors to finish their renovations. It really jars on my nerves early in the morning. That is one of the few downsides of working from home neighborhood noise can have a big effect on your working conditions," Matt said to Ralph.  
answer: (d) jars
- A4 "When the manager told us he was quitting his finance job to open a glass-blowing shop my jaw dropped. I don't think I have been that surprised about anything. I can't see him blowing glass I don't see him caring about art period," Thelma said to Bethany.  
answer: (c) dropped
- A5 "I really like all of the renovations you two have done to your place. You really jazzed up the place," Beth said to Chris and Linda.  
answer: (b) up
- A6 "I don't know why the Smith's don't tear down that jury-rigged shed on the back of their place and build a new one. Everything else in their yard is clean and new but the shed. The shed is lopsided and looks like someone built it in about 15 minutes," Adam said to Lucy.  
answer: (c) rigged
- A7 "We aren't getting a Christmas bonus this year? Are you serious or are you trying to jerk my chain? When and where did you hear that?" Craig asked Lynn.  
answer: (a) jerk
- A8 "We need someone who is hardworking every day not someone who is going to lean on his or her shovel all the time. The job entails: moving merchandise off of the truck, stocking the warehouse shelves and stocking the shelves inside the store, among other things," the hiring manager told Jack.  
answer: (d) lean
- A9 "We have a deal! I am going to need your John Hancock on the contract and a few other forms and then you can take the new car," Jill said to the buyers.  
answer: (d) Hancock
- A10 "If you don't give all of my money back and a new product I am going to sue you!" The angry customer said. Jay responded, "Now hold your horses. We can't give you both. Choose one or the other."  
answer: (b) horses

*English Slang Idioms (257)*

- A1 "I know that you are good at Law, as am I, and I was wondering if you would want to join forces and study for the final exam together," Tim said to Paul.  
answer: (a) join
- A2 The Take Back the Night anti-rape group joined hands with the Male Feminists group on campus to enlist support for an anti-rape march that would take place through the surrounding towns.  
answer: (c) hands
- A3 "Is it OK with you if I jot down some notes while you are speaking?" The Management student asked the manager he was interviewing.  
answer: (d) down
- A4 "Your truck looks like it's been through World War 3. Joking aside, I think that it runs very well and is very functional. I think that it is just what you needed," Bill said to Ben.  
answer: (a) aside
- A5 "The boss just jumped all over me for being late on my expense sheet again. I am going to have to get the sheets done sooner," Larry said to Ron.  
answer: (d) jumped
- A6 "We are still searching for the murder suspect. He jumped bail and we believe he is trying to sneak into Mexico. If you have any information as to his whereabouts, please call us," Sergeant O'Brian said to the reporter on television.  
answer: (a) jumped
- A7 "Don't be so quick to jump to a conclusion. Make sure to take all of the evidence under consideration and keep an open mind. There may be a lot of things you don't know yet," the instructor said to the recruits at the police academy.  
answer: (a) conclusion
- A8 "My husband is a perfectionist. Whenever he is working on a project, everything has to be just so or he is not happy. It drives me nuts," Linda said to Ashley.  
answer: (d) so
- A9 "Are the flashlights packed? Good. We need to go to the store before we head to the campsite. The batteries in the flashlights are good but I think we should get some extras, just in case," Paul said to Maxine.  
answer: (c) case
- A10 "Do you want to go to the new thrift shop with me today? I don't really want to buy anything I just want to go for the fun of it. I just want to see what they offer," Lucy said to Sylvia.  
answer: (c) fun

*English Slang Idioms (258)*

- A1 "My girlfriend is always talking on her cellular phone no matter where we are or what we are doing. She answers it even when we are at the movies. It drives me nuts," Luke said to Ian.  
answer: (d) nuts
- A2 "We are going to study the American Constitution as our first focus in this Law class. I think it is a good jumping-off place that will lead us into the rest of the aspects of criminal law we will cover," the Law professor told the class.  
answer: (c) place
- A3 "I thought that Bill broke up with Tina but it was the other way around. He was mad at her for quite some time for drinking too much but she didn't seem like she had any problems with him. I guess she did," Shannon said to James.  
answer: (d) around
- A4 "We need a new coffee table. Ours used to be nice until our latest move. It looks pretty junked up now. We didn't tie it down well enough and it flew around the moving truck and knocked into some things," Pat said to his neighbors.  
answer: (d) junked
- A5 "Georgia is so hot in the summer. We had our morning formation at 6 o'clock in the morning and by 6:30, five privates had keeled over from the heat," Specialist Mitchell said to PFC Thomas.  
answer: (c) keeled
- A6 "I haven't downloaded any music from the Internet legal or not. I am not very keen on the idea of getting prosecuted for theft because I didn't know the rules on what music was safe and what wasn't," Will said to Jessica.  
answer: (a) on
- A7 "I haven't heard back from the security firm as to whether I am going to get the job or if the job has been filled. However, I am going to keep after it until that the job is filled. I am going to call them once a week to check on the job and I am going to stop by once a week," Jared said to his wife Jennifer.  
answer: (a) keep
- A8 "The CEO of our company came to give us a speech on where the business was headed today. Somehow, he had got a piece of toilet paper stuck to the back of his shirt. I tried really hard to keep a straight face but I finally couldn't help laughing. Luckily, just as I started laughing, he decided to take a fifteen minute break," Alice said to Todd.  
answer: (c) straight
- A9 "I can't find my wallet. Can you keep an eye open for it please?" Jim said to his wife Carol.  
answer: (d) eye
- A10 "The recent and extremely high hospital bill was a real eye-opener for me. I knew that health care was becoming more expensive all the time but I had no idea how much so. No wonder people are always on the news complaining about it. I got charged \$5,000 for an IV bag of water!" Jay said to Matt at work.  
answer: (b) opener

*English Slang Idioms (259)*

- A1 "I know it's been hard on you since your father passed away. It is hard, when we lose someone, to keep on keeping on. However, we can't forget that a lot of people are still alive and need our love," Ray's mom told him after his kids spoke to her about his despondent behavior.  
answer: (c) keeping
- A2 "Will you come to the store with me to keep me company?" Linda asked Chris.  
answer: (a) company
- A3 "You always work until 11 o'clock at night? You keep late hours, don't you? What do you do for fun after work?" His mom asked.  
answer: (c) hours
- A4 "I know that it is summer time and it's light outside until late but you two are going to have to keep it down out here while you are playing. A lot of the people who live closeby have to wake up really early to go to work and they can't sleep with you two screaming and yelling until all hours of the night," Allen told his two boys.  
answer: (b) down
- A5 "I heard that Lester asked you out on a date. I would keep your distance if I were you. He is kind of creepy and I am afraid he might be the stalker type," Laurie said to Kimberly.  
answer: (a) distance
- A6 She was hired by two accounting firms to keep their books for them. She just received her degree in Accounting three days ago and already she has two clients.  
answer: (d) books
- A7 He almost had to close his business over the winter. No one needed their RV repaired in the winter and he had not saved enough for the winter months. Now that summer was here, he already had eight jobs in the past two weeks. Things were looking up.  
answer: (d) looking
- A8 "I just found out something about our Christmas bonuses but the information can't get out to everyone else here. I will tell you what I heard if you can keep your mouth shut," Billie told Susan.  
answer: (c) shut
- A9 "I know that it is hard when you are growing up to know what the right thing to do is. I would encourage you to keep your own counsel and make your own decisions because your friends won't always have your best interest at heart even if they don't intend to," Bob said to Danny.  
answer: (d) counsel
- A10 "I have already been studying for my economics final for three hours and I am bored. I have to keep plugging away at it, though, or I will never get through all this material on time. After I am done, I will give you a call and maybe we can do something then," Bill told his girlfriend.  
answer: (c) away

*English Slang Idioms (260)*

- A1 "The new employee just made another mistake on his paper work that caused us to be short on our next shipment. I think we better keep closer tabs on him for the time being until we know that he won't make any more mistakes like that again," the receiving department's supervisor told the main boss during a meeting.  
answer: (b) tabs
- A2 "My neighbors keep adding more plants and stones to their garden. We are determined to have the best garden on this block but we are having a hard time keeping pace with the Jones's. Our neighbors seem to have much more money than we do," Jack told his best friend.  
answer: (a) pace
- A3 "With so much prejudice and violence going on in the world, it is getting hard to keep the faith. It is hard to believe in a caring God when so many atrocities are committed against innocent people every day," Linus said to Markus.  
answer: (c) faith
- A4 "Our sales are up 15 percent from last year and have been steady for the past two months. We need to devise a plan to keep the ball rolling and either increase our sales or hold them steady," Ralph said to his employees.  
answer: (d) ball
- A5 It is very hard to keep track of everything one spends. It takes a lot of dedication and organization.  
answer: (d) track
- A6 "It is hard to have a senator as a father. Mine is more worried about keeping up his appearance than with keeping up our relationship," Danny said to Jennifer.  
answer: (b) appearance
- A7 "We are going to need someone on-site 24 hours a day for the next couple weeks to keep watch. We have had several tips that someone is going to try to rob the museum in the next little while," Bob told his team.  
answer: (b) watch
- A8 "I just saw the interviewee who is up next. He looks really keyed up like he is very nervous or had too much coffee this morning," Jan said to the boss.  
answer: (a) keyed
- A9 Many crooked politicians throughout history have arranged for a friend to get a large government contract to complete a project in return for large kick back from the friend.  
answer: (d) back
- A10 "We need to come up with a plan to achieve a larger market share. Let's first formulate some ideas on how to accomplish this and then we'll kick the ideas around for a while to see if we can find a good one," Lisa told the other employees.  
answer: (b) around



*English Slang Idioms (261)*

- A1 "I just told the boss that the reason our products aren't selling is because they aren't functional and are ugly. I forgot that the boss used to work in the research and development department and came up with a large portion of our products himself. He looked pretty mad when I said that. I could kick myself for saying that to him," Jay said to Marlene.  
answer: (c) myself
- A2 It seemed like the bus wouldn't be able to climb the hill in the snow. It didn't seem to have enough power for a hill that steep. All of a sudden, the driver kicked the gear down and the bus started making a little bit of progress. It was slow going but the bus made it to the top.  
answer: (b) gear
- A3 "I just went surfing for the first time. Surfing is such a kick in the pants. I am no good at it but I would go again anytime," Curt said to Jessie.  
answer: (d) pants
- A4 "We just got through with studying for our English Essentials test. We have been knee-deep in sentence structures, phrasal verbs and antonyms for the past six hours. It has been horrible," Alice said to Bertha.  
answer: (b) knee
- A5 "Basic Training was the first time in my life that I can remember that I did not have the benefit of a close-knit group of friends. It was hard not to have the kind of support available," Larry said to Jessica.  
answer: (d) close
- A6 "I am trying to have a conversation with my friend so will you stop butting in?" Mary asked her sister.  
answer: (b) butting
- A7 "The wind is blowing so hard outside that it almost knocked me off my feet when I went out there," Maude said to Geraldine.  
answer: (d) feet
- A8 "I can't get this nail out of this board. I don't think it's possible," Jay said. Mark replied, "I can do it. No problem." Jay said "If you are so sure you can do it, knock yourself out," and handed him the hammer. After several minutes of labor the nail came out — much to Jay's surprise.  
answer: (d) knock
- A9 "If you don't stop insulting David, he's going to knock your block off. I wouldn't blame him either. Why are you so mean to him especially when he's bigger than you?" Rocky asked Ben.  
answer: (d) block
- A10 "So this is your new girlfriend, Max? She is a real knock-out. You finally found an attractive girlfriend!" Max's father said jokingly.  
answer: (c) knock

*English Slang Idioms (262)*

- A1 "If you wear my clothes again, I am going to knock the stuffing out of you," Bob told his younger brother. His younger brother just wore his best suit to a football game and got mud all over it.  
answer: (c) stuffing
- A2 "Where am I? The hospital? I must have gotten knocked out in the crash. The last thing I remember is seeing a deer, swerving around it and then losing control of my car," Jenny said to her brother.  
answer: (a) out
- A3 He felt confident that he could manage the company. He knew his way around the world of management and the company was already in a very good position.  
answer: (b) way
- A4 "I hate the wait before a job interview. I always feel all tied up in knots. I guess everyone feels that way but it still isn't a good time," Jill said to Allison.  
answer: (d) knots
- A5 "You are going to promote Jack over me? It's OK. I know the score. He has been here longer than I have and is the CEO's cousin," Jared said.  
answer: (b) score
- A6 "Hi James, it's Lisa. I am calling about your brother. He just sits in his room drinking with the lights off every night. I have asked him what is wrong and why he is acting this way but he won't tell me. I don't know who else to turn to for answers. Do you have any ideas?"  
answer: (d) turn
- A7 "Steve annoys me. He is such a know-it-all. He is always trying to prove he knows more about everything even if he doesn't than everyone around him does," Kim said to Louisa.  
answer: (d) know
- A8 "I don't want to belabor the point but we have to focus on finding a way to pay our rent. We can't go on to anything else until that is settled," Max said to Joe and Alex.  
answer: (d) point
- A9 "Pat keeps laboring under the assumption that working hard will result in an early promotion. Little does he know, the boss will leave him in that position just because he will work hard at it and the boss needs a hard worker in that slot," Luke said to Barney.  
answer: (a) under
- A10 James Bond is the tall-dark-and-handsome sort that women seem to like. In the movies, James Bond is a lady-killer who never gets rejected by a woman.  
answer: (b) killer

*English Slang Idioms (263)*

- A1 "Doug is too much of a lady's-man for my taste. I like guys who like to be guys and hang around with guys doing guy-like things. I like guys who like fast cars, fishing, hunting, construction, etc. He doesn't like any of those things," Jacob told Lane when Lane asked if he and his brother were close.  
answer: (d) lady's
- A2 "I am sorry I haven't called you for a while. I have been laid up with the flu for the past week and haven't called anyone," Lacy told her mom.  
answer: (c) laid
- A3 "I don't like the way Jay and Jasmine's house is laid out. I always feel cramped in there and like I am going to trip over something," Cathy said to Hank.  
answer: (c) laid
- A4 "I just heard that my brother broke his wrist while playing basketball. I am not that worried about him, though. He always seems to land on his feet," Kylie told Symphony.  
answer: (c) land
- A5 He heard on the radio that two kids were picked up outside of town after curfew by the police. He wasn't familiar with the road they were found on but he figured that it was the local lover's lane. There was somewhere in every town designated by kids as the hang out' place.  
answer: (d) lover's
- A6 "We trusted you to be our spokesperson for a union here and what happens the first time you go see the manager about it? The manager tells you that a union would result in less jobs and you lapped it up. Of course management is going to say that. I am going to find someone else to be the spokesperson," Donald told Mathew.  
answer: (a) lapped
- A7 "We have called you all together to vote on who you would like to see spearhead our effort to get a labor union started here," Donald told the audience.  
answer: (d) spearhead
- A8 "Did my comment offend you? Do you know how many people you have cruelly insulted here at work? Now you get a criticism and you start crying? What's the matter? You can dish it out but you can't take it?" Christa said to Kylie in the office.  
answer: (b) dish
- A9 "I just got a good tongue-lashing from the boss about starting that fight with Kylie in the office. He called my professionalism everything in the book," Christa said to Jenny.  
answer: (a) lashing
- A10 "I think part of you agrees with me about what I said about your brother. I think you are just lashing out at me when I bring up the problems your brother has because he is someone you love and are related to," Christa said to Lane.  
answer: (d) lashing

*English Slang Idioms (264)*

- A1 "I am glad that our final exams are coming up. It is always a stressful time but it signifies that we are on the last lap of the semester," Dina said to Blanche.  
answer: (a) lap
- A2 "The other team is probably going to win. They have the football on our twenty-yard line and there are only two minutes to go. We have to make a last stand and stop them here. If they score, we are done for the season. If they don't, we'll go into overtime and we might be the ones to break the tie," the quarterback told the team in the huddle.  
answer: (d) stand
- A3 "I don't think you should run for school president, Mike. I like you but I don't think you'll stand a chance. The other candidates are much more popular and have more money," Craig said.  
answer: (b) chance
- A4 "Wow, when you latch onto an idea, you don't let go. You have been talking about making a garden behind the shed, non-stop, for the past two weeks," Laurie said to Nick.  
answer: (d) latch
- A5 His wife was afraid of bears and insisted that they leave the flashlights on in the tent all night. He didn't think the batteries would last out the night but he figured it was better for her to find that out in the morning.  
answer: (a) last
- A6 "Slow down! What are you in such a lather about? You do know it is 2 o'clock in the morning, don't you?" A surprised Amanda asked her sister.  
answer: (c) lather
- A7 "If people make fun of me, I don't let it bother me. I just laugh it off. Their misconception is their problem," Joey told his best friend at the school.  
answer: (d) laugh
- A8 "I just saw the new comedy movie in the theaters with my girlfriend. You should go see it I think you would like it. We both laughed our heads off," Sam said to David.  
answer: (d) heads
- A9 "I know that you think my get-rich-quick scheme is stupid but I think it will really work. We'll see who is right but I believe that you'll be sorry you said anything and I'll be laughing all the way to the bank," Simon said to Jimmy.  
answer: (a) bank
- A10 "Brad told us that he was responsible for the invention that enabled oceanographers to dive down into the ocean at great depths. He told me that when I was with some friends of mine who are also structural engineers. However, he didn't know that we were engineers because what he said didn't make any sense to anyone who has any knowledge about physics or logic. We laughed him out of town," Damon said to Elbert.  
answer: (c) laughed

*English Slang Idioms (265)*

- A1 "If it had happened to someone else, we might have found it funny. However, when we found that our spare tire was flat — after we blew a tire that night — it was no laughing matter. We could have frozen to death if someone hadn't been nice enough to give us a lift home," Brent told his friends.  
answer: (d) matter
- A2 "Our boss just decided to rest on his laurels and be happy that he had a successful career over the past 35 years. His last day is next week," Bill told his wife.  
answer: (b) rest
- A3 He knew that his chess team was due for a loss soon. They won eight games in a row and, according to the law of averages, they wouldn't be able to keep it going indefinitely.  
answer: (c) averages
- A4 "My little brother tells me that you have been bullying him at school. If you so much as lay a finger on him, you will have to answer to me," Jake told Bert the Bully.  
answer: (d) finger
- A5 "You get mad at the littlest things. You asked for a redwood two by four and I got you one. How was I supposed to know that you didn't want any knots in it? You didn't tell me to pick one out with no knots in it. I wouldn't have agreed to pick one up at all if I had known that you were going to lay an egg about the one I chose," Nina said to Phil.  
answer: (a) egg
- A6 "So, I laid bare all my feelings for you and what do you do? You went and told all of our friends about my personal thoughts. I do not want to talk to you ever again," Lyle said to Jessica.  
answer: (c) bare
- A7 "Teenagers are always so intense about friendships. They tell each other that they would die for each other but that is ridiculous. It would have to be a very special friendship for a friend to be willing to lay down his or her life for someone else," Rafael said to Bart.  
answer: (c) lay
- A8 "Your newest soldiers are the sorriest group of wimps I have ever laid eyes on," the Drill Sergeant said to the new recruits.  
answer: (c) eyes
- A9 "I am going to lay it on the carpet, here. I know you are engaged to my boss but I can't live without you. I love you," Tim told Tammy.  
answer: (c) carpet
- A10 "I can't believe Mike made this mistake on the shipment. We are going to lose a lot of money when our store doesn't have any inventory to sell our customers. I am going to lay into him as soon as I see him," the boss vowed to his assistant.  
answer: (d) lay

*English Slang Idioms (266)*

- A1 "I don't have any ideas yet as to how to improve this company. I am still trying to get the lay of the land and get to know everyone," the new manager said to his assistant, Velma.  
answer: (a) land
- A2 "Corporate just informed me that we are closing two of our branches and outsourcing the jobs overseas. This means that over a thousand people are going to be laid off. That is horrible!" Judy said to her friend, Becky.  
answer: (b) laid
- A3 "If Thomas ever says anything like that to you again, I will lay him out and I don't care where we are," Mel said to his wife after she told him about the vile things Thomas said to her earlier that evening.  
answer: (d) lay
- A4 "My husband prides himself on his cooking abilities. He is actually quite good at least I think so," Dana said to Paul and Isabelle.  
answer: (a) prides
- A5 Travelling by plane is hard enough without a lot of lay-overs. When I came back from South Korea, I had over seven hours of wait-time to kill.  
answer: (b) lay
- A6 "Don't try to lay the blame on me because we're broke. You have spent more in the past six months on junk than I have in the past two years," Bart said to Eleanor.  
answer: (a) blame
- A7 "Instead of pointing at each other and assigning fault, let's put our heads together and find a solution," Tim said to the other employees.  
answer: (a) heads
- A8 "Jim, it is your fault that the customer is mad at the company. You were rude and gave him incorrect information. I know that you like to point the finger at everyone else here but it is not going to work this time," Pauline, his boss, told him after lunch.  
answer: (d) finger
- A9 "I can't believe you beat me that fast. You laid waste to all of my offensive maneuvers and defenses within minutes," Tyler said to Josh after the chess match.  
answer: (c) waste
- A10 "I am glad we talked tonight and worked things out. Now, we can finally lay that incident to rest and be happy with each other," Paula said to Simon.  
answer: (c) lay

*English Slang Idioms (267)*

- A1 "Jennifer leads her husband around by the nose. He has to ask her permission to do anything and is deathly afraid to cross her," David said to Henry.  
answer: (b) nose
- A2 "So the wine barrel planters are \$20? I called the store and your representative told me that they were \$10 a piece. I think, since the reason I drove here was because your representative led me to believe that they were \$10, that you should give me two of them for that price," Raina told the manager.  
answer: (b) led
- A3 Too many managers tell their employees to act a certain way but they don't follow their own advice. A good manager is one that will lead the way on any instructions he or she gives.  
answer: (d) lead
- A4 "I will take out the trash in a minute. I am going to leaf through this magazine for a little while and then I will take the trash out," Jeff said to Alice.  
answer: (d) leaf
- A5 "Somehow, the reporters know everything we know within an hour after we learn it. It saddens me but I believe there is a leak in our department. How can the reporters know everything we do," Lieutenant O'Malley said to the other cops.  
answer: (b) leak
- A6 How does anyone forget to bring a tent on a camping trip? That question crossed his mind as it started to rain. He built a hasty lean-to out of a few sticks and a tarp he found in his car but that did not help to block the water that was running down the hill. The sleeping bags were thoroughly soaked in no time.  
answer: (d) to
- A7 He wondered what kids who were born on leap year — did about their birthdays. When did they celebrate on the 28th or 29th?  
answer: (b) leap
- A8 "I don't know how to read music. I have to learn the majority of the things I play by rote," Lane told Phil when he asked how Lane learned new music on the guitar.  
answer: (a) rote
- A9 "You really left me hanging the other day. You promised to help me repair the deck at my grandma's house and when you didn't show up, I couldn't do the job myself. It still isn't done and the fire department is going to inspect it by next week," Steve said to Gerald.  
answer: (b) hanging
- A10 "Why did you give Max such a left-handed compliment? What has he done to you?" Laurie asked Jeana. Jeana told Max that he was much more intelligent than she had originally thought.  
answer: (c) handed

*English Slang Idioms (268)*

- A1 "I know the idea of implementing socialized medicine in the United States is a bit more left-wing than I usually agree with but I have to say it makes a lot of sense. So many people in the U.S. are without health insurance and the costs of treatment are higher than most people can afford," Jim said to Dan and Sue.  
answer: (d) wing
- A2 He was exhausted from the daily leg work required from those who wanted to start their own companies. He had already been to two government offices and a host of local businesses that day.  
answer: (b) leg
- A3 "You can argue that medical treatments are not too expensive for people but you won't have a leg to stand on, in my opinion. Many treatments cost more for a few days than a new car would cost," Hank said to Aaron.  
answer: (b) leg
- A4 "Hey, I was wondering if I could ask you for a favor, Jack. Would you be willing to lend a hand on Saturday to help with the soup kitchen for homeless people? You expressed an interest before and I am just checking up to see if you still are interested," Arthur said.  
answer: (c) lend
- A5 "I heard that you broke up with Jessica. I hope you let her down easy. She was with you for a long time and you two had fun together. She did a lot for you, too," Luke said to his son.  
answer: (b) easy
- A6 "The weekend with the guys was a good one. We let it all hang out. No one put on a front and no one tried to prove anything. There was a lot of honest bonding and I think we all got to know each other better," Sean told his wife.  
answer: (a) hang
- A7 "Joe was so funny the other night. He started drinking and then let it rip. It was joke after joke after he was about half drunk," Tommy said to Brandon.  
answer: (d) rip
- A8 "I came home drunk the other night and my wife just let loose on me. I had no idea how mad my drinking makes her. Now I realize that there are more factors involved than just the getting drunk part; it's how we interact after I am drunk, what the neighbors think when I don't come home until late, how it looks when people see me in town late without my wife and several other things," Simon told Bart at work.  
answer: (c) loose
- A9 "I saw Beth the other day. She has really let herself go. Her clothes were wrinkled and stained, she wasn't wearing any make-up and her hair didn't look like it had been combed in a good while," Dina told Eleanor since they both loved to gossip.  
answer: (a) go
- A10 "So you can't pay me the \$200 you owe me for this month's car payment? I can let it ride until two weeks from now but I really need it by then. Can you pay me in two weeks?" Laurence asked his friend.  
answer: (d) ride



*English Slang Idioms (269)*

- A1 "I am really impressed with these Harbor Freight drills. They are cheap but sure can take a licking and keep on ticking. I expected something this cheap to fall apart in no time," Luke said to Walter.  
answer: (a) ticking
- A2 There are many exercises used by the Army to lick people into shape. Some include long runs, sprints, push-ups, sit-ups, side-straddle hops and flutter-kicks. Each exercise is led, to begin with, by a Drill Sergeant.  
answer: (d) shape
- A3 "That teriyaki and orange chicken smells so good and I am so hungry. I have been licking my chops in anticipation of it for the past ten minutes," Jay told his grandmother  
answer: (b) chops
- A4 "Jimmy dared me to knock on the door of the Bradley house. Mr. Bradley yelled at me for several minutes last week when I lost a ball in his yard. I went up to the door and knocked but nothing happened. I turned around to leave and I could hear the door opening behind me. I ran lickety- split all the way home but I won the bet," Charlie told Joey.  
answer: (b) split
- A5 "As you know, we had a yard sale on Saturday and Sunday. The sale was a total flop. Only five people came and we only made \$4," Louise told Jennifer.  
answer: (c) flop
- A6 "Do you need any pieces of plywood? I have five 4X8 sheets that have been lying around in my yard for at least six months. I am not going to use them and I don't want to see them go to waste. They will rot if they sit in the yard through the winter," George said to Mike.  
answer: (a) around
- A7 "I fired Joe for repeatedly lying down on the job. I caught him talking, at length, to people on their breaks but not on his. I warned him about loafing around twice last week," Mr. Ernest told his assistant after he asked why he had fired Joe.  
answer: (c) lying
- A8 He loved watching his dog when the mailman came by. The dog would creep around the back of the family car and lie in wait until the mailman walked by. Once the mailman put all the mail in the box and developed a false sense of security, he would turn around to leave. At that moment, Barney would leap out from behind the car just feet in front of the mailman and would start barking louder than ever. Today, the mailman jumped about three vertical feet in the air.  
answer: (b) wait
- A9 "My brother is always the life of the party. He is a great people-person and has that rare ability to tell joke after joke without repeating himself. Everyone likes him," Shawn said to Rebecca.  
answer: (d) life
- A10 "I know that we are on a timeline but your constant nagging is hurting our morale. Everyone here is working as hard as they can and as fast as they can. Can you lighten up a little and quit pressuring everyone so much? The work will get done in an efficient manner," Ben, the foreman's best friend, told the foreman.  
answer: (a) lighten

*English Slang Idioms (270)*

- A1 "We got a nice tax break from the Internal Revenue Service but I am not going to plan on it happening again. Lightning never strikes in the same place twice," Mel said to his wife.  
answer: (c) twice
- A2 "My friend said he would help us build the new room and he meant it when he said he'd come. I know when he's lying he's my best friend. I can read him like a book," Zack said to Sarah.  
answer: (a) book
- A3 "I am vital to this organization. Through my superior creative talents, I consistently provide ideas for new, innovative, value-added products — which are the backbone of this company. I feel that since you require my services, it would only be natural to approve my request for more adequate compensation," Ernest said to the boss. The boss replied, "Yes, I need you like I need a hole in the head. You are already more than adequately compensated for your services and your request is denied at this time."  
answer: (b) head
- A4 "Where did you grow up? I grew up in this little one-horse town outside of Redding, California called Whitmore," Mark said to his date.  
answer: (c) horse
- A5 "I have won the last eight boxing matches. The last match was against the champion of the Chicago area and I knocked his lights out," Dan said to the reporter.  
answer: (d) lights
- A6 There are several areas where the U.S. 101 highway runs through small towns. At these points, the speed limit often goes from 65 MPH to 35 MPH. These towns are often called "speed traps," because the towns earn a lot of their revenue from ticketing speeders who fail to cut their speed almost in half.  
answer: (a) traps
- A7 "John has a mind like a steel trap; he is quick to get the point of things and never forgets a detail or a name," his boss said to his assistant.  
answer: (c) trap
- A8 "Did you send out the reports today? Oh, never mind, you already told me that you did," Marcie said to Larry.  
answer: (a) mind
- A9 As the secretary stepped between the boss and the employee he was yelling at for non-performance, she quietly said, "Here are the documents you requested. I am going to take myself out of the line of fire here and go back to my desk. You know where to find me if you need anything."  
answer: (a) line
- A10 His dad pressured him to join the army his whole life. His father, his grandfather, his great-grandfather and his great-great-grandfather had all been in the army. He didn't want to join but took the path of least resistance. It was easier, in his mind, to do a couple years in the military than to fight with his father.  
answer: (b) resistance

*English Slang Idioms (271)*

- A1 The politician was getting hammered in the press for lining his pockets while in office. He had apparently awarded large contracts to certain firms in return for some very large personal fees.  
answer: (c) pockets
- A2 "I wish you could have seen my best friend's daughter on Christmas morning when I gave her a new tricycle. She lit up like a Christmas tree," Jan said to Mike.  
answer: (d) tree
- A3 "My husband is getting depressed because none of his friends called him on his birthday. Little does he know, we are all planning a massive surprise party for him," Marlena told Suzanne.  
answer: (d) know
- A4 I have driven down many freeways and seen whole bags of trash dumped on the side of the road by litterbugs.  
answer: (a) litterbugs
- A5 He was used to being Number One in his work place. He had been the manager of the local store for ten years and was having a hard time transitioning from that job to being a small frog in a big pond at Wal-Mart. The pay was better but it was strange for him.  
answer: (b) pond
- A6 "I don't personally agree with people who are allowed to grow medical marijuana. However, it is not my decision and while I don't agree with smoking pot, I have a live and let live mentality," Bette said to Jane.  
answer: (c) live
- A7 "So all this time, I had the blade on my circular saw on backwards? No wonder it wasn't cutting too well. Oh well, live and learn I guess," Tim said to Allen.  
answer: (a) learn
- A8 Life had been slow and easy in the small town where he and his wife lived and worked for the past five years. Now that they had moved to Los Angeles, he felt like they were living in the fast lane. Everything about the city was fast and busy. Their life seemed to have accelerated quite a bit.  
answer: (b) fast
- A9 "My grandfather had quadruple-bypass heart surgery and the doctors told him he had a year to live. He is living on borrowed time the surgery was ten years ago," Chris told Paul.  
answer: (c) borrowed
- A10 "I have had a good time on this business trip but I am looking forward to getting home. I have been living out of a suitcase for the past three weeks and can't wait to see some of my other clothes," Matt said to Lisa.  
answer: (c) suitcase

*English Slang Idioms (272)*

- A1 "Your friend Paul is very conceited. He always brags about how good he is at everything and how many women are attracted to him. He thinks he is the living end, and I hate to say, he's not," Maxine told Blake.  
answer: (d) living
- A2 "Don't pay attention to Andy Cummins. He is harmless. He is one of the local yokels who has lived here his whole life and likes to tell strangers — at length — about the town's history," Bob said to Lucy and Adam.  
answer: (c) local
- A3 "Is the manager here at the moment? I would like to lodge a complaint. I called the store and was informed wine barrel planters were \$10 a piece. So I drove all the way here to find out they're \$20 a piece," Linda said to the representative.  
answer: (d) lodge
- A4 "We are going out of business. Expenses are higher than revenues and that is the long and short of it," Bill told his staff.  
answer: (c) long
- A5 "You asked me if I was interested in a fling or a long-term relationship and I told you that I am in it for the long haul. I thought you understood that." Bill told Suzanne.  
answer: (a) haul
- A6 "It is painful to spend any amount of time with Paul. He is so long-winded. It would take him 10 minutes to tell a 20 second story," Jill said to Alice.  
answer: (b) winded
- A7 "When I was a kid, I couldn't go anywhere without my little brother. My parents both worked so it was my responsibility to look after my little brother until they got home," Max said to Gina.  
answer: (c) after
- A8 "The Brigade Sergeant Major is coming through our workplace, so everyone look alive when he comes in. He is a tough and mean guy who wants to see people working," Sergeant Wilson told his troops.  
answer: (c) alive
- A9 "I like your friend's mom but she looks at the world through rose-colored glasses. I am kind of a pessimist and pretty cynical. Her optimism doesn't sit that well with me nor does her faith in the goodness of humanity," Ashley said to Ben.  
answer: (b) rose
- A10 When he looked back at his school days, he saw a carefree kid who was pretty naive in a lot of ways. He didn't miss the naiveté but he did miss the feeling of not having a care in the world.  
answer: (d) back

*English Slang Idioms (273)*

- A1 "I can't figure Emma out. We are all broke and stressed from too much studying, too much work and not enough sleep. Emma, on the other hand, acts like she doesn't have a care in the world," Rachel said to Amanda.  
answer: (c) care
- A2 "I don't know what I am going to do. Now that I am getting kicked out of the Army, my future is looking pretty bleak. How am I going to get a job with a less-than-honorable discharge on my record?" Davis asked Mike.  
answer: (b) bleak
- A3 "I don't like how Gina always looks down her nose at people. She seems to think she is superior to everyone and I can't see what is so special about her," Lacy said to Marsha.  
answer: (a) nose
- A4 "How about this: I will look into your case myself and give you a call as soon as I know what is going on and what we can do for you," the manager told the customer.  
answer: (d) look
- A5 "I guess your talk with the boss went well you look as satisfied as the cat that ate the canary," Beth told Andrew.  
answer: (b) cat
- A6 She couldn't believe the change one good night's sleep could make on a person's appearance. She had looked like an unrecognizable ghoul the night before and now she looked like herself again.  
answer: (b) herself
- A7 "I put the report on your desk. If you could look it over and let me know what you think by the end of today, I would appreciate it very much," the customer service representative said to the analyst.  
answer: (b) over
- A8 "I lost my disk that has my report on it. If you could be on the lookout for it while you are cleaning, I would be thankful," Lisa said to her roommate.  
answer: (a) lookout
- A9 "I am sorry that you got bad grades in your first semester of college. Don't lose heart, though. You will do better next time with a little hard work. Look at it as a learning experience," David's dad told him.  
answer: (a) heart
- A10 "It is too bad that we didn't bring water with us to the camp site. Let's not lose our heads over it, though. We don't have to pack up and go home. There is a stream about a tenth of a mile from here and we can get water there," Jim said to his friends.  
answer: (d) heads

*English Slang Idioms (274)*

- A1 "I get kind of angry when I am around Bryan and Lisa. I feel like they look down on us for purchasing a manufactured home. Their parents paid for their house so I don't feel like they have the right to critique anyone who bought his/her own house with his/her hard-earned money," Chris told Linda.  
answer: (b) down
- A2 "I am glad that you got into a college fraternity like I did. Don't lose sight of your goals, though. Remember why you are at school and what you are there to do. Don't spend all of your time partying," Wesley told his kid.  
answer: (d) sight
- A3 "I think trying to repair this deck is a lost cause. It would cost more to fix it in time and materials than it would to build a new one. So much of the wood is rotten," Jed said to Moesha.  
answer: (c) lost
- A4 "I am very sorry I am late for dinner. I got working on my term paper and completely lost track of time," Marshall told his parents.  
answer: (a) track
- A5 "I don't think we should invite Paul to the art show. Fine art is lost on that guy. This is the guy who thought his car's carburetor made a nice centerpiece for his table," Chris said to Linda.  
answer: (d) lost
- A6 "Don't invite Mark to any of our social gatherings again. The guy is a loud mouth, among other things. You could hear him talking — from a block away — about his intimate affairs with his girlfriend. I was embarrassed the whole night. I am sure the neighbors heard everything he said," Luke said to Ian.  
answer: (c) loud
- A7 "Don't let Buck cut the board, he'll only louse it up. He has less sawing abilities than my grandmother," Bill said to Craig jokingly.  
answer: (b) louse
- A8 He had had a brief love affair with Janice several years ago. He had fallen for her but she broke it off. It was an uncomfortable situation when she started work under his authority.  
answer: (d) affair
- A9 "The party was nice. It was pretty low-key so our neighbors weren't irritated this time," Eddie told his college buddy when he asked how the party went.  
answer: (c) key
- A10 "I really lucked out today. I got these sandals at half price and they were the last pair in my size," Linda said to Ashley.  
answer: (c) lucked

*English Slang Idioms (275)*

- A1 "I was going to fire you but I changed my mind. You can thank your lucky stars that you are friends with my boss and that he was willing to come in and vouch for you," Bill told Ryan.  
answer: (a) lucky
- A2 "My parents received my report card yesterday and I know that I did very poorly. I have been waiting since yesterday afternoon for them to lower the boom on me for my bad grades. I hope I don't get grounded all summer long," Davie said to Steve.  
answer: (b) lower
- A3 "Have you seen the movie The Notebook? It is very good but it is sad. I had a lump in my throat by the time it was over," Zack said to Jesse.  
answer: (d) lump
- A4 "The lottery offers two options: you can elect to get paid in a lump sum of \$400,000 or you can elect to receive \$30,000 a year until you reach one million dollars. Which would you choose?" Irma asked her brother. He responded, "I would choose the \$400,000. What if I died next year?"  
answer: (a) lump
- A5 "If you ever decide to sell your Shelby Cobra, let me know. I have been lusting after your car for the longest time," Rick said to Stanley.  
answer: (d) lusting
- A6 "Everything about our renovations has been hard. For instance, the drain pipe coming from behind the tub was not a standard size since the tub we bought is deeper than a regular one. We had to get one made to order, which as you can imagine, was quite a bit more than buying a mass-produced one off the shelf," Dave told Zeke.  
answer: (a) order
- A7 "Why do you have that wishful look on your face? Are you waiting for a magic carpet to take you out of here? If so, you are going to be waiting a long time like me," Harris said to Jenny with a smile.  
answer: (c) carpet
- A8 As he entered the main drag of the town, he thought to himself that the town was just the right size for him. Not too big so that the traffic was horrible but not too small either.  
answer: (c) drag
- A9 It is one of the best examples of irony I can think of right now. The fact that the ship Titanic was said to be unsinkable and it sank on its maiden voyage.  
answer: (a) maiden
- A10 There is a giant redwood tree in Humboldt County, California that you can drive through. One has to be careful, though, because, even in a small car, it is a tight squeeze.  
answer: (d) squeeze

*English Slang Idioms (276)*

- A1 "John thinks he is going to show up to the conference and debunk all of my arguments. He is not going to make a fool out of me, though. My friend told me what he is going to say and I already have a rebuttal prepared for each of his points," Sherry said to Beth.  
answer: (b) fool
- A2 "I was thinking, why don't we bring a picnic lunch with us to Santa Rosa when we go for our immigration appointment so that we can have a picnic in one of the parks there. Then, we can do some shopping and maybe see a movie. If we have to drive there anyway, we might as well make a day of it," Tim said to Jacky.  
answer: (a) day
- A3 "I have been working as hard as I can and as fast as I can and I still have barely made a dent in my files. This company has to hire more people," Janice said to Brent.  
answer: (c) dent
- A4 "I can tell that you don't like peas and that is OK. We can't like everything," Mary said to Louise. Louise asked, "How did you know I didn't like peas?" Mary responded, "You made a face when you bit into them. I could tell you tried to hide your distaste for them," and laughed.  
answer: (c) face
- A5 "I can't stand it when my parents make a fuss over me when I cut myself. I feel like a little kid again but I'm not! I am 25 years old!" Brent said to Eugenia.  
answer: (b) fuss
- A6 "I know I probably won't get into medical school after I graduate from this college because I am not that smart. I am still going to make a go of it just so I know that I tried," Lewis said to Grant.  
answer: (d) go
- A7 "Wow, you really hit it off with my parents. I figured you all would be polite to each other but I didn't expect you to talk to my family until 11 o'clock at night," Shirley said to her boyfriend.  
answer: (a) off
- A8 "This is all you do all day? You mean to tell me that you show people which line to get into at the Department of Motor Vehicles? There is only one line that is ever open so why do they need you to tell us where we need to go? Well, I guess everyone has to make a living," Grant said to the lady.  
answer: (c) living
- A9 He had signed on with the failing company in the hopes that he could turn it around and make it profitable. It was currently about to go out of business. If he succeeded, he would surely make a name for himself in the business world. At least, that's what he hoped.  
answer: (c) name
- A10 "Don't make nuisances of yourselves. Why don't you go play outside and stop throwing things at our guests?" Mary said to her three kids.  
answer: (c) yourselves



*English Slang Idioms (277)*

- A1 "I am not going to drink alcohol anymore. I can't believe that I was drunk and stupid enough to make a pass at the boss's wife at the company Christmas party," Joe said to his roommate who worked with him.  
answer: (b) pass
- A2 He decided to run for school president again this year but with some changes in tactics. He had made a play for school president last year by making a clown of himself and it didn't work. This year, he would be more serious and more informed about the issues.  
answer: (b) play
- A3 He had been told by several girls that he was not polite enough for them. To correct this, he made a point of opening car and restaurant doors for his dates, pulling the chair out for them, paying for the meals, using proper dining techniques and making lots of complimentary remarks.  
answer: (c) point
- A4 "I'm going to bed in a minute. I am trying to make a practice of brushing my teeth before bed so I will get less cavities. If I can form a habit of brushing my teeth at least twice a day, I'll be better off," Simon said to his wife.  
answer: (b) practice
- A5 "The band Korn made quite a splash in the rock community by using 7-string guitars. After they started doing this, several other bands started using them and fans started looking for the deep, grungy sound of a 7-string guitar in their music," the writer for Rock World wrote in his article.  
answer: (b) splash
- A6 "I know that there have been some complaints about the office supplies' new location. I heard that there have been memos going around about this and different factions forming for and against the move. Let's not make a federal case out of this, people. It is where it is; deal with it and get over it," Shirley told the staff.  
answer: (a) case
- A7 "Let's not fight about this in public. It's embarrassing. We'll make a stir. We can keep fighting at home," May said to James after he loudly disagreed with her.  
answer: (b) stir
- A8 "As your best friend, it falls on me to tell you when you are not being fair. You can't blame Melissa for not hearing everything you say. She is hard of hearing and you have to make allowances for that," Stan said to Jacob.  
answer: (c) allowances
- A9 "I know that you are unhappy that we forgot to bring your new camping stove but let's not let it ruin our trip. Let's make a virtue of necessity and enjoy cooking over a camp fire with good, smoky taste on our meat," Beth said to Christian.  
answer: (b) virtue
- A10 "I can't stay at your party long; I have to work early in the morning but I'll make an appearance," Luke said to Christine.  
answer: (d) appearance

*English Slang Idioms (278)*

- A1 "When we catch the person snitching office supplies, I am going to fire him or her in front of everyone. I don't think we'll have this problem again if I make an example out of the first person caught," Josh said to his assistant.  
answer: (a) example
- A2 "I don't want to go to another party with you. You always insist on making an exhibition of yourself. You punch someone, or get embarrassingly drunk, or publically insult someone we know every time we go to a party," Shirley said to Rodney.  
answer: (c) making
- A3 "I just caught this guy trying to make away with your barbeque. Do you know him?" the policeman asked Mr. Harris.  
answer: (d) away
- A4 "I hear police sirens. Let's make tracks," Jenny said to Larissa at the party. Both girls just turned twenty and were not, legally, supposed to drink alcohol yet.  
answer: (c) tracks
- A5 "You can't build a deck with these small scraps of two by fours. It won't be structurally sound and it won't look good either. It's like trying to make bricks without straw you don't have the right materials," Jack said to Lou.  
answer: (d) straw
- A6 "Honey, why do you keep telling Max about your cat? You have been talking non-stop about your cat since the guy got here. He doesn't care about your cat," Aiden said. She replied, "I was just trying to make conversation," with a hurt look on her face. Those moments are always embarrassing for everyone.  
answer: (c) conversation
- A7 "Fifteen minutes ago, we were able to make contact with our operative in the field. As you know, his radio was broken. He finally found a radio to call us with just now. He says that the operation is still on track and that the mission should be completed by late tonight," the CIA agent said to his boss.  
answer: (c) contact
- A8 "I see the police coming up the driveway. We can't go that way so let's make for the woods on the other side of the property," Jenny said to Larissa.  
answer: (b) make
- A9 "I think that tall boy in the corner with the blue baseball cap likes you. He has been making eyes at you all night. I caught him staring at you three times in the past five minutes," Jenny told Larissa moments before hearing the sirens.  
answer: (d) eyes
- A10 "We are a little behind at this point in the day. If we make haste, we can still get the pad poured before evening but we have to hurry. Before we can pour the concrete, we still need to tamp down the sand and make sure that our framing is square," Bill told his crew.  
answer: (a) haste

*English Slang Idioms (279)*

- A1 "I can wait while you dig the succulent plant out of your garden but you'll have to make it snappy. I have to be back to work in 15 minutes and it's a 10 minute drive," Chris said to Lisa.  
answer: (d) snappy
- A2 "It is too bad it is raining while we are camping. Rather than let it ruin our trip, let's make light of it and get a card game going in the tent," Bill said to the boy scouts.  
answer: (b) light
- A3 "You brought a bottle of whiskey to our parents' Christmas party? Are you crazy?" Joe asked his brother. Eric responded, "Yes! You have to make merry on Christmas! A couple of drinks will put us in that special, happy, holiday mood."  
answer: (b) merry
- A4 "It always surprises me how much longer it takes to build something than to tear it down. It took me two hours to build a beautiful, detailed sandcastle on the beach. It took my 3 year-old two minutes to make mincemeat of it," Brandy said to Marcella.  
answer: (a) mincemeat
- A5 "Why do you keep pulling my hair? It hurts cut it out," Sarah said to her brother.  
answer: (c) cut
- A6 "Will you stop telling people all of the bad things I do and say? Why are you trying to make me out to be a monster," Laura said to Aiden.  
answer: (a) make
- A7 "I like Anna because I have no idea what makes her tick. I don't understand why she gets up in the morning or why she wears what she does. She is mysterious," Luke told Bill.  
answer: (b) tick
- A8 "You decided that you were going to tell other people about your friends' secrets to make you seem more interesting to others and now your friends don't trust you. Now you want me to send you to another school because you are not liked there. I am going to insist you go to the school you are at because it is a good lesson when you make your bed you have to lie in it," Matt told his son Josh.  
answer: (b) bed
- A9 "I have wanted to ask Brad out for so long and then, all of a sudden, he kissed me so hard it made my head spin," Lucy said to Emma.  
answer: (d) head
- A10 "That chicken smells so good — my mouth is beginning to water," Sam told his grandma.  
answer: (c) mouth

*English Slang Idioms (280)*

- A1 "I called the head office and told them that I would make a great manager. I am so nervous. A move like that will either make or break me at this company," Dill said to Janice.  
answer: (c) break
- A2 Some stores offer free make-overs to people who come into the shop. They figure that the person will ultimately buy some of their products to keep up the look created by the employees. In my opinion, they apply way too much make-up.  
answer: (b) make
- A3 "I have to make my rounds now but I have a break at 11 o'clock. Can we meet for coffee then?" Dr. Jenkins asked the security guard. They are good friends and even went to junior college together.  
answer: (a) rounds
- A4 "I expected you to take at least an hour raking the yard but you sure made short work of that task. Only 20 minutes have gone by!" Chris's grandfather told him.  
answer: (d) short
- A5 "You should have seen this girl who showed up at the party last night. She was the most beautiful girl any one of us had seen in this town. She was good looking enough to make even my dad sit up and take notice," Jay told Robby.  
answer: (d) sit
- A6 "My son just left for college to try and make something of himself. He figures school is his ticket to a good-paying job and I think he is right for the most part," Jackson told his good friend.  
answer: (a) something
- A7 "You what? You invited your girlfriend tonight and you forgot to tell your ex-girlfriend not to come? Now you tell me they used to be best friends until they had a major falling out? If your ex-girlfriend sees you with your current girlfriend, she's sure to make the fur fly," Alex said to James.  
answer: (d) fur
- A8 "I just heard from my friend in the senator's office that he is planning on getting a divorce. No one has heard that yet, but when they do, the news is guaranteed to make tongues wag," Jill told Jimmy.  
answer: (a) wag
- A9 "Don't expect the boss to talk to you very much. And, please don't think he's being rude to you if he is short with you. He is just a man of few words," Jane told Mike.  
answer: (c) words
- A10 "So you are telling me that if I don't approve the bill your corporation wants passed, you will withdraw support from me and leak a story about some of the bad things we did together when we were at college to the press? Well, if you want to play hard ball, how about I tell your board of directors about all the money you personally pocketed from the defense contract I got you? Didn't think I knew about that, did you?" The senator asked the CEO of the corporation.  
answer: (d) hard

*English Slang Idioms (281)*

- A1 "I think I am too nice. Many is the time I have done free favors for people. However, that behavior that can lead people to think that they can take advantage of my kindness," Lars said to Ashley.  
answer: (b) time
- A2 "Stop making sport of my affinity for gardening and cooking. Many men are chefs and enjoy gardening," Simon said to his friends Joey and Dave.  
answer: (c) sport
- A3 "I think it is important to make time for your kids. Even if one is busy, one's first priority should be all about spending time teaching or hanging out with one's children," Gracie said to Amanda.  
answer: (b) make
- A4 "Why don't you mark off the part of the parking lot that needs to be repainted with orange cones today so the painters will know which area to paint when they arrive tomorrow," Rex said to Bill.  
answer: (a) mark
- A5 "I studied your analysis of why our expenses are shooting up and I found that you are a bit wide of the mark. You attributed the rising costs to the increase in electricity prices, which do play a role, but the increase in gasoline prices has had much more of an impact on our expenses," George said to Michael.  
answer: (d) wide
- A6 "My friend told me that there are places in this town that sell wine barrel planters for \$10 a piece. I have searched far and wide for a store with those prices but haven't found a store that sells them for cheaper than \$20 a piece. Do you have any suggestions for me?" Chris asked Adam.  
answer: (b) wide
- A7 "The police caught the gang that was responsible for the bank robbery but they failed to catch the mastermind behind the plan," Reporter Jessica Manners told the audience.  
answer: (c) mastermind
- A8 "I don't agree with you. I don't think that there is one right answer about how to support a deck. I think it is a matter of opinion. I have seen several methods that work just fine and are equally functional," Brad said to Jeffrey.  
answer: (c) opinion
- A9 "You can try to tell me that we didn't land on the moon but it is a matter of public record," Silas said to Isaac when he told Silas that he refused to believe that humans have ever been to the moon.  
answer: (b) record
- A10 Her parents had been very pleased that she had married into money. Her husband's family were affluent but that was not what was important to her. No one believed it but she honestly loved her husband.  
answer: (a) money

*English Slang Idioms (282)*

- A1 "I asked Matt about his parents' divorce and he was so matter-of-fact about it. He didn't express any emotions and he didn't take any sides he just told me about the facts. I would have thought as emotional as he is that he would have some feelings about the events," Sarah said to Amarantha.  
answer: (d) fact
- A2 "Do you have a pry bar I can use to get this board off? You don't? Well, no matter, I'll use this bay shoe lifter instead," Paul said to Chris as they were working on repairing the framing on Chris' house.  
answer: (b) matter
- A3 "The army is not bad, but for me, it is just a means to an end. When I am done with my tour, I'll have the rest of my college paid for and I will have something good to put on my resume that every company respects," PFC Mitchell said to PFC Thompson.  
answer: (c) means
- A4 "As a son, I don't seem to measure up. My dad is never happy or satisfied with me. I don't know who he expected me to be but I am obviously not it," Hank said to his girlfriend.  
answer: (a) up
- A5 He measured off 12 feet of wiring to install his ceiling fan. He thought he would probably only need 10 feet but it is always better to have more wire than one needs than not enough.  
answer: (c) measured
- A6 As a manager, it is important to choose the right medium to send a message. It is not correct to fire someone via email nor is it necessary to speak to someone face-to-face every time you want to arrange a meeting.  
answer: (b) medium
- A7 "Matt wanted \$80 dollars for his bike and I only wanted to give him \$40 but we were able to strike a happy medium. We both decided that \$55 was adequate," Simon said to his girlfriend.  
answer: (c) medium
- A8 "My good friend died in a car accident a year ago. I am not surprised that he met his end that way he always drove too fast and took a lot of crazy chances," Tim said to Luke.  
answer: (d) end
- A9 "I don't have any plans during the early afternoon. I am going to meet up with some friends for dinner at 6:30 but I am free until then," Shirley told Shannon.  
answer: (c) meet
- A10 "Wow, this pork cut is so tender. It's so tender that it is melting in my mouth," Wesley said to Brian's parents at dinner.  
answer: (d) mouth

*English Slang Idioms (283)*

- A1 "When I went to court, the judge told me that if I ever showed up in his courtroom again I would be going to jail. The threat of going to jail was more than enough to make me mend my ways. I don't drink anymore and the only reason I got into fights was because I was too drunk all the time," Roy said to Hank.  
answer: (c) mend
- A2 "For a new deck, you are looking at about \$1,500 or so," the contractor told Bill and Jane.  
answer: (d) looking
- A3 "It is very hard to install a shower stall that is built out of multiple panels. It is hard enough to get them lined up properly, not to mention getting the glue spread out right on the backs of them without breaking the thin plastic of the panels," Chris said to Derrick.  
answer: (a) mention
- A4 "I have to warn you, this job is stressful. The last person who worked as a manager for the Federal Employee Program had a nervous breakdown," Andy said to Mike.  
answer: (c) nervous
- A5 The soldiers started having a contest at work for fun. Unfortunately they were caught messing around by the First Sergeant who not only ordered them to get to work but made them all do more pushups and sit-ups than any of them wanted to do.  
answer: (b) messing
- A6 After being reprimanded by the manager for giving a customer the incorrect price for some plants that cost the company \$50, Ian said, "I realized I messed up and I know what I did wrong. I can assure you that it won't happen again." Luckily, the boss was placated after that statement.  
answer: (c) up
- A7 He didn't want to take the dog on the hike. She wanted the dog to get some exercise. They found some middle ground and decided to take the dog for a walk and then go on the hike.  
answer: (d) middle
- A8 Chris knew that the nursery was getting their unique succulent plants from a dealer in Chico, California. He knew that the nursery marked the succulents up so that they could make a profit. One day, he found a telephone number for the man in Chico in one of the plants he purchased. He called the number and made an appointment to meet with the dealer directly. If Chris could buy the plants directly from the dealer, he could eliminate the middle man and save himself some money.  
answer: (b) middle man
- A9 "We have to get some order here. We can't have all of the kids milling around the park unsupervised. We need to keep them in a relatively-tight group so we can keep an eye on them," the teacher said to her assistant when they took their class on a field trip to the zoo.  
answer: (a) milling
- A10 He thought back on the major milestones of his life: graduating college, getting out of the army, getting married, buying his first house and starting his first career-oriented job. He thought when one is depressed, it is good to remind oneself of all the things he or she has accomplished in the past.  
answer: (a) milestones

*English Slang Idioms (284)*

- A1 He didn't know the exact moment that caused them to drift apart. All he knew was that he and his wife were miles away from each other. They interacted with each other more like roommates than lovers these days.  
answer: (a) miles
- A2 "Apparently, I made a good impression on the Brigade Sergeant Major. He said that I could volunteer to be his driver any time. It is much easier duty than my normal job. I am going to milk this opportunity for all it is worth and sign up as much as possible until I can't do anymore," Private Smith told PFC Reynolds.  
answer: (c) milk
- A3 "I need to get a new hobby. I have a mind to start pottery lessons and it will save us money on flower pots if I learn how to make those myself," Beth said to Linda.  
answer: (a) mind
- A4 "I am glad that you like my wife but telling her not to put up with the things I do is not OK. You need to mind your own business. How we run our relationship is not your concern," Paul said to Adam.  
answer: (d) business
- A5 "You need to tell me what you expect from me in any given situation you can't assume that I know what you are thinking. I am not a mind reader," Bill said to Janice.  
answer: (a) mind
- A6 "If you need any information on government research grants you should talk to Allison in the Law office at school. She is a gold mine of resources, information and news pertaining to research grants," Brent told his chemistry partner.  
answer: (b) gold
- A7 "I am going to have to sell my truck and buy a more fuel efficient vehicle. I can't afford such a gas guzzler right now with prices as high as they are," Chris said to Ellis.  
answer: (b) gas
- A8 Everyone was waiting in anticipation for the first band to kick the Spring Break concert off.  
answer: (a) kick
- A9 "We have to go if we are going to get to Steve's on time so everyone saddle up," Chris said to Craig, Jesse, and Joe.  
answer: (b) saddle
- A10 "I don't know that Carl should go to college. Mind you, I don't think he is stupid, he is just a little lazy and is poor at self-direction. If someone made him do the work, I think he would excel. But, if it is left up to him, I don't think he'll get his assignments done," Bette told her friend Lisa concerning Lisa's son.  
answer: (c) you



*English Slang Idioms (285)*

- A1 He task involved recording the minutes at the board meeting. He hated that job because he couldn't pay attention to the merits of the ideas being put forth and write everything that was said down at the same time. It was like being elected to wash dishes during a movie at home.  
answer: (b) minutes
- A2 John felt horrible and his wife was angry with him. He had arranged for a band he knew to play at their wedding and the band had misfired badly. They played only heavy metal and they didn't even play it well. Half of the guests left early.  
answer: (c) misfired
- A3 "John is a very astute business man and he's nobody's fool. You can't put one over on him he never misses a trick," Bart said to his boss.  
answer: (c) misses
- A4 "I am throwing a party on Friday and you don't want to miss out on this one. There will be an open bar, a band and a catered dinner so don't make other plans," Bill said to Doug.  
answer: (a) out
- A5 "I think you missed the point of the lecture. The main purpose was to show that we need to take many things under consideration when analyzing a big change in the market," Damon told his Macroeconomics classmate.  
answer: (d) point
- A6 He finally found the missing link. The Germans had been able to shoot down most of the English's planes when they went to bomb the Germans. Some in the English bomber command thought that there was an intelligence leak who was responsible but that was not the case. It turned out that the Germans set up a radar station that could detect the incoming planes.  
answer: (b) missing
- A7 "Have you seen the movie A Walk to Remember? It is very moving. I was misty-eyed by the end," Jane said to Paula.  
answer: (a) misty
- A8 "I think there has been a mix-up. I am supposed to be booked on the 2 o'clock train — not the 4:30 train. I have a confirmation number right here from the arrangements I made over the phone," Maxwell told the receptionist.  
answer: (d) mix
- A9 "Oh, I see the problem. You were booked on the 4:30 train by mistake. The previous representative wrote down that you should be on the 2 o'clock train but checked the box for the 4:30. I will fix your ticket right now," the receptionist replied.  
answer: (a) mistake
- A10 "My new job is kind of a mixed bag. In some ways, it is better than my last job but, in other ways, it is more irritating," Jan told her mom.  
answer: (c) mixed

*English Slang Idioms (286)*

- A1 "The car we won on the game show has been kind of a mixed blessing. On one hand, we have a brand new car. On the other hand, it gets bad gas mileage and we had to pay the government income tax on it," Jill said to Alison.  
answer: (c) blessing
- A2 "I am sorry that I didn't hear you calling my name. I was rocking out to the Beatles. I get kind of caught up in the moment sometimes and don't notice anything else," Marcie told May.  
answer: (d) moment
- A3 "I am sorry. Daisy just threw a monkey wrench into our plans for this weekend. She was supposed to watch my daughter this weekend and just told me that she got called out of town. We will have to go camping another weekend. Why don't you come over instead and we'll barbeque?" Jake asked John.  
answer: (c) monkey
- A4 "I can't wait until my credit cards are paid off. The extra payments they require every month have been a real monkey on my back," Joey said to his best friend.  
answer: (c) monkey
- A5 It worries me that some people idolize Adolph Hitler. He may have been intelligent in some ways but he was a monster.  
answer: (d) monster
- A6 "I can't wait until this new software program is fully implemented in our company. I have been working 24/7 on it over the past couple of weeks and I need a break," Suzy said to Bill.  
answer: (a) 7
- A7 "I haven't gone hiking for a month of Sundays. Will you go with me this Saturday?" Jay asked Ian.  
answer: (b) month
- A8 "I don't care if you have been studying chess tactics since I last beat you. I am going to mop the floor with you," Joe said to Brent as they sat down to play a game of chess.  
answer: (a) mop
- A9 "Are you done with the raking?" Jordan's father asked. He replied, "It's more or less finished. I just have to bag the leaves."  
answer: (d) less
- A10 "Do you mind if I invite my girlfriend to the barbeque this weekend?" Rafael asked Leonardo. Leonardo replied, " You should invite her the more the merrier."  
answer: (d) merrier

*English Slang Idioms (287)*

- A1 "You don't have to work as late as me so I have to go out to eat," Jill said to Lewis. He responded, "What does that have to do with the price of tea in China? We were talking about you spending too much money, in general, so what time we get off work has nothing to do with the discussion."  
answer: (b) price
- A2 "You sure have a lot of plants in your garden," Adam said to Chris. He replied, "Yes, we have more than you could shake a stick at."  
answer: (d) shake
- A3 "I might quit the service group. The coordinator keeps trying to belittle my efforts and insinuates that I don't do enough. I am a volunteer doing volunteer-work for free. She should be thankful for the two-hour-a-week commitment I have made," Julie said to Jones.  
answer: (a) belittle
- A4 "Your name is Mr. Magilicudy? That is a mouthful!" The four-year-old said and laughed. Mr. Magilicudy laughed too.  
answer: (b) mouthful
- A5 "I am so tired from that hike. I don't want to move a muscle. I am just going to sit on the couch all night watching movies," Mike said to Joe.  
answer: (a) muscle
- A6 "You better watch Bert. I think he is trying to move in on your girlfriend. I caught him flirting with her several times tonight," Tex said to his friend Joseph.  
answer: (c) move
- A7 There is an Internet website that has become popular with young people. It displays the mug shots of all the celebrities who have been arrested in the past. The pictures aren't usually very flattering.  
answer: (d) mug
- A8 "I don't believe that Steve could have beaten him up — much less beat him to death. Steve is only 5 foot 1 inch and the dead man is 6 foot 9 inches," Beth said to the police.  
answer: (b) less
- A9 "It sounds like a good plan but I would like some time to mull it over before I make a decision. Is it alright if I call you before 10 o'clock in the morning with an answer?" Bill asked the manager of the other store.  
answer: (a) mull
- A10 "Jay keeps trying to muscle in on our club at school but we don't want him to be in it. He keeps thinking that he can force us to let him join. I don't know what to do," Zack told his dad.  
answer: (b) muscle

*English Slang Idioms (288)*

- A1 "Thanks for telling me what is going on with you. I have been worried about you. You don't have to worry that I will tell your roommate what you said; my lips are sealed," Josie said to Danielle  
answer: (d) lips
- A2 Newer management theory states that employees will be more motivated and work for longer periods of time if one plays musical chairs with their jobs once in a while. Letting people try different jobs in a company breaks up the monotony, furthers their understanding of the whole picture and gives them good training so that if one person is sick, another can take his or her place for the day and, in turn, furthers each employee's sense of competency.  
answer: (d) chairs
- A3 "Christy is OK but she is definitely a namedropper. She thinks that if she mentions knowing famous or important people we will like, respect or envy her more. It just annoys me when she does that. Surely, she must possess qualities of her own that she thinks are important I hope," Cindy said to Marshall.  
answer: (a) namedropper
- A4 "We have been meaning to go to lunch for some time now. Let's nail down a time for that while we are together," Alice said to Larissa.  
answer: (a) nail
- A5 "Do you have to work this weekend like I do?" Maxine asked. Rachel replied, "No, I made a narrow escape. I knew the boss was going to assign people to work after lunch and I happened to have a dental appointment scheduled already for that afternoon."  
answer: (c) narrow
- A6 "We have to find a way to narrow down our list of suspects. Five police officers can't investigate 73 people and do a good job," Detective Simon said to the others.  
answer: (b) down
- A7 "My dad, when it comes to religious questions or practices, is very narrow-minded. People have to agree with everything he does or they are WRONG. If he decides that someone is wrong about religion, he basically shuns them," Paul said to Adam.  
answer: (c) narrow
- A8 "My brother is a natural-born athlete. He is better at every sport than anyone else in that sport. It is kind of strange," George told Michael.  
answer: (b) natural
- A9 "Victory is near at hand!" Michelle exclaimed as she took her opponent's rook and queen in chess.  
answer: (d) hand
- A10 "Don't try to figure out why your boyfriend does the things he does. I've known him my whole life and I can't figure it out. There is no rhyme or reason to his actions," Keenan told Jacky.  
answer: (d) rhyme

*English Slang Idioms (289)*

- A1 "If you have a problem, you must go to your supervisor for resolution. On no account are you to ever go to the main manager with a problem unless the problem is with your supervisor," the trainer told the new employees.  
answer: (b) account
- A2 "You are getting too old to be carrying all that dirt into the garden," Maude told Wanda. Wanda replied, "You pick up your own soil and you're no spring chicken yourself."  
answer: (c) spring
- A3 "I think that the cashier at Rays Supermarket is a mental case. I looked into his eyes and there was nobody home. He is more like a robot than a person," Jill said to Louisa.  
answer: (a) home
- A4 "You might be able to trick Alex into buying your bike with that crack in the gooseneck but you won't be able to trick his older brother into it. His older brother is nobody's fool and he will beat you up if you try and trick his little brother," Matt said to Jimmy.  
answer: (b) nobody's
- A5 "I am going to nose around in the succulent isle for a little while and I will meet you in the perennial section of the nursery in five minutes," Chris said to Linda.  
answer: (a) nose
- A6 "I am not going to go to the party tonight. I am a little self-conscious at the moment about this lump on my head. I got knocked in the noodle by a baseball today and I have a huge bump on my forehead," Bill said to Jessica.  
answer: (c) noodle
- A7 "After I got hit in the head with the baseball, a goose egg formed that was so large I couldn't get my hat to fit over it," Bill told his mom.  
answer: (d) goose
- A8 "My son loves to read. Almost every time I see him, he's got his nose in a book," Lisa told Suzy.  
answer: (b) nose
- A9 "Do you mind if I borrow your lawn mower for a few minutes?" Craig asked David. David replied, "No, not by any means. You are welcome to it."  
answer: (d) means
- A10 "Did Matt find the problem with your TV?" Jeff asked Bill. Bill replied, "No, not by a long shot. He said he fixed it but the screen is still black. When I asked him about it he said it would work later. Of course it hasn't."  
answer: (b) shot

*English Slang Idioms (290)*

- A1 "Are you sure you don't mind helping move?" Christa asked Ryan. He replied, "No, not in the least. I would be glad to help."  
answer: (a) least
- A2 "Will you take over driving my motorcycle?" Paul asked Chris. "No, not on your life. Those things scare me and I am not qualified to drive one. I have never tried and it still doesn't sound like a good idea," he replied.  
answer: (c) life
- A3 "I tried to talk to Suzy to see if she would go to the movies with us and she wouldn't give me the time of day. I'll have to see if I can find someone else that will go with me," Paul said to Chris.  
answer: (a) time
- A4 "He told you that he had a lot of handyman experience? Don't hire him, James. I am telling you, he doesn't know the first thing about construction, fixing things, or operating tools," Kyle said.  
answer: (a) know
- A5 "I love sushi. Do you?" Alison asked Brenda. "No," she replied. "I wouldn't touch sushi with a ten-foot pole. I can't stand raw fish."  
answer: (a) pole
- A6 "Are you feeling OK? How are you doing?" Chris asked Paul after Paul had broke his leg. "Not so hot. Right after I got back from the hospital, I got sick. Now I have the flu and a broken leg," he replied.  
answer: (d) hot
- A7 "I talked to your roommate and he said that I could have his bicycle. Can I take it right now?" The stranger asked. Matt replied, "Nothing doing. He didn't tell me anything about it and I have never spoken or seen you before."  
answer: (d) doing
- A8 "Did your boy play well in the basketball game on Saturday?" Paul's boss asked. He replied, "It was nothing short of perfection. He scored 24 points and even dunked one."  
answer: (b) short
- A9 "Can I get you another rum and coke? You have been nursing that same drink for the past hour. Drink up! Final exams are over!" Jay said to Phil.  
answer: (c) nursing
- A10 "I am looking forward to moving out. My roommate is a total nut case. He honestly believes he is a vampire," George told his friend.  
answer: (d) nut

*English Slang Idioms (291)*

- A1 "My roommate is kind of an oddball. He doesn't like sunny days, he refuses to watch movies and he hates parties. How much more unlike me can you get?" Brian asked his girlfriend.  
answer: (b) oddball
- A2 "I went to the yard sale but there wasn't much there. Just some odds and ends. Things like: old shoes, a cracked window, some old pots and some mismatched silverware," Janice said to Janelle.  
answer: (c) odds
- A3 "He might sell his bike but odds are against it. He really likes his bike and uses it often. You can ask him, though," Adam said to Greg.  
answer: (c) against
- A4 "Christmas break is only one month so I can't find a steady job to work for only a month. I am going to look for odd jobs until the spring semester starts," Jordan told his mom.  
answer: (c) jobs
- A5 "We have to drive to Seattle on Tuesday. Is it alright with you if we stay at your house in Portland overnight?" Beth asked her cousin. She replied, "Of course you can stay!"  
answer: (a) course
- A6 "I have to go into work for two hours. Can you occupy yourself for a while until I get back?" Jacky asked her 12 year-old son.  
answer: (a) occupy
- A7 "We tried to get into Yellowstone National Park to no avail. It was all booked up and no amount of cajoling would get us in," Hank told his boss when he got back to work.  
answer: (b) no
- A8 "Believe me, I am not going to move back to my home town. I left there of my own account and am not going back," Steve said to Shelly when she asked if he wanted to move to his home town after they were married.  
answer: (d) account
- A9 "My parents didn't want me to join the army. I joined of my own free will," Private Harris told First Sergeant Jones.  
answer: (c) free
- A10 "There is the bus. Now off you go!" The camp counselor told Gina as the bus to take her home arrived.  
answer: (a) off

*English Slang Idioms (292)*

- A1 "Do you know where the dump is?" Kyle asked his roommate. He replied, "I don't know, right off-hand. You'll have to look it up."  
answer: (c) hand
- A2 Houses of old were built with much more creative craftsmanship than the ones today.  
answer: (a) old
- A3 "Thank you for helping me get my new couch into my truck," Lisa said to the stranger. He replied, "Glad to be of service, Ma'am," and walked off.  
answer: (c) service
- A4 "My husband and I are of the same mind colors for a house. Since we will have to sell it eventually as we are still young, we believe neutral colors are the best for resale. That way, the new buyers can add any color they like after they buy the home and they won't be stuck with colors they may not like," Linda told Jasmine.  
answer: (b) same
- A5 Their relationship had been off and on for the past six months. He was tired of the unpredictability and vowed to ask her to marry him or leave him.  
answer: (b) off
- A6 "I am sorry that I was rude earlier. I am having an off day. I have felt weird all day and have a headache. Once again, I apologize," Allen said to Alexis.  
answer: (a) day
- A7 He was worried about his son. It wasn't like him to be off his feed. He usually ate like a pig and tonight he had barely touched his food.  
answer: (d) feed
- A8 "You are more than welcome to use any of my instruments while you are here except for the Les Paul guitar. That is off limits," Joshua said to his best friend.  
answer: (a) limits
- A9 "He sold his Les Paul guitar for \$30? He must be off his rocker. It is worth at least ten times that," Billy told Haley.  
answer: (b) rocker
- A10 The broadcasting company was forced to take the show off the air. After some obscene remarks on the show caused a flood of complaints from the public.  
answer: (a) air



*English Slang Idioms (293)*

- A1 "I am sorry that my mother made that off-the-wall comment to you about seeing your family. I know that she doesn't mean that you shouldn't see your family and that you should only see ours. I think she was trying to make a joke and, at the same time, tell you that she likes having you here in her own strange way," Brent said to Lisa.  
answer: (c) wall
- A2 "I am sorry that I made that off-color joke at dinner. I don't know why I thought that joke would be appropriate for a family setting," Jay said to Francis.  
answer: (b) color
- A3 "I do not want to sing tonight at the karaoke bar. I tend to sound a bit off-key after I have been drinking," Linus said to Kayla.  
answer: (c) key
- A4 She loved going to the thrift store on Fifth and Main. They had the most offbeat stuff. One could find odd items in there that no other store would carry.  
answer: (d) offbeat
- A5 Going to thrift stores is a fun activity if a person likes to find one-of-a-kind items.  
answer: (a) kind
- A6 Many times, one kind find quality used tools at second hand stores for a fraction of the cost one would incur from buying a new tool.  
answer: (c) second
- A7 One of the offshoots of the war in Iraq that was not foreseen by consumers is that the supply of metals used in construction (copper for example) is smaller due to the increased demand overseas.  
answer: (d) offshoots
- A8 "If you have a problem at work, you should talk to the manager. If you complain you might get resolution. It's always the squeaky wheel that gets the grease," Linda said to Brian.  
answer: (d) squeaky
- A9 "I don't remember there being a movie theater down town. Is that new?" Jack asked Ben. Ben replied, "No, that movie theater is as old as the hills. I think it was built here in 1933."  
answer: (a) hills
- A10 I can't get a job in that town. In order for that to happen, I would have to be of the old-boy network. Of course, to be part of that network, one has to have grown up in the town.  
answer: (c) old

*English Slang Idioms (294)*

- A1 "I can't promise you that I will be able to fix your plumbing but I'll give it a good college try. If I can't, you'll have to call a professional," Jim said to Dave.  
answer: (d) college
- A2 It is hard for immigrants not to miss things from the old country that are not readily available in the United States. Many times, people miss the food and ingredients for the preparation of the food that can spur feelings of homesickness.  
answer: (a) country
- A3 "It is past time for you to find a good man to marry, Beth. You are getting old, you know," Mary said to her sister. Her sister replied, "I am not an old maid yet, I'll have you know. That aside, I haven't met the right person yet."  
answer: (a) maid
- A4 "I like John, but he hasn't had to work hard in this life and is out of touch with the day-to-day struggles most of us have to deal with. He comes from old money his family has been rich since the 1800's so he has not had to learn to manage scarcity. I don't have much in common with him," Lacy said to Amanda.  
answer: (c) money
- A5 Lots of tourists come to Ferndale, California because of the nice old world feel it has. The homes on the main street are all old, renovated Victorian homes and the shops are reminiscent of a previous time period as well.  
answer: (d) world
- A6 "I am afraid I don't know too much about the local history of this area. Why don't you ask one of the old-timers around here. I am sure one of the old men who like to hang out together outside these shops would be able to answer your questions," the real estate agent told the couple when they asked how old the mill was and who built it.  
answer: (b) timers
- A7 He couldn't wait to graduate from college and make some real money. He had been living on a shoestring budget for far too long. He would like to be able to have a bit of fun in this life. At the moment, he couldn't afford to even see a cheap concert.  
answer: (d) shoestring
- A8 "I am just calling to let you know that we had to cancel the picnic this weekend on account of the upcoming storm. Apparently, it is going to rain starting Thursday and continue all the way through the weekend," Amber said to the Johnsons.  
answer: (b) account
- A9 "Joey is still, luckily, on all fours. Soon he will be standing and running around. Our life is going to get much more complicated when that happens," Todd told his best friend when he asked about Todd's one-year-old son.  
answer: (b) fours
- A10 "I am so excited and happy! Bill asked me out and I have been walking on air ever since. I have been hoping that he would ask me out on a date for months now," Kara told her mom.  
answer: (a) air

*English Slang Idioms (295)*

- A1 "With your support, we stand an even better chance of getting this law passed. We already have a lot of important people backing this bill. Event the president is on board," Mr. Brice told Mr. Hansford.  
answer: (c) board
- A2 "I will come to work for your company on the condition that I can leave work at 3 o'clock every day to pick up my child after school," Cindy told the manager.  
answer: (b) condition
- A3 "I would love to come for a drink with you but I am on duty at the moment and am not permitted to drink. I get off work in three hours," the cop told the attractive woman.  
answer: (d) on
- A4 "You are going to move to the middle of nowhere in Alaska. What earthly reason can you have for doing that?" Marcie's friend Jessica asked.  
answer: (d) earthly
- A5 He just hoped that he could get the patent and start production soon. After five years of hard work at night on his invention after working his regular job, he was ready to live on easy street.  
answer: (b) easy
- A6 "I like it when my mom comes to visit but not when my dad accompanies her. He always puts me on edge. I feel like he is always judging me or that I am deficient in his eyes and must argue my worth to him," Julia said to Frank.  
answer: (b) edge
- A7 "No, I haven't actually seen his college diploma. I just took it on faith that he had a degree since he said he did. Have you ever had to show anyone yours or do they just take it for granted that you have one?" Jack asked his boss.  
answer: (c) faith
- A8 "You don't have to show me your medical insurance card again; we already have it on file," the receptionist said to Will at the doctor's office.  
answer: (d) file
- A9 "We popped a tire at night and had to walk all the way back to our hotel on foot since Joe didn't have a spare tire. The walk was at least ten miles in the rain it was great," Gina sarcastically told Miles.  
answer: (b) foot
- A10 "We are going to have to put our road trip plans on hold for the time being. I think my transmission just went," Frank said to his wife.  
answer: (c) hold

*English Slang Idioms (296)*

- A1 "How old is our dog, is that what you asked? He is getting on in years. He is 14 years old this month," Beth told Jay.  
answer: (d) years
- A2 "Which place to you want to go this weekend? On one hand, there is the blues concert. On the other, there is the salmon festival. Either choice sounds good to me, so it is your decision," Chris told his wife.  
answer: (a) hand
- A3 "My parents told me they will buy me the new video game I have been wanting in return for me being on my best behavior at my grandma's house tonight for dinner. That is a good trade," Joey said to Timmy.  
answer: (c) behavior
- A4 "I don't envy you having roommates. I have lived on my own since I left my parents' house. Most of my money has been spent maintaining my own place. I admire your strength in having to put up with others living with you and having to compromise with them," May told Alice.  
answer: (d) own
- A5 "The soup kitchen just called and said I am off the hook for Tuesday. Apparently, there are some repairmen coming in at that point in time so I can't do my job until after they are gone. Now I can come to the movies with you," May said to Brian.  
answer: (a) hook
- A6 "I know you want an answer from my sister as to whether she will marry you or not but she is still thinking about it. You are going to have to let her come to her decision on her own time," Beth told Ryan.  
answer: (b) time
- A7 "The fact that the contractor just gave us those windows was pure kindness on his part. He could have charged us a lot of money for those. We are going to have to recommend him to our friends," John told his wife.  
answer: (d) part
- A8 "I wouldn't hire Matt if I were you. I have known his family for years. He looks good on paper — he has a degree from a good school, he has a lot of experience in the field and he presents himself well but he is unreliable. He takes a lot of sick days and sometimes doesn't show up for work or call. He also doesn't keep his word," Luke told Steve.  
answer: (c) paper
- A9 "I wouldn't cheat in Mr. Park's class if I were you. He has warned everyone, on pain of expulsion, not to cheat and he means it. It is not worth getting kicked out of school to cheat instead of spending the time to study," Grace told Lacey.  
answer: (a) pain
- A10 "Don't be mad at Jack for breaking the crystal vase. I know he didn't do it on purpose. I think he was playing with his friends and he knocked it off the shelf when he ran through here," John told his wife.  
answer: (b) purpose

*English Slang Idioms (297)*

- A1 "We should go to the mall today to go clothes shopping. I know that all of the pants are on sale at J.C. Penny's and I am sure we will find some more good deals while we are there," Maxine said to Louisa.  
answer: (a) sale
- A2 "I think that it would be good to hire Joe in that he brings a lot to the table. He has a lot of experience in sales and has an extensive list of contacts that he could make use of on our behalf," Craig told the manager.  
answer: (d) table
- A3 "You have time to go to the restroom if you hurry. The show doesn't go on the air for another six minutes so as long as you are back before that, you are fine," Jack told the new reporter.  
answer: (d) air
- A4 "The police have asked us all to be on the alert for an older man in a green pickup truck. Apparently, he is parking his van in the lots of local businesses and is abducting women as they walk to their cars. If anyone sees someone that fits that description, either let me know or call the police immediately, " the manager told her staff.  
answer: (a) alert
- A5 "The coach put me on the bench for the next five games for cussing at a referee. I guess I should be thankful considering that he threw someone else off the team for the same thing," Bill told his roommate.  
answer: (d) bench
- A6 "I know that we were planning to have the Super Bowl party at my house but we are going to have to find somewhere else to have it. My TV is on the blink and I won't be able to get it fixed until after the game," Matt said to Joe.  
answer: (b) blink
- A7 "Can we go to the supermarket for some salsa right now? I have had salsa on the brain for the last four hours and I want to get some," Linda said to Chris.  
answer: (d) brain
- A8 "I am so stressed out right now; I am on the brink of disaster. I am failing in two of my college classes. If I fail, mom and dad won't pay for my apartment or for school anymore. I need to fix this and am not sure how yet," Zack said to his older brother.  
answer: (d) on
- A9 "Why couldn't you stick up for me at work? I have taken it on the chin for you many a time and you couldn't have backed me up?" Bill asked Jay.  
answer: (b) chin
- A10 "I need your expense reports on my desk and on the double. Don't do anything else until they are on my desk. I need them immediately," George told his staff.  
answer: (d) double

*English Slang Idioms (298)*

- A1 "I know that you think that giving everyone in the country a large sum of money will help our country's economy. On the contrary, I think that would just cause inflation and would have no real effect on the health of our nation," Rob said to Will.  
answer: (c) contrary
- A2 "If you want to come with us to the movies, you have to be at my house at 7 o'clock on the dot. If you are there even a minute late, you will have missed us," Wesley said to Jessica.  
answer: (a) dot
- A3 "I am looking forward to taking a day off to relax. I have been on the go for the last three weeks and I am tired. I worked all week then I went out of town to three different places in that time frame," Billie said to Mark.  
answer: (b) go
- A4 "How long have you worked here as a city planner?" Marlene asked Paul. He responded, "I have been on the job for about two years now. How long have you worked at the real estate office?"  
answer: (d) job
- A5 He put his house on the market five weeks ago and had not yet received an offer. That was not good — considering his area.  
answer: (d) market
- A6 "I am sorry I haven't seen you at school for the last week. I have been home sick with the flu but I am definitely on the mend now. Do you want to get together this afternoon for a cup of coffee?" Tammy asked Janice.  
answer: (a) mend
- A7 "If we are to make it to Seattle by 7 o'clock tonight, we need to get on the move in about 30 minutes. It is going to be a long drive," Kyle said to Haley.  
answer: (d) move
- A8 "I am already ready to go. Let's get on the road right now," Haley responded.  
answer: (c) road
- A9 "I got lucky. My lawyer was quite good. He had the other lawyer on the ropes within a few hours and won the case easily," Mark said to Tim when Tim asked if he won his case against the other driver in the accident.  
answer: (b) ropes
- A10 "I think that putting a stud every two feet in the wall would be enough but I am going to put one every 16 inches just to be on the safe side," Matt told Lewis when he asked how he was going to do the framing for the walls on his new shed.  
answer: (c) safe

*English Slang Idioms (299)*

- A1 "Hi, I'd like to order a cheeseburger. I was wondering if I could request a salad on the side instead of French fries," Bill said to the waitress.  
answer: (c) side
- A2 "We were driving home from Santa Rosa and, on the spur of the moment, we decided to drive to Shelter Cove. It was a lot of fun but the drive to Shelter Cove added about two hours of driving time to our schedule," Chris told Adam.  
answer: (b) spur
- A3 "I am somewhat angry at Joe. He embarrassed me by putting me on the spot at his dinner party. He told everyone that I like to sing and, all of a sudden, asked me to sing at the table without accompaniment. I said no but he kept making an issue of it until I was thoroughly embarrassed," Jane said to Marcie.  
answer: (d) spot
- A4 "I am sick of spending Friday nights in front of the TV. Let's go out for a night on the town this Friday. We'll have dinner and go to a show and maybe go out for drinks afterwards," Pete said to Allison.  
answer: (c) town
- A5 "My parents are taking me to Six Flags. It would be more fun if you could come with us. I am sure my parents would love to have you come. Do you think your mother would let you go even though you just got poor grades in school?" Davie asked Lewis. Lewis responded, "I've got my mother on a string; she'll let me do anything I beg her to let me do."  
answer: (a) string
- A6 "Is it OK if I come over to your house to play for a little while? I accidentally lost my sister's lipstick and she is on the warpath," Gina said to Mary.  
answer: (d) warpath
- A7 "My boyfriend embarrassed me very badly at the party the other night. First, he insulted the host and his wife and then threatened to beat up the husband for something that happened at work. Then, on top of that, he ran into the table where all the food was sitting. One of the legs broke and everyone's dinner fell on the couple's brand new carpeting," Liz told Jennifer.  
answer: (a) top
- A8 "I don't want to eat sushi again tonight. We already had sushi once this week. I like sushi but I only like to eat it every once in a while," Matt said to Peggy.  
answer: (a) once
- A9 "Once upon a time, there was a unicorn that lived in a forest. That unicorn was the only one of his kind that was not able to fly," Matt started saying after his daughter asked him to tell her a bedtime story.  
answer: (d) time
- A10 "Thank you for talking to me about this. You have motivated me to have it out with him once and for all," Janice told her sister.  
answer: (a) all

*English Slang Idioms (300)*

- A1 "My friend has a car that I am thinking about buying. Could you inspect it for me to see if there are any mechanical problems with it and if it is worth buying?" Chris asked his best friend. Paul responded, "I don't have a lot of time in the next while to give it a detailed inspection but I can give it a once-over for you and tell you if I see anything grossly wrong with it."  
answer: (d) over
- A2 "Should I use Philips or Square Drive screws on my deck?" Matt asked Paul. Paul responded, "Strength-wise, they are one and the same to me. Comfort-wise, I think the Square Drive screws are easier to sink deeply."  
answer: (b) same
- A3 "My grandfather is still alive but, unfortunately, has one foot in the grave. He is 90 years old and has both lung cancer and heart problems," Beth said to her friend when she asked if her grandpa was still alive.  
answer: (a) grave
- A4 He couldn't believe that he popped a tire, found his spare flat and then popped a friend's spare tire all before he got to the tire store. The fact that he still had to call a tow truck after all of that was truly one for the books in his opinion.  
answer: (a) books
- A5 Ralph and Eric had a contest to see which of them could get better grades in college. They were tied for the longest time until the last exam. Eric was finally able to get one up on Ralph by getting an A on the test; whereas, Ralph only received a B.  
answer: (c) one
- A6 "I am very hungry and am looking forward to getting my money's worth at the all-you-can-eat buffet today. I am going to eat at least eight plates of food," Rob told Monica.  
answer: (d) money's
- A7 Everywhere she went, she seemed to bump into Tom. Now she worked with him. She had a one-night stand with him about six months ago and asked him not to call her again after that. She just couldn't seem to get away from the guy.  
answer: (b) stand
- A8 The detective was happy to report that the murder of the young woman was an open and shut case. There were two eye-witnesses who could identify the killer and the killer already confessed to the crime.  
answer: (d) shut
- A9 I like the open-arms policy the church has. It is the church's policy to welcome everyone — even if they had different beliefs.  
answer: (b) arms
- A10 This the hardest decision he has ever faced — order his troops to open fire and kill others or sit tight and perhaps be killed themselves.  
answer: (d) fire



*English Slang Idioms (301)*

- A1 "I just purchased a restaurant in town about a month ago. I am still working on the menu and finding suppliers but my doors will be open in two weeks if you two would like to come," Grant said to Josh and Amanda.  
answer: (b) doors
- A2 De-regulating the telephone industry was supposed to result in better prices for consumers due to the competition that would arise between companies. Unfortunately, the open-market system of today has resulted in arguably higher prices for comparable services.  
answer: (c) open
- A3 "I know you don't want to accept this but you need to open your eyes. Your son has a drinking problem. We have caught him drunk at school three times this year. I think you need to get him some help," the school official told Mr. and Mrs. Watson.  
answer: (c) eyes
- A4 Some high school teachers favor open questions in order to get the students thinking versus asking them questions with only one answer that will require the students to simply repeat previously learned information.  
answer: (d) open
- A5 "My parents are planning on buying a summer home in Lake Tahoe, California. No one is supposed to know but it is kind of an open secret among my brother and sisters. It is supposed to be a surprise but we overheard them talking about it several times," Lane said to his friend Logan.  
answer: (a) secret
- A6 "I used to be very polite at the college but I found that encouraging conversation with other students just opens the door to people who try to convince me to fight for their, often, strange causes," Mark told Tanya.  
answer: (b) door
- A7 "Who opened the floodgates? There are so many cars on the road today. I think we are going to be waiting to turn onto the road for the next two days," Craig said sarcastically to his wife.  
answer: (d) floodgates
- A8 Although having an open-door policy at work is time-consuming for management, it can accomplish a lot. By dealing with problems and clarifying information sooner, the problems and misconceptions can be resolved before they escalate and, in turn, are harder to solve.  
answer: (a) door
- A9 "My friends are not going to discriminate against you because you two are gay. While they are all straight, they are all open-minded enough to not have a problem with people who have a different orientation," Chris told Kelly and Jason.  
answer: (d) minded
- A10 "I am not going to go with you to the sand dunes. I have other fish to fry; I have homework to do and I have to work in my yard this weekend," James told Kyle and Josh.  
answer: (d) fish

*English Slang Idioms (302)*

- A1 "I am sick of being broke. I have spent all of my extra money for the last three months on trying to get out from under my credit card debt. I haven't spent a dime," Josh told Kyle.  
answer: (a) under
- A2 "This food is pretty bland. Oh no! Did I say that out loud? I am so sorry!" Natasha embarrassingly said at the dinner party.  
answer: (c) loud
- A3 "We are going to have to use my circular saw since my chop saw is out of order. I cut through its cord by accident about a month ago," Jesse said to Bill.  
answer: (b) order
- A4 "I told May that her new hairdo looks very pretty and she blew that comment way out of proportion. She has been telling everyone that I am hitting on her and want to date her. I was just trying to be nice," Will told Carl.  
answer: (a) proportion
- A5 "I haven't had any time for friends lately because I'm really busy with work and school. I feel like I've been out of circulation for months," Amy said to Henrietta.  
answer: (c) circulation
- A6 "Can you give me a ride to work tomorrow? My car is out of commission until Thursday. My transmission went out and I am getting a new one put in," Amber said to Jamie.  
answer: (c) commission
- A7 "I don't know if you should wear that suit to the wedding or not. Yours is a bit out of date. It looks like it is about 50 years old. You might want to rent one that is modern and in style," Kyle said to Rob.  
answer: (d) date
- A8 "My shed door is a little off-kilter. Do you have any recommendations as to how to make it look straight?" Bart asked James.  
answer: (a) kilter
- A9 "I am sorry I offended your grandmother. I was out of line to ask her how old she is," Jordan told Bethany.  
answer: (a) line
- A10 "Thanks for telling me that most of the revenues from our not-for-profit sales is going to go to our administration. Way to take the wind out of my sails. I was really motivated to work when I thought most of the money I was helping to earn was going to the poor," Lisa said to Kyle.  
answer: (c) sails

*English Slang Idioms (303)*

- A1 "I used to run three times a week and do pushups and sit ups every day. I have let myself get out of shape and I would be lucky if I could run down the block right now without falling over," Anna said to Kylie.  
answer: (d) shape
- A2 "I am sorry that I keep messing up this song on the guitar. I am way out of practice. I haven't played the guitar for at least two months," John said to Eric.  
answer: (b) practice
- A3 My mother buys old books that are out of print at garage sales and resells them for higher amounts because they are rare.  
answer: (d) print
- A4 "I am sorry I am so quiet. I feel a little out of place at this formal, high-class gathering in my street clothes," Irma said to James.  
answer: (d) place
- A5 "Wow, thanks for finding my contact lens. How did you ever see it on the ground?" Jay asked Irma. She replied, "I just happened to see the sun catching it out of the corner of my eye."  
answer: (c) corner
- A6 "I heard Donna and Steve broke up. With Steve out of the picture maybe she will go out with me now," Bill said to Tom.  
answer: (d) picture
- A7 "Can I borrow your truck this weekend to go camping with my friends?" Logan asked his dad. He responded, "Sorry, Son. It's out of the question. I have to go cut wood for the winter this weekend. I already got the permit for it."  
answer: (b) question
- A8 "Do you think I could wear these cool bell-bottoms to work? I know they are a bit out of the ordinary but they are in good condition," Maxine asked Gracie while they were at the clothing sale.  
answer: (d) ordinary
- A9 "I think we have a good chance at winning the championship now that the Chico team is out of the running. They got eliminated last week in the semi-finals," Matt told his dad when his dad asked whether he thought their little league baseball team had a shot at winning the World's Series.  
answer: (a) running
- A10 "Billie asked me out. The question came out of thin air. We were talking about the upcoming test and he suddenly asked me to dinner. I was hoping he liked me but he never gave any indication that he was interested in me before," Nancy said to Rebecca.  
answer: (d) air

*English Slang Idioms (304)*

- A1 "Has anything important happened in the news in the past while? I am kind of out of touch with current events due to a massive amount of school work," Dan asked his mom.  
answer: (c) touch
- A2 "You need to fix your guitar. It is way out of tune," the drummer said to the guitar player during the concert.  
answer: (b) tune
- A3 "Bill is annoying. He always speaks out of turn. He constantly interrupted everyone at the party and cut them off if they were answering one of his questions," Janice said to Tim.  
answer: (a) turn
- A4 People in America used to look down on women if they had a child out of wedlock. Now, it is not uncommon, in the least, and people are much less judgmental these days.  
answer: (d) wedlock
- A5 "Do you have a drill that I can borrow? Mine is out of whack at the moment. It won't hold the bit tight when it's in use," Jack said to Phil.  
answer: (a) whack
- A6 "Beth sure seems to be off in outer space today. She is just looking off into nowhere and has asked me to repeat some of my questions several times today. She just looks unfocused," Jack said to Ron.  
answer: (c) space
- A7 "I am glad the building of that shed is over and done with. That was hard work," Lucy said to Derrick.  
answer: (d) done
- A8 "I understand a little about auto mechanics but the speech from the mechanic about the problem with my fuel-injection system went over my head," Larry told his wife when she asked if he understood what the problem was.  
answer: (c) head
- A9 "Jay, they are going to find out that you broke the window. There were lots of kids outside at recess when it happened. You might as well own up to it and take your punishment before it gets worse," Johnny told his friend.  
answer: (a) own
- A10 "I guess you are right. If I fess up to it before I am caught, I'll probably receive less punishment," Jay said to Johnny.  
answer: (b) fess

*English Slang Idioms (305)*

- A1 He helped his friend off the ground after he had been knocked down in the fight. His friend said, "Wow, I thought I could take that guy but apparently not. He sure can pack a punch," and rubbed his face.  
answer: (b) pack
- A2 "Your friend told you that she saw me at the bar on Tuesday? That is a pack of lies. I had to work late and my boss can verify that," Eric told Sylvia.  
answer: (d) lies
- A3 "I can't come to your house to swim in your pool until later on today. I have some chores to do around the house and I have to pack my kids off to summer camp," Nathan said to Mark.  
answer: (a) pack
- A4 "My mom is a total pack rat. She buys all these old things in the hope of making money off them when they are resold but she never gets rid of any of it. I don't think she has gotten rid of anything in her whole life," Jill said to Alice.  
answer: (d) rat
- A5 "Our camping trip was a nightmare. It even started out bad. Only one of us had a truck and we found out that the road to the campsite required a 4X4 vehicle. The rest of us left our cars at the entrance and tried to fit in the truck. We fit seven people in the cab of the truck. We were packed like sardines for at least an hour on that bumpy road," Jimmy told Joe and Lewis.  
answer: (d) sardines
- A6 Several embarrassing stories have come to light about top managers in companies who pad their expense bills to include mink coats for their wives, new cars, trips on yachts and many other things.  
answer: (b) pad
- A7 "You sure paint a gloomy picture with all this talk of inevitable overpopulation and lack of resources. I don't agree with the idea that we will become overpopulated. Birth rates are going down in most countries," Bill said to a fellow college student during a cigarette break.  
answer: (b) gloomy
- A8 "Everyone pair off and choose a dance partner," the physical education teacher told the class.  
answer: (c) off
- A9 "First, we are going to pair up and then play doubles," Billy told his friends around the pool table.  
answer: (b) up
- A10 "I know that TV of yours needs a new picture tube so don't try and palm it off on me. You will have to sell it to someone else," Chris said to John.  
answer: (a) palm

*English Slang Idioms (306)*

- A1 "Unfortunately, the new employee is not going to pan out. We need someone with experience and this guy doesn't know anything about construction. You'll have to hire someone else," the foreman told the boss.  
answer: (d) out
- A2 "John is too much of a fancy pants for me. Everything he eats, drinks, wears, rides or sleeps in has to be expensive and high class. I am not like that," Jordan said to Jill.  
answer: (d) fancy
- A3 He didn't think that it would take as much time to parcel out the rations to the troops and now they were late for the planned exercises. This didn't bode well since the Brigade Commander was out to inspect his leadership and his troops.  
answer: (c) parcel
- A4 "My wife really likes regular flowering plants and herbs. I am very partial to succulents myself," Chris told Paul.  
answer: (a) partial
- A5 "Do you mind if I partake in a little of your champagne? I've never tried champagne and I heard that you have a knack for finding the good stuff," Chris said to Julian.  
answer: (b) partake
- A6 "My girlfriend and I just went through a parting of the ways and I am single again. It is weird to be single after several years of being in a committed relationship. Everything is much harder and more lonely," Hank said to Stan.  
answer: (c) parting
- A7 "I would like to tell you what was decided about our bonuses at the meeting but I was not party to that discussion. The manager had me bring in coffee and food and man his telephone during the meeting," Jill said to Brandon.  
answer: (b) party
- A8 "My mother just passed away so I have to drive to her house this weekend to try and settle her affairs," Susan said to Anthony.  
answer: (c) away
- A9 "So how did the movie end last night? I passed out after about an hour of it. I started work early and it was too late for me to be able to stay awake," Brent told his roommate.  
answer: (d) passed
- A10 "Do I want more potatoes? No, thank you. I am going to have to pass on those. I still have plenty on my plate," Jack said to his host.  
answer: (a) on

*English Slang Idioms (307)*

- A1 "The used cars salesman tried to pass this junky, old car off on me when I told him I only had \$3,000 to spend. I left after that. I know I can get a decent car for that price and I was insulted that he thought I would want that pile of junk," Kyle said to Alex.  
answer: (a) pass
- A2 "I got passed over on that promotion at work. It's the third time it's happened. I told the boss I am quitting and finding a job that will offer me more opportunities to advance," Paul told his wife.  
answer: (c) over
- A3 "Adam, you are not in a position to pass judgment on my house. You live in a place that was purchased for you by your wife's parents. Therefore, don't talk to me about something we have earned," Chris said.  
answer: (c) judgment
- A4 "I can't believe the nerve of Adam; talking about how our house is too small and not as nice as his. He has no room to talk if he had to buy a place with his own money, it would be twice as small and old as ours," Chris said to Linda.  
answer: (a) room
- A5 "How did you do on the final exam in Accounting last semester? I passed with flying colors," Jones said to Kyle.  
answer: (a) flying
- A6 "Michael Jordan used to be the best basketball player on earth. He is still good but he is past his peak in my opinion," Alex said to Ned.  
answer: (c) peak
- A7 "Thanks for those manuals, Boss, I read them last night and now I have the maintenance process for the dishwasher down pat," Jerry said.  
answer: (b) pat
- A8 "Good job on getting that big contract from that huge firm. Give yourself a pat on the back for that one," Amy told her team member.  
answer: (a) back
- A9 "I am going out with Sarah again. We patched it up between us about a week ago and we are now closer than ever," Brent told his Mom.  
answer: (d) patched
- A10 He was thankful that America offered a grant to poor people to go to college. The grant had paved the way to a degree and a good job. He was now a computer analyst and making good money.  
answer: (d) paved

*English Slang Idioms (308)*

- A1 "I am glad I quit that low-paying insurance job and started working for the city planning commission. I am making good money now and the job is much more interesting," Stan said to his friend Alex.  
answer: (b) good
- A2 "George asked about me the other day? I have been thinking about him lately too. I'll have to pay him a visit in the next week or so," Grant said to Jay.  
answer: (a) pay
- A3 "George, stop drawing in class and pay attention," the teacher shouted in English class.  
answer: (d) attention
- A4 He had searched for a seven-string guitar in nearly every store in his town. There were only two stores he hadn't checked yet. Finally, when he went to the first one, he hit pay dirt.  
answer: (d) pay
- A5 "I am too broke to go on a rafting trip at the moment but I will have more money soon. My car is almost paid off. Once it is, I'll have \$300 extra a month," Kyle said to his brother.  
answer: (a) off
- A6 As soon as he hit the gas after the cop signaled him to pull over, he was past the point of no return. If he pulled over now, he would definitely go to jail. He had to try to outrun the cop and that, too, was a stupid idea.  
answer: (c) return
- A7 "I am sorry, Tom. I just heard that your father passed away and I just came by to pay my respects," Uncle Luke said.  
answer: (a) respects
- A8 "I didn't have the benefit of having rich parents like you. I had to work for my first car, I paid my own way through school and I had to come up with the down payment on my first house," John said to Adam.  
answer: (c) way
- A9 "I have to take a second job for a while. I made some stupid bets on sports' games and now I have to pay the piper. I need to make \$2,000 extra in the next month to pay my gambling debts so I probably won't have time to see you in the next little while," Edward said to Tom.  
answer: (b) piper
- A10 The senator was being investigated again for taking payoffs from the Mob. This was the third time and this time the District Attorney thought he had a case.  
answer: (d) payoffs



*English Slang Idioms (309)*

- A1 All morning, he felt exhausted and barely got any work done. After a big cup of coffee, he perked up a little bit and was able to get through about a third of the pile of paper work he had on his desk.  
answer: (d) perked
- A2 "I hate it when people call each other pet names. I just got back from Nancy and Greg's house and they were horrible. He calls her Honey Bunny' and she calls him Her Big Bear.' It makes me sick even thinking about it," Amber said to Jessica.  
answer: (a) pet
- A3 "My business makes most of its money in the late spring and summer. The money starts to peter out as soon as the weather gets colder; usually, about mid-October," Fred said to Bill.  
answer: (b) out
- A4 "When I was a kid, I had a pen pal from Gabon, in Africa. I learned a lot from him about economics and poverty. I also learned a lot about hope and faith," Lisa said to Christian.  
answer: (a) pen
- A5 "Why are you trying to pick a fight with my little brother? He said you have tried to start fights with him four times in the past week. He doesn't want to fight you or anyone. Stop bullying him!" Paul said to Ken.  
answer: (d) pick
- A6 "I can't believe that just happened! That guy tried to pick my pocket! I felt his hand in my pocket and I felt my wallet being pulled out. He couldn't get it out all the way before I turned around and he ran off," Ken said to Phil.  
answer: (b) pick
- A7 "I can't find the key to my shed anywhere. Do any of you guys know how to pick a lock?" Jacob asked Tom, Tim, and Aaron.  
answer: (d) pick
- A8 "Everyone grab a shaving kit. They are all similar. Grab the first one you come to. You don't get to pick and choose. You better hurry up!" the Drill Sergeant told the new recruits during their reception into Basic Training.  
answer: (a) choose
- A9 The prosecuting attorney for the state of California picked apart the defense's case, methodically, until there was no doubt in anyone's mind that the defendant had committed the crime.  
answer: (c) apart
- A10 "Why do you have to pick at your sister every time she comes over? You are always criticizing her or putting her down. Is it necessary?" Rosa's roommate Kim asked.  
answer: (d) at

*English Slang Idioms (310)*

- A1 He was quite good with a fly swatter. He figured that he could pick off as many as 75 percent of all the flies he swatted at on a good day.  
answer: (b) off
- A2 When asked by the school principal and his science teacher why he got into a fight at recess, Todd replied, "Josh has been picking on my little brother for the past month and he won't stop. My brother and I both asked him to stop and he refused. Today was the final straw. He knocked my brother's lunch out of his hand and laughed at him. I am bigger so it is my job to look after my brother."  
answer: (c) picking
- A3 "I am going to go pick Mr. Smith's brain about my idea on how to reduce the friction on my home-made wind generator," Ben said to his roommate when asked where he was going.  
answer: (a) brain
- A4 "We went to pick up some free bricks at this guy's house. Unfortunately, when we got there, the pile of bricks was pretty picked over. All that were left were small, broken pieces," Jayden said to Beth.  
answer: (d) over
- A5 "Can we go get a cup of coffee? I am really tired; I didn't get much sleep last night and I really need a pick-me-up," Hillary said to Natasha.  
answer: (b) up
- A6 "I am sorry that I am late. My grandma stopped by just as I was leaving and she pidgeonholed me. I am going to work for her soon and she wanted to talk about what she would need for the jobs at that moment. Once again, I am sorry," Jim said to Gracie.  
answer: (a) pidgeonholed
- A7 "My roommate is being very pig-headed about letting me put my guitar in the living room. She keeps saying that it ruins the look of the living room and nothing I say or do will change her mind," Kathy told Melissa.  
answer: (a) pig
- A8 "We have been talking about getting together for coffee for quite some time. Let's pin down a date to finally meet for some coffee," Janice said to Larissa.  
answer: (c) pin
- A9 "Sometimes it is hard for people to guess how I am feeling or what I am thinking. I don't let my emotions show often. My little sister and I are opposites; she wears her heart on her sleeve," Cara said to Jennifer.  
answer: (d) sleeve
- A10 "Let's buy Jimmy that new bike he wanted for his birthday. I know we don't have much money but I think we can swing it. We'll have to pinch and scrape for a while but it would be worth it," John said to Kathryn.  
answer: (d) scrape

*English Slang Idioms (311)*

- A1 "I won't be able to make it to the show tonight. I got called into work unexpectedly. Don't worry, though. You remember Tommy right? Well, I have arranged him to pinch-hit for me tonight so you guys won't be missing a guitar player. He knows all the songs and he has played with you before. I wish there was a way for me to make it," Jay said to Frank.  
answer: (c) hit
- A2 "When I was a pint-size kid like you, I used to ride my bike from here to the next town down the road to go to their candy store. Back then, a big piece of candy was only two cents. On the way home, I would pick pears from the pear orchard right outside of town," the old man said to the young boy on the bike.  
answer: (c) size
- A3 "Son, you have been telling me for weeks that you wanted to be on the football team. Why didn't you pipe up when the coach asked your class if anyone would be interested in joining? Have you changed your mind about playing football?" Teddy's dad asked.  
answer: (d) pipe
- A4 "I think it is horrible how Sally has pitted the two brothers against each other. She dated the first one, then the second one and now she is back with the first brother again. On top of that, she told each brother lies about the things the other brother supposedly said. I think she just wants to watch them fight over her," Beth said to Alyssa.  
answer: (b) pitted
- A5 The unexpected tight turn pitched two of the passengers out who were sitting on the sides of the boat. Luckily they were unharmed and just surprised.  
answer: (b) pitched
- A6 "I know this seems like a lot of leaves but if everyone pitches in we'll have them raked up within the hour," Matt told his three boys.  
answer: (a) in
- A7 "Your brother's shoes have lipstick smeared all over them and he was going to wear them to the dance tonight. Did you, perhaps, play a part in that?" Sally asked her daughter.  
answer: (c) part
- A8 "Sally and I aren't interested in each other; it is just a platonic love. We have been good friends for a long time," Jack told Will.  
answer: (a) platonic
- A9 "Tom should have been here about 30 minutes ago. I just called him and he said he is on his way over. I hope he shows up soon so we won't be late for the movie. I guess we'll just have to play the waiting game until he gets here," Ester said to Jacky.  
answer: (d) waiting
- A10 We are going to pull a practical joke on the boss. Do you want to help?" Janice asked Bill. Bill said, "I'll play along; what do you want me to do?"  
answer: (b) play

*English Slang Idioms (312)*

- A1 "You can't search my business without a search warrant," Mr. Ellis said to the police. One policeman said, "We aren't after you. Why don't you just play ball and let us search your place. We'll be gone before you know it and you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you helped put a criminal behind bars. As we've told you before, we are investigating one of your employees for fraud."  
answer: (b) ball
- A2 The policeman decided to play cat and mouse with the petty drug dealer. First, he shook him down and threatened to arrest him and then he let him go. He hoped that the drug dealer would go get more drugs. He would follow him to see where he went and hopefully seize more drugs or find more criminals to arrest.  
answer: (c) mouse
- A3 "I was just watching the senator try to play down his role in the scandal. He is trying to make it sound like he had barely anything to do with it but that is not true. He is just making it worse on himself by doing this," Jesse said to Phil.  
answer: (d) down
- A4 "I saw you trip Tommy when he ran up to shoot a basket. That is not OK. You have to play fair, Bobby. You wouldn't like it Tommy cheated," Jay said to the boy at recess when he was playing basketball.  
answer: (b) fair
- A5 The sudden heat wave in Arcata, California in May played havoc with our garden. Several of our plants, including our large fern, got sunburned.  
answer: (d) played
- A6 "Did you see that sign for that dry cleaning business? It was kind of funny. It was a play on words and the name of the company is Got Pressing Business," James said to his wife.  
answer: (a) play
- A7 "The two guys in the cubicles next to mine are really funny. They spend a good portion of the day cracking jokes. They are both very good at playing off each other. One will crack a joke and the other will build on the joke further by telling a new joke that fits in perfectly with the old. It is great working next to those two," Gracie said to Alyssa.  
answer: (c) off
- A8 "If you play your cards right you can go to college for free. It just takes good grades and a willingness to apply for scholarships. I got \$5,000 to go to school," Brian told his son.  
answer: (a) cards
- A9 "Are you trying to play me for a fool? I thought we were friends. Did you think I wouldn't notice that the bike you are selling has a cracked frame?" Alice asked Dave.  
answer: (d) fool
- A10 It is funny to watch a kid play possum. The kid always gives it away somehow that he or she isn't really asleep just faking. I have yet to see a kid convince someone that he or she is asleep.  
answer: (a) play

*English Slang Idioms (313)*

- A1 "I know that you don't like to write essays or speeches but you just have to play the game for a while longer and then you will be done with college and will be getting a good-paying job," Greg told his angry roommate.  
answer: (b) game
- A2 "This computer virus has been playing the devil with my files. Some have disappeared and others have been corrupted so that they are unrecognizable," Kyle told the computer repairman.  
answer: (d) devil
- A3 "My brother has decided to play the housing market and so now he buys old homes to renovate. Once they are renovated, he sells them for a higher price. He makes really good money but there is always a risk that the market might tank and he will take a big loss on one of his investments," Jane told Tim.  
answer: (a) market
- A4 "Our Accounting professor has been playing up the job opportunities available to Accounting majors lately. Apparently, the Accounting Department needs more people to sign up as Accounting majors so they can keep their funding. He is trying to make the jobs sound really cool by talking about the flexible hours and high salaries available. Unfortunately, I am not interested in accounting," Joe said to Beth.  
answer: (c) up
- A5 "My partner keeps trying to play up to the Chief of Police by flattering him and volunteering for every assignment that the Chief has. Little does he know that brown-nosing doesn't work on this chief. He only respects results," O'Brian told Wilson.  
answer: (a) play
- A6 "I don't think your plan to cheat all the way through this class is going to play out the way you want it to. Even if you manage not to get caught throughout the semester, there will be a time where you either know the information and pass or you don't and you'll fail. If you fail after passing everything else, you are going to raise questions as to how you passed the earlier assignments," Joe told his roommate.  
answer: (c) out
- A7 "What was wrong with that man? He just ran out the door, plowed into me and knocked my paperwork everywhere and kept running," Bill said to Larry.  
answer: (b) plowed
- A8 "My roommate has been really depressed lately. Luckily, the end of the semester has caused him to pluck up a bit. I don't know why he is depressed and he won't tell me. He's kind of strange," Jay said to Kylie.  
answer: (c) pluck
- A9 "I know some of you are afraid of heights but you are going to have to pluck up your courage and go through the obstacle course. We can't have soldiers who can't control themselves and put fear into proper perspective. You gave up the option to refuse to do something when you joined the army. Let's go!" the Drill Sergeant said to the troops.  
answer: (a) courage
- A10 "I can't believe how expensive plumbing repairs are. I just had to plunk down \$80 for 15 minutes of work and a small rubber gasket," Henry said to David.  
answer: (a) plunk

*English Slang Idioms (314)*

- A1 "We need to stop by the bank before we go to the fair. I need to pick up some pocket money so we don't have to try and write checks for food and rides," Hank said to his wife with a smile.  
answer: (c) pocket
- A2 "I don't agree with you that we should stop spending any money on defense and spend it all on social programs but you are entitled to your point of view," Chris said to Amos.  
answer: (d) point
- A3 "I have been able to save so much time thanks to that trick you showed me on how to customize your tool bar on your desk top to include the icons for programs you use all the time. Thanks for pointing that out!" Cheryl said to Bob.  
answer: (a) pointing
- A4 Every time he asked her out, she refused point-blank. She didn't know why he kept trying. It was getting annoying.  
answer: (c) point
- A5 "The police have been here all morning poking around your office. Is there something you want to tell me?" George's boss at the investment firm asked.  
answer: (d) around
- A6 "Why are you always poking fun at your brother's dreams of being a writer? What is wrong with that in your mind? What makes you think what you want to do is any better?" Kyle's sister asked.  
answer: (a) fun
- A7 "My husband and I agree on almost everything except politics. When it comes to politics we are poles apart; he is a right-wing Republican and I am a very liberal Democrat," Lisa told her friends.  
answer: (b) poles
- A8 "I can't believe you polished off that whole plate of chicken! You must have ate nine pieces of chicken! Where did you find the room for all that food?" Jesse's mom asked.  
answer: (d) polished
- A9 "How can you possibly want to go shopping in town after that 10 mile hike? I am pooped out!" Chris said to Kyle.  
answer: (a) out
- A10 There were two outs and three people on base for the home team in the last inning of the game. Joe came up to bat and swung at the first pitch across the plate. He hit a pop fly into left field and took off running. The suspense mounted as the ball came back down to earth. The outfielder got his glove under it and, much to his embarrassment, dropped it. The home team won and the outfielder was to blame.  
answer: (d) fly

*English Slang Idioms (315)*

- A1 "I need someone to look at my computer today. Whenever I bring up a customer's file, this other program pops up asking me questions about my anti-virus protection. I don't know what it means or what I am supposed to do," Ellie told the boss.  
answer: (b) pops
- A2 "We are having a pot luck on Friday and we'd like you to come. We still need someone to bring a salad, drinks, or a dessert. If you want to come, please let me know which you are going to bring. We already have enough people bringing main courses," Gina said to Alice and Jack.  
answer: (d) pot luck
- A3 Many journalists have taken potshots at Presidential Candidate Barrack Obama for his association with his outspoken pastor.  
answer: (b) potshots
- A4 "Jean did a great job at pounding away at the competition in the debate semi finals. I think we have a great chance at winning this round because she argued well," Mr. Wilson said to Blake.  
answer: (c) pounding
- A5 He left his essay until the night before it was due again. After his last essay, he vowed to never do that again. He really didn't have good study habits so, now, he had to pound out ten pages in the next nine hours or he would fail.  
answer: (c) out
- A6 The town recently opened a computer center for people to use who were looking for jobs. They offered access to different databases that had information on current openings in town and the qualifications one should have to apply for those jobs. He didn't think that applying for jobs over the Internet was half as effective as getting out there and pounding some pavement. It was better to go in and be seen rather than be a faceless resume in an e mail attachment.  
answer: (b) pavement
- A7 Justin knew he was one step away from being fired so he decided to pour the compliments on pretty thick in a last-ditch attempt to save his job.  
answer: (c) thick
- A8 "We are going to have to buy a new dishwasher. We keep paying to get this one fixed but we are pouring money down the drain. It is obviously going to break every month or two like it has been doing. We will actually save money by buying a new one," Steve said to Alma.  
answer: (d) money
- A9 "Thank you for listening. I wasn't planning on pouring out all of my sorrows on you. I don't know why all that came to mind. Thanks for putting up with me," Julie said to her best friend.  
answer: (d) pouring
- A10 The principal of my high school used to walk around with his chest puffed out and his shoulders squared, looking every bit the authoritarian. Unfortunately for him, we knew it was all posturing. The real power behind the throne was the vice-principal. If one got in trouble, one was not worried about what the principal would think but terrified as to what the vice-principal might do.  
answer: (a) throne

*English Slang Idioms (316)*

- A1 "Make sure you practice your free-throws tonight like the coach told you to do. You have the big game coming up and practice makes perfect," Dan's father told him.  
answer: (d) perfect
- A2 "The boss is a really nice guy but my supervisor is a force to be reckoned with. I make darn certain not to mess up in a way that will land me in her office," Jane told Ken.  
answer: (b) force
- A3 "I already agreed to give you the standard rims with the car. You are starting to press your luck by asking for my spare set of specialty rims too," Ralph's brother said.  
answer: (c) press
- A4 "My boss originally was not going to assign me to the special project that came up at work but I prevailed upon him to let me work on the project. I argued that my past work showed that I had the necessary skills and experience to complete it and the boss agreed. If I do well on this project, I may be in the running for a promotion," Alice told Henry.  
answer: (d) prevailed
- A5 "We all have to get back to work so let's bring this meeting to a close," the boss told the staff.  
answer: (b) close
- A6 "I don't like my mom's new boyfriend. She likes him but I think he is just preys on her for her money. He makes a third of what she makes and regularly asks her to buy him stuff," Maxine told.  
answer: (d) preys
- A7 "I think there is an animal or something outside. Our dog just pricked up her ears and moved to the door suddenly," Bart told Jenny.  
answer: (d) up
- A8 He decided to hire a private eye to find out where his wife had gone. Two weeks ago, he woke up to find that she had packed her things and left without saying goodbye.  
answer: (d) eye
- A9 His friends told him that the movie Get Smart was the best movie they had seen in years. Knowing that the proof of the pudding is in the eating, he decided to see it for himself to determine how good it was.  
answer: (a) pudding
- A10 "Chris, you have been in the bathtub for an hour already. If you don't get out soon, you will turn into a prune," Linda told him.  
answer: (d) prune



*English Slang Idioms (317)*

- A1 "I don't know why I was so nervous before the play. I remembered all my lines and did great. I guess I just psyched myself out by worrying about who was going to be in the audience," Jane said to Bill.  
answer: (b) out
- A2 "I am pretty psyched up about the Law exam. I have studied hard and I think I will ace the test. I can't wait; I just want to get started, " Chris said to Jamie.  
answer: (a) up
- A3 "Don't get too puffed up about being complimented by the boss. He compliments everyone and promptly forgets about it as soon as you mess up," Grace told Ken.  
answer: (c) puffed
- A4 "Did you hear Elliot try to pull a fast one? He asked me five questions that I would obviously say yes to and his sixth question was, So, I can have four paid days off?" I almost said yes but caught him," the boss told his assistant.  
answer: (a) pull
- A5 "I have to go back to the supermarket and have a talk with the manager. The chicken we bought yesterday is 10 days past its pull date. It is not OK for them to be selling meat that is that old," James told Kimberley.  
answer: (c) pull
- A6 His parents were always trying to get him to go on blind dates with their friends' daughters. He hated being pressured to go out with strangers. They were rarely attractive and didn't have anything in common with him.  
answer: (a) blind
- A7 "I know Fred has been having a rough time with his wife passing away but if he keeps showing up to work drunk, he is going to pull his career down around his ears," Hank said to Allen.  
answer: (a) ears
- A8 "I need to arrange for someone to cover my shifts at work. I have a few favors I can call in so I am pretty sure I can get the time off without having to ask the boss for it," Jared said to Amber.  
answer: (b) call
- A9 "I think you can pull in some support for your campaign from the voters of California if you back some of the recycling and environmental laws that are currently being discussed," Brian, a political analyst, told the candidate.  
answer: (d) pull
- A10 The criminal almost pulled off the bank robbery he had designed. He got the money and was out of the bank before the cops caught him. His undoing was that the note he handed the teller had his name and address on the back. He unknowingly wrote his note on his telephone bill.  
answer: (a) off

*English Slang Idioms (318)*

- A1 "I probably could have made more money on the house if I had waited another year to sell it but a lot of my friends in the real estate business told me the market was going to go from a sellers' to a buyers' market really soon. I decided to pull my chestnuts out of the fire before I got stuck with a house I couldn't sell. It just didn't seem worth the risk to sit on it," Jimmy told Brandon.  
answer: (b) fire
- A2 "The one thing I like about our boss is that he doesn't pull any punches. He doesn't sugar-coat things so you always know where you stand. Also, you know he is telling the truth when he delivers good news since he is willing to bluntly deliver bad news," Markus said to Jill.  
answer: (a) pull
- A3 "I am recommending extra duty for Private Jenkins because he doesn't pull his own weight in our squad. He is always avoiding work and when he does work, he doesn't work half as hard as everyone else. We need to teach him a lesson the army will not put up with people who don't do their fair share," Sergeant Johnson told the First Sergeant.  
answer: (c) weight
- A4 "I agree with your proposal to give him extra duty. I will make sure he gets worked good and hard. We don't need any dead weight in this army," First Sergeant Wallace said to Sergeant Johnson.  
answer: (d) dead
- A5 "I am sorry that you just broke up with your boyfriend but you have to pull yourself together. I could hear you screaming, crying and yelling on your cellular phone out in the hallway from here. If the boss catches you on a personal call when you aren't on a break, she'll fire you," Todd told Tammy.  
answer: (a) together
- A6 "You don't know anything about hardship. Your grandfather was a car mechanic before the war and lost his hands when a grenade exploded. When he got back, he pulled himself up by his boot straps and went through college to become a financial analyst. Your just have an annoying roommate and that doesn't count to me as hardship," Justine told his little brother.  
answer: (b) boot straps
- A7 "I know you are looking at me to give you a solution to your business problems but I can't. I can't just pull an answer for you out of a hat. I am your older brother but you know more about business than I do. From what little I do know, it sounds like your problems are outside of your control and are industry-wide," Bill told Carl.  
answer: (d) hat
- A8 "I hated to do it to him but he was going to make a big mistake by ordering his team to work seven days a week until the problem was solved. I ended up pulling rank on him and told the team to keep their regular schedules," John told his wife.  
answer: (b) pulling
- A9 "You want to get a job at the factory? I went to management school with the boss. I will see if I can pull some strings and get you a job," Joe told his friend.  
answer: (a) strings
- A10 "Don't try to pull the broken ankle thing on me again. Your ankle doesn't have anything to do with painting your planter boxes. Besides, your ankle healed more than four months ago," Joe said to his little brother.  
answer: (d) pull

*English Slang Idioms (319)*

- A1 "I am going to have to find another job. The state of California just pulled the plug on our funding and our program has been shut down. I need to get out of the field of education," Brian told Janice.  
answer: (d) plug
- A2 "Christopher is such a jerk. I was planning a surprise party for my girlfriend and he pulled the rug out from under me and told her about the party to get back at me for not loaning him some money," Stanley told Jake.  
answer: (c) rug
- A3 "My roommate really pulled the wool over my eyes this time. He was in an Accounting class last semester and offered to sell me is textbook for cheap. I took him up on it and then found out that the professor is going to use a different book this semester and my roommate knew that," Gilbert told Hank.  
answer: (c) eyes
- A4 "It was hard to finish the semester when I got pneumonia but I pulled through and still got perfect grades in all of my classes," James told Anna.  
answer: (b) through
- A5 "The bus accident really made our family pull together. We weren't half as close before Mom, Dad and Tom were injured in the crash," Bill told Melissa.  
answer: (a) together
- A6 "I am glad the police officer was walking by that day. I was about to hit my coworker but the sight of a cop made me pull up short. I can't believe I almost did something that stupid; hitting him would have caused so many problems," Jake told Greg.  
answer: (b) short
- A7 "My father was in the Air Force so every time I got used to a place or a school, we were pulled up stake and moved away to a new town. I got to see a lot of places in the world but it was hard not living anywhere for more than a year or two," Bill told Jan.  
answer: (b) stake
- A8 "My dad has a lot of authority in our family but my mom controls the purse strings. She decides what is bought and when and my dad goes along with it," Craig said to Calvin.  
answer: (d) purse
- A9 "He told me that if I run for school president against him, he will talk to the coach and get me kicked off the football team since the coach is a family friend. I am going to run anyway and I am not going to let him push me around," Joel said to his roommate.  
answer: (c) around
- A10 "We need to get going now if we are going to get home by nightfall. Let's push off and head home," Brian said to his wife at the bed and breakfast.  
answer: (a) off

*English Slang Idioms (320)*

- A1 "I don't know why she lets him control her life; she's such a push-over," Kelly said to her roommate about her sister and her sister's boyfriend.  
answer: (b) push
- A2 "I have to find someone who will take care of my tortoise when I die. It will still be alive long after I am pushing up daisies," Matt said to Kim.  
answer: (a) daisies
- A3 "We are trying to put a new face on our company by being socially responsible and pursuing sustainable business practices. The days of obtaining profit at the environment's expense are gone as of now," the new CEO said in the press conference.  
answer: (b) face
- A4 "I wish my little sister would stop being such a doormat. She does whatever her friends want her to do and she is always the one spending all the money," Gracie said to her boyfriend.  
answer: (d) doormat
- A5 "It is my understanding that dangerous, potentially life-threatening hazing practices by fraternities are still taking place. We need to put an end to those practices. It is not worth someone's life or happiness," the college president said in the meeting with the school fraternities.  
answer: (a) end
- A6 "Can we put aside our differences until after the wedding so that our son has an awesome day? I know we aren't going to get along but can we call a temporary truce until after it is done?" Ben asked his ex-wife.  
answer: (c) aside
- A7 "I got to see my mom for the first time in five years and it really put back the clock. I remembered so many things from my childhood I had forgotten about and I even felt younger," Mary told Billie.  
answer: (a) clock
- A8 "I know that you are friends with the hiring manager at the bank. I just applied there. Would you be willing to put in a good word for me?" James asked his friend.  
answer: (c) word
- A9 "I love that Mexican Food Restaurant. Their burritos are so good and big and their salsa is so fresh. We should go sometime," Amber said to Jane. Jane responded, "I just told you I was hungry. Stop putting ideas into my head. Now I really want to go to that restaurant."  
answer: (b) ideas
- A10 "OK, I'll go to the restaurant with you at lunch. I am going to get their fish tacos, though. Their fish tacos are to die for," Jane said to Amber.  
answer: (b) die

*English Slang Idioms (321)*

- A1 "Sergeant Wilson challenged my ideas about how to train the company and I sure put him in his place. I reminded him that I outrank him and that he knows about telephone systems and nothing about leading troops," First Sergeant Kent told Sergeant Major O'Brian.  
answer: (c) place
- A2 "Your story of your hike in Mexico calls to mind the time we were hiking in South Korea and my shoes fell apart. No one ever forgets something like that for some reason," Brain said to Paul.  
answer: (a) mind
- A3 "Wow, is my roommate ever mad at me. He and his girlfriend started talking about politics and the military and, of course, I had to put in my two cents' worth. He said that I made him look stupid in front of her. I didn't mean to make him sound ignorant but he was wrong," Paul said to Ned.  
answer: (d) cents'
- A4 "Look at that idiot on the motorcycle popping a wheelie right by the police department. I wouldn't be putting on the dog like that in front of the police," Ryan said to Steven.  
answer: (c) dog
- A5 "You can move the pump out of the way. You just have to put your back into it," Sergeant Walter told Specialist Henning when he saw him attempt to move the pump they were using to pull the water out of manholes.  
answer: (b) back
- A6 "I have been working this lousy desk job for the past eight months. They put me out of action after my heart attack. I can't retire for two more years. I guess I'll be stuck in this job until I retire," Detective O'Malley said to detective Hartford.  
answer: (a) action
- A7 Johnny and Grant made a bet about which one of them would score the most points in the semi-final basketball game. They were both currently tied at 15 points apiece. Johnny shot a three-point shot with less than 15 seconds left in the game. He turned to Grant and said, "Hah! I've won the bet. Put that in your pipe and smoke it!"  
answer: (d) pipe
- A8 "I am sorry, Tim. I can't loan you any money right now. Paul just put the bite on me for \$40 and now I am broke until Thursday," Matt told him.  
answer: (c) bite
- A9 "My steaks turned out OK after I barbequed them but my friend Paul's barbequed steaks put mine to shame," Chris told Beth.  
answer: (a) shame
- A10 "I like our economics class but the teacher is so boring. He almost put me to sleep the last class," Bill told Brian.  
answer: (d) sleep

*English Slang Idioms (322)*

- A1 "We need to start looking for other jobs soon. Management said that they are going to streamline the company and one of the most popular jobs to outsource is telephone-based customer service. I can put two and two together I think we are going to be laid off," Tommy told Julia.  
answer: (a) together
- A2 "You put up a good fight but you are no match for me," James jokingly said to Derrick after he beat him in chess.  
answer: (d) fight
- A3 "He acts like he is doing well, financially, by spending a lot of money in public but I think he is just putting up a good front. His wife told me that they are two months behind on their mortgage payments and I know that he has a lot of credit card debt," Chris told Linda as they were discussing their friend Stan.  
answer: (c) front
- A4 "I am mad at the cable company. We keep getting charged for equipment rental the cable box and remote and that was not part of the deal. I asked them up front, when we arranged for the service, if we would have any other charges other than the monthly service and they said no," Ken said to Cathy.  
answer: (a) front
- A5 "You keep telling us how good you are at table tennis. I have challenged you before but we haven't got around to playing. It's time to put up or shut up. Let's play and see if you are as good at it as you say you are," James said to Tom.  
answer: (c) shut
- A6 "I can't wait to get my own place. I have had to put up with my roommate having company over all the time. It will be nice to be able to go to bed whenever I want without being woken up by someone else," Matt told his brother.  
answer: (d) with
- A7 "Your soon-to-be husband wants to become a rock star. He wants to leave school and join a band as a guitar player," Kyle told Linda. Chris said, "I have never indicated that I want to leave school and play in a rock band. Stop putting words in my mouth! That is what you want me to do — not what I want to do."  
answer: (a) words
- A8 "The state of California just passed a law saying that no house built before 1960 can be legally sold," Adam told Chris. Chris responded, "No, they didn't. You are putting me on. The government wouldn't do that to people. So many people would lose their financial well-being if that were the case. There are lots of houses older than that in California — including mine."  
answer: (b) on
- A9 "Why were you so rude to our host at dinner? That was a serious putdown when you told him that if he goes to school he can get a decent job. What is wrong with his job? He likes his job," Sarah asked Tim.  
answer: (a) putdown
- A10 "You found the problem with that car pretty fast. You are pretty quick on the draw," the boss complimented Hank.  
answer: (c) draw

*English Slang Idioms (323)*

- A1 "I like James. He is quick on the uptake. You only have to tell that guy how to do something once. He understands the importance of something and how it works very quickly," Jack said to his assistant.  
answer: (b) uptake
- A2 "You won't be disappointed by giving me this job. I am a quick study," Kyle said to the hiring manager.  
answer: (a) quick
- A3 "Wow, we bought quite a bit of groceries. I guess it goes to show that one shouldn't go to the grocery store when hungry. We originally were only going to get a couple bags of groceries and we bought eleven," Chris said to Linda.  
answer: (c) quite
- A4 "We did buy quite a few groceries, didn't we?" Linda responded.  
answer: (d) few
- A5 "I decided to leave my job for a number of reasons: the hours were irregular, the pay was bad, my abilities weren't being utilized and I wasn't learning any valuable skills," Henry told Bob.  
answer: (c) number
- A6 "Apparently rave parties are quite the thing now. A lot of my friends go to those and have invited me. They aren't really my scene, though. I don't like the loud music," Chris said to Jacob.  
answer: (a) thing
- A7 "My husband is funny. We will go to a nursery and, immediately, he zooms in on the succulent plants. Why, I don't know. I think that succulents are too small most of the time and are kind of boring," Linda said to Tabitha.  
answer: (c) in
- A8 "I can't wait to get to the hotel. We have been driving for 15 hours and I am zonked out. I can't wait to get into bed," Karen said to Robert.  
answer: (a) out
- A9 "I told you not to say anything to my sister about what we were talking about. She called me today to yell at me for discussing her issues with you. You need to zip your lip when I tell you secrets or personal stuff," Beth told Alyssa.  
answer: (d) lip
- A10 "What is wrong with you lately? We use to have such a great time together. Now, it feels like you spend most of your time with me zeroing in on my faults. Do you not like me anymore?" Greg asked Lisa.  
answer: (a) zeroing

*English Slang Idioms (324)*

- A1 "I went to the farmers' market to buy a succulent plant and got zilch. They didn't have any succulents at all," Chris said to Paul.  
answer: (b) zilch
- A2 "This is a weird presidential campaign. I can't seem to find any information on the two candidates' platforms in the newspapers. All I can find on the candidates is yellow journalism talking about rumors and potential scandals about the two," Chris said to Linda.  
answer: (c) yellow
- A3 "One nice thing about Arcata, California that was not true about Alberta, Canada is that one can garden year-round. The winters are so mild," Linda said to Chris.  
answer: (d) round
- A4 "We have all jumped off this bridge into the water a hundred times and have been fine every time. Will you stop being so yellow-bellied and jump in?" Eric's older brother said to him on the bridge at the lake.  
answer: (b) bellied
- A5 "You are too much of a yes-man at work, Todd. The boss could tell you to shine his shoes and you would say Yes, Sir.' You need to stand up for yourself sometimes," Donna told him.  
answer: (a) yes
- A6 "Would you like to go to the amusement park on Saturday, Tommy?" his dad asked him. Tommy replied, "You bet! I would love to go! That will be so much fun!"  
answer: (c) bet
- A7 "Make sure to take the car in to a mechanic before deciding to buy it," Cheryl told Sam. He replied, "Do you think I was born yesterday? I don't know anything about cars so of course I will take it in. I don't want to get ripped off."  
answer: (d) born
- A8 "We need to end the war in Iraq and get the troops home. They don't want us there and we aren't accomplishing anything sustainable in my opinion. We need to bring them home because this country is supposed to be for the people, by the people' and the American public isn't in support of the war," James said to Simon. Simon said, "You can say that again! Only something like 30 percent of the public is in support of the war."  
answer: (c) again
- A9 "You can tell your grandfather to use a paint roller all you want but it is not going to do any good — no matter how good it is. He has been painting with a brush for at least 50 years. You can't teach an old dog new tricks," Chris's grandma said.  
answer: (d) teach
- A10 "There is a sale on outdoor furniture sets at K-Mart right now," Sarah said to Bette. She responded, "You don't say! That is great. We have been looking for a new set ourselves for a while now. I am going to go to K-Mart right away."  
answer: (b) say



*English Slang Idioms (325)*

- A1 "The politicians in office today need to start looking for a solution to our Social Security program running out of funds instead of passing the buck to the next people in line," George said to Luke. "You said it! I am sick of hearing about problems in this country and never hearing about any solutions. I know that finding a solution is hard but if we work on it now it might not be too late," Luke responded.  
answer: (b) said
- A2 "It is too hot in Redding, California. I can't even sleep in this heat," Jack told Joe. Joe said, "You are telling me! It was over 105 degrees at 1 o'clock in the morning. We had our air conditioners on all day yesterday and we were still hot."  
answer: (d) telling
- A3 "Oh, they are coming out with a new red-headed Barbie and a new Ken," Rachel said to Joanna. Bart, Joanna's brother, said, "Yakety yak. You girls talk too much. You haven't shut up since we left home three hours ago. "  
answer: (c) yak
- A4 "You'd better be quiet. Professor Thomson has zero tolerance for people talking in class. He'll stop teaching and kick you out of class if he catches you," Jill said to Steve and John.  
answer: (c) tolerance
- A5 "I don't know why Paul decided to spend all of his money and go bankrupt. Your guess is as good as mine. It doesn't make any sense to me. He was doing fine and then he lost it," Pauline said to Ashley.  
answer: (a) guess
- A6 "I don't want to spend my money on expensive cars, electronics and other possessions. I just want enough to get by and then spend my extra money on good times and on people. Buying expensive stuff seems stupid to me; you can't take it with you," Grace said to Joanne.  
answer: (d) take
- A7 "I can't find where I buried our time capsule that we made five years ago," Eric said to Gina. She replied, "Did you look for a big X? X always marks the spot. At least it does in the movies anyway."  
answer: (c) spot
- A8 "When I was a kid, I used to want X-ray vision like some of the superheroes had. I don't think I want that anymore. There is a lot I would rather not see. A lot of personal things should remain personal," Zack said to Will.  
answer: (c) vision
- A9 The kids got caught trying to sneak into the X-rated movie playing down the street. The man working there that caught them said, "You don't want to see this trash. You might think you do right now but trust me, you don't. You will wish you hadn't and it will make you sick."  
answer: (a) rated
- A10 The paperwork had piled up on him again. He waded in and gave it his best effort. It took until an hour after his workday was usually over to finish it. He vowed again never to let it pile up like that again but in the back of his mind, he knew it would happen again.  
answer: (a) waded

*English Slang Idioms (326)*

- A1 "I enjoyed the Gender and Communications class I took but there was so much reading. On average, I had to wade through a 75-page article on gender and society every other night," Chris told Ian.  
answer: (a) through
- A2 "Your parents are really good to you, Bob. When you are at their house, they wait on you hand and foot. When I am at my parents' house, I have to do everything myself and half of their chores too," Henrietta said.  
answer: (c) foot
- A3 "You are walking too fast. Wait up!" Julia said to her boyfriend as he started power-walking up the trail.  
answer: (b) up
- A4 "There are no more seats available for the global economics class but I can put you on the waiting list if you would like. That way, if anyone drops the class or doesn't show up, you might be able to get into the class," the lady who worked in Admissions and Records at the college said.  
answer: (b) waiting
- A5 "Health care is getting worse all the time in the United States. I went to the emergency room in a hospital about a month ago — when I burned my hand on my barbecue — and I was stuck in the waiting room for seven hours before I was seen by a doctor. Good thing I didn't have a life-threatening condition at the time," Wesley said to Adam.  
answer: (a) waiting
- A6 "I know you miss Todd but you have to wake up to the fact that he is not coming back," Allison told her sister. Her sister's boyfriend had left her to move to Scotland.  
answer: (b) wake
- A7 "I feel like I am walking a tightrope right now. I am working full-time and going to school full-time and I am always on the brink of getting fired for being too tired or taking too much time off for exams. At school, I am always on the brink of getting kicked out for getting poor grades. I don't have time, with work and school, to devote to studying enough to get good grades," Ellis said to Robert.  
answer: (a) tightrope
- A8 "You have to tell your roommate to buy more things for the apartment. He never gives you money for toilet paper or cleaning supplies and eats a lot of your food. You can't let him walk all over you," Ben's brother told him.  
answer: (c) over
- A9 "There is a lot of money in renovating old houses and reselling them. We just sold the one we have been working on and we walked away with \$75,000 more than what we paid for it," Justin told Hank and Rosa.  
answer: (b) walked
- A10 "You are going to have to work harder. The college is not going to let you walk off with a good grade you didn't earn. It takes time and effort to succeed in school," Dan told his daughter when she received some bad grades.  
answer: (d) with

*English Slang Idioms (327)*

- A1 California is an interesting place because one can find people from all walks of life living together in harmony. There are business men and women in suits, hippies in tie-dye shirts, people from other countries and other cultures and a lot of people interested in science and ecology, among others.  
answer: (d) walks
- A2 "I don't think we should kick ourselves for choosing this place over another. There was no way for us to know, knowing what we did then, the extent of repairs we would have to complete to make it livable. We are just going to chalk it up to a learning experience," Chris said to Linda.  
answer: (a) chalk
- A3 When the new manager found out how many mistakes the acting manager made before he got there, he made him walk the plank. He couldn't allow someone to work there who obviously didn't care about his work or the company.  
answer: (d) plank
- A4 "I would recommend, if you are having problems making your papers sound academic enough, hanging around Hank for a while. He knows more obscure words than anyone I have ever met. He is like a walking dictionary; he can provide you with all kinds of interesting choices for words to use," Jasmine told Monica.  
answer: (c) dictionary
- A5 "Sir, you shouldn't be eating a sandwich in front of everyone. You just told everyone they were not allowed to eat unless they were on break or lunch and you are on neither. Now that you put the rule out there, you are going to have to walk the chalk. It hurts morale when leaders don't follow their own rules," the assistant told the boss.  
answer: (a) walk
- A6 "I caught Joe willfully making false statements on his paperwork and gave him his walking papers. I can't have someone working for me that is dishonest and fraudulent," Max told Jennifer.  
answer: (d) papers
- A7 "John, there is no reason for you to be a wallflower at the dance tonight. You are decent looking and you know how to dance. I know this because I taught you myself. You are never going to get a girlfriend without putting in some effort," Wesley told his cousin.  
answer: (c) wallflower
- A8 "Wow, that hot sauce packs a wallop! I was not expecting it to be that hot; especially since it says Medium' on it," Jack told his wife.  
answer: (b) wallop
- A9 "Let's talk about this in the park after work. I don't feel comfortable talking about it here; even the walls have ears," the FBI agent said to her partner.  
answer: (d) ears
- A10 "If you are looking for an inexpensive bicycle why don't you check the want ads in the paper? There are a lot of good deals in there," Phil said to Alexis.  
answer: (a) want

*English Slang Idioms (328)*

- A1 "I am wearing this sweater tonight to ward off the perverts. Every time I wear something revealing or form-fitting to the bar, I get hit on by every weirdo in the county," Vicky said to Loraine.  
answer: (a) ward
- A2 "Would you like something to drink?" Eleanor asked Ben and Sandy. Sandy replied, "How about some hot tea or coffee? I am freezing cold." Eleanor told her, "I have some fresh Oolong tea brewed. I'll give you some of that to warm your blood."  
answer: (c) blood
- A3 "The coach took me off the starting position because I missed the last four practices. I guess I should be lucky that I wasn't kicked off the team but warming the bench for the next three games is no good," Billie told Isaac.  
answer: (a) bench
- A4 "Before we start the morning run, we are going to do some warm-ups and some stretching. We'll stretch first and then do some jumping jacks, some mountain climbers and we'll run in place for two minutes," the physical education teacher told the class.  
answer: (c) ups
- A5 "I am washing my hands of the whole affair. I told the project coordinator that we would not be allowed to have a booth that serves food at the fair without a permit and she refused to look into getting one. I called the treasurer and told him and he told me to follow the project coordinator's directions. I tried and it is not going to be my fault when this club is broke because someone didn't want to get a permit," Johnny told Jill.  
answer: (d) hands
- A6 "Just telling me you are sorry is not enough to wash the whole episode out of my memory. You got drunk and insulted my family and I to our faces. I am not going to forget that anytime soon. This relationship is over," Kathryn said to Barney.  
answer: (a) wash
- A7 "My brother is incompetent and lazy. He got kicked out of school for poor grades, he washed out of the military and recently lost his job for taking too many sick days. He's pathetic," Tanner said to Diana.  
answer: (c) out
- A8 "I feel sorry for Jays' family. Now that he got fired from his job for stealing, he's washed up. No one will give him a job in this town," Kendal said to Bartholomew.  
answer: (c) up
- A9 "Don't go on a diet, Angela. You aren't fat. If you lose any more weight, you are going to waste away," Carlotta said.  
answer: (b) waste
- A10 "You might as well give it up; you are wasting your breath. He is not going to listen to you even though you are right," Marshall said to Martin when he tried to warn Fred that his car brakes were bad.  
answer: (c) breath

*English Slang Idioms (329)*

- A1 "I was not expecting to buy a new set of tires this month. We are going to have to watch every penny for the next little while or we aren't going to be able to pay our bills," Howie said to Eugenia.  
answer: (c) watch
- A2 "You think you are a better mountain biker than I am and you think you can beat me in a race? Well, eat my dust," Ernest said to Joey as he took off down the hill on his bicycle.  
answer: (a) dust
- A3 "You better watch it or you are going to get fired. So far, the boss hasn't seen you come in late but he will one day. You have been late three out of the four days so far this week," Violet said to Anastasia.  
answer: (c) it
- A4 "Bill cheats on every exam in college. It is only a matter of time before he gets caught and expelled," Christian said to Aiden.  
answer: (b) matter
- A5 "We are in church! You better watch your language! Juliette said to her boyfriend after he cursed.  
answer: (b) language
- A6 "I want to show my mother that I know how to raise kids who are well behaved so will you do me a favor and mind your manners at grandma's house tonight?" Dana asked Sue and Becky.  
answer: (c) manners
- A7 "You better watch your mouth. If you insult my wife again I am going to have to ask you to leave," Chris told the rude guest.  
answer: (d) mouth
- A8 "The floor is wet right now so everyone remember to watch their step!" the janitor told the staff.  
answer: (b) watch
- A9 "Make sure to watch out for people using your credit card for fraudulent purchases. Go through your bills each month and make sure you made every purchase listed," Jeff's father told him as he was getting ready to move away to college.  
answer: (c) out
- A10 "You might as well walk off and do something else; otherwise you will be standing here forever. A watched pot never boils," Jerry said to Louisa.  
answer: (d) pot

*English Slang Idioms (330)*

- A1 "We are going to have to pay someone to watch over the animals and plants while we go on vacation. They can't go that long without food and water," Jane said to Craig.  
answer: (d) over
- A2 "I like our boss. He gives compliments when they are due and doesn't water down his criticisms so you know exactly where you stand, what you are good at and what areas need improvement," Carol said to Byron.  
answer: (d) down
- A3 "Don't worry about standing me up the other night. I know you had a good reason for it and I don't have any hard feelings. It's all water over the dam," Phil said to Lavonne.  
answer: (a) dam
- A4 "Let's go out for a few drinks tonight. I know a local bar that is low-key and has upper-class clientele. The place is the local watering-hole for lawyers and judges so we won't have to worry about loud, rude college kids," Elsie said to Carolynn.  
answer: (b) watering
- A5 "I know you don't like giving authority to employees but that is the way the wind blows these days. Most companies in our industry are using empowered work teams and are reporting higher moral and better results than when they used the more rigid hierarchical system of authority," Jamie said to Bert.  
answer: (c) blows
- A6 "I don't know how or why he bought that house. He doesn't have the ways or means to afford a house like that. It is at least \$100,000 more than the houses that should be in his price range," Chris said to Linda.  
answer: (a) means
- A7 "I thought that we would be together but once her career took off, he left me by the wayside," Frank said to Simon.  
answer: (a) wayside
- A8 "My company pays me for gas mileage but they really don't factor in the wear and tear that my vehicle gets from steady use," Jeff said to Alex.  
answer: (d) tear
- A9 "My dad said that we can't go to the prom but we are steadily wearing away at him. I think there is a chance of him changing his mind," Jill told Danny.  
answer: (d) away
- A10 "My mom can usually spot someone who is lying to her but she seems to wear blinders around her new boyfriend. I don't trust him and have caught him lying to her several times," Tommy told Herb.  
answer: (c) blinders

*English Slang Idioms (331)*

- A1 "Johnny is a likeable guy but I can trust him as far as I can throw him. I have seen him at work and he is slightly dishonest when it comes to fixing people's cars. He cuts corners and fixes things that aren't broken. I figure that same mentality transfers over to other areas of his life," Bob said to Harry.  
answer: (b) throw
- A2 "My husband won't let me paint the deck a burnt-orange color but I am starting to wear him down. I keep bothering him about it so I hope he will get so tired of it and become less opposed to the idea," Janet said to Aurora.  
answer: (a) down
- A3 "Your brake pads are worn out. You will need a new set in the front," the mechanic told Caleb.  
answer: (c) worn
- A4 "I always like to see Kyle but he has been here too long. He is starting to wear out his welcome by asking for too many favors. I want to see him get back on his feet but I am starting to get annoyed with him," Paul told Chris.  
answer: (c) welcome
- A5 "I can tell that Bob has some say in the family but his wife definitely wears the pants. I have heard him ask her permission to buy things and to go out with his friends," Julianne said to Tina.  
answer: (d) pants
- A6 "The joke was funny the first time but it is starting to wear thin. He told me the same joke the last four times I have seen him," Jack said to Eric.  
answer: (a) thin
- A7 "My brother and I both told our parents we would help them move this weekend and now my brother has weaseled out of it at the last minute. My dad has a bad back and my mother is a small woman so who do you think is going to be doing all the work?" Sean said to his girlfriend.  
answer: (b) weaseled
- A8 "My brother is a little overweight but he wears it very well. It is evenly distributed throughout his body and with his ramrod-straight posture, he doesn't look bad at all," Alan said to Pat.  
answer: (b) wears
- A9 "I consider nice' to be a weasel word if it is used to describe something instead of someone. What does that term really tell you? Nothing," Jerry said to Chris.  
answer: (d) word
- A10 "It is hard living with one income right now when we are used to having two. We have weathered worse so I know we will get through it but I hope my husband finds a job soon for many reasons," Wanda said to Kara.  
answer: (b) weathered

*English Slang Idioms (332)*

- A1 "I can't stand my neighbors. They have parties until the wee hours of the morning almost every day in the apartment next door. They are so loud it is almost impossible to sleep through their parties.  
answer: (c) hours
- A2 Basic Training serves two purposes: one, strengthens the recruits and gets them ready for military services and, two, weeds out the people who are unfit for duty.  
answer: (d) weeds
- A3 "It is time to weigh anchor and get on the road. We can make it to our destination if we leave right now and drive rather quickly. Otherwise, we'll have to spend another night on the road," Dan told Melissa.  
answer: (d) anchor
- A4 "I am sick of constantly being weighed down by debt. It will be nice to someday have enough money to go on a mini-vacation if we feel like it," Paul said to Chris.  
answer: (a) weighed
- A5 "We are still waiting for the court to weigh in with the verdict. I'll call and let you know what happens as soon as I know something," Jack told his mom over the phone at the court house.  
answer: (b) in
- A6 "Knowing that my friend intends to divorce his wife and that I can't say anything to her is really weighing on me," Chris told Linda.  
answer: (a) on
- A7 "His threats about quitting don't carry any weight with me. He threatened to quit many times and, recently, just bought an expensive car. He won't be able to quit now," the boss told her assistant.  
answer: (c) carry
- A8 "I am sorry but your problems are your own now. I've tried to help out for years and you keep getting into financial trouble. I can't afford to give you all of my money and I can't let your problems weigh me down any longer," Paul told his brother.  
answer: (b) down
- A9 "I love her family. They welcomed me with open arms and made me feel at home right away. I can't believe I was so nervous about meeting them," Carl said to his parents about his girlfriend's family.  
answer: (a) arms
- A10 "Iraq could easily be the next Vietnam if we are not careful. We stayed too long in Vietnam and then abandoned our supporters to die. We need clear objectives and a clear timeline to measure our success and to know when to leave," Matt said to Kyle and Dustin. Dustin said, "That was very well put. I couldn't have said it better myself."  
answer: (c) put



*English Slang Idioms (333)*

- A1 His main supplier had just gone out of business. He had to figure out a way to weather the storm until he could find another.  
answer: (c) storm
- A2 "My parents have always been well-off. Both come from moderately wealthy households and both have good-paying jobs. We've always lived in nice houses," Chris told Jake and Roxanne.  
answer: (d) off
- A3 "Is it OK if I take a quick break, boss? All this dust is making my mouth dry. I am going to go get something to wet my whistle," Sam said.  
answer: (b) whistle
- A4 "Dad has been whaling away at the siding on the backside of the house for hours and it still won't come off. He has been steadily beating at it with a hammer and I think the hammer will break before the siding comes off," Sammy told his mom.  
answer: (c) away
- A5 "What a pity! And after all the gardening work you have done! To lose all your plants like that in one stupid heatwave is a real shame," Jill said to Eleanor.  
answer: (d) pity
- A6 "When I see that mailman, I am going to give him what for. I am going to chew him out because he didn't close the mailbox after he put our mail into it and then the rain destroyed half of it. I can't even see how much I owe on some of the bills and I will have to call each company to find out," Walter told Bette.  
answer: (a) what
- A7 "You are dating Sarah?" Bart asked with a sneer. Luke responded, "Yeah, and what of it? I like her so what is your problem?"  
answer: (a) of
- A8 Anthony walked into his apartment and saw his roommate and his best friend looking solemn and deep in thought. He asked, "What's cooking? What are you guys worried about?"  
answer: (c) cooking
- A9 "When I was handling the bills and was late on one, you made me do the dishes, for a week, to pay for my mistake. Now you are late and you will do dishes for a week because what's good for the goose is good for the gander," Emily told her husband.  
answer: (d) goose
- A10 There were two men taking his shed apart and he could see them outside his window. He ran outside and yelled, " Hey! What's the big idea? Why are you touching my shed?" They responded that they had received a work order to come out and remove a shed. It turned out that they had the wrong house it was the neighbors' shed they were supposed to remove.  
answer: (b) idea

*English Slang Idioms (334)*

- A1 His telephone rang and he picked it up. It was his brother. Ryan said, "Hey Rob. What am I doing? I am watching a movie on TV. Why? What 's up?"  
answer: (d) What
- A2 He noticed a big, ugly curtain hanging in his mom's living room and could think of no reason why it would be there because there were blinds behind it. "What's with the big curtain?" he asked her.  
answer: (b) with
- A3 A law degree was not enough to get a job in the Supreme Court building. One had to wheel and deal to get a job there.  
answer: (c) deal
- A4 "I'll work in a warehouse again when hell freezes over," Mark told his brother when his brother asked him to get a job at the warehouse to keep him company.  
answer: (d) freezes
- A5 "My husband seems pretty meek but when push comes to shove, he is as tough and aggressive as any other man," Sylvia said to Hillary.  
answer: (c) shove
- A6 When it comes to math, one has to remember to be meticulous and double-check for errors. It is too easy to make a mistake in one small calculation that carries over into the rest of the problem.  
answer: (b) comes
- A7 "I am telling you, Chu's is where it's at if you are looking for good Chinese food. There is no place that serves more or better quality Chinese food in this whole town," Jay said to Chris and Pauline.  
answer: (a) where
- A8 He found that he did his best work when the chips were down. When he was about to get fired or when he was close to losing a relationship due to financial instability, he found a way to succeed in a big way. He wasn't sure why his work suffered when things were going good and he wasn't sure he liked what that said about him.  
answer: (c) chips
- A9 "Tammy, bring the dinner plates to the left-hand side table and bring the dessert plates to the kitchen please," Grace said. Tammy responded, "Which is which? They are all the same size and color. Is there something that I am not seeing?"  
answer: (a) which
- A10 "Are we getting close to the turnoff for Shelter Cove yet?" Linda asked Adam. He replied, "We are still a while away from it. I will let you know when we are close."  
answer: (d) while

*English Slang Idioms (335)*

- A1 "We are not going out anymore. When did we break up? It was a while ago; must be about a month now," Greg told his brother when he asked how Amy was doing.  
answer: (b) ago
- A2 "Where is the exit? Oh, we passed it a while back. I am sorry, I should have told you. I got caught up in the conversation and forgot to pay attention," Fred said to Amos.  
answer: (c) while
- A3 "We can't go to Aaron's house without eating dinner first. Let me just whip something up and we will eat quickly and go. It will only take a minute," Sally said to Ian.  
answer: (a) whip
- A4 "If he keeps yelling at me, I am going to quit. I don't deserve the abuse. I work hard and my work is good. I am not going to be the boss's errand boy for any amount of money," Grant said to Randall.  
answer: (a) errand
- A5 He told the judge that he would be a gangster for life. He started whistling a different tune when the judge gave him a five-year sentence.  
answer: (d) tune
- A6 "Tommy told me that if the boss ever spoke to him like that, he would quit or tell him off. I think he's just whistling in the dark. I have heard the boss criticize him before and he gets very meek and polite," Joshua told Hank.  
answer: (b) dark
- A7 "Your computer is broken? Let's call my friend David. He is a whiz at fixing computers," Kyle said to Elizabeth.  
answer: (c) whiz
- A8 "I am sorry, I can't make it for dinner after all. I have been feeling sick all day," Allison said to Marcie. Bill said, "Allison, you have been feeling fine all day. Why did you tell them you were sick?" Allison replied, "I didn't feel like going after I found out Greg was coming. I couldn't tell Marcie that because she likes him. It's no big deal; it's just a little white lie."  
answer: (a) white
- A9 Some college students in our town believe that the Bush administration is trying to whitewash the amount of soldiers who have really died in Iraq.  
answer: (d) whitewash
- A10 "You boys are getting too rowdy to play in the house. Why don't you go whoop it up outside?" Al said to Josh and Braden.  
answer: (a) up

*English Slang Idioms (336)*

- A1 "We responded to a report of gang violence downtown and we went out to investigate. There were ten youths fighting each other and we attempted to break it up. They turned on us and started to attack us so we arrested the whole lot of them," Peterson told the chief.  
answer: (b) lot
- A2 "We went to the party last night and all of the who's who in Los Angeles were there. I have never been around that many famous or powerful people before. It was exhilarating," Tammy told Juliet.  
answer: (d) who
- A3 "I love getting that wide-eyed look of astonishment from customers when I show them how to use the remote-control. Most people don't know what all their electronics can do without someone pointing out all of their features and they become very happy once they realize all of the functions the electronics have," Jeff told Brian.  
answer: (d) eyed
- A4 "I was watching the Frank Sinatra roast last night and it was hilarious. All of his friends and co-workers had so many funny jokes that made fun of Frank Sinatra to tell," Beth said to Aaron.  
answer: (a) roast
- A5 "I responded to that tip we got over the telephone about the killer's whereabouts and I got led on a wild goose chase. I went to about ten different spots and there was no evidence that the killer was ever at any of those locations," Bill, a detective, told his boss.  
answer: (c) goose
- A6 "The enemy is in range now. Fire at will!" The commander told the troops.  
answer: (c) will
- A7 "I want to go to film school but my father will not hear of it. He has decided that I will become a doctor like he did and no argument will change his mind. I don't care what he thinks, though. I am not going to become a doctor; I don't want to," Jesse told Ryan.  
answer: (a) hear
- A8 "My professor and I disagreed about what grade I should have received on my paper. He thought it was average work and I didn't agree. I fulfilled all of his requirements and then some. After a few hours in his office, my argument won out and he changed my grade to an A-," John said to Grant.  
answer: (b) won
- A9 "I am a good student when it come to math, law and business but I am definitely behind the curve when it comes to English. I have been lucky to make it through the English classes I've taken so far," Willy said to Keenan.  
answer: (d) curve
- A10 "We have been doing great this season. We have a six game winning streak going and there are only a few more games until the playoffs. We will definitely get to the playoffs — if not further," Jay told his dad when his father asked how his baseball team was doing.  
answer: (c) streak

*English Slang Idioms (337)*

- A1 "I hope that old wind sock retires soon. He talks on and on but doesn't ever say anything of substance. He is hurting our firm by remaining in the figurehead position. People won't have confidence in us if they talk to him and figure out that for all the talking, he has nothing to say," Brent told Jim about the senior law partner in the law firm.  
answer: (b) wind sock
- A2 "I know that a good night's sleep would increase my chances of success on tomorrow's final exam but I am too wound up to sleep," Jill told Nancy.  
answer: (a) wound
- A3 "I like John but his wife is too overbearing for my taste. She is always trying to dominate the conversation or activity I am involved in and she needs to be in control of virtually everything that happens," Jane told Jack.  
answer: (b) overbearing
- A4 "I am sorry; could you repeat yourself? I didn't get much sleep last night and I am still a little groggy," Ned said to John.  
answer: (a) groggy
- A5 "Who let Lisa out of the booby hatch? Did you hear that argument she just made for shortening the work week? It made no sense at all," Brian said to Tina.  
answer: (c) hatch
- A6 "I am lucky; my boss gives me a lot of leeway during the work week so I can tailor my days the way I want to. Some of my friends are on these tight, constricted schedules that dictate exactly what they do, how they do it and when the work is done," Jill said to Rosa.  
answer: (d) leeway
- A7 "If you are looking for Mr. Rossini's office, it is in the west wing of the building on the third floor. I think it is number 307 but I couldn't swear to it," Hank said to the man.  
answer: (c) wing
- A8 "We have to discipline Jeremy for what he did. Theft is nothing to wink at. We can't allow him to think stealing is OK," Bill said to Nina.  
answer: (a) wink
- A9 I am scared of living anywhere where there are tornados. It is horrible to see whole towns that are wiped out by tornados on the news.  
answer: (a) wiped
- A10 "I wouldn't challenge Chen to a game of chess if any of your friends are around. He will wipe the floor with you," Sylvia said to Marisol.  
answer: (b) floor

*English Slang Idioms (338)*

- A1 "Did you see that kid crash his bike in the park just now. It was one of the worst wipeouts I have ever seen," Brenda said to Amanda.  
answer: (d) wipeouts
- A2 "No, I didn't see it. My brother is all beat up from eating it on his bike. Crashing your bike can hurt and result in serious injury sometimes," Amanda replied to Brenda.  
answer: (b) eating
- A3 "I didn't think that he was using me until Paul put me wise to what he was doing. After Paul presented his argument, there was no way I could deny what was happening," Blake said to George.  
answer: (b) wise
- A4 "I can't wait until Joe is gone. His last day is next week. He is too much of a wise guy for my taste. He is always cracking jokes at someone else's expense in a really poisonous way," Jeff said to Carl.  
answer: (c) guy
- A5 "I am sorry that you got used again but you have to wise up to the fact that a lot of guys are going to try to date you because you are rich and they want to spend your money," Alyssa said to Anne.  
answer: (d) up
- A6 "I like a good wisecrack as much as the next person so it is hard for me to say this. We have to stop joking around at the office because some of the jokes hurt people. We can't let that happen since we are all a team," Bill told his staff.  
answer: (a) wisecrack
- A7 Rather than actually studying, many students will wish on a variety of lucky charms or talismans in the hope of tapping into some divine luck that will assist them in passing a test they know nothing about.  
answer: (b) wish
- A8 "I know there are a lot of people who claim to be Christians who aren't the best people in the world. However, people at the college I attend are constantly attacking Christians and saying horrible things about them as a whole group. If one says he or she is a Christian, some people start pouring out all of this hate at that person about the condition of the world — like it is that person's fault. It seems like the situation is one step away from becoming a witch-hunt," Chris said to Adam.  
answer: (c) witch
- A9 "You all signed on with a free hand so don't complain to me that someone made you do it. It is time to accept the consequences of your actions and take the pain," the Drill Sergeant said to the new recruits.  
answer: (a) free
- A10 "How can you say that? I don't want your money! I love you with all my heart!" Autumn said to Logan.  
answer: (d) heart

*English Slang Idioms (339)*

- A1 "The way the other team acted when we won was a great example of how to accept defeat with very bad grace. When we lose, we will congratulate the other team and shake their hands," the coach told the little league team.  
answer: (a) grace
- A2 "Can I have a coffee please? No she can't have any caffeine right now because she is with child," Rosa said to the host.  
answer: (c) child
- A3 "If you want to become a singer you have to be extremely motivated at all times and give 110 percent effort while performing. You have to sing with your heart and soul," the music teacher told Tommy when he mentioned pursuing a singing career.  
answer: (c) soul
- A4 "If you touch my toys again I am going to beat you to within an inch of your life," Bob told his younger brother.  
answer: (b) inch
- A5 "You are going to go to truck-driving school? I you like it and I wish you the best," Chris said to Kyle.  
answer: (d) best
- A6 "Don't you dare let that job opportunity whither on the vine. You need to call tomorrow and accept the offer for your family's sake," Beth told her husband after he told her he had received a job opportunity three days before and hadn't told her.  
answer: (c) whither
- A7 "At this company, we let our employees choose their own work schedules within bounds. You have to work in eight-hour blocks and it can't be on Sundays because the building is closed," the hiring manager said to the new employee.  
answer: (b) within
- A8 "I like staying at my parents' house. I can do anything I want to — within reason," Ben said to Ian.  
answer: (a) reason
- A9 "A tree fell and hit my brand new shed. It came down like a ton of bricks," Ben mournfully told his friend.  
answer: (b) bricks
- A10 "You don't have a spare tire? I guess we are up a creek without a paddle. The nearest store is over six miles away," Bob told Jared when he got a flat tire.  
answer: (d) paddle

*English Slang Idioms (340)*

- A1 "The salesman just told me that I couldn't return the car or receive a refund without batting an eye," James told Tina after his used car broke down.  
answer: (d) eye
- A2 "Jay is a dependable guy and I like that. He is always on time, here at 8 o'clock, without fail," the manager told Kathleen.  
answer: (c) fail
- A3 "We haven't been able to woo Mr. Anderson away from his current supplier. We will keep trying though," Ryan told his boss at the paper company.  
answer: (a) woo
- A4 "Oh, I didn't know that Derrick had a bad back. No wonder he didn't offer to help me build my shed in return for my helping him landscape his yard," Mitchell said to Jacky.  
answer: (c) wonder
- A5 "I don't mean to interrupt but you have told me that story, word for word, a number of times," Kyle said to Eric.  
answer: (a) word
- A6 "You might want to watch how many drinks you offer Bob. He will keep drinking until you have nothing left and then he will claim he is too drunk to drive. Then you will have to offer him a bed and breakfast in the morning. Just a word to the wise," Mitchell said to Paul.  
answer: (b) wise
- A7 "I love my car. I had to work my fingers to the bone to get it but it was worth every penny," Jason said to Lewis.  
answer: (a) fingers
- A8 "You want us to add a brief history of the company into the promotional video? I think we can work that into the piece," Jesse said to Grant.  
answer: (d) work
- A9 "I can't come to your house this weekend. I broke my neighbor's window playing baseball and my father is making me work that off," Hank said to Joey.  
answer: (c) off
- A10 "I have let myself get out of shape. I am going to start working out next week again. I am going to run, do pushups, sit ups, and lift weights," Barbara said to Nancy.  
answer: (b) working



*English Slang Idioms (341)*

- A1 "Why did you go to the Sergeant Major to address your problem with your section sergeant? The person you should have talked to is your platoon sergeant. If he couldn't resolve it, then you could go to the first sergeant. You have to work through the channels first," Sergeant Wallace said to Private Henry.  
answer: (b) channels
- A2 "If you want me to testify, you are going to have to offer me some protection. I have been worked over by the mob twice already; resulting in a broken arm and they threatened to kill me next time," Edward said to the police.  
answer: (a) worked
- A3 "I know that you don't like people who are late but you have to stop getting so worked up about it. You will be mad half your life if you get that mad every time someone is a little bit late," Sarah told Anna.  
answer: (a) up
- A4 "Don't feel bad about not being able to do as many pushups as I can. You have to work up to it. It takes a lot of time, patience and motivation. I have been doing this for a long time and I feel sure that when you have been here as long as I have, you'll be able to do more pushups than I can," Drill Sergeant Harris told Private Buckman.  
answer: (b) work
- A5 "If you graduate college with good grades, the world is your oyster. You can do anything you want to do," Jerry's dad told him.  
answer: (c) oyster
- A6 "I am really sad about my best friend Paul. We used to be so close and so similar but now we are worlds apart," Chris told Linda.  
answer: (a) worlds
- A7 "That is awesome! You have a nice car, a nice house and a beautiful wife. You have really come up in the world since I last saw you," Bryant said to Fred. They worked together five years ago in the fast-food business.  
answer: (c) up
- A8 "I don't know how he got in here. I told him he couldn't come to your party but he seems to have wormed his way in here somehow," Josh told his brother.  
answer: (c) wormed
- A9 "I respect a lot of lawyers but not Eddie Crankenborkel. He is a worm who makes his money off of exploiting others' sorrows. He never does anything for anyone for less than \$500 an hour," Zack told Melissa.  
answer: (a) worm
- A10 "You may have beat me in cards the last five times we played but I have already won two games today in a row. I think the worm is starting to turn," Art told Chris.  
answer: (d) turn

*English Slang Idioms (342)*

- A1 "I can't keep staying out late at night. I have been out late three times already this week and I am warn to a frazzle," Janice said to Jasmine.  
answer: (c) warn
- A2 "It is so hard to do anything with Shannon. She is such a worry wart. She asks a million questions that are all doom-related. For example "Are you sure your tires are good? I don't want to crash. Are you sure we won't get bitten by a wild animal on the hike? Are you sure we won't get sick from the food at the restaurant?" I have given up on inviting her to events," Shelly told Cara.  
answer: (d) worry wart
- A3 "Are you OK?" Paul asked Samuel when he fell down the stairs. "I am OK. My pride is hurt by I am none the worse for wear," he replied.  
answer: (d) worse
- A4 "If he is worth his salt he will give you a quote for how much it will cost. Good contractors can estimate how long it will take and what they will need to get the job done," John said to Jeff.  
answer: (b) salt
- A5 "Rhonda said that Kevin stole money from her. I wouldn't put it past him; he isn't a trustworthy guy," Shannon told Henrietta.  
answer: (b) past
- A6 "That shed has so much rot in the walls that it will cost more to repair than to buy a new one. I wouldn't give him a dime for it," Fred said to Bob.  
answer: (c) dime
- A7 "My boyfriend will buy me a new purse now that I have lost mine. He buys me what I asked him to; I have him wrapped around my finger," Lisa said to Jennifer.  
answer: (c) finger
- A8 "I have to go make some calls and you all have work to do so let's wrap this meeting up," the boss told the staff.  
answer: (d) wrap
- A9 "Paul is way too wrapped up in himself. All he talks or cares about is himself," Sean said to Rick.  
answer: (a) up
- A10 "The stupid caterpillars have wreaked havoc with my garden," Beth said to Gina.  
answer: (d) wreaked

*English Slang Idioms (343)*

- A1 "I gave up on trying to hang out with Jimmy. He never puts any effort into our relationship," Hillary said to Natasha. She responded, "I know what you mean. I wrote him off after he didn't return my calls. I am sure if I called him and got a hold of him he would want to hang out on his terms but that doesn't work for me."  
answer: (d) wrote
- A2 "I can't believe it; I got written up for speeding again. If it happens again, I might lose my license," Alice told Lacy.  
answer: (c) up
- A3 "The play was a complete write-off the acting was poor and the story was dumb," Jean said to Ed.  
answer: (c) off
- A4 "There is definitely something wrong with your plumbing. Something is gumming up the works. I would recommend calling a plumber," George told his friend.  
answer: (a) gumming
- A5 "I am sorry I am late for work today, Boss. There was a traffic jam on the freeway and I was stuck in it for 40 minutes," Ron said.  
answer: (c) traffic
- A6 "I can't seem to get this essay completed. I have had writers block for the past four hours and I can't seem to break through it and think of anything to write," Kyle said to his roommate.  
answer: (b) writers
- A7 "Do you mind if I use your computer to finish making these notes? I have writers cramp in my right hand really badly," Dan said to Hans.  
answer: (d) cramp
- A8 "Can you believe that my mom won't let me date Frank because she says he's from the wrong side of the tracks? Who cares if he is poor and doesn't live in a nice area? That doesn't say anything to me about who he is. She just said I would understand when I am older and have kids of my own," Clarissa said to Winter.  
answer: (b) tracks
- A9 "I have been trying to get a hold of Hank but it has been in vain. He never seems to be home. Have you been able to reach him?" Abbey asked her sister.  
answer: (a) vain
- A10 "There is so much talk about family values these days. What do people actually mean when they bring that topic up?" Bill asked Adam.  
answer: (d) values

*English Slang Idioms (344)*

- A1 "John is an idiot. Everything that comes out of his mouth, in my opinion, is verbal diarrhea. It is either useless information or it is incorrect," Bill said to Paul.  
answer: (c) verbal
- A2 "Tom complained about Joanne to their boss last year. Joanne found out about it and complained to the boss about Tom. Tom caught word of it and complained about Joanne and it has been a vicious circle ever since," Jeff said to Grace.  
answer: (b) circle
- A3 "I am sorry that I can't speak louder. I have a cold that seems to have settled in my voice box. I haven't been able to talk normally for three days," Linda croaked to Sam.  
answer: (d) voice
- A4 "I think Hank is a good person. I get a good vibration from him every time I see him," Lynn said to Cindy.  
answer: (a) vibration
- A5 "You had better be on time in the future if you want to keep this job. The boss takes a dim view of people being late to work," Cheryl said to Steve.  
answer: (d) view
- A6 "I think Beth's older daughter is really cute but her little one is kind of an ugly duckling," Julia said to Nancy.  
answer: (a) duckling
- A7 "I won't go on a blind date that you set up, Jack. No offense but your last girlfriend was as ugly as a mud fence," Tom said.  
answer: (c) mud
- A8 "The boss told me today, in no uncertain terms, that he will fire me if my stats don't go way up in the next month," Tammy said to Jonathan.  
answer: (b) uncertain
- A9 "Donald Rumsfeld left office under a cloud — as did several others. There have been a lot of rumors of people doing dishonest or amoral things in the Bush administration," Bart said to Kyle.  
answer: (a) cloud
- A10 There are many car accidents caused each year by intoxicated under age drivers.  
answer: (d) under

*English Slang Idioms (345)*

- A1 "You are under arrest!" the police officer informed the criminal.  
answer: (b) under
- A2 "Our new store is still under construction but it will open by the beginning of next month," the manager told her staff.  
answer: (d) construction
- A3 "You guys have to let me go! I am a policeman, you jerks," Billy, an under cover agent told the policeman when they arrested him at the scene of a drug deal.  
answer: (b) cover
- A4 "Our company is really under fire in the media at the moment for refusing to cover acupuncture," the health insurance representative said in the meeting.  
answer: (a) fire
- A5 "You better keep the alcohol under lock and key when Josh comes over. He has a tendency to drink too much and become obnoxious," Herb told the Jamison's.  
answer: (c) lock
- A6 "I am making more money these days. I can charge more now because I have ten years of experience and now a degree under my belt," Gerome said to Mike.  
answer: (c) belt
- A7 "I am sorry that they heard me say that I couldn't eat the food. I tried to say it under my breath but I guess I said it too loud. I will have to apologize," Hank said to Jenna.  
answer: (b) breath
- A8 "I can't believe that our son has been drinking right under our nose for the last few months. How did we not see that?" Jake asked Kim.  
answer: (d) nose
- A9 "She must have resented him for trying to keep her under his heel. He was kind of a tyrant about it," Ben said to Jessica when they were talking about their friend's divorce.  
answer: (d) heel
- A10 "I made it through college under my own steam but I had to ask for a loan for the down payment for this house," Sarah told her brother.  
answer: (b) steam

*English Slang Idioms (346)*

- A1 "Jared has been hitting on me all night and I am definitely under his spell. I am going to ask him out on a date for tomorrow," Lilly said to Jacky.  
answer: (b) spell
- A2 "My dad keeps the household pretty well under his thumb. He does a good job but I am ready for some independence," Jeremy said to Joel.  
answer: (d) thumb
- A3 "Joe and I go way back. He was having a hard time in basic training so I kind of took him under my wing and then, when I had a hard time in the advanced training, he helped me," Ken said to Ron.  
answer: (c) wing
- A4 When the civilian was shot by the soldier, the government needed to find out whether the soldier was on orders at the time. If he was not, he is going to jail.  
answer: (c) on
- A5 "I will resign but I am resigning under protest and I want that on the record," Matt said when the government asked him to leave for talking to the press about a matter they wanted to keep secret.  
answer: (d) protest
- A6 "I really wanted my mother to come stay with us but under the circumstances I understand why she is not coming. The fire is so close to her house that she can't leave and have a good time," Ben said to Jasmine.  
answer: (d) circumstances
- A7 "I only make \$15 an hour at the construction job but it is all under the table so it works out to be more since I am not paying taxes on it," Jack said to Craig.  
answer: (a) table
- A8 "It isn't just you that finds his comments offensive. Everything under the sun takes offense to his comments," Jill said to Leanne.  
answer: (a) sun
- A9 "I am going to throw a party for my brother but keep that under wraps for now until I know for sure what day it is going to be on," Ned said to Ty.  
answer: (c) wraps
- A10 "I don't work for Head First. My organization is under the same umbrella of education though," Peggy said to Irma.  
answer: (a) umbrella

*English Slang Idioms (347)*

- A1 "Everything you see is for sale in this garage except for the chainsaw. The chainsaw is not up for grabs," Tom told the first people to arrive at his yard sale.  
answer: (c) grabs
- A2 "Johnny! You are up and about! I was getting worried about you. You were really sick for the past two weeks," Kyle told his nephew.  
answer: (b) about
- A3 "Alright, up and at em. It's time to go to work," Steve's dad informed him at 6:30 in the morning.  
answer: (b) at
- A4 "I know you planned to have the foundation completed sooner but you don't know what we're up against out there. We are still working on it but hitting all that rock has put us back about three hours. I will call you as soon as I have an update," Sean told Bob.  
answer: (a) against
- A5 "I told my son that I forbade him to join the Marine Corps and he went against my wishes and joined anyway. I miss him so much and hope he is OK," Hank said to his best friend.  
answer: (d) went
- A6 "The mayor just announced today that he won't support the bill everyone is talking about and the whole town is up in arms. Some people have called for his resignation and some others have recommended impeachment," Sally told her daughter when she came for dinner.  
answer: (d) arms
- A7 "Would I like to go to a plant sale with you? Yes, I would. As you know, gardening is one of my favorite hobbies so a plant sale would be right up my alley," Chris told Adam.  
answer: (c) alley
- A8 "I know you like to have a schedule that we stick to but do you have to be so up tight about it? We were five minutes late to our first destination and you got really angry. Can you relax on the schedule a bit?" Linda asked Chris.  
answer: (b) tight
- A9 "I can't believe my boss gave me another report to analyze. I am already up to my neck in reports that need to be analyzed," Beth said to Ellis.  
answer: (a) neck
- A10 "Can you find us another screwdriver? This one is not up to scratch. The tip is stripped and won't turn the screw," Matt's father said to him.  
answer: (d) scratch

*English Slang Idioms (348)*

- A1 "We are going to have to find another saw with more power. The battery-powered ones, like the one you have, die very easily. This one is just not up to snuff," Jared told Sam.  
answer: (b) up
- A2 "I just can't seem to get on top of this pile of work. I am constantly buried up to the hilt in over-due cases. I will have to work overtime if I want to get this done," Jenny told Tom.  
answer: (a) up
- A3 Designing sustainability programs for companies that want to go "green" is a major up-and-coming industry in the United States right now.  
answer: (d) coming
- A4 "We managed to get our project into the boss's office on time but it was close. We were editing it right up to the last minute," John told Harris.  
answer: (a) minute
- A5 "I am very glad that we did get the project in on time. It was pretty dicey, wasn't it? I wasn't at all sure we would have it done in time," Harris responded to John.  
answer: (c) dicey
- A6 It is hard for college kids to afford school these days. Not only must they come up with the cost of tuition and books, they must come up with the money to purchase the most up-to-date computer programs to be able to complete their assignments.  
answer: (d) date
- A7 "I am glad that I took it upon myself to help that old lady seal her roof. She never would have got it sealed otherwise," Chris told Linda.  
answer: (d) upon
- A8 Everyone, regardless of socioeconomic levels, has to deal with problems. Poor people really do have to deal with more problems, though, than the upper crust of society.  
answer: (c) crust
- A9 "I understand why you would want to streamline the company by laying people off and transferring jobs overseas. However, do you really want all those people out of work on your head?" Kyle asked Ian.  
answer: (b) head
- A10 "When Tina stood me up at my wedding, it turned my whole world upside down. I was crushed," Zack told Jesse.  
answer: (d) world



*English Slang Idioms (349)*

- A1 "I didn't have the money with me when I went through the toll and the person working in the toll took my name and address and told me that he would send me a bill. When I received the bill, they had tacked on a late charge since I didn't have the money with me at the time and another random penalty," James told Hank.  
answer: (a) tacked
- A2 "That guy has been nothing but trouble since he started working here. I know I shouldn't feel this way but after all the problems he caused here, I felt good about seeing him leave here with his tail between his legs," Mr. Simon said to his assistant.  
answer: (c) tail
- A3 "I have always wanted to see the movie you rented. I walked in on the tail end of it and it looked very good," James told his wife.  
answer: (c) end
- A4 "I miss smoking tailor-made cigarettes. Now that I am in college and broke, I can only afford the kind you roll yourself," Ben said to Ian.  
answer: (a) made
- A5 "This is the man who is responsible for breaking every sales record in company history. James, take a bow!" the manager told him at the company get-together.  
answer: (a) bow
- A6 "I heard that you have had a hard time getting one of the stumps out of your backyard. For \$25, I'll take a crack at it," Bill said to the couple.  
answer: (d) crack
- A7 "I think your friend is mad that we got married. He just tried to take a dig at me by insinuating that my job would not make us enough to support ourselves," Willy said to Amanda.  
answer: (b) dig
- A8 "I am going to have a whiskey on ice. Would anyone else like to take a drop?" Max asked the party.  
answer: (a) drop
- A9 "I have always liked gardening but my husband didn't like it in the past. It is only recently that he has taken a fancy to gardening," Linda told Alice.  
answer: (c) fancy
- A10 "I can't believe that Sylvia left the party after Steve made that little comment. He was obviously joking around and told her so as well. Can't she take a joke?" Julia said to Harris.  
answer: (a) take

*English Slang Idioms (350)*

- A1 "Hey, Jim. How are you doing? Why don't you sit with me and take a load off your feet? We haven't seen each other for a while and we need to catch up," Phil said.  
answer: (d) load
- A2 "I am so embarrassed. I invited my parents to see the play I am in and it flopped. The singing and acting was bad and the lead forgot her lines twice," Irma said to Kathy.  
answer: (b) flopped
- A3 "I am starting to see some clouds. Let's hurry up and get this window back into your house before the weather takes a turn for the worse," Chris said to Derrick.  
answer: (a) turn
- A4 "I know you like to joke around and you don't like our boss but taking a poke at him in public was not a good idea. You know our boss has a long memory and no sense of humor," Paula said to Ricky.  
answer: (c) poke
- A5 "You better watch out when you go down the stairs in those high-heels, Brooke. There is a lot of ice on the stairs and it would not be fun to take a spill down them," Kayla said.  
answer: (c) spill
- A6 "I can't seem to get this nut off of the chassis. It is really stuck on there. Would you take a whack at it, Bob?" Simon asked.  
answer: (b) whack
- A7 "I couldn't believe someone could get so mad over a misunderstanding. One day, I didn't say hello to one of my neighbors when she was walking by on her daily jaunt. I was busy and had my hands full. I apologized later and was taken aback by the ferocity in her voice. She accused me of being rude, mean and all sorts of other things. I don't understand," Linda said to Roxanne.  
answer: (a) taken
- A8 "You got a full scholarship to Harvard University? You are going to go, right? You have to take advantage of that great opportunity!" Simon said to his best friend.  
answer: (c) advantage
- A9 "Your boy can eat so much food and he never gains a pound!" Lisa said to Brandy. She responded, "He takes after his father in that respect. Max can eat and eat and he never gains a pound either."  
answer: (a) takes
- A10 "The boss seems so nice but he can sure be tough when he wants to be. I was late turning in my expense report and he took me apart in his office for about ten minutes. Let's just say I felt decidedly humble afterwards," Sally told Jennifer.  
answer: (d) apart

*English Slang Idioms (351)*

- A1 "I accused my husband of seeing someone else after I caught him on the phone with another woman. I felt about three feet tall when I found out that he was planning a surprise birthday party for me and he was inviting my best friend from high school who I haven't seen in ten years," Sarah said to Jessica.  
answer: (d) tall
- A2 "Your mother wasn't smart enough to go to college. That is why she stays at home," Billy the Bully told Steven. Steven said, "You better take that comment back," and clenched his fists in anticipation of a fight.  
answer: (c) back
- A3 "The other team was supposed to be better than our team but we took them by storm. The final score was 108 to 21," Bill told his father after the basketball tournament.  
answer: (a) storm
- A4 "I can't believe my husband was able to organize a surprise party for me that was so big and included so many of my friends. I had no hint of it whatsoever; the party took me completely by surprise," Beth said to Alyssa.  
answer: (a) surprise
- A5 "I am glad we bumped into each other. It was good to see you again. Take care!" Thomas said to Steve.  
answer: (d) Take
- A6 "Bill walks around here like he is the greatest thing this planet has ever seen. He isn't half as great as he thinks he is. I wish someone would take him down a notch," Gail said to Pauline.  
answer: (c) notch
- A7 "Jim, you are looking like you are too hot. You are sweating and pale. I am worried about you. Why don't you take five in the shade and then come back," the foreman told him.  
answer: (d) take
- A8 "Of course I am not going to watch that stranger's dog while she goes to another country. I have never seen her before in my life. What do you take me for?" Chris asked Derrick.  
answer: (c) take
- A9 "I miss Rosa so much. I took her for granted for too long and she left me for being a jerk. I wish she would come back so I can tell her how I really feel," Michael told Robert.  
answer: (b) granted
- A10 "I know you are depressed about failing the Accounting midterm but take heart!" There is enough extra credit available in that class to more than make up for that poor grade. You still have a great chance of getting a good grade in that class," Grant's roommate told him.  
answer: (d) heart

*English Slang Idioms (352)*

- A1 "Bob always makes fun of me at work but I just take it in stride and refuse to let it bother me. He makes himself look bad when he does it," Matt told Amber after she asked him if he was alright after a particularly acidic round of comments from Bob.  
answer: (b) stride
- A2 "I am sorry, Joe. You are such a good employee that I didn't want to take issue with you for being late but I decided I had to so that you know my policy. I know that sometimes being late is inevitable but give me a call and let me know. You could have — given your situation," the boss told him.  
answer: (a) issue
- A3 "I will be ready to go to the hotel in a few minutes. Just give me a little while to take it all in. Everything is so beautiful," Kim said to Jack after they stepped off the plane in Hawaii.  
answer: (b) in
- A4 "Now it is my pleasure to introduce this band from Atlanta, Georgia. They are renowned for their blues and jazz routines. I give you the Squirrels! Take it away, boys!" the emcee directed the band.  
answer: (d) away
- A5 "I am sorry I messed up on the chorus again," the guitar player told the band. "Let's take it from the top and this time I won't make that same mistake again."  
answer: (d) top
- A6 "I know that you are very angry with your boyfriend but don't take it out on me. I didn't do anything wrong," Lisa's brother said.  
answer: (c) take
- A7 "When I started my second job, I felt fine. I still had energy and motivation. But, the long hours are starting to take their toll on me. I am tired and apathetic almost all the time," Jill said to Alice.  
answer: (b) toll
- A8 "I am so tired of that lady coming by at all hours to ask us for favors. I don't take kindly to people who ask for favors when I barely know them and they haven't done anything for me or even offered to," Chris told Linda.  
answer: (d) kindly
- A9 "I have given you a lot of leeway on your project but you are taking liberties that I can't allow. You are abusing my trust," the boss told Jack after he bullied another department and then told them that the boss had given him the authority to do so. "I didn't say you could do that or anything like that," the boss continued.  
answer: (a) liberties
- A10 "The cable company is charging us a late fee. I paid the bill on time and I can prove it. I called them and explained that and they refused to remove the late fee from the amount owing. I am not going to take this lying down. I am going down there to talk to the manager and anyone above him or her if I don't get resolution to this," Bill told his wife.  
answer: (b) lying

*English Slang Idioms (353)*

- A1 "Bill told me that he would meet his sales requirements but I don't hold any stock in that. He says a lot of things but doesn't always live up to what he says," Martin said to Al.  
answer: (c) stock
- A2 "Hey, take note of that tall blond walking down the street. She is sure attractive," 16 year-old Billy said to his friend Greg.  
answer: (a) note
- A3 "I felt so bad for this guy tonight. The master of ceremonies was announcing the next performers and he was walking around as he was doing it. He then tripped over his microphone cord and fell off the stage. Luckily, only his pride was hurt," Nelly said to Samantha.  
answer: (d) ceremonies
- A4 "I can't believe that Tina and George left our party five minutes after they got here because of a call from a friend on their cell phone. I take offense to things like that!" Nick said to Mike.  
answer: (d) take
- A5 "Matt won't talk to me at the moment. I told him the other night that the way he interacted with his girlfriend when they were fighting was funny. He was quite witty at the time and I thought he would take it as a compliment. Unfortunately, he took it the wrong way and thought I was making fun of him," Jenny told Chris.  
answer: (b) way
- A6 "I hate the loud volume and people crashing into me at the concerts you take me to. Don't get me wrong. I like the music and I like the concerts; I just don't like the volume and people in my space," Shelly told Bob.  
answer: (a) wrong
- A7 "The view of Shasta, Trinity and Butte County on top of Mount Lassen is truly amazing. The first time I got to the top of the mountain, the view took my breath away," Bonnie told Kevin.  
answer: (c) breath
- A8 "I am so scared, every day, that my husband won't come home. It is hard to be the wife of a police officer. He takes his life in his hands every day and he might get killed by some crazy criminal," Lydia told Jacky.  
answer: (d) life
- A9 "I am disappointed that you didn't keep your word but I have got my measure of you now. I am happy that this happened so I know not to do any major business with you," Frank told Jimmy.  
answer: (b) measure
- A10 "I swear to God that I didn't break the window," Billy told his parents. "Don't take the Lord's name in vain again! It's a sin. I know that you broke the window! I saw it myself and wanted to know if you would tell the truth," Dan told his son and then grounded him for two weeks.  
answer: (d) vain

*English Slang Idioms (354)*

- A1 "I am going to build a planter box this weekend. I am going to take my time and do it slowly and perfectly. I am not going to rush or work on it like I have a deadline," Chris said to Linda.  
answer: (d) time
- A2 "I like jokes but I am not going to take part in the practical joke you are planning. Some people get mad or hurt when a joke like that is played on them," Doug said to Kevin and Robert.  
answer: (b) part
- A3 "I know that lady is annoying; always asking for favors from us but I kind of take pity on her. She is old and alone. I know that she could do a lot of these things herself but it is much harder for her to do them," Luke said to Eugenia.  
answer: (c) pity
- A4 "This has been a rough year for us. We opened a business and had to put ourselves into a lot of debt until the company took root in this community. It was a very stressful time," Craig said to Jan.  
answer: (c) root
- A5 "Your planter box is starting to take shape. I know that you have more to do but it is starting to look good," Bill told Chris.  
answer: (a) shape
- A6 "Let's go out to eat today. How about trying that new Indian food restaurant?" Jill asked Jacob. He responded, "Sounds good to me. That place looks pretty promising."  
answer: (b) promising
- A7 "We understand that a number of our toys have lead paint in them. We are taking steps to minimize the damage to communities through recalls and getting the story on the news. We are also working, internally, to make sure this never happens again," the spokesperson for the company said during the press conference.  
answer: (c) steps
- A8 "You are going to have to confess to breaking the window or I will tell my parents you did it. I am not going to take the rap for you," Billy told Joey.  
answer: (a) rap
- A9 "We are trying to convince the witness to take the stand and testify against the mob but he is too scared to do so at the moment. Maybe if we offer some protection, he'll change his mind," Detective Roberts said to the chief.  
answer: (c) stand
- A10 "You can tell that Joe is already half in the bag; he is laughing more than I have ever seen him laugh and he has already ran into about half of the tables and stools in this bar," Kylie said to Steve.  
answer: (b) bag

*English Slang Idioms (355)*

- A1 "I can't believe you won't help me move after I took the trouble to help you get a job and help you with your roof," Tim said to Jesse.  
answer: (b) trouble
- A2 "I can't believe you just brought up the fact that the boss hasn't paid you for all of your overtime and that your computer still hasn't been fixed right after he started reprimanding you because you failed to meet your performance targets," Jill said to Allison. Allison replied, "Well, the best defense is a good offense."  
answer: (d) defense
- A3 "Well, this concludes my portion of the presentation. Next up is Mr. Stevens with a lecture on increasing efficiency in the workplace. Mr. Stevens, will you please take the floor?" Mr. Renner asked.  
answer: (c) floor
- A4 "Well, if that doesn't just take the cake. I can't believe that after we helped her clean her yard, paint her house and fix her car that she refused to let us borrow her shovel," Chris said to Linda.  
answer: (b) cake
- A5 "Do you have any snack food I could have? I just need a little bit of food to take the edge off until we go out to dinner. I haven't eaten for seven hours," Lacy said to Jim.  
answer: (d) edge
- A6 "I hate when a case comes apart because a witness takes the fifth. It is hard to know when information overlaps. I didn't realize that by testifying against the defendant, the witness would be incriminating himself. I think I just lost this case," the prosecuting attorney told the District Attorney.  
answer: (b) fifth
- A7 "I am sorry to hear that your mother just passed away. Why don't you take the next couple of days off and come back to work when you are ready," the boss told Jacqueline.  
answer: (c) off
- A8 "I know that it is risky and crazy to move from Indiana to Hollywood on the off-chance that I can get a job as an actress. I have always wanted to be an actress so I am going to take the plunge. I am going to move away in two weeks," Becky told her friend.  
answer: (d) plunge
- A9 "The hike up that hill — in this muggy, hot weather — sure took the starch out of me. I am exhausted and don't feel like doing anything but sitting down," Maggie told Gina.  
answer: (a) starch
- A10 "I made a promise to myself that I am going to take time out, every day, to do something I enjoy like gardening. I have been working, doing chores or cleaning from the time I wake up until the time I go to bed for too long," Jill said to Bethany.  
answer: (c) out

*English Slang Idioms (356)*

- A1 "I think I can get the time off from work to go to the concert with you since I have plenty of time to arrange it at work. I will call you and let you know very soon whether I can go with you or not," Kelly said to Roxanne.  
answer: (b) off
- A2 "I am happy with the way that turned out. It could have turned out very badly. When I caught the guy stealing, I was afraid he was going to attack me but he just took to his heels and ran off," George told his wife.  
answer: (b) heels
- A3 "Removing the rocks from the backyard wasn't as hard as I thought it would be. My friend Adam came over and he, my wife, and I all took turns hauling them out in my wheelbarrow. It went fast and none of us got tired quickly," Luke told his mom.  
answer: (d) took
- A4 America, before World War 2, didn't want to go to war again. It wasn't until after Pearl Harbor was bombed that the public was ready to take up arms and join the fray.  
answer: (a) arms
- A5 "Why did you take it upon yourself to clean the garage? I told you I would do it tomorrow," Bill said to his wife.  
answer: (b) upon
- A6 "I don't understand Willy. He had a perfectly nice girlfriend and now he has taken up with a mean viper of a woman," Eleanor said to Maude.  
answer: (d) up
- A7 "You know how good Ryan is at the theater. I finally got him an appointment with a talent scout in Hollywood. This could be his big break!" Lisa told Henrietta.  
answer: (c) scout
- A8 "George is kind of hard to talk to. We all talk about things that are going on or things that we are interested in at the moment. All he does is tell tall tales that may or may not be true. Whether they are true or not, I am not sure why he tells them we don't want to hear about a fish he might have caught twenty years ago," Rhonda told Sylvia.  
answer: (b) tall
- A9 "Wow, your friend Paul can sure talk a blue streak! I don't think he quit talking the whole hour and a half he was here. I think he might be a compulsive talker," Randy told Chris.  
answer: (d) streak
- A10 "Jesse, don't talk back to your mother when she asks you to do something. Just do it. If you have a good reason why you can't, tell her. But, if not, just do it without the attitude," Ben told his son.  
answer: (a) back



*English Slang Idioms (357)*

- A1 "Bill, I hate when you talk down to me. I know all about the subject we are talking about; I specialize in it but you talk to me like I am either a little kid or ignorant. I am neither," Tom said.  
answer: (d) down
- A2 "You talk big but can you back it up? I am challenging you to a game," Linus said to Bart after he bragged about how good he was at chess.  
answer: (d) big
- A3 "Bob, I hate to interrupt, but you are talking in circles. Can you please give us a definite answer?" the boss asked the head of accounting at the meeting.  
answer: (a) circles
- A4 "Jake, you are talking over our heads. We know a little about auto mechanics but the things you are talking about are way beyond our skill or experience level. Can you dumb it down a bit?" Charlie asked.  
answer: (c) heads
- A5 "Jerry, you are talking a lot of rot. None of what you say is true, feasible or desirable. We would not be better off as a species if we took pills to suppress our emotions — even if it were possible," Dan said.  
answer: (b) rot
- A6 "Since the boys are all talking shop and we can't understand what they are talking about because we don't work there, let's get out of the heat and talk about more interesting subjects," Jill suggested to the wives who were at the barbeque.  
answer: (d) shop
- A7 "I know you have been trying to decide whether you want to sell you boat and, if so, what price you want for it. Have you decided? Are you ready to talk turkey?" Matt asked Alex.  
answer: (d) turkey
- A8 "You want me to pump all of the manholes on this post, by myself, by the end of today? That is kind of a tall order, don't you think, Sergeant? There are 26 manholes on this post and it takes about a half-hour to pump one," Private Jones said.  
answer: (c) tall
- A9 "If dad catches you stealing change from his piggy bank he is going to tan your hide," Jerry told his little brother.  
answer: (d) hide
- A10 "I am working for a local auto dealer now. My hot rod business tanked after the price of gasoline shot up," Kevin told a friend he hadn't seen in a while.  
answer: (b) tanked

*English Slang Idioms (358)*

- A1 "We get a lot of business in the summer time and then it tapers off about October or so. When the weather gets cold, people don't want to go boating anymore," Jack said to Greg.  
answer: (b) tapers
- A2 "You are wondering if I am going to leave you because your hair fell out during chemotherapy? I can assure you, that thought never passed through my mind. I love you, hair or not," Bart told his wife.  
answer: (d) thought
- A3 "I know that I hurt you earlier when I told you that you needed to be more detailed in your work. However, this tit for tat business is just going to hurt our relationship. You shouldn't have done what you did to pay me back for hurting you earlier," Shannon said to Haley.  
answer: (c) tat
- A4 "I knew that we had to go but it was very hard to tear myself away from the garden show. I was having so much fun looking at all the plants!" Chris said to Linda.  
answer: (b) tear
- A5 "Don't even think about tearing up, Joe. You are going to be fine. You just scraped your knee," Luke said to his brother.  
answer: (d) tearing
- A6 "I just watched the movie The Notebook for the first time and it is such a tearjerker. I wholeheartedly recommend it," Lisa told Amber.  
answer: (a) tearjerker
- A7 "I had to wait in line for 20 minutes before I got to the receptionist at the Department of Motor Vehicles. Once I got there, she said that I had to fix one line on my form before I could get helped and made me go to the back of the line to fix it. I was so teed off!" Travis said to Randall.  
answer: (c) teed
- A8 "I looked at the plants you told me to look at and I couldn't tell them apart. I think the differences are too subtle for someone who isn't very interested in plants," Jane told Chris.  
answer: (d) tell
- A9 "The mailman left the door of my mailbox open again and it's raining. I am going to tell him off next time I see him," Walter told Maxine.  
answer: (b) off
- A10 "I can't believe Tom told on me for writing notes in class. I thought we were friends!" Luke said to Joey.  
answer: (a) told

*English Slang Idioms (359)*

- A1 "Stop playing the guitar out in your yard in the afternoon. It's annoying," Shelly, Josh's next-door neighbor told him. "Where do you get off telling me what to do in my own yard?" He asked.  
answer: (a) off
- A2 "These days you spend most of your time at Geraldine's house taking care of her yard. You told me you aren't getting paid, so what's in it for you?" Bill's roommate asked.  
answer: (b) in
- A3 "Johnny's so dumb, he can't tell time!" The bully said in class  
answer: (d) time
- A4 "You should stop stealing files on the Internet. You are tempting fate by doing that. It would break you if you got caught," Lilly told Lewis.  
answer: (b) tempting
- A5 "We will put your plan into play on Monday. Now, in terms of the other matter we discussed earlier, we are going to have a meeting on Wednesday to figure out which branch of the business we should close down," the CEO said to the others in the meeting.  
answer: (d) terms
- A6 "Why do you always have to test me when I am tired?" Josh asked his son when he refused to clean up his toys.  
answer: (d) test
- A7 "Thanks to Jacky, we have this wonderful buffet to enjoy at lunchtime," the boss told the staff.  
answer: (c) Thanks
- A8 "Do you need any cream or sugar for your coffee?" the person asked as he handed the cup to Jay. Jay replied, "Nope; that'll do."  
answer: (d) do
- A9 "Josh swore he was getting a job at a nursery," Jill told his brother, Frank. He replied, "My brother do manual labor? That'll be the day."  
answer: (b) day
- A10 "I cook my husband breakfast, clean the house, cook him lunch, clean again, cook dinner, and clean again. That's the story of my life," Kelly said to her best friend.  
answer: (d) story

*English Slang Idioms (360)*

- A1 "He showed up two hours late and then stole five dollars off of my coffee table," Lilly whined to his brother. James replied, "Well, that's Kyle for you."  
answer: (c) you
- A2 "Hey, there's a coffee shop right there! That's the ticket!" Linda said after she and her husband started looking for a coffee shop.  
answer: (a) ticket
- A3 Jake fingered the steroids in his pocket. They would give him the edge he needed to out-play everyone else on the football field. At least he thought so.  
answer: (a) edge
- A4 "Mr. Thompson told Eddie that if he ever saw him in this town again he would report him to the police for stealing. I don't think we'll see the likes of him anymore," Greg told Jeff.  
answer: (d) likes
- A5 "So you want to go to the park? That is interesting! I just thought about going to the park the other day!" Jill said to Helene.  
answer: (b) other
- A6 "Did you hear that school is starting a week early this year? Isn't that just the pits?" Josh asked Jason.  
answer: (a) pits
- A7 "We can pour some of dad's alcohol out of the bottle and replace it with water and no one will be the wiser," 15 year-old Tim said to his younger brother.  
answer: (d) wiser
- A8 "I don't think I want to go with you to the store. Then again, I probably should since I am out of shaving cream," Jack told his wife.  
answer: (b) again
- A9 "I know you are scared to use my circular saw but there is nothing to it. It is easy and once you are used to it, you won't remember why you didn't want to in the first place," Jay told Jennifer.  
answer: (b) nothing
- A10 "Here is the saw. Just push down on the trigger. There you go! Now just keep it straight," Jay said as Jennifer cut her first board.  
answer: (b) go

*English Slang Idioms (361)*

- A1 "Why do I have to come to work on Saturday? I worked on Saturday the time before last," Sarah said to the boss. He replied, "That's just the way the ball bounces. We need so many people and you were one of the people available. Maybe next time you won't have to come in."  
answer: (c) ball
- A2 "I just found out I am getting a raise and my car repairs are going to be less than I thought by about half. Things are looking up!" Matt said to his girlfriend.  
answer: (d) looking
- A3 "Sir, can you please not think aloud? The rest of the people in here need silence," the librarian told Tommy as he was talking to himself.  
answer: (b) think
- A4 "Wesley got into a drunken bar fight last night? That seems so unlike him. I thought better of him than that," Irma told Shannon.  
answer: (c) better
- A5 "Thank you so much for the gift of the drill! That will really help me out when I build my deck," Hank said to Bill. He replied, "Think nothing of it. I have three others and I am not using the one I gave you."  
answer: (a) nothing
- A6 "I know you are reluctant to sell your bike for less than \$100 but please think it over and let me know if you would accept \$75," Ken said to Brian.  
answer: (b) think
- A7 He had always wanted to work at RAND — the leading think tank. To work next to some of the smartest people in the world and try to solve some of life's hardest questions sounded like a dream come true.  
answer: (d) tank
- A8 "Ouch! Did you see that skateboarder fall down those stairs? That must have hurt. He'll think twice before he does that again," Bill said to Janice.  
answer: (a) think
- A9 "I didn't want to move out suddenly and leave you without a roommate but I have no choice. I got a great job in New York and I am leaving next week. It's just how the cookie crumbles," George told Jesse.  
answer: (a) cookie
- A10 "This stupid car has been a thorn in my side ever since I bought it. It constantly breaks down and in the worst places. It takes most of my spending money each month and is usually in the shop," Jimmy said to Lewis.  
answer: (d) thorn

*English Slang Idioms (362)*

- A1 "My wife and I have spent the last four hours trying to thrash out a plan for the move to Tennessee. There is a lot to consider and plan," Tim told his buddy.  
answer: (c) out
- A2 He came upon a sign on the road that said, "Not a through street." He always wondered why the government phrased it that way.  
answer: (d) through
- A3 "Dad, Tommy is throwing a fit again! He's screaming, crying, and throwing his toys everywhere!" Jill yelled.  
answer: (b) throwing
- A4 "I know this is your first time managing money so I will pay your car bill this time. However, you always have to be prepared for life to throw you a curve. You never know when you will be faced by an unexpected bill," Hank told his son.  
answer: (d) throw
- A5 The high school kids decided to throw a party on the night of their graduation to celebrate.  
answer: (c) party
- A6 "You can't quit now! You've already made it through two and a half years of college. You can't throw it all away now!" Jake's mom cried.  
answer: (a) away
- A7 "I doubt she'll go out with me; she's the most popular girl in school and I'm just a nerd. I think I'll throw caution to the wind and ask her out anyway, though. I'll hate myself if I don't try," Edward said to Ralph.  
answer: (b) wind
- A8 "When Adam said he never wanted to see me again, it threw me for a loss. I didn't see it coming; not in a million years," Jacky said to Veronica.  
answer: (d) loss
- A9 "It seems like kids just don't turn out right around here. Take James's kid for example: he got good grades when he was young and now he's thrown his lot in with a biker gang. There are so many stories like that here," Walter told Harris.  
answer: (b) lot
- A10 "I hate how Isaac is always trying to throw his weight around here. He may have been a big shot in his last job but he is of equal rank here," Kyle said to Ned.  
answer: (c) weight

*English Slang Idioms (363)*

- A1 "She broke up with me after I embarrassed her at the party. I am going to throw myself at her feet tonight and see if she'll take me back," Randy told Greg.  
answer: (a) feet
- A2 "I don't want you to do anything nice for me or give me anything. Don't do me any favors. I know that whatever you do now, you'll throw in my face later," Christian said to Lisa.  
answer: (d) face
- A3 "I know that the Bush administration has made some key mistakes but Bush will be out of office soon and we'll have a different Republican leader, hopefully. Just because you don't like Bush doesn't mean that the rest of the party is bad. Let's not throw the baby out with the bath water," Steve said to Justin.  
answer: (c) baby
- A4 "It is so hot outside. Instead of walking the whole way, why don't we try to thumb a ride?" Jeff asked Todd.  
answer: (d) thumb
- A5 "I am sorry Bob can't come to the phone right now. He's grounded. I asked him to take out the trash and he thumbed his nose at me. He is grounded for one week," Beth said to Joey.  
answer: (d) nose
- A6 "When I first saw him, he was thumbing through a magazine in our office," Georgia said to Louise.  
answer: (b) thumbing
- A7 "This is horrible. I have been paying through the nose for this SUV and now that gas has gone up it has no trade-in value," Luke said to Tom.  
answer: (b) nose
- A8 "Why did you hit Mr. Edwards in the face?" The cops asked Mr. Jackson. He replied, "He threw a punch at me and I responded in kind."  
answer: (c) punch
- A9 "I am pretty ticked off. I went to my mother's house and my roommate ate all of my food while I was gone and has no money to pay me back," Lewis told Jerry.  
answer: (a) ticked
- A10 "I had to scold Johnny for putting on my clothes but I was tickled pink when I walked into the room and saw his 3 foot body in my 6 foot suit," Alex said to Rhonda.  
answer: (c) pink

*English Slang Idioms (364)*

- A1 "Do you have an extra cigarette? I am going to the store in an hour to get more," Jerry asked his best friend. He responded, "Here is two cigarettes to tide you over until you get more."  
answer: (d) tide
- A2 "That is the third game of checkers I've won in a row. It feels pretty good after losing eight consecutive games to you. It looks like the tide has turned," Alistair said to William.  
answer: (c) turned
- A3 "I just inherited \$25,000 from a cousin I didn't even know I had. That's a pretty tidy sum, don't you think?" Derrick said to his wife.  
answer: (b) sum
- A4 "After going out with Nancy for three years, I think I will just casually date people for a while. I don't want to be tied down for a good while again," Jay told his brother.  
answer: (c) tied
- A5 "The idea of justifiable reliance ties into our earlier lecture on the letter of the law versus the idea of the law; the purpose the law is supposed to serve," the Law professor told the class.  
answer: (b) ties
- A6 "I asked John if he when he was getting married; I heard from his brother that he is, and he was pretty tight-lipped about the whole thing. He wouldn't even confirm that he was getting married let alone go into the details," Shannon said to Christa.  
answer: (a) lipped
- A7 "The suspect hasn't confessed yet. I think we are going to need to tighten the screws a bit to get him to talk. Let's threaten him with some jail time for what we already know he did," Detective Samuels said to Detective Michelle.  
answer: (d) screws
- A8 "With all the extra bills we have had this month, money is getting pretty tight. We'll have to watch what we spend for a while," Chris said to Paula.  
answer: (a) tight
- A9 "That's OK. We've had to tighten our belts before. We still had fun, though. Remember the last time — about six months ago?" Pauline asked Chris.  
answer: (c) belts
- A10 "Dad is such a tight wad. He told us we can't date until we are sixteen and he says, now, that we can't go to dances either until we are sixteen because he thinks they are the same as a date. He says that since we would go with a boy to the dance, it's a date," Rachel told her sister.  
answer: (b) tight wad



*English Slang Idioms (365)*

- A1 "I volunteered for the Saturday shift. I hope that is alright with you. They are paying us time and a half so I will have a big check coming up," Brenda told her husband.  
answer: (c) time
- A2 "I have told you time and again not to come into the house with your dirty shoes on," Christy admonished her boys.  
answer: (a) again
- A3 "Jerry threw his food on the floor because he says he doesn't like it. I put him in a time out for ten minutes so don't talk to him until the time is up," Greg told Eliza.  
answer: (c) time
- A4 "Why haven't you bought your books for school yet?" Linda angrily asked Chris. He replied, "I will when the time is ripe. Not all of them are available yet."  
answer: (b) ripe
- A5 "Be quiet, Paul! You are going to tip him off about the surprise party," Marlene yelled at him when he loudly asked, over his cell phone, what time the band would arrive while on his best friend's back deck.  
answer: (d) tip
- A6 He was able to tip the balance in his favor by serving free coffee, soda, and beer at his college presidential rally. He and the opponent had been roughly tied up until then.  
answer: (b) balance
- A7 He was thankful that the monthly statistics on how each employee did came out right before the manager had to make a decision as to who would be promoted. He hoped that his numbers would be sufficient to tip the scales in his favor. He really wanted to get promoted.  
answer: (a) scales
- A8 "I don't think I am going to the fair with you two. I am tired out after that hike this morning," Paul told Alex and Ed.  
answer: (c) tired
- A9 "What you say is true, to a degree. The federal bank does try to expand the economy by injecting money into it. However, they don't do this solely by printing more of it, like you said. The bank injects money into the economy, mostly, by purchasing government bonds," Al told Hank.  
answer: (b) degree
- A10 "To a large extent, what you say is true. My buddy is a jerk. However, he is trustworthy and can be very nice sometimes," Bob said to Alice about his friend Harley.  
answer: (a) large

*English Slang Idioms (366)*

- A1 The National Guard troops, to a man, made it through the long, arduous run.  
answer: (b) man
- A2 The presidential advisor was not sure that the president would survive, politically, the fall out if the press got word of the scandal.  
answer: (c) fall
- A3 "You said that Ned is a self-centered, egomaniac who uses shock tactics to appear cool and rebellious? That description fits him to a T!" Blake said to Eileen.  
answer: (a) T
- A4 "You are asking which guitar amp is better? Those two are the same, for all intents and purposes," James told Paul.  
answer: (c) purposes
- A5 "I am so tired! I have been running to and fro from here to different stores and back in preparation for our big trip," Shelly said to Angela.  
answer: (c) to
- A6 "Now that I am done with my presentation, Jeff Berz is up to bat. He is going to talk to us about ergonomics in the workplace. Let's give him a big round of applause," Lisa told the conference.  
answer: (d) bat
- A7 "The man I talked to wasn't very informative and he was rude to boot! I think we should call a different company for insurance," Lilly said to her husband.  
answer: (d) boot
- A8 "If one more person in this office tells me that same joke, I am going to scream! That joke has been told to death!" Juliet said to Mark.  
answer: (a) death
- A9 "The neighbor asked us to stop having guests over since one of them sleeps during the day after night shift and one sleeps at night. To hell with that! I didn't buy this expensive house to not have guests over," Tommy told his girlfriend.  
answer: (c) with
- A10 "I heard Jill said that I use people. I wish she would say that to my face! I hate when people talk about you behind your back. You have no chance to explain or rebut what they are saying," Matt said to Craig at the party.  
answer: (a) face

*English Slang Idioms (367)*

- A1 "Can I have some more chicken and corn, Mrs. Robins?" Tim asked. She replied, "There is plenty of food. Have some more. Eat to your heart's content."  
answer: (b) content
- A2 "I don't think we should invite Wesley to the movies. He doesn't have a dime to his name so one of us will end up having to pay his way. I don't think any of us can afford that," Josh said to Joey and Luke.  
answer: (d) name
- A3 "You should have some grits this morning for breakfast. Grits are one of those foods that stick to your ribs and keep you full until lunchtime," Nancy said to Jeff.  
answer: (c) ribs
- A4 "He is really bad with his money to put it mildly," Shannon said to Zack in an effort to deter him from going into business with Jack.  
answer: (d) mildly
- A5 "You have to find a job now. You have no money. Why won't you listen to reason and put away those video games?" Shelly asked her boyfriend.  
answer: (b) reason
- A6 "I am glad we worked out a plan of how I will deal with my mom and you with your mother-in-law. Now we can finally put that issue to rest," Dave said to Alexis.  
answer: (c) rest
- A7 "The restaurant you took me to was gorgeous, to say the least," Jenny said to Mike.  
answer: (b) least
- A8 "If I get a job outside the home instead of work here, I will have to spend money on uniforms and make-up, to say nothing of the gas money it will cost to get to work," Linda said to Chris.  
answer: (a) nothing
- A9 When I took Drafting in high school, I learned how to draw large buildings to scale. It is interesting to think of distances in proportions rather than set distances.  
answer: (d) scale
- A10 "Are you sure that is how much money you made last year?" The Internal Revenue Service agent asked Hank. He replied, "The figure I gave you is true, to the best of my knowledge."  
answer: (d) best

*English Slang Idioms (368)*

- A1 "To complete your project, you will need some wood glue, epoxy, or something to that effect," Bob said to Adam.  
answer: (a) effect
- A2 "We are putting the new software program into effect next Tuesday," Jan told the staff when Steve asked when they would be switching over to the new program.  
answer: (d) effect
- A3 "He meant so much to so many people and tried to live his life the best he could. On that note, we are going to end the eulogy portion of the funeral and we will sing some hymns," Pastor Dave told the people at the funeral.  
answer: (b) note
- A4 "We all miss John. At least we can take solace in the fact that he lived his life to the fullest," Pastor Dave said at the funeral.  
answer: (d) fullest
- A5 "The railing you want to build on your deck looks good to the eye, but trust me, it's not very strong and will probably break if you lean on it. I wouldn't do it if it were me," Paul told Chris.  
answer: (b) eye
- A6 "We don't need any more comments from the peanut gallery today. Just sit there and listen," Professor Todd said to the class after a rude someone yelled out that the class was boring.  
answer: (c) peanut
- A7 "I am sorry that Chris is gone and in the army but I think it's for the best. He'll get college money, job experience, and will get to travel," Art told Bette.  
answer: (c) best
- A8 "I gave Bob his first assignment and he followed my instructions to the letter. That shows that he is a good listener and is motivated to do a good job to me," Jay said to his assistant.  
answer: (b) letter
- A9 "Does it cost a lot to get a transmission fixed, Dad," Hank asked. He replied, "Yeah; to the tune of \$1,000 or more."  
answer: (c) tune
- A10 "No, I haven't seen your bike — come to think of it. Have you checked everywhere?" Dan said to his son.  
answer: (d) think

*English Slang Idioms (369)*

- A1 "Can I have your business phone number?" Mary said to Linda. She replied, "Yes. You can call me, toll-free, at (xxx) xxx-xxxx."  
answer: (d) toll
- A2 "I don't mind you kids playing and having a good time but can you tone it down a bit? Your mom is trying to sleep in the back room and you are keeping her up," Jerry said to Aaron and Lewis.  
answer: (b) tone
- A3 "You just said, Pete Patter potted plants in pewter.' Say that ten times fast if you can. That's a real tongue twister and it's funny!" Jack said to Kylie.  
answer: (a) tongue
- A4 "Did you refuse to do your chores before going out with your friends? I think you are getting a little too big for your britches, young man. You are grounded for your bad attitude," Lisa told her son.  
answer: (d) big
- A5 "Can I start again? I got a little tongue tied?" Jack asked the teacher during his speech. He had abruptly stopped talking previously.  
answer: (c) tied
- A6 "Did you see that driver run the red light and almost hit the back of our car? That was way too close for comfort," Beth said to Christian.  
answer: (a) comfort
- A7 "We need one person to call the shots and the rest of us need to follow the instructions. We are wasting too much time arguing about what should be done and not enough time doing. Too many cooks spoil the broth," Carl said to his friends as they readied to build an extra room onto Steve's house.  
answer: (a) broth
- A8 "I agree that we have too many chiefs and not enough Indians, Carl. Let's all say how much experience we have and the person with the most experience will make the decisions and the rest of us will follow them," Joe said.  
answer: (d) chiefs
- A9 "This chicken soup is delicious, Linda!" Ashley said. She responded, "I don't mean to toot my own horn but it did turn out well."  
answer: (c) horn
- A10 This day was not going well. His car broke down and he had to walk the rest of the way to work. To top all off, it was raining and, now, his suit was all muddy. He had to give a presentation in 15 minutes and he looked horrible.  
answer: (c) top

*English Slang Idioms (370)*

- A1 "This is really good whiskey. I can tell it's some top-drawer stuff," Bob said to Jack after he poured him a glass and asked what he thought of it.  
answer: (c) drawer
- A2 "Why don't you toss back that drink? We have to go home," Jerry said to his roommate.  
answer: (b) toss
- A3 "What happened to you last night? One minute you were hanging out with us and, the next minute, you were gone. Why didn't you say goodbye?" Jill asked Steve. He responded, "This guy started pushing me when I went to get another drink. I punched him and the bouncer tossed me out of the bar."  
answer: (d) tossed
- A4 "How did it go with your truck? I know you got it stuck in the mud," Paul said to Trevor. He replied, "It was touch and go for a while. We almost got the truck out and then the winch almost broke. We got it out, though."  
answer: (a) touch
- A5 "I think I can come to that dentist appointment at three o'clock. Let me touch base with my boss and I will call you right back with an answer," Alice said to the receptionist.  
answer: (b) base
- A6 The broken air conditioners almost touched off a riot in the county jail.  
answer: (b) off
- A7 "We are going to talk about the Constitution and then move onto business law. Then, we are going to briefly touch on criminal law," the Law professor said to the class on the first day.  
answer: (d) on
- A8 "I am almost finished painting the deck. I just have to touch up the paint on the railings and it'll be done," Brent told Bette.  
answer: (c) up
- A9 "The last band was very good. They will be a tough act to follow," Mike said to the drummer of his band at the Battle of the Bands.  
answer: (d) act
- A10 "You deserve to be punished but that's a tough break, kid," the cop told Kyle after the judge gave him the longest sentence possible for a relatively-minor offense.  
answer: (b) break

*English Slang Idioms (371)*

- A1 "I don't think I would pick on Zack if I were you, Tommy. I know you are fairly big but he's a tough cat. I don't think you can beat him in a fight.  
answer: (b) cat
- A2 "I can't believe I just saw your 79 year-old grandma haul a five-gallon bucket full of water up those stairs. She is one tough cookie," Nancy said to Rosa.  
answer: (a) cookie
- A3 "I know some of you guys are thinking about quitting and are missing home. You only have to tough it out for three more weeks and then you are done with basic training. Don't quit now," the company first sergeant said.  
answer: (c) out
- A4 "Tough luck. I don't care if you need a car to get to work. You don't have insurance so you aren't borrowing mine," Christian said to Karl after he asked again to use Christian's car.  
answer: (d) luck
- A5 "This town is basically a tourist trap. If it wasn't for the tourists, there would be no revenue or businesses here. Every business here caters to tourists and their products are marked up way above their market value," Bob said to Shannon.  
answer: (c) tourist
- A6 "I did a lot today. I picked up those heavy rocks, I lifted those heavy boards and organized them and then I moved those huge bags of dirt," Ed told his wife. She sarcastically said, "Yes, you are a tower of strength alright. My grandma could have done all that in half the amount of time it took you."  
answer: (a) tower
- A7 "I've been toying with the idea of moving to Portland, Oregon after I graduate from school. I am still not completely sure, though, where I am going to move to. Where are you going to go?" Sam asked his roommate Paul.  
answer: (b) toying
- A8 "I can't find my wallet anywhere. It seems to be gone without a trace," Joe said to his wife.  
answer: (d) trace
- A9 "We don't have any saw blades for that saw on our shelves but I might be able to track some down in the warehouse. Let me see what I can find and I'll call you back," Greg told the contractor.  
answer: (a) track
- A10 "The last candidate for the job tried to trade on his reputation and ask for twice the pay we offer. His reputation isn't half that good," Bill said to Jack with a laugh at the candidate's audacity.  
answer: (c) trade

*English Slang Idioms (372)*

- A1 "How did you learn what plants would do well here?" Ashley asked Nancy. She replied, "I learned by trial and error. I tried growing lots of different kinds; some died and the rest are what you see here."  
answer: (c) error
- A2 "I don't think I would buy an SUV right now if I were you. They have next to no trade- in value due to the price of gasoline at the moment," Jeff said to Al when they were at the car lot.  
answer: (d) in
- A3 "In the long run, there seems to be no trade off between unemployment and inflation. However, there is in the short run," the Economics professor told the class.  
answer: (b) off
- A4 "Do you have all the camping gear packed up and in the car? Good. Let's blaze trail!" Ryan said to Alyssa.  
answer: (d) blaze
- A5 "Let's try not to pack too much stuff. If we travel light, we'll have a much easier time walking to the hotel room once we get off the plane," Jim said to Gavin.  
answer: (a) light
- A6 "Wow, walking up that hill was pretty taxing. I am exhausted!" Luke said to Jenny.  
answer: (d) taxing
- A7 "I figure if we help Jim replace his carpet with hardwood flooring, we'll pick up some of the tricks of the trade so once we replace our carpet we will know how to do easier and faster," Kyle said to Hannah.  
answer: (c) trade
- A8 "The guy they assigned to the training department keeps trying to trip me up and I don't know why. He gives me the wrong information and then laughs when I do it the wrong way. He also purposefully tells me the incorrect location of things in the office," Jeff told Holly.  
answer: (b) trip
- A9 "I am not sure Ben would be a good choice for the management position. He is too trigger happy. If someone proposes a cause of action, he implements it without thinking about the consequences or whether the plan is a good one or not," Jim said to his boss.  
answer: (c) happy
- A10 "Did you hear the crazy things that guy was saying? He's pretty tripped out. He must be on drugs to think that not paying taxes is a good idea," John said to Francis.  
answer: (c) tripped



*English Slang Idioms (373)*

- A1 "I can't trust your friend George. He flaked out on me again. He promised to come by with his truck to help me get the leaves out of my yard yesterday. I waited for him all day and he never showed up or called," Nick said to Brian.  
answer: (c) flaked
- A2 "My brother and his wife have been fighting for the last week because he showed up drunk and late the other night. I have tried to pour oil over troubled waters by telling her that it was because his best friend died and that it wouldn't happen again but she won't listen," Steve said to his girlfriend when she got back from her trip.  
answer: (a) waters
- A3 "I swear I am innocent. These charges are trumped up. Someone in the government is trying to frame me!" Zack said at his trial.  
answer: (c) up
- A4 Again, his best friend refused to help him get his wife back. He still had his trump card, though, and would use it soon. He had paid his best friend's hospital bill when he was broke and hadn't told him.  
answer: (b) card
- A5 "I have never done any plumbing before but I want to try my hand at it before we call anyone. Plumbers charge a lot of money!" Carl told his wife.  
answer: (d) hand
- A6 "You have to try this out. This soup Nancy made is delicious," Dan's wife told him.  
answer: (c) out
- A7 "The kids have to go to bed now. Will you tuck them in?" Sally asked Derrick.  
answer: (b) tuck
- A8 Bob and James played tug-of-war with the new toy James got for Christmas. James barely pulled it away and ran outside with it before Bob could try grabbing it again.  
answer: (d) war
- A9 "That movie was really sad. It tugged at my heart something fierce," Allison said to Grace.  
answer: (a) tugged
- A10 "Yes it was. I was moved to tears myself," Grace replied.  
answer: (a) tears

*English Slang Idioms (374)*

- A1 "I miss Lisa so much. I wish I could just turn back the clock and do something different. If I hadn't started that fight with her, we would still be together," Nick said to his brother.  
answer: (d) clock
- A2 "We got a lot of work done today. Those concrete forms were heavy, weren't they? I am all tuckered out," Chris said to Matt.  
answer: (b) out
- A3 "How can you put up with Steve and his discussions on politics? He doesn't have an informed opinion; he just rambles on and on. He is OK when he talks about other things but when he brings up politics, he doesn't make any sense," Jerry said to Max. Max replied, "When he talks about politics, I just tune him out and think about other things until he is finished. "  
answer: (c) tune
- A4 Two important inventions, the internal combustion engine and the airplane, were perfected around the turn of the 19th century.  
answer: (d) turn
- A5 "I am going to tune in to the local news really fast to check for tornado warnings. It will only take a minute and then we can leave for downtown," Miles said to Paul.  
answer: (b) in
- A6 "Make sure to make an appointment to get your car tuned up before your long drive to Los Angeles," Chris's mother told him.  
answer: (c) tuned
- A7 "I went out to investigate the crash and I am afraid we have a murder investigation on our hands. The man's brakes were tampered with and I believe that the faulty brakes caused the crash," Detective Wilson told his superior.  
answer: (a) tampered
- A8 "You had better get some ice on your eye. It is starting to turn color," the coach told Jesse after the wrestling match.  
answer: (c) color
- A9 "You guys go ahead without me. I think I am going to turn in; I am very tired. I will see you tomorrow," Jim said to Al and Frank when they asked him to go to the bar with them after playing a few games of pool.  
answer: (b) in
- A10 "I tried begging my parents to let me go to the prom. I even told them that my social life would be ruined forever if I couldn't go. They turned a deaf ear to my plight, though, and still refused to let me go," Kathy told Christa.  
answer: (a) deaf

*English Slang Idioms (375)*

- A1 "I asked Bob if he would come help with the project but he turned me down. He said he is too busy and that is why I am calling you," Larry said to Tom.  
answer: (c) turned
- A2 "Your mother would be turning in her grave if she knew you wanted to get your eyebrow pierced. You know how she hated things like that," Jenny said to her younger sister.  
answer: (d) in
- A3 "Don't talk to me about economics or I will turn my brother loose on you. He has a master's degree in economics and is a compulsive talker," Lisa told Mathew.  
answer: (a) loose
- A4 "I agree not to bring up economics again. I have met your brother. The last time I saw him, he almost talked my ear off," Mathew replied.  
answer: (d) off
- A5 "The fact that I have to pay a fee in order to volunteer with that troubled children's organization is such a turn off. I really wanted to work with these kids but I am not going to pay a lot of money for the privilege of working for free," Chris told Derrick.  
answer: (a) off
- A6 "I love this new car. It is built for rally racing and can turn on a dime," Kyle said to his brother after he purchased an all-wheel drive Subaru.  
answer: (b) dime
- A7 "Don't turn your back on me, Steve. I really need your help. I will lose my house if you don't lend me some money," Greg pleaded with his older brother.  
answer: (d) back
- A8 "I can't stand Michelle. She turns up her nose at everyone but she is nothing special. She isn't rich, smart, or good looking," Melanie said to Roxanne.  
answer: (c) nose
- A9 "I don't know why but the smell of garlic turns my stomach. For some reason I can't stand the smell of it and lose my hunger if anything with garlic is served," Brian said to Chris after he put lots of garlic into the soup they were about to eat.  
answer: (d) turns
- A10 "We got a pretty good turn out today. I was not expecting so many people to come and help wash cars to raise money for homeless people," Jack said to Kate.  
answer: (a) out

*English Slang Idioms (376)*

- A1 "Some inmates turn over a new leaf and become productive members of society after they get out of jail but not that many — in my opinion," the police officer told his friend.  
answer: (b) leaf
- A2 "When I got to basic training, I had to turn over all of my clothes and possessions to the drill sergeants. I didn't see a regular pair of jeans again for almost six months," Jay told Matt.  
answer: (c) over
- A3 "So, just because you got a bad grade, you are going to turn tail and run away?" Bill asked his younger brother.  
answer: (b) tail
- A4 "I know that you hate people who insult you but sometimes you have to turn the other cheek. You can't go through life punching people because they called you something you don't like. You will end up in jail that way," Ben said to his teenage son.  
answer: (a) cheek
- A5 "You have to be able to develop a sense of confidence. Turning turtle and hiding in your shell will not solve any problems," Jesse said to his brother when he left baseball tryouts early because he was nervous.  
answer: (d) turtle
- A6 Jake was happy that he was able to turn the tables on Wes in the chess match. He had been losing but was able to capture his opponent's queen in a cleverly lain trap.  
answer: (c) tables
- A7 It is hard for a manager to reduce the turnover rate at work when the job is stressful and doesn't pay much.  
answer: (a) turnover
- A8 "What took you so long to get here? I have been stuck for the past twenty minutes twiddling my thumbs, waiting for you," Hank said to Tim.  
answer: (d) thumbs
- A9 "I can't believe that guy wanted \$30 for that lawnmower. I wouldn't give him two bits for that piece of junk," Kyle said to Jack.  
answer: (d) bits
- A10 "I can't be late again or I will get fired. I already have two strikes against me for my tardiness so I have to go right now. We will have to continue this conversation when I get off work," Jeff said to his girlfriend during an argument.  
answer: (d) strikes

*English Slang Idioms (377)*

- A1 "If you want me to pay for your schooling, you are going to have to get better grades; there's no two ways about it. I am not going to pay for you to fail," Robert told his son after he received his first report card.  
answer: (d) ways
- A2 "I don't like two-faced people like Jessica. She acts like she likes someone and then talks badly about him or her behind his or her back," Beth said to Tina.  
answer: (b) faced
- A3 "Don't invite your brother on the camping trip unless he brings a friend. Two is company; three's a crowd," Matt said to Nate.  
answer: (c) crowd
- A4 "I don't think those two countries will go to war. They are talking tough but I think it is just saber rattling. I don't think that the threats and posturing are serious," Nick said to Paul.  
answer: (c) rattling
- A5 "I am still tired from the weekend. I will come to your house but I am going to sack out for a couple of hours first," Jimmy said to Joel.  
answer: (b) sack
- A6 "Don't mess with Chris' succulent plant collection. I saw you break off a piece of one of his plants. That is messing with his sacred cows," Linda said to Jared half-jokingly.  
answer: (d) cows
- A7 "I am sorry, guys. I am saddled with my little brother again today so I can't go to the fair with you. They won't let him on the rides since he is too small," Joey said to Lewis and Tony.  
answer: (d) saddled
- A8 "I am not that mad at you for being late. I am just glad you made it back home safe and sound," Matt's mom told him in a loving way.  
answer: (d) sound
- A9 "Make sure if you go out for a walk that you take your brothers. There is safety in numbers," Lane's mom told him at the campsite.  
answer: (c) numbers
- A10 "The first accounting course was much easier than I thought it was going to be. I sailed right through it!" David said to Marty.  
answer: (b) sailed

*English Slang Idioms (378)*

- A1 "I hate how in commercials people say that the product is great, awesome, superior, or something like that. Those words don't tell you anything real about the product; it's just sales talk," Kyle said to Nick.  
answer: (d) sales
- A2 "I like a lot of the people in this town; especially the farmers. Many of the farmers are the salt of the earth types. No ulterior motives and what you see is what you get," Jacky said to John.  
answer: (c) salt
- A3 "I think we need to find an alternative to gasoline as a fuel. There is only so much of it and it causes a lot of problems," Jim said. Tom responded, " Same here. We need to find something cheaper, cleaner, and more abundant."  
answer: (a) Same
- A4 "So many kids sit inside playing computer games on nice, sunny days. When I was young, I played football in the street and many other outdoor games," Jack said to Fred. Fred said, "I did too. The neighborhood kids and I played many a game of sand lot baseball and other games. I would never stay inside unless I had to."  
answer: (d) sand
- A5 "I made the mistake of bad mouthing people who owned sports utility vehicles when Phil, the guy I was with, owned one. I tried to save face by going on to say that it was only the people who didn't haul cargo in their vehicles that bothered me but I think he was still insulted," Bob said to Will.  
answer: (a) face
- A6 "I have been keeping a jar full of quarters for a rainy day for years and have over \$300 saved up," Timmy said to George.  
answer: (d) rainy
- A7 "Do you have some money that I could have to go to the store with my friends on our bikes?" Larry asked his dad. He replied, "I think I have some loose change that you could have. Let me check."  
answer: (c) change
- A8 "I know you want to stop Henry from stealing from work but you might as well save your breath. He will do what he wants to do and nothing you say can change that. Trust me; many have tried," Zack said to Billy.  
answer: (b) breath
- A9 "Will you help me study for the final exam? You have already taken this class and you owe me a favor. Remember, I saved your neck that time you needed someone to proof your final paper — at the last minute — for the English class you were in," Jared said to Christian.  
answer: (c) neck
- A10 "Thanks for going to the store and grabbing that birthday cake. You really saved the day. My kid's birthday party wouldn't have been half as good without the cake," Jill said to Greg.  
answer: (d) saved

*English Slang Idioms (379)*

- A1 "I don't have the money to go to the movies with you right now. I am trying to save up for a new bike," Robbie said to Jeff.  
answer: (c) up
- A2 "Joe is such an idiot around the workplace sometimes. He makes a lot of mistakes and if he was anyone else, I would have fired him a long time ago. His saving grace is that he is so nice and genuinely cares about the customers. I know he doesn't mean to make so many errors," Hank said to Tom.  
answer: (a) grace
- A3 "Your friend Jack sure can say a mouthful. He has more to say about just about everything than anyone I've ever me," Gina said to Tom.  
answer: (b) mouthful
- A4 "I know that you don't want advice on this but I have come to the conclusion that I have to say my piece or I won't be doing my job as a parent," Greg said to Alice when she said she wanted to quit her job to move to Hollywood to become an actress.  
answer: (b) piece
- A5 "You know that I would come and work for you anytime you needed me. Just say the word and I'll quit my job and come work for you," Jimmy said to his dad.  
answer: (c) word
- A6 "Can you offer me any documentation from professionals that can verify that I will money on this transaction? Buying a house just to resell it — is too big of a risk to undertake on your say-so alone," Ben said to Isaac.  
answer: (d) say
- A7 "John has some cool things in his house. For instance, he has a scaled-down model of a Shelby Cobra with amazing detail," Chris said to Paul.  
answer: (a) down
- A8 "You know how the news covered the burglary happening in our area? Last night, I heard someone walking around in my yard and I was scared out of my wits. I called the police and it turned out that it wasn't a person; it was a big raccoon," Lilly said to Pauline.  
answer: (c) wits
- A9 "Can you do my wiring today?" Al asked Chris. He responded, "Let me see if I can scare up some connectors. If I can, I will do the job today. If I can't, we'll have to wait until I can pick some up. I can get some connectors, if I don't have any, in the next couple of days."  
answer: (b) scare
- A10 "I don't want to bring Joe on our rafting trip. He is too much of a scaredy-cat. He will spend the whole time crying about the danger of hitting a rock or drowning in the current," Liam said to Bill.  
answer: (d) cat

*English Slang Idioms (380)*

- A1 "You had it rough because you had to start working when you were twelve to support your family after your dad died. I went to the school of hard knocks myself. I grew up with a single mom who worked all of the time; she worked two jobs and I had to take care of my two sisters and look after the house for years," Kyle said to Ellis.  
answer: (c) school
- A2 "I just found a transmission in the junk yard for my car that only cost \$100. I put it in and it works great. Talk about a major score!" Al said to Nick.  
answer: (b) score
- A3 "Jim, I just got your call asking me if I have an extra alternator for your car. I don't at the moment but I am going to the junk yard today already. I will scout around for one for you while I am there and I will call you if I have any luck," Alex said over the phone.  
answer: (d) scout
- A4 "Dad told me that you might get expelled from college for cheating and that you will lose your income if you get kicked out of school. You got yourself into a heck of a scrape this time, brother," Ian said to Todd.  
answer: (b) scrape
- A5 "All of the employees who we have got on this job have been dumb and lazy. We are really scraping the bottom of the barrel with this group. We need to raise our standards," Will told Frank.  
answer: (a) barrel
- A6 "I just got an offer from a hotel in Reno, Nevada claiming that if we can scrape together \$100, we will get a hotel for three nights and six free meals. We should do it," Lyle said to Henrietta.  
answer: (d) together
- A7 "I was thinking that if you could give me a good deal on lumber in the future, I can give you good deals on electrical wiring for houses. If you scratch my back, I'll scratch yours and, together, we can save each other a lot of money on our various jobs," Sam said to Ron.  
answer: (d) back
- A8 "I can tell that your sister makes you quite angry at times," Lilly said to Sarah. She replied, "You didn't even begin to scratch the surface with that comment. I have so many bad memories about our childhood together and she infuriates me."  
answer: (d) surface
- A9 "If you tickle me anymore, I will scream bloody murder and our mom will ground you for a week for picking on me," Jillian said to her older brother, Todd.  
answer: (c) murder
- A10 "I have watched you two for the past ten minutes and neither of you have done any work in that time. You need to stop screwing around and get some work done," the boss told Ron and Jim.  
answer: (d) screwing



*English Slang Idioms (381)*

- A1 "I am in trouble with my boss for screwing up on my expense sheet. I made some errors that I should have caught before turning it in," Craig said to Janice.  
answer: (c) up
- A2 I love being able to go on road trips on a whim. The flexibility of my work schedule allows me some spontaneity," Kylie said to Melissa.  
answer: (b) whim
- A3 I am always scrounging around for change on laundry days. I check my car ashtray, my pockets, and my drawers.  
answer: (b) around
- A4 "I had a very hard time getting my sea legs when I first bought this boat. I used to fall down everywhere and I felt imbalanced all the time. Now, walking on the boat is no problem," Harry told Aaron.  
answer: (d) legs
- A5 "I think my grandma is going through a second childhood. She has been buying a bunch of stuffed animals and she arranges them on little wooden swings, in make-believe tea parties, or other strange things," Wesley said to Amanda.  
answer: (d) childhood
- A6 "I remember having to look at the keys while typing. I have been typing so long that the skill has now become second nature to me and I no longer have to look at the keys. You will be able to type without looking soon, too," Kim said to Rosa.  
answer: (b) nature
- A7 "The new Ford Mustang is second to none, in my opinion. It looks great and is very powerful. I can't think of a car that is superior to it," Paul, a Ford fanatic, said to Justine.  
answer: (a) none
- A8 "The Chicago brand saws are alright for small projects or infrequent use but, in my opinion, they are kind of a second-rate tool when compared to some of the other brands offered in hardware stores," Paul said to Chris.  
answer: (c) rate
- A9 "Don't ever second guess me again in public, Jim. If you disagree with a plan I have or a way of doing things, tell me off to the side. Otherwise, it erodes my authority and I may just fire you on the principle of the thing," the boss said.  
answer: (b) guess
- A10 I like going to secondhand stores to look for tools and planters. One can find some really good deals sometimes.  
answer: (d) secondhand

*English Slang Idioms (382)*

- A1 "Sometimes I think that the bath tub is kind of a security blanket for me. When I don't feel good about things, I have a bath and then I feel a lot better about my life and the world around me," Donna said to Larissa.  
answer: (a) blanket
- A2 "If you could stop judging for a moment and see beyond your nose, you would see that the reason your little brother is working there is to impress you," Aaron's girlfriend told him.  
answer: (b) nose
- A3 "Why do you keep picking on your little brother? Do you get your jollies off of seeing people cry?" Matt's mom asked him.  
answer: (a) off
- A4 "I don't care about your opinion. I am the boss and I have three times the experience you do so I will do the job however I see fit," Jonathon said to Juan.  
answer: (d) fit
- A5 "I can't come to your party yet. My sister is going to Korea for two months and is leaving today. I am going to see her off and then I will come over," Bill said to Sam.  
answer: (d) off
- A6 "I told my brother not to lend too much money to his friends. He lends out more than he can afford to and he won't see reason. He is going to go bankrupt one day and none of his friends have any money to bail him out when he needs it," Jack said to Kim.  
answer: (d) reason
- A7 "The boss makes me so mad when he yells at us for his mistakes that I start seeing red," Kyle said to Nancy.  
answer: (a) red
- A8 "Ouch! I just hit my head so hard I started seeing stars," Jimmy said to Joey.  
answer: (c) stars
- A9 As Matt chased the bully away from his brother, Tim, the bully yelled, "You go off easy today, Tim, but you haven't seen the last of me!"  
answer: (b) last
- A10 "You are right, Todd. There is way more money in construction at the moment than in white-collar work at my level. I am quitting my job and am getting a job as an electrician," Adam said. Todd said, "Good. I have been waiting for you to see the light. Now you can make some real money!"  
answer: (d) light

*English Slang Idioms (383)*

- A1 "I almost quit several times since the job was so hard but I am glad I stayed to see things through. Now I have the satisfaction of enjoying a job well done," Jim said to Tony.  
answer: (c) through
- A2 "I don't expect to change apathetic students overnight but I hope that some of the things I say will plant a seed that will grow over time so that they will find some purpose and motivation one day," the college professor told his friend.  
answer: (d) seed
- A3 America romanticizes and idolizes the self-made man. The person who started with nothing and, through hard work, was able to achieve his dreams and reach economic prosperity.  
answer: (b) made
- A4 "Tim is too self-possessed for me. I won't date a man who always talks about himself and only cares about himself," Lilly said to Nancy.  
answer: (d) possessed
- A5 "I can't believe you sold me down the river by telling the teacher I snapped Bill with a towel. I can't even figure out what you would have got out of doing that. I thought we were friends," Jake said to Nick.  
answer: (c) sold
- A6 Many rock bands in the United States have been accused — at one time or another — of selling out. Fans complain that they change their styles to make more money instead of continuing to make their own unique brand of music.  
answer: (d) selling
- A7 "Being humble is a good thing but don't sell yourself short. You are extremely talented at graphic design and you should be proud of that. It is OK to be confident in your work," the boss told Elizabeth.  
answer: (d) short
- A8 "Bill is such a good salesman. He is actually the best I have ever seen. He could sell snow to the Eskimos!" The boss told her assistant.  
answer: (c) snow
- A9 "The new guy showed up to the job site drunk so I sent him packing," Joe told the boss when he asked about the new guy.  
answer: (b) packing
- A10 "I am glad you sent him about his business. Work sites become dangerous if a drunken employee is working on the construction site. Good job, Joe!" The boss told him.  
answer: (a) business

*English Slang Idioms (384)*

- A1 "Hi, Joe. I sent the package to you today. Will you send word when you receive it?" Jake asked over the telephone.  
answer: (c) word
- A2 "Here at basic training, we are going to separate the men from the boys over 13 of the worst weeks of your lives!" The drill sergeant yelled at the new recruits.  
answer: (b) men
- A3 "That robber we caught last week is going to court today. I think he will end up getting at least a five-year sentence. Does anyone want to bet different?" Detective O'Brian asked the other policemen.  
answer: (d) sentence
- A4 "I heard Josh beat you at chess and publically rubbed it in your face. It serves you right after all the times you beat him and then laughed at him for long periods of time," Lisa said to Bethany.  
answer: (a) right
- A5 "I heard your brother just got busted for driving drunk. He will serve time for doing that and he should, no offense," Ian said to Carl.  
answer: (d) time
- A6 "Apparently there is an arsonist on the loose around here. The Mason's old barn was set ablaze last night and the police said they found a burnt gas can and parts of a fuse right outside the barn," Jerry said to Barney.  
answer: (d) set
- A7 "Do you know Rosa? She is the prettiest girl I have ever set eyes on. I am going to ask her to the dance," Jordan said to Bill.  
answer: (d) eyes
- A8 "Get off my property and never set foot on it again!" Barney yelled at the salesman.  
answer: (b) foot
- A9 "We set forth for the mountain range two weeks prior to reaching the base of the mountains," Bill read in the old account of a settler going out West.  
answer: (d) set
- A10 "I know that your way is better, Chris, but Grandma is too set in her ways to be willing to change. She has been doing things in the same way — for at least 60 years!" Peggy told him.  
answer: (c) ways

*English Slang Idioms (385)*

- A1 "What did you get for Christmas from your brother?" Lewis asked Jack. He replied, "A new CD, a computer game, and a cool new set of threads."  
answer: (b) threads
- A2 "Let's set off for home. If we leave now, we can get home by dark," Paul said to Chris.  
answer: (d) off
- A3 "I just talked to Steve so you can set your mind at rest, Mom. He is OK; the reason he is late is he got a flat tire. He said he will be home in about an hour," Louisa said.  
answer: (b) rest
- A4 "What do you want to do when you get out of school, Bill?" Nicole asked. He replied, "I have my sights set on the position that just opened up at that law firm across the street from your apartment."  
answer: (d) sights
- A5 "I watched this show last night where the contestants had to suffer several indignities like eating bugs. At one point, the contestants had to eat spiders. Just the thought of having to do that sets my teeth on edge," Dan said to Isaac.  
answer: (d) teeth
- A6 "We are going to go running for three miles and then do some pushups and sit-ups. I'll set the pace today," the First Sergeant told the company.  
answer: (a) pace
- A7 The Bush Administration, by continuing the war in Iraq, may have set the stage for a change in power from a Republican to a Democratic president in the 2008 elections.  
answer: (d) stage
- A8 Often, in nature, a predator will set upon the weak animal or animals in a herd.  
answer: (c) upon
- A9 "We have experienced several setbacks but I think we will have a finished product ready for production by early next month," the research and development coordinator said to the middle manager.  
answer: (b) setbacks
- A10 "That kid has been picking on me for weeks and it is time for me to settle the score. I am going to fight back the next time he tries something," Bill told his best friend.  
answer: (b) score

*English Slang Idioms (386)*

- A1 "I am going to ask Amanda to marry me and if she says yes, I will buy a house in our area. I am 30 years old now and I am ready to settle down," Steve told his best friend over the phone.  
answer: (b) settle
- A2 "I know we wanted to make some money from selling our bath tub that we removed during remodeling project but at this point, I would settle for having someone just pick it up and haul it away for us," Chris said to Linda.  
answer: (a) for
- A3 "Thank you for agreeing to watch our house and water our plants for us while we are on vacation. I know we agreed to pay you \$45 for your time and effort. Is it OK with you if I settle up with you when we get back from vacation?" Chris said to Adam.  
answer: (c) settle
- A4 "When I saw the mountain lion 30 feet away from my tent, I was so scared that I was shaking in my boots," Adam said to Derrick.  
answer: (d) boots
- A5 "I know that it irritates you when people call you names but you can't get into a physical confrontation every time something like that happens. You have to figure out a way to shake it off and either ignore the person or defend yourself using words," Matt's dad told him after he got into another fight at school.  
answer: (a) shake
- A6 "Some managers believe that work teams function better when there is one person on the team who doesn't agree with the rest of the team just to shake things up a bit. Otherwise, the team will not question the methods they use to get work done or look for better ways to do things," the Management professor told the class.  
answer: (b) shake
- A7 "Who was that on the telephone?" Jennifer asked her husband. He responded, "It was the local fire department. They tried to give me the shakedown saying that they needed donations to be able to afford a new fire truck."  
answer: (d) shakedown
- A8 "I talked to Hank about taking too many breaks and not getting his work done. Since that talk, he has really shaped up and is working much harder with shorter breaks," the boss told his assistant.  
answer: (c) up
- A9 "I am not going to tell you again about making sure your work is of a high quality standard. Either shape up or ship out!" The boss told a problematic employee.  
answer: (c) ship
- A10 "We heard that you are closing a major branch of your business but we don't know why. Can you please shed some light on why you are doing that?" the reporter asked the CEO of the corporation.  
answer: (a) light

*English Slang Idioms (387)*

- A1 "Too many Americans are sheep these days. People in governmental positions tell them what to do and what to think and they do what they are told without question," Matt said to Ryan.  
answer: (c) sheep
- A2 "Getting plumbing fixed is so expensive! I just had to shell out \$200 to get my sink unclogged," Max said to Alex.  
answer: (d) shell
- A3 "I heard that you are getting deployed to Iraq. When are you going?" Max asked his buddy in the army. Tom responded, "We are due to ship out in a month and a half."  
answer: (c) ship
- A4 "Wow, you guys did a great job of renovating this office. It's in shipshape condition now!" the boss told the contractors.  
answer: (c) shipshape
- A5 "Private Bilby is great to work with. He follows instructions well and never tries to shirk his duty. I can't remember a time when he has tried to avoid work and I never have to worry about whether the job I give him will be completed or not," Sergeant Johnson told the first sergeant.  
answer: (a) duty
- A6 "Don't shoo away that cat! I have been putting food out for him and I like him!" Jenny told her husband when she saw him chase the cat away.  
answer: (b) away
- A7 "Do you think you will win the election for school president?" Jennifer asked Amber. She replied, "I know I will; it's a shoo in. The latest survey of the student body shows that 75 percent of the students favor me over the other candidate."  
answer: (c) in
- A8 "I thought I was going to win the race on Saturday. I was well ahead of the other guys and then the guy to the left of me suddenly shot ahead of me at the last moment and won the race," Bill told his brother.  
answer: (d) shot
- A9 He had a reputation at work as a guy who shot from the hip; quick to think how to criticize people but slow to realize how his words might make someone feel.  
answer: (b) hip
- A10 "Why do you always shoot off your mouth when you are around the boss? That big mouth of yours is going to get you into trouble if you keep doing that," the supervisor told the employee.  
answer: (c) shoot

*English Slang Idioms (388)*

- A1 "I am so tired. I had to work overtime last night because we got a call that there was a shoot out at the local bar. Two rival gangs were shooting at each other when we got there and it took a couple of hours to arrest everyone and take statements. I didn't get to leave until three in the morning," Detective Wilson told Detective Simon.  
answer: (d) out
- A2 "It has been a long day. I thought I would just give the lecture at the college and leave but the students just kept shooting questions at me. Since they were so interested in my work, I stayed to answer all of their questions. Two hours later, I finally left and had to work extra hard and fast to make up for that extra time I spent at the school," Robert said to his wife.  
answer: (b) shooting
- A3 "Jimmy is a hard worker and a straight shooter. I would recommend him to anyone," Jimmy's old boss said when asked by the construction company if he was a good employee.  
answer: (a) straight
- A4 "Do you have time to shoot the breeze for a little while? I have a thirty-minute lunch break and just wanted to see how you were doing," Kyle said to Adam at Adam's work.  
answer: (d) breeze
- A5 "Hey, Rob. Did they ever catch those guys who shot up your store a while back? No? Did your insurance cover all the damage?" Tim asked his good friend.  
answer: (d) up
- A6 "I don't know what it is with kids these days but it seems like most of them who come into this store — are shoplifters. My parents taught us not to steal but I just don't know if these kids are taught that anymore," Max said to Phil.  
answer: (c) shoplifters
- A7 "When you dug the wine cellar under your house, did you remember to shore up the concrete floor you dug under with wooden posts?" Nick asked Ian.  
answer: (b) shore
- A8 "Boss, do you have a minute? I just want to run an idea by you," Alex said to Gwen. She replied, "I do but you'll have to make it short and sweet; I have a meeting to go to in ten minutes."  
answer: (d) sweet
- A9 "My parents passed away about two years ago and split their estate up between my two brothers and me. I got the short end of the stick though. They each got \$50,000 and I only got \$25,000 and a used car," Henry said to Pauline.  
answer: (a) stick
- A10 "Before I come to your house, I have to take a load of plywood over to a guy's house. It is a short haul, though. He lives fairly close to me so it won't take me more than an hour or so. I will come over right after I am done," Bill said to William and Rachel.  
answer: (b) haul



*English Slang Idioms (389)*

- A1 "I need to stop for a second; I am a little short of breath," Lisa told Tom after they climbed the tall hill.  
answer: (c) short
- A2 "We need to make another order soon; we are short on bread, barbeque sauce, beef and lettuce," the grocery store manager said to one of the staff members.  
answer: (d) short
- A3 "Wow, he sure gave me short shift. I asked him for time off to go to my aunt's funeral and he treated me like I was trying to avoid work. He didn't even give me his condolences; he just said no," Bob said to his coworker.  
answer: (b) shift
- A4 "Your friend Joe is so soft spoken. I can barely hear him when he speaks. Does he ever raise his voice; even when he is mad?" Jane asked Mike.  
answer: (d) soft
- A5 "I have to sit down for a moment before I go back to work. I have gotten soft since I left the army and am not as strong as I used to be," Brandon told Ricky.  
answer: (a) soft
- A6 "We have to go back to the supermarket. The person at the cash register shortchanged me. I gave her two twenty dollar bills and the bill was \$30. She only gave me a \$5 bill back," Jim said to his wife as they were pulling out of the parking lot.  
answer: (b) shortchanged
- A7 "I don't like Tom's work. He takes too many shortcuts and uses cheap materials," the foreman told the client.  
answer: (d) shortcuts
- A8 "I spent most of the day filing out applications for Harvard Law School. I know it's a shot in the dark since my grades aren't that good but it is worth a try. If I can get into that school, my future is made," Christian said to Jay.  
answer: (d) shot
- A9 "I am sorry that your boyfriend broke up with you. If you need a shoulder to cry on, let me know and we will go out for coffee or dinner. Or, you could come to my house or vice versa," Janice said to Chloe.  
answer: (d) cry
- A10 "I told you to leave my house so shove off already!" Hank told the disrespectful guest when he didn't leave promptly after being asked to leave at once.  
answer: (a) off

*English Slang Idioms (390)*

- A1 "I can ask the judge for a warrant to search the suspect's house but we have to show cause. We need to gather more evidence to convince the judge to give us a warrant," Detective Peterson said to the new officer.  
answer: (a) cause
- A2 "Let's take a vote on what plan we will adopt. Can we have a show of hands for all of those in favor of Mr. Stevens' plan?" The team leader asked the work team.  
answer: (b) hands
- A3 "Bill is such a show off. We were showing our girlfriends some of the bike tricks we learned lately and he had to ride by and do all of the professional stunts he does every day at work to make us look bad," Nick said to Joey.  
answer: (d) show
- A4 "Jeff has always acted like he is everyone's best friend but we got to see his true colors the other night. He told Hank's girlfriend about some of his and Hank's personal conversations in an effort to get her to break up with Hank and go out with him," Will said to Johnny.  
answer: (d) colors
- A5 "After what you did to Tommy, you better not show your face around here ever again," Tommy's big brother told Kyle the next time he came over. Kyle's behavior caused Tommy to lose his job.  
answer: (c) face
- A6 "Jerry must be having a hard time at work right now with all of the long hours he works. He is starting to show signs of being stressed out. He has been irritable lately and looks extremely tired. He also hasn't wanted to do any of the things he usually does," Nick told Nate.  
answer: (b) signs
- A7 "Can I go to Billy's today mom? Billy and Stevie are finally having the showdown we have all been waiting for. They have been talking about fighting each other on the video game for months!" Kyle said to Kate.  
answer: (a) showdown
- A8 "I broke up with Allison last Tuesday. I told her I had a problem I wanted to talk to her about and she told me that I need to see a shrink and get professional help instead of talking to her. That was the end; I can't be with a girl who would say such a thing for no good reason," Ben said to his brother.  
answer: (c) shrink
- A9 "Yes, Mom. Ben broke up with Allison. She told him to see a psychologist and that was the final straw. I was worried about their relationship because they had been fighting a lot lately and it looks like my worry was warranted," Sam said.  
answer: (c) straw
- A10 "I guess he tried to shrug it off and pretend that it didn't hurt him but the comment did. He told her that their relationship was over the next day," Sam said to his mom.  
answer: (d) shrug

*English Slang Idioms (391)*

- A1 "So, Paul left for Canada? Did he get his motorcycle checked out and get a new pair of tires before he left? I would shudder to think that he would ride through the Rockies with a bad pair of tires that might pop and kill him," Jill told his brother.  
answer: (b) shudder
- A2 "For a while, I was pursuing a career in professional skateboarding but I had to shut that door once I got married. I had to provide for a family and skateboarding wasn't going to be steady enough or pay enough," Kyle said to Ned.  
answer: (d) door
- A3 "You had better shut up right now. If you tell my girlfriend about that, I will punch you!" Joe said to his little brother as he was about to reveal an embarrassing story about Joe.  
answer: (a) shut
- A4 "I am tired. I think I am going to try to get some shut-eye and I will call you when I wake up. Maybe then we can get together," Lou said to his best friend.  
answer: (d) eye
- A5 "I don't think we should ask Alex to go to the amusement park with us. He shies away from heights in general and all of the rides there involve heights," Bill told his friends.  
answer: (d) away
- A6 "Take off your shoes before you come into the house. I am sick and tired of cleaning mud off of the carpets," Nancy said to her two boys.  
answer: (c) tired
- A7 "John, as you know, the vote for which plan will be implemented is coming up this week. We are old friends. Are you going to vote for my plan or side against me?" Zach asked.  
answer: (b) side
- A8 "I am sorry, Ian, but I am going to have to side with your brother. I think the house you want to buy is a bad investment. There is too much that needs to be fixed and the neighborhood isn't that great," Sammy said.  
answer: (c) with
- A9 "Is it OK if I bring my sidekick, Bear, with me? I bring my dog everywhere with me and I would like to bring him tonight — if that is alright with you," Hank said to Bob.  
answer: (a) sidekick
- A10 "A river! That is a sight for sore eyes. We need to bring water with us next time we go hiking; I am parched! I am going to go get a drink," Linus said to Steve and Ricky.  
answer: (d) sore

*English Slang Idioms (392)*

- A1 "Can I have you sign in please, Sir? The doctor will be with you in a moment he just reads down the list and calls the next person on the list. You have only one person ahead of you and then it is your turn," the receptionist said to Greg.  
answer: (c) in
- A2 "You are going to have to talk to the boss about getting a company phone. If he signs off on your request, I will give you one but, if not, you are out of luck," Bob said to Jim.  
answer: (b) off
- A3 "I am sorry; I can't take the job. I just signed on with the local electrical company. Thank you for the offer, though," Jim told the caller.  
answer: (d) on
- A4 "Greg, we warned you that if you didn't pay your protection money, bad things would happen. Joe told me that you refused to pay; you just signed your own death warrant," the crime boss's assistant said.  
answer: (c) warrant
- A5 "My mother is going to sign over the registration to the old car to me in two days. I will ask her if she would be willing to do it tomorrow so we can leave a day early," Craig said to Brian.  
answer: (b) over
- A6 "It seems like there are so many special interest groups in America that are setting the trends for what is morally or politically right in America. Those groups have enough money to get on TV or in the newspapers and, since their opinion is all that is voiced in the media, people are tempted to think everyone thinks that way. However, I don't believe the silent majority agrees with the special interest groups as often as the groups make it out to seem; they just aren't vocal about it or don't have the avenues to get their opinion out," Max said in his Political Science class.  
answer: (d) silent
- A7 "You need to slimmer down, Alice. I know you feel strongly about this issue but you need to relax a bit. You are getting too worked up," Alice's mom said.  
answer: (a) slimmer
- A8 "Amber told me that if I don't have the house clean by the time she gets home, she won't make chicken for dinner tonight. She is making me sing for my supper," Joe told his friend.  
answer: (d) sing
- A9 "I know that there are some here who don't think we should expand our product line; Hank, for one. However, our research shows that offering a line of shoes would be quite profitable," Nancy said to the group. Hank said, "Why did you have to single me out? Why didn't you just say that some didn't think we should expand? Now I am embarrassed and have to defend my position."  
answer: (b) single
- A10 "Is it alright with you if my son does some of the electrical work on your house? He has been studying electrical work for a while and has been longing to sink his teeth into something like this," Al said to his friend John.  
answer: (c) teeth

*English Slang Idioms (393)*

- A1 "I think Alex is ready to go out on the job by himself. We need to know whether he will sink or swim," his supervisor said to the boss.  
answer: (c) swim
- A2 "Kevin, I am warning you, if you don't stop taking company property, I will tell the boss. I am not going to sit back and watch you ruin our chances of getting new tools because the company has to spend all of their money replacing what you've taken," Bob said when they got back to the shop.  
answer: (b) back
- A3 "Jay, are you going to join us for a game of badminton?" Ken asked. He replied, "No, I think I am going to sit this one out. My shoulder is pretty sore from yesterday's activities."  
answer: (a) out
- A4 "Look, we need to make a decision right now. I need a straight answer from each of you. No one has time to sit on the fence. I need a final decision in two minutes," Sergeant Jamison told his squad.  
answer: (c) fence
- A5 "Kim, you aren't going to make me sit through another boring game of cards with your parents, are you? Every time they come, we play that dumb game. Can't we do something else this time?" Kevin asked his wife.  
answer: (d) through
- A6 "Sergeant, you promised me an answer about whether I could get a pass or not this weekend. Have you got an answer?" Private Thompson asked. Sergeant Kreg replied, "I am going to see the First Sergeant in about 15 minutes. Just sit tight and I will have the answer for you very soon."  
answer: (d) tight
- A7 "I am so tired. My son had food poisoning last night and I had to sit up with him all night. He was constantly throwing up. It was horrible," May said to Jenny.  
answer: (c) with
- A8 "My boss told me that I should work faster and that I don't have to do the well efficiency is the most important thing in his mind. However, that doesn't sit well with me. Any job that is worth doing is worth doing right," Bill told his wife.  
answer: (c) well
- A9 "It has been a long time since we had a moment away from the kids together. Why don't we hire a sitter on Friday and go out for dinner and a show together?" Lewis asked Mary.  
answer: (a) sitter
- A10 "The president thinks that all is well in the Middle East since the Israelis and the Palestinians have been negotiating and haven't fought in a while. I know that talking is the first step to resolution but both groups are still sitting on a powder keg. Until they make a lasting agreement about territorial rights, war is still only one step away," Jason said to Nick.  
answer: (c) powder

*English Slang Idioms (394)*

- A1 "I just got my report card and I got perfect grades this semester. I feel like I am sitting on top of the world!" Max said to his sister.  
answer: (d) world
- A2 "Hank has no idea what it is like to work here; sitting pretty in his office. He comes down to the warehouse and pretends like he knows what is going on but he doesn't," Luke said to Zack.  
answer: (b) pretty
- A3 "Is Karl an idiot? He keeps saying that we need to reject my plan and adopt his. His is the same as mine! His plan is six of one and mine is a half dozen of the other!" Greg said to Jeff.  
answer: (d) dozen
- A4 "I try to size up each one of the candidates for the job to see if I think they can physically perform the job. Then I ask them about their skills and experience," Lou said to Chris when he asked how he conducted job interviews for the warehouse.  
answer: (b) size
- A5 "I wouldn't talk back to the boss if I were you. You are already skating on thin ice around here. Your performance statistics are horrible and you took a lot of sick days last month," Katy said to Aaron.  
answer: (c) skating
- A6 "I wouldn't mind endorsing you for office. You are qualified and I agree with you on a lot of issues. You don't have any skeletons in the closet that might come out, do you? Any illegal campaign money, drug use or fraudulent activity — anything like that?" the senator asked the potential candidate.  
answer: (c) skeletons
- A7 "Our boss got caught embezzling from the firm and now he is on skid row. Make sure everything you do is ethical; there are a lot of temptations in this job. If you give into them, though, your career will be over," Jennifer said to Jesse  
answer: (a) skid
- A8 "I broke up with Gillian. Her father hates me and told me he would skin me alive if he caught me with her. I know he is just talking and it's a figure of speech but I am scared of him!" 15 year-old Johnny said to his buddy.  
answer: (d) alive
- A9 "Your friend is too skinny; he's just skin and bones. Why don't you invite him over for dinner and I'll make sure I feed him four or five steaks; get him fattened up," Ben told his son.  
answer: (d) bones
- A10 "Oh, just skip it! You always make your parents out to be horrible people but they aren't. I know them, remember? You are just lazy and that bothers them," Jake said to his friend Vance.  
answer: (b) skip

*English Slang Idioms (395)*

- A1 "I know you are mad at me for spending too much money on the TV so stop trying to skirt around the issue. I worked overtime this week so we will be able to afford it," Vince said to Gina.  
answer: (d) around
- A2 "If you get good grades, go to a decent school and do well there, the sky is the limit. You can get any job you want, do anything you want and get rich in the process," Jack told his son, Paul.  
answer: (b) limit
- A3 "I need to bear down and do some extra studying. I have been slacking off too much this semester and now I am behind. It will be hard to catch up but I can do it with some hard work," Aaron said to his older brother.  
answer: (c) slacking
- A4 "I got passed up again for promotion. They hired Ned for the position. Talk about a slap in the face; he has worked for the company half the amount of time I have and he has less qualifications," Simon angrily said to his wife.  
answer: (a) slap
- A5 "I thought my parents were going to kill me when I came home drunk but I only got a slap in the wrist for it; I am grounded for three days and that is it!" Vicky said to Emma.  
answer: (c) wrist
- A6 "We forgot to bring the tent poles. Just give me a minute and I'll slap together a make-shift tent out of these tarps, a big stick, this rope and this tree," Josh said to his two friends.  
answer: (a) slap
- A7 "That is too bad. He was slated for graduating with honors from this school but the board won't let him now that he has been arrested for doing drugs on campus," Professor Thompson said to the Assistant Dean.  
answer: (b) for
- A8 "I just caught the new temporary employee stealing drill bits from the tool shed. I threw him out on his ear right quick," Josh said to the main boss.  
answer: (c) ear
- A9 "So, what do you think of the job offer, Jim? It requires moving to a new city but it is a lot more money," Kyle said. Jim replied, "I don't know if I want to move. Let me sleep on it and I will have an answer for you by tomorrow; about noon or so."  
answer: (d) sleep
- A10 "I don't think I would date her if I were you. She has a reputation of sleeping around too much and she could hurt your reputation here; she's already been with half the staff," Bob warned the new employee.  
answer: (b) sleeping

*English Slang Idioms (396)*

- A1 "I feel great today. I had a warm bath last night before bed and I slept like a log. I haven't got that much sleep in at least a month," Chris said to Bert.  
answer: (d) log
- A2 "James, we can't let you work today; you're drunk. Why don't you go home and sleep it off. We'll see you tomorrow, OK?" Vince said.  
answer: (c) off
- A3 "I am sorry, Boss. I wasn't paying attention. I drank a cup of coffee at 9 o'clock last night and I didn't sleep a wink last night. Can you please repeat yourself?" Craig asked.  
answer: (b) wink
- A4 "My boss is such a slave driver; he is always trying to get more and more work out of us in the same amount of time. People are skipping their breaks and lunch just to get their work done," Ben told his girlfriend.  
answer: (c) driver
- A5 "I can't believe the nerve of that guy! He asked me to sleep with him; he knows I am good friends with his wife! What a creep!" Marisol said to Allison.  
answer: (d) sleep
- A6 "My wife got into a slinging match with her sister the other night and it was ugly. I had to force her to leave her sister's house with me before it got any worse," Simon said to Matt.  
answer: (b) match
- A7 "I have to be really careful at work. I made my boss mad and now he is just waiting for me to slip up. If I make one mistake in my paperwork or on the telephone, I am gone," Damien told Sarah.  
answer: (d) up
- A8 "I am sorry that I didn't pick up any chicken soup for you at the store. It completely slipped my mind; I got your crackers, though," Laura said to her roommate.  
answer: (b) mind
- A9 "This party is pretty boring. Why don't we slip off and go get a beer at the karaoke bar down the street. It is kind of fun to hear all the bad singing," Brian said to Elizabeth.  
answer: (c) slip
- A10 "I didn't know what to do. The only way I could provide for my wife was to work long hours on the job. We had a lot of bills that we accrued when we married. I had to watch our relationship slip through my fingers as she became even more distant the more I worked. Finally, she left me because she said I was never around," Fred told his old friend.  
answer: (d) fingers



*English Slang Idioms (397)*

- A1 "You shouldn't have embarrassed our boss in front of her boss. She will be waiting for you to slip up and if you do, she'll fire you. She is a very vengeful person," Chen said to Eric.  
answer: (b) up
- A2 "Matt is a little slow on the uptake, isn't he? I have heard the boss tell him how to build a wall several times and he just doesn't get it. It isn't a hard concept to understand," Max said to Tony.  
answer: (c) slow
- A3 "What kinds of music do you like, Rob?" Sarah asked. "I like mainly slow tunes: folk songs, Rhythm and Blues, light jazz, and some orchestra. How about you?" He replied.  
answer: (b) slow
- A4 "Hey, Jake! Can you slow up a minute? You are walking too fast for me and I need to ask you a question," Bill said.  
answer: (d) slow
- A5 "I am sorry. I know your kid has been getting bullied by Joe but I can't let kids slug it out at school. There are rules that must be adhered to and fighting is not the answer," the vice principal told Jay after his kid received a three-day suspension.  
answer: (c) slug
- A6 "When you see Joe ask him to come to my party, will you? Please tell him on the sly, though. I don't want anyone else overhearing and getting hurt because they are not invited," Brent said to Steve.  
answer: (c) sly
- A7 "Look at little Stevie over there. He is smacking his lips, waiting for that fried chicken. He sure loves his mom's fried chicken," John said to his son about his brother.  
answer: (d) lips
- A8 "I can't believe that just happened. I was walking toward the door to go outside and suddenly Jim opened it — unexpectedly. It caught me smack-dab in the face!" Sarah told Kim and she laughed at the expression on Sarah's face.  
answer: (b) dab
- A9 "Go home, small fry. We don't want any little kids hanging around our clubhouse," Billy said to his little brother.  
answer: (a) fry
- A10 "I am no good at small talk. I have a lot to say to people once I get to know them but I am no good at finding things to say to people I just meet," Nadine said to Kim.  
answer: (c) talk

*English Slang Idioms (398)*

- A1 "I like where I work. It is a small-time outfit but we still do a lot of business and I get paid well. I like working for family-owned businesses more than big corporations; you get a lot more freedom to do the job the way you see fit," Fred said to Albert.  
answer: (b) time
- A2 "I was so nervous about singing in front of all of those people. I shouldn't have been, though. The song was a smash hit! Everyone cheered and clapped. It made me feel really good," Ben said to his family.  
answer: (b) smash
- A3 "I think we need to interview the company president again; I smell a rat. I think they are up to something illegal; I am just not sure what yet. Whatever it is could be the key to this whole case, though," Detective Christianson said to his partner.  
answer: (d) rat
- A4 "Did you have to cut that Limburger cheese right before the guests arrived? Way to smell up the place," Paul said to Heather.  
answer: (c) smell
- A5 "I will never go on another road trip with Wes. He smokes like a chimney! Every twenty minutes, we had to pull over so he could light up. It drove me nuts," Jessica said to Terra.  
answer: (a) smokes
- A6 "I can assure you that if the criminal is anywhere near our town, we'll smoke him out," the chief of police said to the reporters in the press conference.  
answer: (c) smoke
- A7 "I don't believe the government's explanation regarding what happened that day. I think it is just a smoke screen to conceal what really happened. It is too neat and tidy and is out of character for the people involved," Sergeant Johnson said to his pal in the FBI.  
answer: (a) screen
- A8 "I tried to smooth things over with my roommate but she is still mad at me. She won't even listen to my explanation about why I acted the way I did and I have a good reason for it," Jill said to Veronica.  
answer: (c) smooth
- A9 "Bobby is such a snake in the grass. He has been sleeping with his wife's best friend for years and won't break up with her or tell her. She is so nave; she won't believe that he is doing it," Danielle said to Brianna.  
answer: (a) snake
- A10 "I know you didn't get much sleep last night but you need to stop snapping at me. I didn't do anything wrong so you stop talking to me like that with that tone of voice," Brendon said to Kylie.  
answer: (b) snapping

*English Slang Idioms (399)*

- A1 "You are going to have to wait. I am busy. I can't always do what you want me to do as soon as you snap your fingers," Amanda said to Adam.  
answer: (c) fingers
- A2 "Why are you sitting outside, William?" his neighbor asked. He replied, "My wife is in a foul mood right now and I am waiting for her to snap out of it. She usually does after a little while so I am going to find a project out here to do for a half-hour or so."  
answer: (d) snap
- A3 He knew he had to rush back to work but he couldn't resist taking a snapshot of the sea and sunset scene. It was strikingly beautiful and had poignant blues, purples, pinks and some reds.  
answer: (c) snapshot
- A4 "You scared me, Jake. Don't sneak up on me like that. Say something or knock on the door next time," Dean said to his roommate after he got startled.  
answer: (c) sneak
- A5 "Your friend Adam's house is beautiful. It may be the nicest house I have ever seen. Of course, your brother's house is nothing to sneeze at, either. Your brother's house must have cost a pretty penny also and has some really cool architecture in it," Samantha said to Aaron.  
answer: (a) nothing
- A6 "Why don't you have a seat in the waiting room, Mrs. Ellison? I don't know what the problem is with your car but our team will sniff it out I no time," Jeff said.  
answer: (d) out
- A7 "The first week we were here after moving from down south, we got snowed in for three days and couldn't get out to get food. It was rough," Billy told his two friends.  
answer: (c) in
- A8 "Are you warm enough with just that blanket on?" Sylvia asked Norton. He replied, "Yes. I am as snug as a bug in a rug."  
answer: (d) rug
- A9 "I can't stand when people smoke cigarettes in their houses when they have kids living there. If you want to smoke, so be it, but don't make your kids sit in your smoke!" Bill said to Riley.  
answer: (d) be
- A10 "Are your renovations still going well?" Thomas asked Mike. He replied, "So far, so good. I haven't had many problems and I am getting a lot done. I should be done with the kitchen in about a week."  
answer: (c) good

*English Slang Idioms (400)*

- A1 I promised I would build this house and I will, so help me, God. I have got the concrete work and the framing completed already and it has only been two months," Bill said to his brother when he expressed doubt as to whether Bill would start and finish the house or not.  
answer: (d) help
- A2 "Will you come help me do the siding on my house?" Derrick asked Chris. He replied, "I will, so long as you get all of the materials first and you don't expect me to help you every day."  
answer: (b) long
- A3 "I am done with sealing the roof! So much for that job!" Chris shouted to his wife.  
answer: (d) much
- A4 "How do you install laminate flooring?" Derrick asked Chris. He responded, "Well, the edges of the boards are a tongue-in-groove style, so to speak. You just fit the edges of the two boards together and then press down on the second board. Then, they just snap together and stay that way. You do that over and over and pretty soon, you have your floor."  
answer: (a) speak
- A5 "I don't like your friend Melissa. All she does is gossip; she never talks about anything other than so-and-so said this and this person said that. It is superficial and annoying," Chris said to Veronica.  
answer: (c) so
- A6 "What do you think of your new position? Do you like it better than your last one?" Kara asked Jacky. "It's just so-so. Some parts I like better but it is very stressful much more so than my last job there. I also have to spend much more time on paperwork," she replied.  
answer: (b) so-so
- A7 "What are you going to do tonight? I was thinking about going to the bar," Jason asked Fred. He responded, "I don't know. I am probably going to stay home and soak in a movie. I don't have a lot of money and I am tired so I probably won't do much."  
answer: (b) soak
- A8 "I am going to the beach to soak up the sun before the weather gets cold. Want to come?" Dina asked Juliet.  
answer: (d) up
- A9 "One of the hardest parts of being a supervisor, for me, is listening to all the sob stories. People are constantly calling in and asking for time off for all of these drawn-out reasons. I know half of them are lies anyway. One person called and said he couldn't come in because his grandma's dog died," Jerry told Bart.  
answer: (c) sob
- A10 "My last girlfriend was a social climber. I will never date one of those again. She wanted to spend all of her time going to the Right parties with the Right people. It was all about image and nothing about having fun or being ourselves," Jim said to Luke.  
answer: (d) social

*English Slang Idioms (401)*

- A1 "Why did you fight that boy at school, Josh? I thought we agreed you wouldn't fight at school anymore," Steve said to his boy. He replied, "Dan socked me in the face. What did you expect me to do? I had to defend myself."  
answer: (c) socked
- A2 "Many believe that American kids are getting fat due to the massive amounts of soft drinks they drink every day. Some people we interviewed said that their kids drink as many as twelve sodas a day," the newscaster said on TV.  
answer: (c) soft
- A3 "I have no sympathy for people like that. My husband is more softhearted than I am and would probably give those people an excuse for their behavior," Linda said to Jack.  
answer: (d) softhearted
- A4 "My husband isn't sure he wants to buy that car but I am sold on it. I think it is a great deal; we won't have to repair it often, it's affordable, it looks good and it gets great gas mileage. What more could one want?" Jesse said to her friend.  
answer: (d) sold
- A5 "Your friend is something else. I have only met him three times and, in that time, he told me he is going to be a doctor, a lawyer, a car salesman and a professional bowler," Katy said to Oliver.  
answer: (d) else
- A6 "Honey, that son of a bitch stole my saw! Call the police!" Matt yelled as the stranger sped away.  
answer: (b) bitch
- A7 "Well, son of a gun. Our plants made it! I didn't think they would survive without water for two weeks in the summer but somehow they did," Chris said to Linda when they got back from vacation.  
answer: (d) gun
- A8 "My best friend thinks he is so smart. He thinks he can get away with stealing from work, indefinitely, but he will get caught sooner or later. I guess if you are dumb enough to steal from work, you are dumb enough to think you'll never get caught," Axel said to Beth.  
answer: (b) sooner
- A9 "I could tell you were going to ask Jesse more about his parents' divorce. Don't do it; their divorce is still kind of a sore spot with him. He doesn't like to talk about it," Dan said to Billy.  
answer: (c) spot
- A10 "Did you take the saw to get yourself some spending money?" Danny's dad asked. "Sort of. My girlfriend's car broke down and if she doesn't get it fixed, she'll lose her job. Neither of us has any money and she only has one more day off. I wanted to ask you but I was afraid you would say no," he replied.  
answer: (b) of

*English Slang Idioms (402)*

- A1 "Why did your brother leave here to work in that small town? It seems like an odd decision," Kelly asked Carrie. She responded, "He left to get a new perspective on life. He has some issues he needs to sort out and he didn't think he could figure out the answers here with all his friends and family around."  
answer: (a) sort
- A2 "Did you think about the question I asked you, Roberta?" Ricky asked. She replied, "After some soul- searching, I decided that I can't marry you. I can't start a life with someone who sells stolen goods for a living — no matter how much I love the person."  
answer: (c) searching
- A3 "I heard the boss mention to her boss that training people in India to speak to Americans over the phone will be difficult. I am worried that we might lose our jobs," Sandy, a customer service representative, said to Phil. Phil said, "I don't like the sound of that at all. It sounds like the work we do here may be outsourced really soon. We better start looking for another job."  
answer: (c) sound
- A4 "I don't like the new Star Wars movies. They may have better special effects than the old ones but they just don't have the same feel to them at all. I don't think the acting or the dialogue is as good either," Bill said to Mark.  
answer: (c) effects
- A5 "When a drill sergeant asks you a question, you had better sound off! None of these whispery voices you use at home. I want to hear you loud and clear. Do you understand?" Drill Sergeant Gary told the new privates.  
answer: (a) sound
- A6 "Do you think the boss would allow us to work four ten-hour shifts instead of five eight-hour shifts? I think the team would really like to have three-day weekends each week," Shelly said. Bart replied, "I don't know if he would go for that but I will sound him out to see what he thinks. I'll let you know what he says after I get a chance to ask him."  
answer: (a) out
- A7 "I am so mad. Some kid with a souped-up truck just spun his tires out of the parking lot. Some of the gravel got kicked up and busted my windshield," Tommy said to Rhoda.  
answer: (c) souped
- A8 "Why didn't your boy stay with Wendy? She seemed like such a nice, smart girl. She loved him, too," Brandy said to Steve. He replied, "I don't think she did anything wrong. I don't think he is ready to settle down yet. I think he needs to sow his wild oats first. You know how it is with young guys."  
answer: (b) oats
- A9 "What are you thinking about? We were talking and then, all of a sudden, you got quiet and started staring out into space," Chris said to his wife in the restaurant.  
answer: (a) space
- A10 "I think that girl is on drugs or something. She was pretty spaced out. I asked her where a store was and it took her almost 30 seconds to answer. Then, her answer made no sense at all," Brian said to Audrey.  
answer: (c) out

*English Slang Idioms (403)*

- A1 "I know you are looking for a fight but I am not going to spar with you today. I know you are mad at me for moving away with her but I am going and that is it! I am not going to talk about it anymore!" Ted said to his old friend.  
answer: (b) spar
- A2 "Do you want to go to the bar tonight?" Joe asked Lisa and Tom. She replied, "We'd love to." Tom said, "Speak for yourself. I have to work early tomorrow and have to be in bed soon. I can't show up with a hangover; I have meetings all day."  
answer: (c) Speak
- A3 "I can't stand Joey. He always crashes our parties and doesn't bring anything," Shelly said at the party. Zack said, "Speak of the devil and he may appear. There is Joey now and he has nothing in his arms."  
answer: (c) devil
- A4 "I like Ashley; we speak the same language. She likes what I like and we have the same views on most things," Linda said to Chris.  
answer: (a) language
- A5 "The fact that he didn't cheat on his wife when given the opportunity on the business trip speaks volumes to me about what kind of man he is. A guy that would break his promise to his wife like that would do anything," the boss said to his assistant.  
answer: (d) volumes
- A6 "He must be an alright guy. Our boss speaks well of him and she doesn't say anything good about anyone," Shelly said to Jessica at work.  
answer: (d) speaks
- A7 "I already told you that the report had to be in at five o'clock. Why was that hard to understand? What did you want me to do-spell it out for you?" the boss said to the slow employee.  
answer: (a) spell
- A8 "The boss mentioned going on a trip to China. That spells trouble for us, I think. Our job could easily be outsourced to China. I hope that is not why she is going," Bill, the production specialist, said to Ellis.  
answer: (b) trouble
- A9 "Mom, is it OK if Stevie spends the night tonight? We could rent some movies and I promise we'll be in bed by 11 o'clock," Nick said.  
answer: (c) spends
- A10 "I still can't go with you even though I just got paid. I don't have any spending money all of it has to go to bills," Jerry said to Aaron.  
answer: (c) money

*English Slang Idioms (404)*

- A1 "You know how dirty my house was. I spent most of the day cleaning and now everything is spick-and-span. You should come over and see it now that it's clean," Joseph said to Laura.  
answer: (a) span
- A2 "Why did your sister and Todd break up? I know you know the reason. Come on; spill the beans," Alice said to Abbey.  
answer: (d) beans
- A3 "Bob isn't very knowledgeable but he sure can spin a yarn. That guy has some of the funniest stories I have ever heard," Christian said to Kyle.  
answer: (c) spin
- A4 "Have you seen the show The Office on TBS with Steve Carrel. It is a spin off of the English show called The Office and it is quite funny, in my opinion. If you haven't seen it, you should watch it," Dana said to Craig.  
answer: (a) off
- A5 "Josh doesn't say much but you can see the wheels spinning. There is a lot going on in his head and his ideas are quite intelligent," Bob said to Jenny.  
answer: (c) wheels
- A6 "Did you see the movie Seven? It is a spine-chilling suspense that will keep you guessing until the end," Chris said to Derrick.  
answer: (d) chilling
- A7 "We are going to spirit your little brother away for the day. Is that OK with you? We are going to take him rafting," Craig said to Tom.  
answer: (b) spirit
- A8 "Oh, darn. I have to change my shirt before we go to dinner. The baby just spit up on me," John said to Shirley.  
answer: (c) spit
- A9 "Can we move on? This argument is over inconsequential details. We are splitting hairs here and wasting time," Nancy said to the team.  
answer: (d) hairs
- A10 "We were driving home last night and the roads were quite icy. We took off after stopping at a light and, in a split second, we were in a ditch. It took at least a half-hour to get out," Bill told Marlene.  
answer: (c) second



*English Slang Idioms (405)*

- A1 "Did you hear that Greg and Jenny split up? They were together for four years and I thought they were doing fine. Apparently they weren't; now they won't even talk to each other," Josh said to his sister.  
answer: (d) split
- A2 "Everything on the table is for sale except for the saw. The saw is already spoken for. The guy who bought it is coming back later to pick it up," Zack said to the new-comers at the garage sale.  
answer: (c) spoken
- A3 "Dan, I know you like Kyle but he is sponging off of you too much. Surely you can see that! I know you wanted to help him in his time of need by letting him stay with you but he is never going to move out on his own," Paul told him.  
answer: (d) sponging
- A4 "Lilly is so lazy and immature. She won't work for anything and gets everything for free from her parents. Everything has to be spoon-fed to her; she won't make the slightest bit of effort to obtain whatever it is herself," Pauline said to Laura.  
answer: (b) spoon
- A5 "The majority of your job is going to be comprised of doing spot checks at our different factories to make sure that random samples of our products meet our quality standards," the boss told Tim.  
answer: (a) checks
- A6 "I know you honestly think the boss is doing the right thing and that she is very intelligent but aren't you spreading it on kind of thick? Telling her that the business world has never seen a genius like her before and that they never will again is a bit much," Jason said to Aaron.  
answer: (d) thick
- A7 The news about the boss being led out of his office in handcuffs spread like wildfire. Within minutes, everyone at the office knew about it and reporters were already arriving to get statements.  
answer: (c) wildfire
- A8 "I shouldn't have bought that last condominium. Now I am spread a little too thin. I have four mortgage payments now and I am not sure there is going to be enough money to go around," Mathew said to his brother.  
answer: (d) thin
- A9 "Honey, we need to buy a new hose. Ours has sprung a leak," Chris said to his wife.  
answer: (a) leak
- A10 "I can't find my wallet anywhere. What did it do, sprout wings and fly away?" John said to his roommate.  
answer: (d) sprout

*English Slang Idioms (406)*

- A1 "Why are you all spruced up?" Tim asked his normally unkempt roommate when he walked in and found Wes in a suit and polished shoes.  
answer: (c) spruced
- A2 His family thought that his getting bad grades would cause him to give up and quite school. Oddly enough, given his previous character, the bad grades spurred him on to want to do better. His next report card contained almost perfect grades.  
answer: (b) spurred
- A3 "You already paid back part of the loan and now that you helped me with the tiles in my house, we are square. Consider the debt paid in full," Tony said to Bobby.  
answer: (a) square
- A4 "Did you clean the bathrooms on the west side yet, Nick?" the boss asked. He replied, "Not yet. I am on my way to square them away right now."  
answer: (a) square
- A5 "Were you happy with the work you received from those contractors you had over at your place? Did they charge a fair price? I might give them a call depending on your opinion," Max said to Rodney. Rodney said, "They were a little expensive but I feel like I got a square deal. They worked hard and did a great job. They also put in some extras for free. I would recommend them to you."  
answer: (b) deal
- A6 "I like many things about the army. The food wasn't bad either. I got three square meals a day and, many times, the food was cooked by a professional chef since I worked with officers," Art told Chris.  
answer: (d) meals
- A7 The crowd waited in anticipation for the boxers to square off and begin fighting. A lot of people thought it was the match of the century.  
answer: (d) off
- A8 He was nervous; he always was before job interviews. He knew he needed to hide that fact so he squared his shoulders and opened the door with a big smile on his face. Better to look confident than worried.  
answer: (d) shoulders
- A9 "I don't fit in at my new school with all of the Seventh Day Adventists since I am a Protestant. I feel like a square peg in a round hole," Jason said to his buddy.  
answer: (c) peg
- A10 "I have a few errands to run before we can meet up. My dad loaned me some money and I have to go square up with him. I also have to go to the post office," Hank said to Chen.  
answer: (d) square

*English Slang Idioms (407)*

- A1 "You want to quit school and move to Hollywood to become an actor? I won't stand for it! You are finishing school and then you can do whatever you want. You are under my authority until you are 18 years old!" Bob told his 15 year-old son.  
answer: (d) stand
- A2 "I would hire Jim in a heart-beat. He is smart and a stand-up guy. He is reliable and trustworthy," Karl said to Owen.  
answer: (c) up
- A3 "Accounting was hard for me. I barely managed to squeak by with a passing grade," Ollie said to Frank.  
answer: (b) squeak
- A4 "I know you were about to get extra duty from Sergeant Ramos when you didn't show up for work on Tuesday. How did you manage to squeeze out of that one?" Simon asked Brian when he surprisingly saw him out on the town that night.  
answer: (c) squeeze
- A5 "I am very angry at the world right now. My best friend just stabbed me in the back and was sleeping with my fiance," George said to his brother when his brother asked how things were going for him.  
answer: (c) stabbed
- A6 "Don't blow your stack, Sir; we'll make it right. There is no need to get angry. Let me figure out what I did wrong and I promise you, you will get all of the money back you are owed," the store clerk said when the customer informed him that he had been overcharged.  
answer: (a) blow
- A7 "I am sorry, Sergeant. We shouldn't have beat him up but we caught him stacking the deck during our poker game. He managed to take us for over \$300 before he got caught and he refused to give it back after we caught him cheating," Private Jackson said.  
answer: (a) stacking
- A8 "I am sorry, Honey. You can't come with me to Adam's house on Wednesday. It's a stag party; no girls allowed," Jimmy said to his girlfriend.  
answer: (c) stag
- A9 "I can't believe I forgot my lines during the play on Wednesday. I think I forgot because of stage fright. There were way more people there than I expected," Mary said to Henrietta.  
answer: (a) fright
- A10 "Together, we are going to stamp out all sexual harassment. We can't allow any to go on or else our business will suffer," Chen said to the staff.  
answer: (c) stamp

*English Slang Idioms (408)*

- A1 "What are you doing for Christmas break," Adam asked his college buddy. He replied, "I am going home to my old stamping grounds for a couple of weeks. How about you?"  
answer: (c) stamping
- A2 "Dad, why are you on strike instead of working?" Danny asked. "Sometimes you have to take a stand, son. The company isn't paying us for all of the work we do and the union I am a part of is going to help us put an end to that."  
answer: (b) stand
- A3 "I am going to tell her what you are doing. I am not going to stand by and watch you take advantage of a nice person like her," Jared told Bobby.  
answer: (c) by
- A4 "I thought you brought up a good point. Why are you changing your mind and are going to stay quiet about the things that are going wrong here? You have to stick by your guns; I'll stand by you," Helen said to Melissa.  
answer: (a) guns
- A5 "I don't know why some people in the army stand in awe of high-ranking officers. They are just people and they put on their pants the same way we do every morning. There is nothing scary or God-like about them," Corporal Stevens said to Specialist Thomas.  
answer: (c) awe
- A6 "I have to go to my dad's funeral on Tuesday. Can you stand in for me at work? I will cover your shift when you need to go somewhere if you do," Chris said to Brian.  
answer: (a) in
- A7 "You know I want to go to college in New York and that if you backed me, Dad would probably agree to let me go. So why are you standing in my way? Why do you keep telling him I shouldn't be allowed to go?" Ellis asked his brother.  
answer: (c) way
- A8 "Did you and Gina ever come to an agreement and stop fighting?" Billy asked. Phil replied, "No, we are kind of in a stand off. Neither one of us will give in and compromise."  
answer: (d) stand
- A9 "I understand. Both of you are pretty obstinate. I am not surprised that neither of you is willing to fold," Billy said.  
answer: (b) fold
- A10 "I am sick of that bully always running me off the basketball court so he can play. Next time, I am going to stand my ground and refuse to leave. If I get to the court first, I have the right to play," Davie said to Kyle.  
answer: (d) ground

*English Slang Idioms (409)*

- A1 "I don't believe in evolution but I know most people do. I don't want to stand out and be the only one to disagree. I know it is weak but it is easier to not have to argue with others in the class and the teacher," Jesse said to Paul.  
answer: (d) stand
- A2 "It is better to use square-drive screws when you need a long screw and if you are screwing into hard wood. The bit has more of the screw to grab onto to turn it than a Philips-head screw," Paul told Chris. "I guess that stands to reason . Especially since the Philips screws often don't exactly fit the bit and are cheaper. At least that has been my experience," he replied.  
answer: (d) reason
- A3 "All of those who agree that we should work extra hard this weekend so that we don't have to work during the Christmas vacation, stand up and be counted!" the First Sergeant said to the company.  
answer: (b) counted
- A4 "Bill, you have been my best friend for many years. As you know, I am getting married in two weeks. Will you stand up for me and be my best man at the wedding?" Axel asked.  
answer: (b) stand
- A5 "Your friend Mike is pretty standoffish, isn't he? I tried to get him to talk a few times but he either gives me one-word answers or doesn't answer my questions at all. I can tell he doesn't like people very much," Maxine said to Jerry.  
answer: (d) standoffish
- A6 "Matt is such a pain. He always has to be the star of everything he does. He is always like Look at me! Look at me!" anytime we are in a group function together. He always wants to seem better than everyone else around him," Josephine said to Stan.  
answer: (a) star
- A7 "Chloe is in love with your brother, you know. You can see the stars in her eyes every time you mention his name," Chloe's mom said to Jennifer.  
answer: (d) eyes
- A8 "Why do you keep trying to start something with my sister? Every time she comes around, you start insulting her or accusing her of something. What did she ever do to you?" Dave asked Caroline.  
answer: (c) something
- A9 "How does it feel now that your own mistakes are staring you in the face? Do you still feel better than everyone around you?" Dan asked his egotistical brother.  
answer: (c) staring
- A10 "Technology has come a long way since I was a kid. Take that state-of-the-art music player you just bought. It will hold 2,000 songs at a time. The record players I grew up with would hold maybe five songs," Arthur told his grandson.  
answer: (d) art

*English Slang Idioms (410)*

- A1 While cellular phones serve a purpose, they are also status symbol in the United States. The better the phone, the richer the person who has it seems.  
answer: (b) status
- A2 "We were barely able to stave off the run on the bank that started this morning. If the Federal Bank hadn't given us a loan, we might have had to close our doors," the Chief Financial Officer said to his colleague.  
answer: (b) stave
- A3 "Dad, this is Timmy. I just popped a tire and I am out in the middle of nowhere. I am twenty minutes away from Hills Market on Skyway." Frank replied, over the phone, "Just stay put and I will be there as soon as possible to help you change the tire."  
answer: (d) put
- A4 "Josh, I can't stay with her after she stole my guitar equipment and sold all of it. You might be able to forgive someone for that but I can't. I am glad we decided not to move in together. I told her that we were no longer together last night," Bill told his brother.  
answer: (c) with
- A5 "This party is dull and the people are boring. Let's steal away for a drink at the local bar," Kyle said to Eileen.  
answer: (a) steal
- A6 "I am going to open my own business. At least I will get the recognition I earned for the work I have done. I am sick of my boss stealing my thunder. Every time I succeed or invent something, he takes all the credit," Dan said to Al.  
answer: (d) thunder
- A7 "I hate to say it but the band that played before my kid's band stole the show. They were much better than any of the other bands. Don't tell Jeff that, though," Greg said quietly to his wife.  
answer: (d) stole
- A8 "I just want to do a good job but some of my co-workers just want credit. One of the guys wanted to steal the spotlight so bad that he broke into my locked desk drawer to steal my ideas so he would look good," Jesse said to Helena.  
answer: (a) spotlight
- A9 "Ever since I ate lunch, I kind of ran out of steam. I was working hard and fast before that and now I am tired and don't want to do anything," Joe said to Lewis at work.  
answer: (c) steam
- A10 "There is no reason to get steamed up we are still going to go where you want to go today. We are just going to stop at the store on the way there," Peggy said to her son.  
answer: (d) up

*English Slang Idioms (411)*

- A1 "You had better steer clear of the boss today. He is in a really foul mood. He has yelled at everyone he has seen already," Marsha warned Isaac.  
answer: (c) clear
- A2 "I thought the workers were going to revolt when they heard that our office is closing. I was able to stem the tide by grabbing a bullhorn and turning on the alarm. Then, they were willing to listen and I was able to explain that this office was just transferring across town," Jenny said to the boss.  
answer: (c) tide
- A3 "I know he is the boss but I am not going to let him step all over me. He might direct the work but he needs me to get it done. He can't force me to work overtime every time he makes a mistake," Gerald said to Owen.  
answer: (c) step
- A4 "May I have your attention please? I have decided to step down as CEO of this company and appoint Jerry to take my place. I have worked here for 40 years and it is time for me to retire and do some traveling. It has been great working with all of you," Maxwell told the staff.  
answer: (d) down
- A5 "Mike isn't going to finish his job today. If he doesn't, he'll get fired. He's a good guy so let's all step in and give him a hand," Hank said to Ned and Bill.  
answer: (b) step
- A6 "This fight does not concern you. You had better step off before it does," the gangster said to the helpful stranger who wanted to help the gangster's victim.  
answer: (c) step
- A7 "We are going to be late if you keep driving this slowly. You had better step on it if we are going to get there on time," Harris said to Lane who was the carpool driver for that day.  
answer: (d) it
- A8 Lane stepped on the gas and they all started to make better speed. Unfortunately, a cop just happened to be passing by and pulled them over for speeding.  
answer: (c) gas
- A9 "I would trust him with my life. He's got a sterling character and has never let me down," Bill said to his friends about Robert.  
answer: (d) character
- A10 "I am going home. Incidentally, is the movie you are about to start any good? I have been meaning to watch it and haven't got around to seeing it yet," Helen asked Veronica and Jacky. Jacky responded, "Why don't you stick around and find out? You don't have to go home yet; tomorrow's Saturday and you don't have to work."  
answer: (d) stick

*English Slang Idioms (412)*

- A1 "I can charge him with intent to commit a crime but I can't make it stick. Any competent lawyer would be able to get that charge tossed out. We'll have to let him go until we get more evidence," Chief O'Donnell said to the two detectives when they wanted him to figure out a way to detain the suspect.  
answer: (d) stick
- A2 "I have to be there for my best friend in his time of need. He stuck by me when no one else would and I am not about to leave him hanging," Jim said to Alice.  
answer: (d) by
- A3 "Quit sticking your nose into other people's business. It is rude and people don't like it," Jerry told his inquisitive son when he asked the guest why he wasn't married anymore.  
answer: (a) nose
- A4 "I love the gate you built, Honey, but you have to cut that one post shorter to match the rest. It sticks out like a sore thumb," Brian said to Gladice.  
answer: (d) thumb
- A5 "Johnny is such a good-natured guy. He puts up with a lot of ribbing from his brothers and he never gets mad," Alison said to Gracie.  
answer: (a) ribbing
- A6 "Bill, I don't have a lot of time here so can you please stick to the point. You were asking me about the upcoming change in software and now you are telling me that your chair is uncomfortable," the boss told him.  
answer: (c) point
- A7 "You were right there when Gina accused me of going out drinking with some girls the other night. I was with you watching a movie that whole time. Why didn't you stick up for me and tell her I was with you?" Danny asked Mitchell.  
answer: (b) stick
- A8 The armored car driver rolled down his window when the policeman motioned him to do so. To his surprise, the officer pulled out a gun and said "This is a stick-up! Get out of the vehicle and open the back. Give me all of the money." The driver hadn't thought to verify whether the man was a real police officer or not before rolling down the bullet-proof window.  
answer: (c) up
- A9 "We shouldn't drink alcohol. We are only 16-years-old and we aren't allowed to drink until we are 21," Billy said to his girlfriend and her friends. She replied, "Quit being such a stick in the mud and have a drink," and handed him the bottle.  
answer: (b) stick
- A10 His specialty was still life paintings. He didn't like the more abstract variety that didn't look like anything.  
answer: (a) life



*English Slang Idioms (413)*

- A1 "Dad, why did you let Johnny go to the dance and not me?" Dan asked over supper eight years later. Johnny said, "Dan, don't stir up the past. Who cares what happened back then. Let it go."  
answer: (d) stir
- A2 "I thought Dan was going to punch Steve in the face when he brought up Dan's previous drinking problem in front of Dan's new girlfriend; Dan was as mad as a hornet," Owen said to Luke.  
answer: (a) hornet
- A3 "I can't stomach these new horror movies. They are so graphic and gory. They, and the people that make them, make me sick," Jennifer told Rosa as she put a horror movie in the DVD player.  
answer: (c) stomach
- A4 "I tried to find out where Specialist Wilson was transferred after he was sent to the brig but I got stone walled by the MPs. The military police refused to give me any information at all and their commander ordered me not to inquire about his whereabouts again," Sergeant Ellis told Private Gonzales.  
answer: (c) walled
- A5 "Is there a hardware store around here?" Bill asked Harvey. He replied, "Yes, there is one just a stone's throw away from here. It is up one block and on the right."  
answer: (d) throw
- A6 "I hate sleeping on plywood but I am stone-broke at the moment. As soon as I get paid, I am going to buy some carpet," Matt told Paul when Paul enquired about the renovations.  
answer: (d) broke
- A7 "He can't hear you; you'll have to go out to the garden if you want to converse with him. My father is stone-deaf," Ellie said to the salesman.  
answer: (b) deaf
- A8 "I can't believe you told the guards that I had a pack of cigarettes so that you could get extra privileges. I never figured you for a stool pigeon," Davis," Jared told the other prisoner.  
answer: (d) pigeon
- A9 "You were willing to spend your kids' college fund to go gamble in Las Vegas? Will you stop at nothing to fulfill your dream of competing against the best card players in the world?" Beth asked Michael.  
answer: (a) nothing
- A10 "He tried to move his pieces down here to checkmate me but I stopped him cold," Chris told Linda when she asked him how the chess game between him and Derrick went.  
answer: (d) cold

*English Slang Idioms (414)*

- A1 "I don't mind taking you to the park. I have to warn you, I have a few stops to make: I have to go to the hardware store for a lock kit, I have to the video store and return some movies and I have to drop off some paperwork at work," Lewis said to his son, Titus.  
answer: (c) stops
- A2 "I don't mind if you stop off at those places. I am not in a big hurry," Titus said to his dad.  
answer: (b) off
- A3 "Mom, look! We have a stow away. I found this small mouse hiding in the back of our moving truck," Davis said to Jenny.  
answer: (d) stow
- A4 "My mother gave me \$25 as a reward for getting straight A's this semester. Let's go to the movies tonight," Laurie said to Linda.  
answer: (d) straight
- A5 "Dan, do you have to start drinking straight off? We just started our road trip and it is only 7:30 in the morning," Ben said to his roommate.  
answer: (c) off
- A6 "You had better straighten him out, Jack. He is your soldier and you better let him know that his back-talk is going to get him in trouble around here. We are not going to tolerate disrespect," Sergeant Price said to Sergeant Jack Simon.  
answer: (b) out
- A7 "You had better straighten up, Private Bryson. If you disrespect another officer, I am going to write you up. You had better press your uniform and shine your boots as well. You look like heck!" Sergeant Simon said after his conversation with Sergeant Price.  
answer: (a) up
- A8 "John is a pretty straight laced fellow. He doesn't drink, use bad language or tell lies. I never have to worry about him being too hung over to come into work unlike a lot of these other guys," the foreman said to the building superintendant as they discussed various tradesmen who worked for them at the job site.  
answer: (c) straight laced
- A9 "I have to take this opportunity to work overtime, Honey. We are pretty strapped for cash right now and we have a baby on the way that we have to pay for," Pat said to his wife.  
answer: (d) strapped
- A10 "I found a good drill for \$10 last week and now I have sound a really good router for only \$25. Both are excellent deals! I haven't found either for less than three times those prices. What a streak of luck!" Chris told Linda.  
answer: (a) luck

*English Slang Idioms (415)*

- A1 "We went back and forth with offer and counteroffer for hours. We were unable to strike a bargain. I can't afford his services — even after he knocked his prices down a little bit — so we will have to call someone else to do our drywall," Ellis told Nancy.  
answer: (d) strike
- A2 "How can you possibly think that I was out drinking with some girls last night instead of being where I said I was. Your idea is a bit of a stretch of imagination, isn't it. I haven't drank an alcoholic beverage in over a year?" Isaac said to his jealous girlfriend.  
answer: (b) imagination
- A3 "John, we really struck gold with that new employee you hired. He is so good with customers and is such a fast learner. Not only that, he's an honestly nice guy," William, his boss, told him.  
answer: (c) gold
- A4 "I think I chose the wrong profession. Here I am, sitting in this cubicle, making \$12 an hour and my best friend just struck it rich in California. He is a gold miner. I didn't even know people did that anymore. Apparently, he just found \$350,000 worth of gold," Steven told Al.  
answer: (b) rich
- A5 "I don't know what kind of shoes I want, Mom," Jane said. "Well, why don't we go to the store and see what they have. We'll keep looking until a pair strikes your fancy," she replied to Jane.  
answer: (a) fancy
- A6 "I asked Angela to the dance and I struck out. She told me she would never go anywhere with me, let alone the dance," Nick told Joey.  
answer: (d) out
- A7 "Why was your sister so mean to you tonight?" Paul asked Rosa. She replied, " She is unhappy with her life and tries to strike out at anyone who is happy with his or her life."  
answer: (c) at
- A8 "Your friend is kind of a jerk. I tried to strike up a conversation with him and he refused to answer my questions. Why go to a party, that is full of people, if you don't want to talk?" Jeff said to Luke.  
answer: (d) up
- A9 "Dan offered you a job two days ago and you haven't accepted it? What are you doing? You have to strike while the iron is hot. Dan isn't going to wait long before hiring someone else. That job would pay twice what you are earning now," Shelly told her brother.  
answer: (b) iron
- A10 "I am going to break up with Brad. He is just stringing me along. I know he doesn't like me and is just going out with me because I'm convenient and just until he finds someone else," Rhonda said to Tina.  
answer: (a) along

*English Slang Idioms (416)*

- A1 "If I catch the guy who broke into my car and stole my brand-new stereo, I am going to string him up!" Bill angrily told his friend after he discovered the theft.  
answer: (b) string
- A2 "I will help you build your deck today but there are strings attached. You have to help me put in a new window and help me seal my roof next Tuesday," Adam told Derrick.  
answer: (a) strings
- A3 "You hate your brother? That is pretty strong language, don't you think? I know you are mad at him but surely you don't hate him," Max said to Louise over lunch.  
answer: (b) strong
- A4 "I can come over to your house but I have to bring Sammy. I am stuck with watching my little brother until my parents come home at 5 o'clock," Chris said to Tim.  
answer: (c) with
- A5 "I know you are thinking about quitting your job because it doesn't pay as much as some others do right now. But if you stick with the company you work for, you will be getting paid much more when you are 40 years-old than many others will. Stay there and think of it as a long term investment; they are an excellent company to work for," Randy's dad told him.  
answer: (d) with
- A6 "Your sister is so stuck-up! She thinks she is better than everyone else on this planet!" Wendy told Amber.  
answer: (d) stuck
- A7 "I think I am getting a cold. I am all stuffed up and my throat feels scratchy," Justine said to Steve.  
answer: (b) stuffed
- A8 "I just happened to stumble across the best movie I have seen in years at the local video store. You have to watch the movie The Perfect Stranger," Lou said to Kathy.  
answer: (a) across
- A9 "My faith in humanity is a little rattled at the moment. I just found out my mentor at the police department, the guy I have looked up to for 30 years, has been on the take this whole time. One of my informants told me that he was accepting payoffs from the mob and, of course, I didn't believe him. It turned out to be true; the guy has been on their payroll for years," Pat said to his wife.  
answer: (b) take
- A10 "Sir, your card member agreement mentioned that you would be subject to an increase in interest rates if you were late making your monthly payment," the customer service representative told Tom when he called to question why his credit card bill was so high.  
answer: (d) subject

*English Slang Idioms (417)*

- A1 "You have it pretty good so why do you look at life as if the glass is half empty instead of half full? You have good parents and I don't. You have a lot of possessions and I don't. Why are you so unhappy?" Kurt asked Lewis.  
answer: (d) glass
- A2 "Sorry, I am going to have to sit this one out. Going to loud, noisy bars late at night is not my style," Nick said to Jerry and Aaron.  
answer: (d) style
- A3 "Well, this is my house — such as it is. It is old and needs paint but I like some of the interesting features in it," Harris said to Jennifer.  
answer: (b) such
- A4 "I am sorry I am late. I turned on the TV and the show House was on. I wasn't intending to watch more than 10 minutes of it but I got sucked in on accident," Bill said to Eileen and Ray.  
answer: (d) sucked
- A5 "My sister Rebecca tells me that she loves her boyfriend, Bob, who is 25 years older than she is. What she loves, in my opinion, is his money. He is just her sugar daddy," Lisa said to Kim.  
answer: (c) daddy
- A6 "Rebecca has always been a gold digger, though. She has always been more after money than love," Kim said to Lisa.  
answer: (d) digger
- A7 "I am really in the mood for some Mexican food. Is it OK if we go out for Mexican food today for lunch?" Jared asked Paul. He responded, "Mexican food would suit me fine. Let's do it!"  
answer: (b) suit
- A8 "I know that I did something to offend you and you are too nice and polite to tell me what I did. Please don't sugar coat it; tell me what it is as bluntly as possible," Jack told Ashley.  
answer: (d) coat
- A9 "I will be ready to go to baseball practice in 20 minutes, Dad. I just have to suit up and grab my bat and glove," Bobby told him.  
answer: (a) up
- A10 "No, Dad. I don't want to go to eat Chinese food again with the family. I want to stay home and watch movies. I am old enough to stay by myself now," Richard said. Paul responded, "Well, suit yourself. If you want to stay home, you can."  
answer: (b) yourself

*English Slang Idioms (418)*

- A1 "My dad always insisted that we go to church as a family every Sunday and in our Sunday Best. We had to press our clothes, shine our shoes and comb our hair every morning," Hank said to Vicky.  
answer: (c) Best
- A2 "How do you want your eggs, Sir? Scrambled, over-easy, or sunny-side up?" the waitress asked Mike.  
answer: (d) side
- A3 "Mathew, can you clean up the kitchen before going home tonight? It would really help us out," the boss asked. He replied, "Sure thing, Nate. That will be no problem at all."  
answer: (d) thing
- A4 "Bill told me not to look for other jobs since he can arrange for me to get a job at his company. I asked him if the job he was talking about was a surefire thing or not and he said it was. I am still going to look for other jobs but it sounds like I might have a job soon!" Nicholas told Jane.  
answer: (a) surefire
- A5 "On the surface, he seems like a nice guy but I can assure you, he is not. You should stay away from him, Laurie, or you will get hurt," Pauline warned her.  
answer: (d) surface
- A6 "Larry, the police officer I have been working with, has assured me that I am not under suspicion for the crime. I hope that means that I can come back to work now," Nick said to his boss over the phone.  
answer: (b) under
- A7 "Often, little businesses get swallowed up by larger corporations because they can't compete, price-wise, with the big companies but may have a product or products that the big companies want," the professor told the students in the Introduction to Business class.  
answer: (d) swallowed
- A8 "I don't like that cleaner but my mother swears by it. I think it leaves a lot of streaks on the windows," Nancy said to Rosa when she asked about the stuff in the round bottle.  
answer: (c) swears
- A9 "Sherriff, we need to swear in more deputies. The Oakland brothers have shot up the town and a few ranches and we don't have enough officers to arrest all of them," Billy said.  
answer: (b) swear
- A10 "Ouch. My head hurts so bad after drinking all that wine last night. I am going to swear off alcohol forever! No more hangovers for me," Sarah said to Lillibeth.  
answer: (a) off

*English Slang Idioms (419)*

- A1 "I have had this darn cold for the past two days. I am going to take a really hot bath and try to sweat it out," Chris said to his wife, Linda.  
answer: (d) out
- A2 "My sister is an idiot. She is always complaining that she doesn't have a boyfriend but she barely leaves the house and she never goes on dates. I doubt someone is going to randomly come to her house and sweep her off her feet," Marilyn said to Elsa.  
answer: (b) sweep
- A3 "Nick, you have to work things out with your brother. You can't just sweep the problem under the carpet and pretend that it will go away on its own. You insulted his wife and he is not going to forget that. Why don't you give him a call and try to work it out today?" Lisa asked.  
answer: (b) carpet
- A4 "When I conduct job interviews, I like to make the candidate wait for me for a while to make him or her sweat for a little bit. I like to see how the candidate will deal with stress and nervousness," the manager said to Chris during the interview for Chris' college paper.  
answer: (a) sweat
- A5 "I saw you having coffee and lunch with that girl, Sarah, from your work. Are you getting sweet on her, Jim? She is pretty and it has been too long since you dated anyone," Carl told his son.  
answer: (d) sweet
- A6 "My old boss is trying to sweet talk me into coming back to work for him since they are short on qualified people at the moment. I don't think I want to work there again, though," Paul said to Derrick.  
answer: (a) talk
- A7 "Bob, I think you did a very good job on your last project. Don't get a swelled head from that compliment, though. You are still in your probationary period and I am still going to be watching you," Bill, the supervisor, said.  
answer: (b) swelled
- A8 "I know you don't want to learn to work on computers but don't swim against the current, Todd. You won't get anywhere. Our business, like all others, is becoming more computer-based every day. You are just going to have to resign yourself to the fact that computers and work go hand in hand now," Jared said.  
answer: (c) current
- A9 "Mike is such a swine all women are sex objects to him and he thinks that they are just waiting for him to come along. Like anyone would be attracted to that ogre," Jill said to Marina.  
answer: (c) swine
- A10 "Why are you so surprised that Israel and Palestine are not getting along? They have been sworn enemies for years," Jake said to another student in his Political Science class.  
answer: (b) sworn

*English Slang Idioms (420)*

- A1 "I am sorry, Jack. I don't have time to talk. My project is due on Friday and I am in a race against time. I'll have to call you this weekend," Brian said.  
answer: (b) race
- A2 "The military really is about hurry up and wait.' For instance, we had to run, and I mean run, from the barracks to the medical ward to get shots. Once we got there, we had to sit, as a company, for two hours," Peter said to Bobby.  
answer: (d) wait
- A3 "It is like that in my job also. We have to race over to the job site every morning to wait for hours for the contractor to get out of his meetings. It is another exercise in race to stand still," Larry said to Peter and Bobby.  
answer: (a) stand
- A4 "You kids want everything handed to you and you aren't willing to work for it. I went through rack and ruin just to get into this country. When I came, I had nothing. Only through hard work was I able to achieve what I have," George said to Brandon and Paul.  
answer: (d) ruin
- A5 "I have been racking my brain all morning trying to think of where I might have put the CD you let me borrow. If I can't find it by tonight, I'll buy you a new one," Jay said to Randy.  
answer: (c) brain
- A6 "Where did you get that sweater? I love it!" Maxine said to Peggy. She replied, "Oh, this old rag? I am not sure. You are welcome to it if you want it."  
answer: (b) rag
- A7 The schedule had been running him ragged. Three 17 hour shifts in a row had left him more tired than he had been in a long time.  
answer: (c) ragged
- A8 He felt ripped off. He spent 15 years at the company he worked for and they had recently railroaded him out since he was outspoken about his religious beliefs.  
answer: (b) railroaded
- A9 "You know that I have been looking forward to this concert for a long time. Let's talk about our problems later after the concert is over. Don't rain on my parade!" Christian said to Pauline.  
answer: (b) parade
- A10 "We are going to have the barbecue for sure; rain or shine. If it is raining, we'll just put the barbecue under the awning," Chris said to Adam.  
answer: (c) shine



*English Slang Idioms (421)*

- A1 "I hope our baseball game doesn't get rained out. I am really looking forward to beating the Indians this weekend," Tommy said to Will.  
answer: (b) rained
- A2 "I know you are mad at your sister but do you have to raise a stink right now? We are in a group setting and the rest of us don't want to hear about this," Jay said to Erin.  
answer: (c) stink
- A3 "Are you sure you should wear that band T-shirt to the funeral? That shirt is guaranteed to raise eyebrows. Why don't you pick out something that looks decent?" Jerry said to his little brother.  
answer: (c) eyebrows
- A4 "Hi, my name is Jerry Mack. I am trying to raise funds for the soldiers in Iraq. We are going to take the money and use it to buy phone cards so they can call their families. Would you be willing to donate some money?" Jerry asked Peter.  
answer: (c) funds
- A5 "Stop raising your voice! We don't want the neighbors to hear us fighting, do we?" Rhonda asked Brandon.  
answer: (a) raising
- A6 "Come on! Put your hands in the air! Help us raise the roof!" the band shouted to the audience.  
answer: (d) roof
- A7 "I don't mind volunteering for a just cause that helps people. I am not going to work for free for a group that is trying to further their own aims, though," Jesse told the other college student.  
answer: (a) just
- A8 "We had a fund raiser for young amputees over the last week and we managed to rake in \$3,500! This community is pretty caring," John said to Sally.  
answer: (c) in
- A9 "I am getting sick of the college. I am there to learn about business not get a bunch of special-interest groups' politics rammed down my throat," Chris said to Linda.  
answer: (d) throat
- A10 "Jake, are you still rambling on about the state of the economy in America? I left for two hours and you were talking about the economy when I left!" Lewis said at the party.  
answer: (c) rambling

*English Slang Idioms (422)*

- A1 "I can't believe you ratted me out to Dad for breaking the vase. I wouldn't have done that to you. It wasn't like he was blaming you for it and you had to tell him," Jenny said to Georgia.  
answer: (d) out
- A2 "I didn't narc on you. You were the only one home so he knew it was you!" Georgia replied.  
answer: (c) narc
- A3 "I don't know if I believe that. You have ratted on me before. I will let it go this time, though. Just don't tell on me again!" Jenny said.  
answer: (d) on
- A4 "My grandma doesn't mess around. My mom will just ask you not to do something nicely if you are bugging her. My grandma, on the other hand, will give you a quick rap on the knuckles and it hurts," Micah said to Jake.  
answer: (b) rap
- A5 "A lot of people are moving from the city into the smaller towns to get out of the rat race. They want to find a place with a slower pace and less stress," Paul said to Chris.  
answer: (d) rat
- A6 "You can learn a lot from hanging out with my friend, Paul. He rattles off facts all day about all kinds of things. I find it fun," Chris said to Linda.  
answer: (c) rattles
- A7 Have you seen the Batman movie, The Dark Knight?" Mark asked Sam. He replied, "Is that the movie starring Christian Bale that everyone has been raving about lately?"  
answer: (b) raving
- A8 "I am so mad. I just got fired from my job because I followed instructions. They have this policy that we are not to pay insurance claims until we have certain information. This lady called and refused to give the information so I told her we couldn't pay her claims. The boss said I was right to not pay them but that I should have tried harder to get the information. Boy, did I get a raw deal!" Billie said to Tammy.  
answer: (d) deal
- A9 "I like Paul's house but there is too much razzle dazzle in it for me. Too many flashing lights, electronic equipment and gaudy, expensive stuff that says I want to show off," Rachel said to Tom.  
answer: (a) razzle
- A10 "I called Mr. MacGuffy to see if he would be willing to buy office supplies from us and I didn't even reach first base; he hung up after I introduced myself and told him who I worked for," Jake said to Bob.  
answer: (d) base

*English Slang Idioms (423)*

- A1 "My dad always told me When setting goals, reach for the sky' He said to work hard and aim big and one could do anything they wanted to do," Kylie said to Vicky.  
answer: (c) sky
- A2 "You are right; that is exactly what he said. You missed the message, though. It wasn't what he said, it was what he didn't say. Sometimes, you have to read between the lines to get what people really mean," Phil said to Mike.  
answer: (d) lines
- A3 "I think you are reading into what he was saying too much. I think he meant exactly what he said. You are over-analyzing the situation," Mike responded.  
answer: (b) reading
- A4 "Greg, will you please read off what the letter says to the team?" Mary asked.  
answer: (c) off
- A5 "I can tell you are pretty pleased with the way the little garden turned out," Lisa said. Matt replied, "How can you tell? I didn't say anything." Lisa said, "After being married to you for three years, I can read you like a book."  
answer: (d) read
- A6 "Let's get this trash out of here, Joe. This criminal needs to be behind bars. Read him his rights and let's get going," Detective Simonson said to Detective Davis after they chased down the drug dealer.  
answer: (a) rights
- A7 "Honey, you really must communicate with me more. I had no idea that you assumed we would go see your parents on my birthday. I already made plans with my friends. You shouldn't be mad at me for not knowing since you didn't tell me. I can't read your mind," Josh said to Jessica.  
answer: (c) read
- A8 "Hey, Bob, could you read over these blueprints when you get a chance and tell me what you think? You have a pretty good eye for spotting potential problems," Max said.  
answer: (b) over
- A9 "You know Alice feels horrible about missing your wedding. Why did you have to rub salt into the wound and spend the whole night talking about who wasn't there and how mad you were at those people?" Dan asked Jane.  
answer: (b) salt
- A10 "How was work today, Mike?" Dina asked. He replied, "You know; same old, same old. It was boring and long."  
answer: (c) old

*English Slang Idioms (424)*

- A1 "You owe me one, Todd. I really saved your bacon tonight. No one else would have come all the way out here at 2 o'clock in the morning to pull your truck out of the mud," Brian said.  
answer: (b) bacon
- A2 "Jim, you scared the living daylights out of me! Why didn't you knock before coming in? Not that I care that you came in without permission; just that you didn't warn me!" Luke said.  
answer: (a) daylights
- A3 "I am really glad we decided to make planter boxes and sell them at the farmer's market. They are selling like hotcakes!" Linda said to Chris.  
answer: (c) selling
- A4 "I like my job but I am not going to do anything illegal to keep it. If you are hoping that I will sell my soul for a few bucks so I can be your partner in petty crime, you are sadly mistaken," Christian told Ryan.  
answer: (d) soul
- A5 "I think I am going to get promoted. It isn't set in stone yet but the boss said that Mr. Ellison was most likely leaving and when he does, I'll get his position. Isn't that great?" Norton said to his wife.  
answer: (b) stone
- A6 "You should come work in Seattle. Making good money there is as easy as shooting fish in a barrel," Jimmy said to Chris.  
answer: (b) fish
- A7 "I can't come to your house tonight for dinner, Jake. I am sick as a dog. I have been throwing up all day," Brian said.  
answer: (c) dog
- A8 "Everywhere I go, people seem to be talking about whether gay marriage should be legal. I am sick to death of the whole issue. If I hear one more of my friends mention it, I am going to scream," Shannon said to Julia.  
answer: (b) sick
- A9 "Matt, you and your friend need to be quiet during the movie if you want to watch it. Silence is golden, you know," Jared said.  
answer: (c) golden
- A10 "My girlfriend left me to move to Hollywood. She wants a change at the silver screen. I have seen her act in a school play and she was horrible. I wish her the best of luck but I don't think she has a chance at becoming an actress," Hank said to Brent.  
answer: (d) screen

*English Slang Idioms (425)*

- A1 "Don't be surprised when the people in this town are rude to you. They have been rude to people since time immemorial. My grandfather told me stories of when they were rude to him 50 years ago," Juliet told Brianna, the new employee at the restaurant.  
answer: (b) time
- A2 "You think your buddies are going to protect you and they won't tell the police what you've done. Just wait until we threaten them with prison sentences and offer to drop the charges if they tell us what they know. All of your so-called friends are going to sing like canaries," Detective Samuels said to the leader of the gang.  
answer: (d) sing
- A3 "I feel so good. I sat in the hot springs last night and then went directly to bed. I slept like a baby!" Chris said to Jimmy.  
answer: (b) baby
- A4 "Don't try to buy as much as you can possibly afford. Save your money and build up your assets slowly. Slow and steady wins the race," Jay's dad told him.  
answer: (b) steady
- A5 "Ben, you need to hurry up and get this floor swept. You are moving slower than molasses this morning," the boss told him.  
answer: (c) molasses
- A6 "I wouldn't try to trick Isaac into buying this broken saw. He will see what the problem is with it right away and will refuse to buy it. He is as smart as a whip," Jared said to Ned.  
answer: (b) smart
- A7 "Honey, you did a great job sanding the dresser. The surface is as smooth as a baby's bottom," Chris said to Linda.  
answer: (a) bottom
- A8 "You and your brother have been mad at each other for months over a stupid broken coffee cup. Don't you think it's time to pass the peace pipe and forget about it?" Sarah said to Ian.  
answer: (d) peace
- A9 "I know it is hard when there is no resolution to a case. I know you have wanted to solve this case for 20 years but I think it is time to let it go. You aren't going to find the smoking gun after all these years," Detective Benson said to Detective Olsen.  
answer: (c) gun
- A10 "Now that you have explained why I have a problem with my girlfriend and a supposed resentment toward my father, why don't you explain why you feel the need to convince people that you know so much Mr. Smarty Pants?" Henry asked Bill.  
answer: (d) Pants

*English Slang Idioms (426)*

- A1 "Did you see that story on the news about actresses buying a cream with bird feces in it to make their skin smoother? I can't believe people believe these snake oil salesmen who have these dumb products that claim that bird poop will make them look younger. How gullible can people get?" Chris said to Linda.  
answer: (d) oil
- A2 "You need to quit smoking. You would feel much better and you would have a lot more money," Bette said to Chris. He responded, "The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. I want to quit sometimes but I never have time to deal with the withdrawals."  
answer: (d) flesh
- A3 "I know you are mad at me and you have something you want to say that you are not saying. Well, come on. Spit it out. What is it that has you so mad," Elizabeth said to Michael.  
answer: (d) out
- A4 "I heard this guy on TV talking about how much money it would cost to save a life in some parts of Africa. The guy went on to say how selfish American rich people are. He mentions this singer who takes showers with bottled water. He says that it should be vastly more important to save a life than to indulge in a silly luxury like that. I think that line of reasoning is spot on," Jeremy said to Paul.  
answer: (a) spot
- A5 "I called the credit card company and told them I couldn't pay this month since I lost my job. They said that I would have to pay or they would send my account to a collections agency. I told them that sending my account to a collection's agency wouldn't help you can't get blood out of a turnip" Luke said to Nick.  
answer: (c) turnip
- A6 "Oh, Daddy! Did you see that last firework that just went off? It was in the pattern of the Stars and Stripes! It had white explosions, red, and blue explosions," Sally said to Ken.  
answer: (b) Stripes
- A7 "Why do you always want to change everything in our relationship? I think the status quo is pretty good," James said to Cathy.  
answer: (d) status
- A8 "John, you have a kid now. You need to find a job and step up to the plate. You have to provide for your son because who else will?" John's best friend asked him.  
answer: (a) plate
- A9 "I am not completely sure who you are talking about but that name strikes a chord in me somehow. I recognize that name from somewhere," Chris said when Linda was talking about her friend.  
answer: (d) chord
- A10 "I don't know how to hang a door properly. I will read up on it tonight and we can install the door tomorrow," Derrick said to Lucy.  
answer: (a) up

*English Slang Idioms (427)*

- A1 "You should come to work at our job site. There is lots of ready money available. The work isn't too hard, there is plenty of it, and you can basically set your own hours," Axel said to Paul.  
answer: (d) ready
- A2 "This conversation is getting too much into the seamy side of life. Let's stop talking about sex and bodily functions and talk about more edifying things," Alyssa told the group.  
answer: (b) seamy
- A3 "You have always been such a big jerk when you are right and someone else is wrong. You always rub it in his or her face in public. How does it feel now to have your argument shot down in flames by an 11 year-old?" Jenny asked Marsha.  
answer: (c) flames
- A4 "To me, letting a teenager get plastic surgery to fix a minor defect is a slippery slope. When the teenager gets older and his or her body changes, they might want to fix every little thing with surgery instead of work out or live with whatever it is. The person might start seeing problems that aren't there as well," Chris said to Derrick.  
answer: (a) slippery
- A5 "Mom, I shouldn't have to rake the leaves. The leaves decompose which provides food for the other plants in the yard," Sammy said with a saintly grin. His mother responded, "Don't be a Smart Alec. The leaves have to get raked and that is it! Go out and rake them."  
answer: (c) Smart
- A6 "I know I won't change a non-motivated student overnight; I am just sowing the seeds. The student may not get inspired until five years from now and I am OK with that. I just want to install a love for learning in students — whether it kicks in today or years later," the professor told the cynical staff member who said that affecting change in today's generation was not possible.  
answer: (a) seeds
- A7 "You are going to have to write off the debt Paul owes you, I think. He is flat-broke and you can't get blood out of a rock — no matter how hard you try," Chris said to Adam.  
answer: (d) rock
- A8 "I appreciate that you want to look professional while at work but you don't have to be so stiff -necked here. Most people are in shorts and t-shirts and you are in slacks, a vest, and dress-shoes. Relax a little," the boss told Cuthbert.  
answer: (c) stiff
- A9 "You might as well give up on Grandpa. He isn't going to do the laundry; he will always make mom do it. In his generation, men didn't do laundry. Not only that, he has already said no and you know that he is as stubborn as a mule when he makes up his mind," Jenna told Joshua.  
answer: (b) mule
- A10 "Thank you for offering but I can't possibly eat another bite. I am stuffed to the gills," Chris said to Gina after the wonderful seven-course meal.  
answer: (d) gills

*English Slang Idioms (428)*

- A1 "Greg is hilarious but he has the worst language of anyone I know. He swears like a sailor constantly. I am embarrassed to be around him in mixed company," Shirley told Tony.  
answer: (a) sailor
- A2 "We have put off talking about the discrepancies in the expense accounts for too long. Let's tackle that issue before we go on to anything else," Joe said to the group at work.  
answer: (c) tackle
- A3 "We have to figure out a way to deal with the product recall in the press. Our stocks took a nosedive over the weekend and, of course, the stockholders are worried," James said to the committee.  
answer: (b) took
- A4 "I am sorry that it had to be you who told me your section is on track. Your platoon sergeant should have been the one to inform me of that. It takes guts to tell a first sergeant, as a private, that he is wrong," First Sergeant Jones told Private Harrison.  
answer: (d) guts
- A5 "If you insult my wife one more time in my presence, I am going to take you out to the woodshed," Bill said to Bart.  
answer: (b) woodshed
- A6 "I am giving you ten minutes to confess to the neighbors about what you did. If you don't, I will tell on you. I am not going to take the fall for breaking the window when I had nothing to do with it," Brian said to Jackson.  
answer: (c) fall
- A7 "Just be sure that you can take the rough with the smooth before deciding to marry her. Don't think that you can change the behaviors you don't like. If you can love her the way she is right now, without changing a thing, you have a decent chance with her. If not, you might want to call it off," Jake told his son.  
answer: (a) rough
- A8 "I don't want one of those tables that you have to put together when you get it home. I don't care if I have to pay extra but I want one of those ready-made tables that are all in one piece," Jesse said to Kara.  
answer: (b) made
- A9 "Bob said he is going to give me his old table saw. I am very happy about that," Jeff said to Nick. Nick replied, "I wouldn't believe it until I see it. Talk is cheap, you know. He told me, numerous times, that he was going to give me some free wood and I haven't received one single board from him."  
answer: (d) cheap
- A10 "We should ask Mark to ask the teacher to let us drink soda in class. She won't let us if we ask but she might if her favorite student, the teacher's pet, asks her," Joey said to Donny.  
answer: (c) pet



*English Slang Idioms (429)*

- A1 "I hate kits that you have to put together yourself. This little fountain came with these teeny weeny screws and I dropped one on the carpet. I have been looking for it for a half-hour and it is too small for me to see," Jason said to Eric.  
answer: (b) weeny
- A2 "Joe is just trying to test the waters like all little kids do. He is trying to see if he will get in trouble for doing what he isn't supposed to do. He is testing your limits," Jane said to Zack and Marcie.  
answer: (c) waters
- A3 "My brother is very smart. He just graduated with honors with a degree in Art History from Chico State University," Ellie said. Joe responded, "Big deal. That and a \$1.50 will get him a cup of coffee. If he was so smart he would have got himself a degree that will help him make some money. There are barely any jobs available for someone with an Art History degree. They aren't very applicable in today's job market unless you are Indiana Jones or something."  
answer: (d) coffee
- A4 "You want to put interior paint on the client's deck? That dog won't hunt. The paint will peel up in a week," Chris told Ron.  
answer: (c) hunt
- A5 "Hey, is that job still open with your company? If so, I want to take it," Bill said to Vance. He replied, "That ship has sailed, partner. I told you about that job opportunity a month ago. It was taken a week and a half ago."  
answer: (d) ship
- A6 "Well, that's all she wrote. The deck is finished and is ready for the client," Max said to his team.  
answer: (a) wrote
- A7 "He told you that you couldn't put in a request for a new chair? He is not the be all and end all around here. He is just a supervisor's assistant. Take that request to the supervisor and then the manager if the supervisor can't help. I have had to do that before," Brian told Julie.  
answer: (c) end
- A8 "Dad, Matt stole my wallet at school and I can't get it back because he is bigger than I am," Denny said. Steve replied, "We can either go to the school or you can try to fight him first. Don't be worried about his physical size. The bigger they are, the harder they fall. Size doesn't have that much to do with who will win. Let me know what you decide when you are ready and I love you either way."  
answer: (a) fall
- A9 "It turns out that Danny may not have been kicked out for fighting at school. He may have been kicked out for cheating — according to one of his friends," Shelly said. Shannon responded, "Ooh! The plot thickens. I knew there was more to the story than that; most kids don't get expelled for their first fist fight."  
answer: (a) plot
- A10 "You want to play Rugby? No offense but that is a pretty rough and tumble sport and you don't usually like contact sports. Remember how much you hated tackle football?" Johnny said to his little brother.  
answer: (d) rough

*English Slang Idioms (430)*

- A1 "I am serious! Dad told me that he is going to quit his job and buy a motor home," five year-old Thomas told his brother Nate. Nate responded, "Yeah. And the sun might rise in the west. Dad is a workaholic. He isn't going to quit. Besides, he still has at least ten more years before he can retire and take his pension."  
answer: (d) rise
- A2 "You are going to try to sail around the world? You are 80 years old! Don't you think the sands of time are a little against you at this point? It is a little late for that sort of thing," Phil told his dad.  
answer: (b) sands
- A3 "I finally bought a restaurant, Mom! It comes — fully furnished — with all of the pans, pots, plates, and all that sort of thing. I bought the whole shooting match for only \$30,000!" Bob told Maryanne.  
answer: (b) shooting
- A4 "You said Paul is going to give you a free miter saw? I have to warn you, there is no such thing as a free lunch. After you take that saw, he is going to call you at least once a week and pressure you for help with his household chores. Trust me; I got a free drill," Robert said to Jack.  
answer: (d) lunch
- A5 "There is a fine line between creativity and insanity in many cases. At least that is what I have found through reading a lot of books closely related to the subject," Dan said to Vince, his roommate.  
answer: (b) line
- A6 "Do you have to be so stubborn, Michael? The union does have a fairly good reason to strike right now. I am not saying that you need to give in to all their demands but, in the interest of the company and our customers, can't you at least throw them a bone or two?" David, his old friend, told him.  
answer: (b) bone
- A7 "Why did you throw me under the bus, Jack? I thought we were friends. You had to blame all of your mistakes on me while I was away from work on vacation? Now the boss is seriously mad at me. Even if I tell him the truth, I will look like I am trying to point the finger," Kyle said.  
answer: (b) bus
- A8 "What did the court do about the broken curfew?" John asked Sammy. Sammy said, "They are trying to crack down on teens so they threw the book at me. I got 100 hours of community service the largest penalty anyone has received in this county for this infraction."  
answer: (c) book
- A9 "Why didn't you stand up for me when my parents were yelling about my poor grades in school? You, of all people, shouldn't have thrown me to the wolves — considering that you were a big reason for my doing poorly in college," Larry said to Carl.  
answer: (c) wolves
- A10 "It is six o'clock already? Time sure flies when you are having fun," Paul said to Chris.  
answer: (d) flies

*English Slang Idioms (431)*

- A1 "I know I should graduate from university next year but I think I am going to take a year off to go to Europe. I am still young and time is on my side. There will be plenty of time to finish my degree when I get back," Laurie said to Stacey.  
answer: (b) side
- A2 "I am sorry. I had something good to say but that crane outside made me lose my train of thought. I can't remember what I was going to say," Luke said to Cathy and Frank.  
answer: (b) train
- A3 "Sure you can help me figure out how to build this deck. Two heads are always better than one," Derrick said to Ralph.  
answer: (c) heads
- A4 "I am not surprised that our transportation expense is becoming a major problem. I have been waiting for that problem to rear its ugly head for quite a while," Jack said to Jason.  
answer: (b) head
- A5 "I can't believe that Bob is asking \$30 for that 9 volt drill. I wouldn't give him a red cent for that thing. The one he has doesn't have enough power to screw into the frame of a pair of sunglasses," John said to Marcus.  
answer: (c) cent
- A6 "Will you watch my plants for a week? I am catching the red eye flight back here on Sunday and I'll be home by about 2 o'clock," Danny said to George.  
answer: (d) red
- A7 "That movie star did what? She freaked out and hit a policeman with her umbrella when he asked her to wait in line instead of cutting to the front of the line? This is going to be a red — letter day for the paparazzi," Grant said to Eugene.  
answer: (a) letter
- A8 "I should have recognized the red flags that kept popping up around my ex-boyfriend. I should have asked him to explain why he was unemployed when I met him — among other things. It turns out that he has such a problem with authority, that he can't hold down a job for more than a week," Janet said to Dana.  
answer: (a) flags
- A9 Soldiers in the army are forbidden to go to the red light district in other countries. Not only does it tarnish the reputation of the army, those places are dangerous for soldiers.  
answer: (c) district
- A10 "George knows so many facts about almost everything. He can reel off information for hours on almost any topic," his girlfriend proudly told her friends.  
answer: (a) reel

*English Slang Idioms (432)*

- A1 "The answers to the problems on the homework don't have to be super-detailed. You can round off the numbers to the second decimal place," the Accounting professor told the class.  
answer: (c) round
- A2 "I guess I should just resign myself to fate and join the army. My father pressured me to join and I didn't. My best friend tried to get me to join with him and I didn't. Now, I got myself in some legal trouble and the judge said I could either go to jail or join the army," Bill said to Mathew.  
answer: (a) myself
- A3 "You don't have to worry about getting your bike back from Tom. Rest assured, I'll get your bike back tonight or things will get ugly between me and Tom," Ryan's big brother, who was renowned for being tough, said to him.  
answer: (b) assured
- A4 "I am going to invite my mother to live at our house. I know it will be hard but I just can't bear to put her in a rest home. Who knows what kind of care she'll get?" Bert said to Ellie.  
answer: (d) rest
- A5 "Will you hold my coffee, Honey? I have to go to the rest room," Kyle said to Abbey.  
answer: (d) room
- A6 "Since this car is old, it takes quite a bit of time to warm up. More time than we can afford to sit here. We can drive off in it but just make sure not to rev up the engine too much for the first 10 miles," Jack said to Elena.  
answer: (a) rev
- A7 "I am going to have to go out and ride herd on my little brother. I guess he is in the local bar again and is drunk and starting fights. I am going to drag him out and give him what for," Danny said to his wife late Tuesday night.  
answer: (d) herd
- A8 "I hate when Jim, Ben, and Harry get into fights. It makes it hard to live with them. At times like this I feel like moving out. I am going to ride it out like I always do and wait for them to make up. I can't afford my own place yet but when I can, I am moving that day," Fred said to Louisa.  
answer: (b) ride
- A9 "I overheard Matt telling you how to fix your car. Don't listen to him; he doesn't know squat. He used to date my sister and he messed her car up really bad," Derrick said to Todd.  
answer: (c) squat
- A10 "Your friend is riding for a fall; spending more money than he makes and picking fights with the wrong guys. He thinks he looks cool but most people are going to stay away from people like him," Wesley said to Chris.  
answer: (d) fall

*English Slang Idioms (433)*

- A1 "Thank you for the compliment. However, I couldn't have completed the project ahead of schedule without my right-hand man Tim Robinson. He has worked his tail off and deserves a promotion," the boss told his boss.  
answer: (c) right
- A2 "Jamie Thomas? I can't think of who that person is but the name rings a bell. How would I know her?" Nancy asked Janine.  
answer: (d) rings
- A3 "Jake, I was wondering if you would like to come to a party at my house to ring in in the new year?" Rosa asked.  
answer: (c) in
- A4 "So you are saying that pine is a hard enough wood for a hardwood floor? That doesn't seem to ring true in my mind. Pine is really soft and seems like it would get damaged too easily," Hank said to Raphael.  
answer: (a) true
- A5 "We caught some of his goons but the ringleader of the gang managed to escape," the detective told the chief.  
answer: (b) ringleader
- A6 "Jed is responsible for the mess all over the floor? He just left work and left all of this food and soda all over the place? I am going to rip into him as soon as he gets to work," the angry boss said to the clerical employee.  
answer: (c) rip
- A7 "I got the stereo out of the box and plugged it in. It didn't work so I took it back. The store wouldn't take it back because they said that they won't take anything back once it's out of the box. It wasn't the most expensive stereo but it wasn't the cheapest either. What a rip off!" Ben told his friend at work.  
answer: (a) off
- A8 "Workers! The time has come to rise up and put an end to these long hours with little pay. Are you with me?" The labor organizer said at the meeting.  
answer: (b) rise
- A9 "I hate road hogs like the guy in front of us. He just had to turn in front of us when there was no one behind us. Then he has to go half the allowable speed. What a jerk!" Harry said to his two friends.  
answer: (a) hogs
- A10 "We are going to have to find a different way to pay our employees rather than paying them with the money in inventory. Robbing Peter to pay Paul is never a good idea," Zack said to the new manager.  
answer: (c) Paul

*English Slang Idioms (434)*

- A1 "We have been to this hardware store so often and spent so much money during our home renovation project that I am surprised they don't roll out the red carpet when they see us coming," Chris said to Linda.  
answer: (b) carpet
- A2 "Relax, we don't have to get all of our renovations done today. Rome wasn't built in a day and we are still young. There is plenty of time to complete everything," Chris said to Linda.  
answer: (a) day
- A3 "You were wondering about where we could stay for a good price a while back. I just found an advertisement on the Internet of a place that offers room and board for only \$15 a night!" Alice said to Ben.  
answer: (d) board
- A4 "I am so happy that I found this job; it makes me want to shout from the rooftops, I've got a job and I am proud of it!," Dana said to Jill after his second month of being unemployed.  
answer: (b) rooftops
- A5 "Darn it. I was looking forward to having a weekend off. My grandma just called and she roped me into helping her clean her gutters and paint her deck," Christian said to Beth.  
answer: (a) roped
- A6 "Let's have a race to the pool. Last one there is a rotten egg!" Tim shouted to Jay and Phil as he took off running.  
answer: (c) rotten
- A7 "I know you both think Greg is a nice guy but he is not. I can assure you, he's rotten to the core. I wouldn't trust him if I were you," Jeff warned Elizabeth and Steven.  
answer: (d) core
- A8 "I don't think Henry should join the army. He's got a yellow streak to him. He is afraid of any kind of physical harm or confrontation. If he went to war, he would surely run away and leave his buddies to fight without him. If captured, he is the type who would tell the enemy everything they wanted to know and more," Larry told his friend Ben.  
answer: (b) streak
- A9 "I am not surprised that no one has agreed to help Kyle move. If he was nicer about it, he would have better results. Instead, he tries to guilt people into helping by insulting them. He asked me and before I could answer he called me lazy and a bad friend. I know he was hoping that I would say yes just to defend my character. Doesn't he know that you catch more flies with honey than with vinegar?" Dan asked Paul.  
answer: (a) vinegar
- A10 "I know you don't like the new tax that was passed by the government but there is nothing you can do about it other than pay it. You can't fight City Hall," Larry said to Henry.  
answer: (b) Hall

*English Slang Idioms (435)*

- A1 "Bob is always complaining about not having any money. The problem is that he doesn't want to work and never has. I even found him a job at my work and, mysteriously, he couldn't work during the designated hours. Well, you can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink," Dana said to Thomas.  
answer: (c) horse
- A2 The kids had got kicked out of the swimming pool for repeatedly breaking the "no roughhousing" rule. Now they have to call their parents and suffer the consequences.  
answer: (b) roughhousing
- A3 "Johnny said he wouldn't pay the protection money. I bet he will if we rough him up a bit," the gang member in the show said to the other.  
answer: (c) up
- A4 "Are you done with the house?" the contractor asked the team. Joe responded on behalf of the team by saying, "Well, roughly speaking, we are done. We only have little details to finish: some baseboards downstairs and a wall that needs to quickly be patched and repainted."  
answer: (c) speaking
- A5 "You should find a new boyfriend. I don't like that roughneck that you are currently dating. In the three months you two have been together, he has been arrested for assault and has been in four fist fights," Lisa's dad said.  
answer: (a) roughneck
- A6 "Sir, there are about ten youths outside fighting. Can you come out here?" the store owner asked the police officer over the telephone. He responded, "We'll be right out to round them up. Thanks for the call and have a good day."  
answer: (b) round
- A7 "I went to the coolest party last night. There were a lot of movie stars there and I was able to rub elbows with Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie," Sarah said to Rhonda.  
answer: (b) elbows
- A8 "You know Jack is more competitive than you are. You know how angry he was when you beat him at pool, so did you have to go over to him when he was sitting with his girlfriend and rub it in? Telling him he wasn't good enough to play you again was a little uncalled for, don't you think?" Jessica said to Vance.  
answer: (d) rub
- A9 "I don't know why but I can't stand Heather. There is something about her that rubs me the wrong way," Chris told Linda.  
answer: (d) way
- A10 "It is gross how you rub up to the boss. What's next? Are you going to shine his shoes and wash his car? Maybe do his laundry?" Jared asked Sam, the company brownnoser.  
answer: (c) up

*English Slang Idioms (436)*

- A1 "Just a word of advice: you might want to be more polite when addressing the managers at the meeting. You ruffled a few feathers last time when you interrupted some of the managers and when you called Mr. Timson an idiot when he explained his new idea," Dana told Frank.  
answer: (d) feathers
- A2 "I am not completely sold on your plan but I am not ready to rule it out either. I just need some more information. Please bring me a copy of a report that shows how much it will cost us and whether it has worked in other companies in the past," Mr. Williams said to Todd.  
answer: (b) out
- A3 "Dan talks big but we all know who rules the roost. He has to ask Sarah for permission to make plans, spend money, or rearrange things outside his house," Adam said to Dina.  
answer: (c) roost
- A4 "Hi Adam. I was at the thrift store and I ran across a router. I bought it for you as an early birthday present since you mentioned needing one," Chris said over the phone.  
answer: (b) across
- A5 "We aren't making any progress; we are just running around in circles. Let's work through each task — one at a time," Chris said to the group.  
answer: (a) circles
- A6 "I am fairly good at using a drill and sinking screws but if you need someone to hammer nails into your deck, you should ask my wife to help. She runs circles around me when it comes to nailing nails," Chris told Derrick.  
answer: (b) circles
- A7 "We have so many bills this month. We have to get our plumbing fixed and our well has run dry. A new well is going to cost \$8,000," Ron said to Bill.  
answer: (d) dry
- A8 "The doctor said that there is nothing we can do for Jimmy since the sickness is a virus. She said that we should give him a lot of water, make sure he rests a lot and let the sickness run its course," Rachel said to her friend.  
answer: (a) course
- A9 "We thought we might have found a treatment for pancreatic cancer but we have run into a brick wall. The treatment only works on mice and not at all on humans," Dr. Bertram told the head of the research center.  
answer: (c) wall
- A10 "These 17-hour shifts are slowly but surely running me into the ground. I can't take much more of these long days. I am waking up a little more tired every day. I could barely get up this morning and my work is starting to suffer," Bill, a manager at the local steel plant, told his wife.  
answer: (a) ground



*English Slang Idioms (437)*

- A1 "Hannah is pretty dumb. I asked her what we should do about the economy and her answer was pretty lame, if you ask me," Carl said to the group. Vince responded, "If you keep running off at the mouth about my wife, we are going to have problems. You need to keep your opinions to yourself!"  
answer: (d) off
- A2 "Before you go, can you give me the run-down on what all you did during your shift and what has happened while you were on duty?" Specialist Mitchell asked PFC Thompson.  
answer: (c) run
- A3 "Wait! What did you say? Will you run that by me again? Did you say that our whole computer system has crashed and no one is available to repair it for three days? How will we get any work done?" The shift supervisor asked the manager during the conference call.  
answer: (b) by
- A4 "Let's run through the agenda for the day and then we will take a quick poll to see how everyone feels about the proposed change brought up during the last meeting," Helen said to the group.  
answer: (d) through
- A5 "Is it true that your boyfriend had another run-in with the police? If it is, you seriously need to find someone who is more law-abiding and stable," Veronica's dad told her.  
answer: (a) in
- A6 "The film came with some cool additional features. We watched an hour-long piece on where and how it was filmed. There was a running commentary provided by the actors in the film that described some of the problems and setbacks they had during the filming. It was quite interesting and informative," Linda said to Ashley.  
answer: (b) commentary
- A7 "I know you want to renovate this mobile home but I don't think you should spend that much money on the project. Fixing it up will make it look better but it will still be an old, small mobile home that is only going to be worth so much — no matter what you do. You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear," Paul said to Chris.  
answer: (b) silk
- A8 "I am glad you apologized for what you said but that doesn't erase the memory of hearing it. You can't take words back and you can't unring a bell," Brian said to Amber.  
answer: (c) unring
- A9 "I can't believe this drill broke the second time I used it. I guess I shouldn't be surprised; I bought it for \$10 and you get what you pay for," Jared said to Luke.  
answer: (c) pay
- A10 "I can't believe what just happened. My sister just told me she is getting married. I was so surprised that you could have knocked me down with a feather. I didn't even know she was dating anyone. She lives at home with my mom," Jay said to his friend Paul.  
answer: (a) feather

*English Slang Idioms (438)*

- A1 "Why are you so surprised that you didn't get the promotion? You barely do any work — no offense. The guy who got the job has worked extra shifts and always gives 110 percent effort. You reap what you sow," Larry said to Adam.  
answer: (d) sow
- A2 "You were late again for work this morning? When the boss finds out, you are toast. He already warned you about being late twice, didn't he?" Maxine asked Jenny.  
answer: (b) toast
- A3 "This organization needs some young blood in it to bring some fresh ideas to the table. I vote that we hire a young manager from outside of this company to work on our research and development team," Mr. Roberts said to the board.  
answer: (b) blood
- A4 "I don't care how you choose the team; it's your call," the manager said to the supervisor.  
answer: (d) call
- A5 "I know you are hoping that your husband will quit drinking alcohol but you need to wake up and smell the coffee. He has been saying that he is going to quit drinking for the past 15 years. It isn't going to happen," Harry said to Sheila.  
answer: (b) coffee
- A6 "The doctor said that you have pneumonia? I think you should see that as a wake-up call that you need to quit smoking or you are going to get sick more often until you are finally dead from a smoking-related illness," Peggy told Chris.  
answer: (d) wake
- A7 "I know you think that Paul should be able to do more than he currently does with his condition since some other people are able to do more. I know there are different degrees of severity with that illness and I don't think we can judge him without first walking a mile in his shoes," Sally said to Bertha.  
answer: (c) walking
- A8 "He is so angry and so quick to snap out. Every day he gets more angry about less and less. I think he needs to get help before someone gets hurt or he loses his job because he is unable to control his anger. He has become a walking time-bomb just waiting to go off," Jeremy said to Owen.  
answer: (a) bomb
- A9 "The organization I work for is currently in a war of words with the office of education. Each is constantly accusing the other of incompetence and overspending. The problem began when the state budget was cut. Now both organizations have to compete for the little money available and only one will get the funding it needs," Jenny said to Bob.  
answer: (b) words
- A10 "The boss is not the warm and fuzzy sort, is he? He never compliments anyone and tolerates no excuses. He berates people at length and has no sympathy for feelings or physical ailments," Johnny said to William.  
answer: (c) fuzzy

*English Slang Idioms (439)*

- A1 "Why don't you throw that spare wood away? I don't think it is good for anything," Linda said to Chris. He responded, "Yes it is. If we start a project that needs a small piece of wood, we have it on hand and don't have to go buy it. We can get the project done whether we can afford to buy wood or not. You know what they say," he said with a saintly grin, "Waste not, want not."  
answer: (d) want
- A2 "I like John as a person but, as a plumber, he is a waste of skin. He has worked here for over a year and he still has to have help to complete even the simplest tasks. He can't figure out even the most rudimentary problems," Ralph said to Jesse.  
answer: (b) skin
- A3 "I hate doing accounting homework. It is about as fun as watching grass grow," Lilly said to Steve.  
answer: (a) grass
- A4 "You are right. It is boring but not as much as reading about economics. Reading that textbook is as fun as watching paint dry," Steve replied.  
answer: (b) dry
- A5 "Hank asked me to marry him. I still feel a little weak in the knees. I am so glad he asked. I have been waiting for him to ask me for over a year and I was starting to worry that he wouldn't," Crystal said to Brianna.  
answer: (d) knees
- A6 "The basketball team at this school was horrible two years ago. Now they are like a well-oiled machine — efficient and reliable. They rarely make a mistake anymore and have won every game this year. They are 10 and 0 for the season," Coach Marcus told his friend.  
answer: (b) oiled
- A7 "Maxine, stop eating the spaghetti with your fingers and use a fork. Were you born in a barn or something?" her brother asked her at the table.  
answer: (b) barn
- A8 "Jesse is mad because Allison showed up for their date an hour late but he is always, at least, an hour late for all of his engagements. What comes around, comes around," Vicky said to Larissa.  
answer: (d) comes
- A9 "OK, Bob, I'll get you a beer. James, what's your poison? Beer, wine, or whiskey?" Ned asked at the party.  
answer: (c) poison
- A10 "I just heard that President Bush is not going to pull the troops out of Iraq anytime soon. What is your take on that? Do you think America should stay over there or pull the troops out?" Chris asked Jocelyn.  
answer: (a) take

*English Slang Idioms (440)*

- A1 "Jenny told you she saw me at a rap concert? It wasn't me; she must be mistaken. I don't like rap music. I'll go to a rap concert when pigs fly and not before then," Jason said to Nancy.  
answer: (d) fly
- A2 "Mom, she can't marry that jerk! You have to stop her," Bart said. Tina replied, "I can't stop her and it is her decision. There is nothing you can do about it either. What will be will be."  
answer: (b) will
- A3 "I don't care what music you play but thanks for asking. It's your party so play whatever floats your boat," Jesse said to Adam.  
answer: (a) floats
- A4 "He says his brother is an excellent cabinet maker but he has a tendency to exaggerate. I guess we'll tell if he is any good where the rubber meets the road," Ryan said to Zack.  
answer: (d) road
- A5 "I don't think you are going to be able to get that sheet of metal siding off of that mobile home without more tools," Jason said to Chris. He responded, "It is coming off. It has to come off or my wall will leak. Where there is a will, there's a way."  
answer: (b) way
- A6 "We are going to have to get some more food on the way home. The Marshall's never serve enough food when they invite us to dinner. That one small hamburger was just enough to whet my appetite and no more," Chris said to Linda.  
answer: (d) appetite
- A7 "Reynold is so withdrawn. His family says that he has always been like that but they are very cruel to people when they don't agree with them or if the others are different. He is very different, so what came first, the chicken or the egg?" Brian asked Trent.  
answer: (c) egg
- A8 "Why am I not surprised that Chrystal spent a ton of money while her husband was on a business trip? You know the old saying, When the cat is away, the mice will play.' He yells at her all the time for buying the smallest things and he makes good money. He yelled at her one time four spending four dollars on a set of cups," Alice said to Janine.  
answer: (c) cat
- A9 "You should have seen the look on your face when you turned around and saw us. We must have really startled you. Your face went white as a sheet," Shirley and Amanda said to their mom.  
answer: (d) sheet
- A10 "You better give Mark a wide berth today. He is in a really grouchy mood. He is liable to yell at you if he sees you," Vanessa said to Jacky at work.  
answer: (b) wide

*English Slang Idioms (441)*

- A1 "James will never approve your request for a new chair," Lewis said. Mark said, "Oh yeah? James is on vacation and Steve is covering for him. You know how much of a push-over Steve is." Lewis replied, "Oh, if Steve is covering for him, that's a whole new ball game. I should ask him for one, too."  
answer: (c) ball
- A2 "Joe, why are doing that expense sheet? Isn't that the assistant manager's job? Why keep a dog and bark yourself?" Lane, his boss asked.  
answer: (d) bark
- A3 "Joe, you have to do a better paint job than that. That will never fly with the customer. There are spots showing and you need to put on another coat around the stairs," Billy said.  
answer: (b) fly
- A4 "The other team won by a nose. They beat us during overtime by a field goal. We'll get them next time, though," Wesley told his father.  
answer: (d) nose
- A5 "Bob, you can't just paint over that bubbled and discolored area. That is just window dressing. It is bubbling because the wood behind it is sopping wet and rotten. You have to stop the leak first, replace the wood second, and then you can paint. Otherwise, there is going to be more mold and problems. You will have to repaint in a few weeks also," Jeremy said to Bob.  
answer: (a) window
- A6 "I think we should stay away from Alex. The eyes are the windows to the soul and he has a really creepy look in his eyes most of the time," Jenny said to Alyssa.  
answer: (a) soul
- A7 "Yes, that joke was really funny. Everyone is laughing at me. Keep on laughing and I will wipe the smile off of each one of your faces!" The over-sensitive teen said to the group.  
answer: (c) wipe
- A8 "Your friend just stole \$20 from you and ran off with your boyfriend? With friends like that, who needs enemies?" Francesca said to Rosa.  
answer: (d) enemies
- A9 "How did the robbery go? Did anyone see you? Did you have any problems?" The mastermind asked the crew. The leader responded, "It came off without a hitch, Boss. No one saw us and everything went smoothly."  
answer: (a) hitch
- A10 "I have extra duty on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve," Private Jackson said to Private Ellis. He responded, "That is horrible! That is cruel and unusual punishment!" Private Jackson said, "I know. Woe is me."  
answer: (a) me

*English Slang Idioms (442)*

- A1 "I am trying to think of a way to put what I am trying to say but the words fail me. I will keep thinking about it and tell you what I want to say later when I can think of a way to communicate the thought," Jim said to Jack.  
answer: (c) fail
- A2 "Did the saw I let you borrow help you get the work done faster?" Paul asked Chris. He responded, "Yes, it worked like a charm. I was able to get the work done at least twice as fast."  
answer: (b) charm
- A3 "I am exhausted. I have been working like a dog lately. I worked 17 hours of overtime this week alone," Jeremy said to Aaron.  
answer: (b) dog
- A4 "I still can't get a new rucksack from the supply department," Private Willis said to PFC Derringer. PFC Derringer said, "Don't go to the guy in there. Go to your platoon sergeant and ask him. He will go bully one out of the supply department for you. You just have to learn how to work the system."  
answer: (a) work
- A5 "Why don't you pour us a drink while I slip into something more comfortable," Heather said to her husband in a sexy tone of voice.  
answer: (b) slip
- A6 "I am going to take a day off. I have had work my tail off lately. I worked through the past three weekends and it looks like I might have to work this week," Jason told Harris.  
answer: (d) tail
- A7 "Justine sure has a wall up to protect her. It doesn't seem like she is willing to share anything personal about herself whatsoever. She wouldn't even answer questions about what she likes to do," Matt said to Alice.  
answer: (d) wall
- A8 "Lately he's had a lot on his mind and has been prone to making Freudian slips. Last week, he looked at one of his employees, who is a little overweight, and said Good job! You are a really fat worker.' He meant to say fast' and, of course, his comment created an embarrassing moment," Helena said to Beth.  
answer: (c) slips
- A9 "Do you think this saw can be fixed and if so, is it worth it to try and fix it or would it be better to buy a new one?" Derrick asked Paul. Paul replied, "It would save you money if you could fix it and, yes, I think it is worth a shot. We can try to fix it."  
answer: (b) shot
- A10 "I am really surprised at how the government has changed their policy concerning economics. Just a year ago, they said they were committed to the previous path and now they have made a complete U- turn. There must be some major problem for them to totally reverse their path of action," Lewis said to Tony.  
answer: (c) turn

*English Slang Idioms (443)*

- A1 "I can tell you want to end our relationship. It is written all over your face. I wish we could have worked things out but I guess we can't," James said to Tina.  
answer: (a) written
- A2 "You had a right to be mad at me for playing my guitar so late last night but throwing it in the garbage was uncalled for," Brian told his roommate.  
answer: (d) for
- A3 "When I went to basic training, I was determined to stay under the radar. I figured if I didn't stand out, I wouldn't get picked on. As soon as I got there, I angered one drill sergeant and he picked on me every day until I left," Joe told Greg.  
answer: (c) radar
- A4 "This award is going to Tom for five years of hard work and unwavering loyalty to this company," the boss said in front of the staff.  
answer: (d) loyalty
- A5 "Originally, we were going to offer a bonus of \$50 for people who achieve the top 10 percent of the company's performance statistics. We have decided to up the ante and do away with that offer. Now, the award is only open for the top 5 percent but, if you are in that percentile, you will receive a \$250 bonus," the boss told the staff.  
answer: (b) ante
- A6 "I hate when people start joking with each other about leaving each other because they are moving into dangerous waters. It may start off as a joke but it only takes one comment to turn the conversation into serious and hurtful one," Jacky said to Gina.  
answer: (c) waters
- A7 "I told you to get Adam a Christmas present. I might not have used that exact verbatim but I did tell you in so many words. Why didn't you pick one up when you went to the store?" Jack asked Lisa. Lisa responded, "All you said is that Christmas is coming and we need to remember to get all of our friends a present. You didn't mention Adam, specifically, nor did you say that I had to get one today."  
answer: (c) words
- A8 "This was supposed to be a fun game for the group to enjoy. How did it turn into such a cutthroat competition?" Henrietta asked the group.  
answer: (a) cutthroat
- A9 "We are lost. Can't you read a map? How did you miss the exit we are supposed to take?" Nancy asked Luke. He replied, "Relax, will you? We are just coming up to it now. See the sign for it?"  
answer: (a) coming
- A10 "We are going to make some good money off of this concert. Look at all the teenagers lining up like lambs to the slaughter just waiting to come in here and spend their parents' money," Randall said to Hank.  
answer: (d) lambs

*English Slang Idioms (444)*

- A1 "I got such a good deal on this business I purchased. I bought it lock, stock, and barrel for a little under \$20,000. It came fully furnished and has a good name in this community," Jack said to Chris.  
answer: (a) barrel
- A2 "I am sorry, Dad. We didn't mean to break your big flower pot out front. We were just monkeying around and Jay ran into it. It wasn't on purpose," Billy said.  
answer: (c) monkeying
- A3 "Why don't we ask Todd what the name of that movie we went to see in 8th grade was called? He has a memory like an elephant," Kyle said to Dan.  
answer: (b) memory
- A4 "If you keep talking about my brother in that way I am going to boot you over the moon!" Willy said to Bart.  
answer: (d) moon
- A5 "We haven't gone out as a group for a while. Why don't we all get together and paint the town red tonight?" Lilly said to Rachel, Veronica and Andie.  
answer: (c) red
- A6 "Are we ready to start pumping the oil out?" Ben asked. Harry replied, "Yes. All systems are go and the engines are warmed up."  
answer: (b) go
- A7 "I have to go to bed, guys. I need my beauty sleep," Jane told Joel and Tom.  
answer: (a) beauty
- A8 "The plan to redo the ceiling by using paneling seemed good at the time but it blew up in my face. When I got the sheets home, I couldn't figure out how to arrange them so that they looked good," Chris told Tony.  
answer: (d) blew
- A9 "I am proud of my son. He was afraid of water and was very scared at the beginning of our rafting trip but he braved it out. He made it all the way down the river without complaining or wanting to get out. I think the trip may have helped him get over his fear of water," Luke said to Steve and Phil.  
answer: (b) braved
- A10 "I don't know about you but I don't want to stay in my tent all day or walk around in the rain. Why don't we break camp and head home a day early?" Jasmine asked Steve.  
answer: (d) break



*English Slang Idioms (445)*

- A1 "I tried to start talking to her and she gave me the brush-off. Are you sure she told you I was cute and would be willing to go to dinner with me?" Billy asked his sister.  
answer: (b) brush
- A2 "I am going to lose weight. I have decided to cut most of the sugar out of my diet and I am not going to eat anything after 5 o'clock in the afternoon," Laurie said to Tammy.  
answer: (c) cut
- A3 "We are out of time. I am sorry but we are going to have to cut this meeting short. We will reconvene at the end of the week," Julia said to the staff.  
answer: (a) short
- A4 "The plant is closing down in a month. The devil of it is that my wife and I moved from California solely for this job. Talk about some bad luck," Jared said to Tom.  
answer: (d) devil
- A5 "I think Manuel is a good choice for Lilly. I am sure he will do right by her and her kid. He is a good guy and anyone can tell that he cares about her a lot. He works hard and has a good set of values," Zack said to Marsha.  
answer: (b) right
- A6 "You smashed pumpkins on Mrs. Ellison's front porch? For shame! She is 80 years old! She can't clean those up. You two should be shot," Elizabeth told the two eighth graders in class.  
answer: (a) shame
- A7 "I must be getting sick. I have absolutely no get up and go this morning. I just want to stay in bed and do nothing," Joanne said to Callie.  
answer: (b) go
- A8 "I can't give you any information about that in a formal sense. Off the record, I can tell you that not all of the committee members are on the board because of their superior performance. Some may even be related to a certain leader." John said to the reporter.  
answer: (c) record
- A9 "I thought you disliked the popular group in school. You said that you didn't like the way they treated other people. Now you are with them all the time," Rachel said to Emma. She responded, "I realized that I can't change how they act or eliminate their group — and they are kind of fun. If you can't beat them, join them."  
answer: (c) beat
- A10 "We used to talk almost every day and now I barely ever hear from you. You don't call and you don't return my calls. What gives?" Ashley asked Marybeth.  
answer: (d) gives

*English Slang Idioms (446)*

- A1 "All of this emotion and name calling is not going to help us resolve our disagreements. Can we agree to stay civil during these discussions?" the president of the Gem and Mineral club asked.  
answer: (b) civil
- A2 "What kind of job do you want after we are out of school? One that pays a lot of money or perhaps one that is fun? I think I want a job where I can make a difference. I want to be part of making this world a better place for our kids and I want to be able to right some wrongs," Owen said to Raquel.  
answer: (d) difference
- A3 "No one cares about me. My own boyfriend was a half-hour late for our date. My best friend hasn't called me for a week," Jenna whined to her sister. Christa replied, "Oh, cry me a river. You never call anyone and you are always at least an hour late. You don't even have the decency to sincerely apologize when you are that late."  
answer: (b) cry
- A4 "We are going to have to keep our plans to go rafting on ice for a little while, guys. I have to work the next three weekends," Joe told Owen and Juan.  
answer: (d) ice
- A5 "On the face of it, it looks like a bad investment since it is old and broken. However, if we fix it up a little bit, we will have a basically new tractor for a fraction of the cost of a new one," John told his partner.  
answer: (b) face
- A6 "I didn't break the vase and flower pot, Mom. I swear!" Johnny said. She replied, "Sure. I suppose it was the one-armed man. Be serious! They were fine before I left and you are the only other person who has been in here."  
answer: (a) armed
- A7 "Paul and Preston are in a contest of one-upmanship at work and since it is resulting in more productivity, I am not going to say anything to them," Josh said to his assistant.  
answer: (c) one-upmanship
- A8 "I am so mad at Ralph. Up until now, he's been my good friend so I loaned him \$50 and he told me that he would be able to pay it back by Friday. Do you think he paid me back? No, he stiffed me. I just found out he moved to another city," George said to Ben.  
answer: (b) stiffed
- A9 "Just because we can genetically alter food doesn't mean that we should. We know a little bit about what genetics do but we don't know enough about the subject to mess with something as important as our food supply. It is just another example of man's reach exceeding his grasp," Luke said to Maxwell.  
answer: (c) reach
- A10 "Did you hear that Davis got arrested for driving drunk? He will definitely spend some time in the cooler for that one," Ian said to Chris.  
answer: (c) cooler

*English Slang Idioms (447)*

- A1 "I am glad that issue is resolved. Now that we have that out of the way, let's move on to planning a leadership development course," Ryan said to the committee.  
answer: (d) out
- A2 "Hah! How does that feel? I have beat you the last two hands and now you have to pay up!" George said to Fred. Fred responded, "It doesn't bother me. I have won the last three nights we've played. I am paying you back with your own coin."  
answer: (c) paying
- A3 "I don't think your brother was telling the whole truth about why he wasn't able to come over last night. I picked a huge hole in his story and he didn't have any answer for it," Harvey said to Paul.  
answer: (d) hole
- A4 "I can't believe that little pip-squeak just tried to pick a fight with me. Not only was it over something stupid, he isn't a big enough guy to be able to beat up a mouse," Greg said to Allison.  
answer: (d) squeak
- A5 "I kicked those guys out of my store when they asked me to help launder money for the mob. I don't play footsie with criminals," Arthur said to Gerald.  
answer: (c) footsie
- A6 "You have to get your car fixed. It won't fix itself. You can't just play ostrich, stick your head in the sand and pretend that the problem is going to go away on its own. It is only going to get worse," Paul told Blake.  
answer: (b) ostrich
- A7 "I know I should just play politics and pretend to like Wesley since he can give us a really good deal on lumber but I can't. I can't stand the guy and I can't pretend to like him," Derik said to Bryce.  
answer: (a) politics
- A8 "I don't think I want to get together with Vince any time soon. I am really put off by his racist comments and his foul language in front of children," Chris said to Ryan.  
answer: (c) put
- A9 "Do you want to come to my house for a cup of coffee so we can catch up? It has been a long time since we hung out together," Linda said to Brandy.  
answer: (d) out
- A10 "Jesse thinks this job is the best thing that ever happened to him and that there is nothing annoying about it. He'll figure out where the shoe pinches, like the rest of us did, soon enough," Axel said to Jeremiah.  
answer: (d) pinches

*English Slang Idioms (448)*

- A1 "Thanks to this new computer program, that reduces the amount of paperwork we have to do, I have much more time and much less stress. This job has definitely taken a turn for the better," Larry said to Thomas.  
answer: (c) better
- A2 "Have you talked to the janitorial staff about the poor job they have been doing in the restrooms?" Elliot asked Jay. He responded, "Yes, I took them to task about that this morning. They all assured me that they would do a better job from now on."  
answer: (a) task
- A3 "What was one of the scariest moments of your career as a police officer?" Randy asked. Rob replied, "Once, there was an idiot who was going to shoot a two year-old if he wasn't given a million dollars. Luckily, after four hours of discussion, we were able to talk him down and he dropped the gun and came away peacefully."  
answer: (a) down
- A4 "I am going to have to teach you a lesson about breaking other's things," Dan said to Jared as he got out the paddle.  
answer: (c) lesson
- A5 "I am at the end of my tether at work. If the boss yells at me one more time for his or anyone else's mistakes, I am going to get up and walk out," Jerry said to Phil.  
answer: (d) end
- A6 "So, even though he was the one who cheated on her, he is going to take her to court to make sure she gets nothing out of the divorce?" Dana asked Ralph. "That's about the size of it," he replied.  
answer: (c) size
- A7 "I am glad Bart is a member of the team. He is smart but quick. He can really think on his feet and his solutions are always helpful," Ronny said to Carol.  
answer: (c) feet
- A8 "I am exhausted. I just got away from Bill and, boy, can that guy sure talk!" He talked non-stop about this, that and the other for the past two hours. I couldn't get away," Rachel said to Becky.  
answer: (b) other
- A9 "At first, his story seemed to make sense and it threw me off. I started questioning whether I was imagining things or not. Later, when I got to thinking about it, I realized that his story was true. He was coming back into the building after work to steal instead of stealing during his shift," Bob said to the police.  
answer: (c) off
- A10 "I am almost finished painting my deck and then I can come over. I just have some touchups to do and then I'll get cleaned up and leave," Chris said to Simon.  
answer: (d) touchups

*English Slang Idioms (449)*

- A1 "You don't have any idea where my miter saw is? I can't find it anywhere," Chris said to Linda. She replied, "Search me. I have no idea. Did you check the garage really thoroughly?"  
answer: (b) Search
- A2 "Paul has been trying to sell me on one of those new thin air mattresses for camping. I think he has a point; they make camping much more comfortable, they are relatively inexpensive and they don't take up much room," Greg said to Marisol.  
answer: (d) sell
- A3 "There are various theories on how to separate the wheat from the chaff in the workplace and, unfortunately, none work for each type of organization. Identifying non-productive employees can be more difficult than you might think," the Management professor told the class.  
answer: (c) wheat
- A4 "Of course, if you don't weed out the bad employees, the good employees won't see a good incentive to remain good employees," the Management professor continued.  
answer: (a) weed
- A5 "I have done more than my fair share. I am going to sit back on my heels for a little bit and let some of these lazy guys do some of the work," Private McEwen said to Private Granzelli.  
answer: (b) heels
- A6 "My parents are refusing to talk to my brother because he shacked up with a girl who isn't a Christian. They are so stubborn. I don't think they will ever talk to him again if something doesn't change," Julia told her friend Abbey.  
answer: (c) shackled
- A7 "Tommy isn't a very trusting soul, is he? He wouldn't even tell me what part of town he lived in for almost a year," Matt said. Ronald replied, "No, he doesn't show his hand very often, does he?"  
answer: (b) hand
- A8 "Nice slip of the tongue, there. I know you think she is stupid but did you have to blurt that out when she disagreed with you?" Rachel asked Vincent.  
answer: (d) tongue
- A9 "Wow! You got Rob to agree to go to rehab, Amanda? That is great! For those who don't know Rob, it is no small wonder that she got him to agree to rehab. He is probably the biggest alcoholic I've ever known," Brent said to Hank, Amanda, and Alyssa.  
answer: (b) small
- A10 "I hate how things change sometimes. I used to love hanging out with Gracie but now her life is a soap opera and I have to hear every little detail. This friend broke up with that one. It is pathetic!" Gina said to Arlene.  
answer: (d) soap

*Newspaper Headlines*

- A1 Some people only read the head lines in a newspaper.  
answer: (d) head
- A2 You should always check the sell by date of things you buy in the supermarket.  
answer: (c) by
- A3 When the building was completed, all the workers were paid off.  
answer: (a) off
- A4 The boss was good enough to overlook my mistake.  
answer: (d) overlook
- A5 It is always embarrassing when you misunderstand the customs of other countries.  
answer: (a) embarrassing
- A6 Newspapers are delivered to people's doors every day.  
answer: (c) delivered
- A7 In her speech she expressed her gratitude for all the help she had been given.  
answer: (b) gratitude
- A8 In short nothing much happened at the meeting.  
answer: (c) short
- A9 At the end of the speech the whole assembly gave the speakers a standing ovation.  
answer: (a) ovation
- A10 Politicians pretend to ignore opinion polls.  
answer: (d) polls

*Learning tips and instructions*

- A1 Start reading the story from page 4 and then go on until you reach the end of the chapter.  
answer: (b) reach
- A2 Answer the questions at the back of the book and make sure that you check your answers carefully.  
answer: (c) sure
- A3 The whole purpose of all these exercises is to test your knowledge of grammar and vocabulary.  
answer: (a) test
- A4 A useful way to increase your vocabulary is to read as much as possible.  
answer: (b) increase
- A5 You should read not only newspapers but also novels so that you can see examples of idiomatic language.  
answer: (a) idiomatic
- A6 Another important activity is to practise your spoken language.  
answer: (b) practise
- A7 If you can afford the cost of travel, there is of course no substitute for visiting the country itself.  
answer: (a) afford
- A8 Try to persuade a native speaker to talk to you so that you can record the conversation.  
answer: (b) persuade
- A9 Play the tape back as many times as you like and repeat everything that the native speaker has said.  
answer: (d) repeat
- A10 If you manage to do all these things, it won't be long before you find yourself speaking the language fluently.  
answer: (b) fluently

*Phrasal Verbs*

A1 If you want to join that club, you have to fill out a form and send it to your secretary.

answer: (b) fill out

A2 Don't worry we'll have to wait a little longer because I'm sure he'll turn up soon.

answer: (a) turn up

A3 Last week I came across that book you wanted in a small shop.

answer: (c) came across

A4 What you have to do is to think up a new idea that will enable us to make a lot of money.

answer: (d) think up

A5 I need to find some kind of chemical that will keep down the weeds in the garden.

answer: (c) keep down

A6 When spring comes, people often feel inclined to do up their houses.

answer: (c) do up

A7 The time has now come when it will be necessary to see about making a plan.

answer: (a) see about

A8 It's easy to see from the way the garden is looking that winter has set in.

answer: (b) set in

A9 You need not worry that you'll be left on your own because I'll always stand by you.

answer: (c) stand by

A10 You can tell by the way she talks and behaves that she takes after her mother.

answer: (d) takes after



*Time Expressions (1)*

A1 There's no need to worry, we shall get to the station long before the train leaves as we have bags of time.

answer: (d) bags

A2 The concert doesn't start at least an hour and so we have time to kill.

answer: (a) kill

A3 The station isn't far away and the train leaves in about ten minutes so there is no need to worry — we have time to spare.

answer: (c) spare

A4 The problem is he has no work to do and with time on his hands he is likely to get into trouble.

answer: (a) hands

A5 I told him time and again not to do it but he takes no notice.

answer: (c) again

A6 I always like to get to an appointment in good time.

answer: (a) good

A7 It's about time she learnt to look after herself.

answer: (c) about

A8 We're not living here for good but just for the time being.

answer: (d) being

A9 Time flies, it's difficult to believe that we've been here all day.

answer: (b) flies

A10 Time will tell whether we have made the right decision.

answer: (c) tell

*Time Expressions (2)*

- A1 The business has lost a lot of orders recently and is going through a thin time.  
answer: (c) thin
- A2 The railways system is very efficient as the trains always arrive on time.  
answer: (d) on
- A3 My opinion is that they don't know what to do and are merely playing for time.  
answer: (b) for
- A4 You can tell just looking at their out of date equipment that the company is well behind the times.  
answer: (a) behind
- A5 His invention showed that he understood what was going to happen in the future and proved he was ahead of his time.  
answer: (c) ahead
- A6 You can tell she has hit the big time because of the huge car she drives.  
answer: (d) big
- A7 If you really want to send that letter off today, it's high time you went to the post office.  
answer: (a) high
- A8 The orchestra are meant to keep time with the conductor.  
answer: (b) keep
- A9 If you want to grow as a business and attract new customers you must move with the times.  
answer: (a) move
- A10 The parcel eventually arrived six weeks later, and not before time!  
answer: (b) before

*Interviews and Jobs*

- A1 Before you start applying for any job, you must be absolutely sure you have the right paper qualifications.  
answer: (d) qualifications
- A2 In advance of drawing up the job specification and advertisement, you have to sit down and work out the profile you have in mind for the ideal employee.  
answer: (b) profile
- A3 As soon as the candidates arrive, it will be your job to show them round the work place and give them a general history of the company for which they want to work.  
answer: (c) candidates
- A4 At the moment the company is doing an extensive advertising campaign with a view to recruiting new staff.  
answer: (a) recruiting
- A5 After you've read the details of the job, made some notes and written a draft letter, check the details, write the final letter and then submit your application.  
answer: (b) submit
- A6 I think you were asking too much of that new member of staff when you expected her to come up with a cost-cutting scheme.  
answer: (d) come up
- A7 I think that you've chosen a very good area of work to seek employment in because I've heard that jobs are abundant there.  
answer: (b) abundant
- A8 Interviewing applicants for an important job can be a very time consuming process but it's worth it in the end.  
answer: (c) consuming
- A9 When you are interviewing someone, it is obviously necessary to ask questions relevant to their job experience but discussing someone's other accomplishments is also useful.  
answer: (b) accomplishments
- A10 We can offer you a salary that will be commensurate with the duties and responsibilities that the job demands.  
answer: (d) commensurate

*At the Doctors*

- A1 As soon as the doctor looked at her, he was able to diagnose the cause of her frequent headaches.  
answer: (b) diagnose
- A2 Treatment of this particular disorder was beyond the doctor's capability and he referred the patient to a specialist.  
answer: (c) referred
- A3 He left the surgery feeling a lot better than when he arrived because the doctor had reassured him that his condition was not serious.  
answer: (b) serious
- A4 The doctor took out of her bag an unusual instrument but promised her young patient that it would not hurt her.  
answer: (d) instrument
- A5 I must confess I feel much better today, as I have found that the medication prescribed has been most effective.  
answer: (c) effective
- A6 Under the policy of the new health regulations if you decide to cancel your appointment and don't notify the surgery, you will be fined.  
answer: (b) appointment
- A7 Before she was allowed to leave the hospital, a physiotherapist had to assess the extent of her mobility.  
answer: (c) assess
- A8 The treatment has proved very successful but to check progress he has to arrange to visit the doctor's annually.  
answer: (d) annually
- A9 It is much easier to prevent an illness than it is to cure it.  
answer: (b) prevent
- A10 Before they could start any kind of treatment, they had to write to the previous hospital in order to obtain her records.  
answer: (c) records

*Mistaken Identity*

- A1 Interviewer: Perhaps you could start by telling us why you've applied for this job.  
answer: (b) applied for this job
- A2 Candidate: I think the main reason is because I like working in the open air.  
answer: (d) the open air
- A3 Interviewer: You mean you like the idea of an office with air conditioning.  
answer: (c) air conditioning
- A4 Candidate: I'm sorry I don't understand what you're on about.  
answer: (b) on about
- A5 Interviewer: I should have thought this was pretty obvious.  
answer: (c) pretty obvious
- A6 Candidate: Not to me, it isn't.  
answer: (a) it isn't
- A7 Interviewer: I think there must be a mistake, I take it you're Mr Johnson.  
answer: (b) take it you're Mr Johnson
- A8 Candidate: I'm Mr Jensen. I'm afraid it's a case of mistaken identity.  
answer: (d) mistaken identity
- A9 Interviewer: So you're not after the job of guardian, I presume.  
answer: (a) I presume
- A10 Candidate: No, sorry as I said I like working outside, I want to be a gardener, if you don't mind.  
answer: (c) if you don't mind

*Letter Writing (1)*

A1 Dear Sir, I am writing this letter to describe the problems I've been having with one of your products.

answer: (c) problems

A2 I am referring to your lawnmower described in the catalogue as 'Supercut'.

answer: (a) described

A3 To begin with I would like to take issue over the name itself.

answer: (b) issue

A4 'Super' to my mind suggests excellence, which it does not possess.

answer: (d) excellence

A5 'Cut' I should have thought was an essential requirement of any lawnmower.

answer: (b) requirement

A6 Unfortunately this does not apply to 'Supercut'.

answer: (c) apply

A7 The first time I tried to use it, your lawnmower simply rolled over the grass but did not cut it.

answer: (b) rolled

A8 Admittedly the grass was flat but it was still as long as when I had started.

answer: (d) Admittedly

A9 What I would like you to do is to pay me back my money and take 'Supercut' away.

answer: (a) back

A10 Finally I want someone to come and cut my grass at your expense.

Yours faithfully, Herb Grass.

answer: (b) expense

*Letter Writing (2)*

A1 Dear Charles I thought it was about time I wrote to you and told you what I've been up to.

answer: (b) about

A2 My main news is that Mary has at long last consented to marry me.

answer: (d) consented

A3 She puts it another way and says she will be able to make an honest man of me.

answer: (a) honest

A4 And now I come to a very important favour I want to ask of you.

answer: (b) favour

A5 Putting it simply I should be delighted if you would agree to be my best man at our wedding.

answer: (d) simply

A6 I can assure you that the duties are not in any way complicated.

answer: (b) assure

A7 In fact you could not possibly say that the job of best man is at all arduous.

answer: (a) arduous

A8 This brings me to another point: why aren't you and Sara tying the knot?

answer: (c) knot

A9 After all why should you two continue to be free and I have to give up my liberty?

answer: (b) liberty

A10 Let me have your response as soon as possible.

Your old friend, Mick.

answer: (b) response

*Letter Writing (3)*

- A1 Dear Sir, having read your advertisement, I should like to submit this letter as my application for the post of marketing manager.  
answer: (b) submit
- A2 As you will see from my attached C.V., I am currently working as a waiter.  
answer: (c) attached
- A3 You may think that this is a peculiar job for someone who is applying for a marketing post.  
answer: (a) peculiar
- A4 Perhaps I should explain the underlying reason for working in a restaurant as a waiter in preparation for a marketing job.  
answer: (d) underlying
- A5 As I see it, a restaurant is a market and it is the job of a waiter to tempt the clients into choosing products from the menu.  
answer: (c) tempt
- A6 I am sure I could very easily fulfil all the requirements of the job.  
answer: (b) fulfil
- A7 For example some of my clients cannot decide whether to have fresh fruit or tiramisu.  
answer: (c) fresh
- A8 On such an occasion like that I market well and always make them select the one we have most of.  
answer: (c) select
- A9 I am sure I could transfer my skills as a waiter to the tasks that are needed for your advertised post.  
answer: (a) transfer
- A10 Finally I look forward to hearing from you and as you will understand I don't want to 'wait' very long.  
Yours faithfully,  
I.A.M. Hopeful.  
answer: (b) hearing



*Letter Writing (4)*

- A1 Dear all, just to let you know that we reached our destination after a dramatic start.  
answer: (d) destination
- A2 I could say that we are having a wonderful time but that would be far from the truth.  
answer: (b) far
- A3 Everything started to go wrong the moment we arrived at the airport because of the industrial action taken by the baggage handlers.  
answer: (d) action
- A4 These baggage handlers had decided they didn't want to load our cases on to the plane.  
answer: (b) load
- A5 The result of this was that we were held up for six hours in the departure lounge waiting for the end of the dispute.  
answer: (a) up
- A6 By the time the plane took off as you can imagine, we were all tired, hungry and miserable.  
answer: (c) imagine
- A7 When we eventually arrived at the hotel, we had to sort out our luggage at reception.  
answer: (a) sort out
- A8 The big problem was that our luggage wasn't there — it had simply disappeared.  
answer: (d) disappeared
- A9 Our first day was spent in the local shops purchasing all the things that we believed we had brought with us.  
answer: (c) purchasing
- A10 On the last day of our holiday the manager of the hotel greeted us beaming from ear to ear to inform us that our luggage had arrived at reception!  
See you soon  
Meggy and Tom.  
answer: (b) beaming

*Flying across the Channel*

- A1 Do you have any idea what BASE jumping means?  
answer: (b) means
- A2 Apparently it is an acronym where the letters in the word are the first letters of a group of words.  
answer: (d) acronym
- A3 In other words the letters stand for building, antennae, span and earth, all of which you can jump from.  
answer: (c) stand for
- A4 Felix Baumgartner recently basejumped out of a plane 9,000 metres above Dover, a port on the south coast of England.  
answer: (b) above
- A5 He intended to fly across the channel with a parachute and land on the coast of France near Calais.  
answer: (a) fly
- A6 He started very early in the morning so that he was able to avoid commercial flights.  
answer: (b) avoid
- A7 During the flight his supporters claim that he will have reached 200 kmh.  
answer: (c) claim
- A8 The fact remains that he survived and managed with the help of oxygen supplies to complete the crossing in ten minutes.  
answer: (d) survived
- A9 He created a new record and joins Louis Bleriot, the first to fly across the channel in 37 minutes and Matthew Webb, the first to swim across in 22 hours.  
answer: (a) record
- A10 These are amazing achievements but if like me you want comfort, warmth and food on the journey, take the ferry crossing lasting 90 minutes.  
answer: (b) lasting

*Teaching your Wife to Drive*

A1 Teaching someone to drive is one of the scariest experiences you can have.

answer: (c) scariest

A2 You sit in the passenger seat and instruct your learner to do what you would normally do.

answer: (d) instruct

A3 The problem is that if your learner doesn't understand, you can both end up in the ditch.

answer: (b) ditch

A4 The situation is more complicated if the learner is a member of your family.

answer: (c) complicated

A5 If this relative is also your wife, then things become even more disastrous because it could end in divorce.

answer: (a) divorce

A6 The secret of being a good driving teacher is never on any occasion to lose your temper or your head.

answer: (d) head

A7 If you do lose one of them or both, your learner will lose confidence and also lose control of the car.

answer: (a) control

A8 In my case none of this happened — all I did was shout and scream, which made me feel better.

answer: (b) case

A9 I am proud to say that I taught my wife and my two sons and they all passed first time.

answer: (c) passed

A10 The only mystery to me is as they were successful on the first attempt, how come some years before it had taken me four tries!

answer: (b) mystery

*One is always going to lose...*

- A1 Building Societies currently find themselves in a precarious situation because they try to please the savers and also the borrowers and yet one group is always going to lose.  
answer: (b) precarious
- A2 Whenever there is a meeting between the finance minister and the governor of the bank, people start asking questions and rumours abound.  
answer: (c) abound
- A3 Invariably if interest rates go up, the building societies pay more to their savers and borrowers complain at the increase they have to pay and maintain the societies are mishandling their affairs.  
answer: (d) mishandling
- A4 Chief executives then start making pleasant speeches and smile a lot because they want to assuage the concerns of their borrowers.  
answer: (a) assuage
- A5 Months go by and most people forget their problems and get used to the idea of paying more and then talks resume and the whole process starts all over again.  
answer: (b) resume
- A6 The government then has to show that it is involved in the whole business of saving and lending and tries to convince everyone that it is supportive of both savers and lenders.  
answer: (c) supportive
- A7 The government next announces that measures are due to come into force that will change the whole process.  
answer: (c) force
- A8 They say this but then the difficulty is trying to find out when the measures are coming into effect and when they will be ratified.  
answer: (b) ratified
- A9 This is all very disappointing for the would-be house buyer who doesn't really know what's going to happen next and how much the interest rate will be.  
answer: (d) would-be
- A10 Our poor potential buyer reads the papers, watches the television news and gets excited at the prospect of another meeting of the financiers but in the end nothing of note comes of it all.  
answer: (a) note

*A Public Figure*

- A1 Imagine an embattled public figure attacked by press and public, who is facing an inquiry into allegations of having obtained money by deception.  
answer: (c) embattled
- A2 Any arguments he put up in his defence were regarded as a smokescreen by people who were determined to see him convicted.  
answer: (b) smokescreen
- A3 People tended not to believe a word he said and maintained that his protestations of innocence were wearing a bit thin.  
answer: (d) thin
- A4 There was very strong support for the police who were determined to curb this kind of crime.  
answer: (c) curb
- A5 The press had been prompted by an unknown source to make as much publicity about him as they could.  
answer: (a) prompted
- A6 His agent spent a lot of time briefing the press on his background in the hope that they would present a balanced view.  
answer: (b) briefing
- A7 Views as to his guilt or innocence even before the trial started ranged from utter conviction that he was guilty to wild support for his innocence.  
answer: (c) ranged
- A8 Gradually however as the days went by even his greatest supporters were beginning to desert him.  
answer: (b) desert
- A9 Then two days before the trial was due to start, new evidence came to light proving he was totally innocent.  
answer: (a) light
- A10 By then of course it was too late because the damage had already been done to his career, which overshadowed everything else he did for the rest of his life.  
answer: (d) overshadowed

*State Secrets*

- A1 We often hear that such and such a piece of information cannot be released into the public domain in the interest of national security.  
answer: (c) domain
- A2 Journalists however love to get hold of a story somehow but they run the risk of facing a backlash if they break the official secrets act.  
answer: (b) backlash
- A3 When there is a high profile inquiry taking place, the rush to get more details is intense.  
answer: (a) high profile
- A4 The more the authorities try to conceal what is happening, the more it fuels speculation about what might be happening.  
answer: (d) speculation
- A5 Sometimes a journalist will get hold of sensitive information knowing that he will get savaged by government agencies if he dares reveal it.  
answer: (c) savaged
- A6 The person in charge of the enquiry will occasionally signal what can be disclosed in newspapers.  
answer: (a) signal
- A7 Once this disclosure is highlighted it's the job of the journalist to follow it through to a satisfactory conclusion.  
answer: (b) highlighted
- A8 Mind you it has to be a convincing article because the reading public can soon see through the transparency of a weak argument.  
answer: (c) transparency
- A9 The question must always be in the mind of the writer whether what is being written is likely to pose a threat to the safety of the community at large.  
answer: (d) pose
- A10 The last possible thing that anyone wants to happen to their country is to turn it into a haven for troublemakers.  
answer: (c) haven

*The News*

- A1 Here is the news read by Alan Townend. Today the Government is unveiling plans for a new scheme to help society.  
answer: (b) unveiling
- A2 The idea behind the scheme is to try and curb stealing in the country.  
answer: (a) curb
- A3 The scheme will be introduced into the school curriculum at the beginning of next academic year.  
answer: (d) introduced
- A4 Children will be taught to respect other people's property and belongings.  
answer: (a) belongings
- A5 If child A steals child B's exercise book, child A will have to stand up in front of the school and confess to being a thief.  
answer: (b) confess
- A6 The Government spokesperson said the Prime Minister was sick and tired of papers disappearing from his office.  
answer: (d) spokesperson
- A7 Last week the Prime Minister had to give an important address to an international assembly when he found his speech had disappeared.  
answer: (b) assembly
- A8 This was of course very embarrassing for the P.M. and instead of the speech he told funny stories.  
answer: (c) instead
- A9 The worst part of the incident was that the audience did not see the funny side of his stories.  
answer: (b) side
- A10 I regret I cannot continue with the news because someone has misappropriated the next page.  
answer: (a) misappropriated

*Talking through his hat*

- A1 I do take my hat off to the new director for having pulled the company back from bankruptcy.  
answer: (d) off
- A2 Whatever you do take no notice of him because he's not thinking straight — he's talking through his hat.  
answer: (b) through
- A3 It was one of those society weddings you know when the men wear top hats and tails.  
answer: (c) top
- A4 I hope you can keep a secret because I'd like you to keep this information under your hat.  
answer: (a) under
- A5 At last she's made her mind up and decided to throw her hat in the ring and become a candidate.  
answer: (b) ring
- A6 I don't think she stands a chance in the election and if she does win, I'll eat my hat.  
answer: (c) eat
- A7 You simply can't trust that politician because he changes his mind every five minutes at the drop of a hat.  
answer: (d) drop
- A8 If you want to keep up with the latest fashion, you shouldn't wear that — it's old hat now.  
answer: (b) old
- A9 In view of the special efforts our coach driver has made today, I think it would be nice to hand round the hat for him.  
answer: (d) hand
- A10 In his present job there are so many different responsibilities involved that he has to wear several hats.  
answer: (c) wear



*Consider this*

- A1 The most difficult part for the salesperson is to convince potential customers of the usefulness of the product.  
answer: (b) convince
- A2 If you want to get the best out of your sales force, they must believe in the product and be inspired enough to promote it vigorously.  
answer: (a) inspired
- A3 A satisfied customer will always return to the same firm and buy again.  
answer: (d) satisfied
- A4 That style of dress was once considered to be a fad but now it is coming back into fashion.  
answer: (b) fad
- A5 One of the first things to do when you want to market a new product is to ascertain its potential demand.  
answer: (c) market
- A6 The main business interest at the moment is to watch the supermarkets competing for the same clientele.  
answer: (b) competing
- A7 Our sales meetings were reduced to once a fortnight because the weekly meetings were not considered to be productive enough.  
answer: (a) productive
- A8 Her ability to consume facts and figures quickly was the main reason for her rapid rise in the business.  
answer: (c) consume
- A9 The success of our website is due to the fact that customers can compare different prices for the same article.  
answer: (d) compare
- A10 If you want to keep current with the latest developments in your field, you have to read the relevant magazines.  
answer: (b) current

*Scandal*

- A1 Mathew Smith was a highly respected member of parliament with no stain on his character.  
answer: (c) stain
- A2 At least that's what he thought until the press started trying to dig up something about his past.  
answer: (b) dig
- A3 Apparently when he was still at school, he didn't have a ticket for his train journey one day and he was fined.  
answer: (d) fined
- A4 This piece of information was discovered by one keen local reporter and was blown up out of all proportion by the national press.  
answer: (a) blown
- A5 Headlines appeared maintaining that Mathew was a dishonest lying thief.  
answer: (d) lying
- A6 Other papers asked the question: How can we trust our politicians if they cheat on society?  
answer: (c) cheat
- A7 There was even talk that incidents like this one could topple the Government.  
answer: (b) topple
- A8 The Prime Minister called Mathew in to talk to him and said he couldn't tolerate any whiff of scandal in his Party.  
answer: (a) whiff
- A9 At last Mathew decided to speak up for himself and tell the truth.  
answer: (c) up
- A10 The reporter had got it completely wrong because he found his ticket and he wasn't 'fined', he was simply 'fine'.  
answer: (d) completely

*You have to go*

A1 My job has gone because my boss has fired me.

answer: (b) fired

A2 I shan't be working tomorrow because I've just been given the sack.

answer: (d) sack

A3 I was dismissed this morning and had to empty my desk this afternoon.

answer: (c) dismissed

A4 I was handed my cards yesterday and so today I'm looking for a new job.

answer: (b) cards

A5 The company decided to get rid of me last week and so I had to leave.

answer: (a) rid

A6 I have been made redundant because my work here is no longer needed.

answer: (c) redundant

A7 The firm has decided to downsize which means they don't want me.

answer: (d) downsize

A8 They told me to go because I was said to be surplus to requirements.

answer: (b) surplus

A9 It was quite clear they didn't want me because I was told not to bother to come back to work tomorrow.

answer: (c) bother

A10 No, I didn't ask the boss for more money today because he gave me one month's notice.

answer: (d) notice

*Speed*

- A1 There was absolutely no hesitation on her part and quick as a flash she paid the bill.  
answer: (c) flash
- A2 As a child he had no problems learning foreign languages mainly because he was very quick on the uptake.  
answer: (d) uptake
- A3 He just couldn't play fast and loose with his employees any longer simply because they never knew where he was.  
answer: (b) loose
- A4 He pulled a fast one at the entrance because he handed over 4 tickets although there were 5 of them entering the exhibition.  
answer: (a) pulled
- A5 Since he left the army, he misses the excitement and danger and still wants to live life in the fast lane.  
answer: (d) lane
- A6 You'll have to be quick off the mark if you want to buy one of those houses because they're selling very fast.  
answer: (c) mark
- A7 He's one of the get rich quick fraternity who believe in making money as quickly as possible.  
answer: (a) get
- A8 He sees financial gain everywhere and never misses an opportunity to make a fast buck.  
answer: (b) buck
- A9 Now that the company has made its first million, there's no stopping it and it's full steam ahead.  
answer: (d) steam
- A10 I appreciate your hard work but sometimes you're so fast that you miss the details and I think it's a case of more haste less speed.  
answer: (c) haste

*Up in the Clouds*

- A1 Have you noticed how much more the price of petrol is today? It's really sky high now.  
answer: (b) high
- A2 I was asked how many tests I would write and I said the sky's the limit — in other words as many as possible.  
answer: (c) limit
- A3 Her boss thought she was wonderful and always praised her to the skies.  
answer: (d) praised
- A4 I simply don't believe the scheme will ever succeed, it's just pie in the sky.  
answer: (b) pie
- A5 Question: What do they call those huge buildings in New York? Answer: They're called sky scrapers.  
answer: (c) scrapers
- A6 You can see the sun if you look at the roof through the sky light.  
answer: (b) light
- A7 It's a very pale version of the colour and that's why it's called sky blue.  
answer: (a) blue
- A8 The rocket was fired and quickly took off sky wards.  
answer: (c) wards
- A9 He just wouldn't take anything seriously and could always be found playing about and generally sky larking.  
answer: (a) larking
- A10 I think you're either mad or very brave to jump out of a plane and wait some time before opening your parachute in a sky dive.  
answer: (d) dive

*Papers*

- A1 You can hear everything that's going on next door because the walls are paper thin.  
answer: (c) thin
- A2 We're going to the college tonight to hear Professor Kent deliver a paper on language learning on the net.  
answer: (b) deliver
- A3 I can't see the point of trying to settle the dispute between those two institutions because you'll just be papering over the cracks.  
answer: (d) cracks
- A4 After the first revolution the dictator no longer had much control and became just a paper tiger.  
answer: (b) tiger
- A5 The cross country run where the runners follow a track of pieces of paper is called a paper chase.  
answer: (a) chase
- A6 Some countries have some very interesting designs on their paper money.  
answer: (c) money
- A7 Not that it has happened yet but the age of the computer was meant to introduce the idea of the paper less office.  
answer: (d) less
- A8 The main work has just been completed and all we have to do now is finish the paper work.  
answer: (c) work
- A9 She was given a very decorative paper weight to stop all her papers blowing away once the window was opened.  
answer: (a) weight
- A10 Her first novel was a huge success and it was only a few weeks after publication that the paper back came out.  
answer: (c) back

**Bones**

- A1 I hung the washing out only two hours ago but it is already bone dry thanks to the hot sunshine.  
answer: (b) dry
- A2 They came straight out with their complaint making no bones about it whatsoever.  
answer: (d) making
- A3 It was a micacle that he was still alive as he hadn't eaten for weeks and when they found him he was just skin and bone.  
answer: (a) skin
- A4 It was quite simple really — he never did any work at all and was sacked for being bone idle.  
answer: (c) idle
- A5 It's impossible to say exactly why I think that's the case. All I can say is that I feel it in my bones.  
answer: (b) feel
- A6 We're expecting a visit from a French couple soon so I'll have to bone up on my French.  
answer: (d) up
- A7 Ah, yes I've got a bone to pick with you. You told me you would pay me back last week and I still haven't got the money yet.  
answer: (a) pick
- A8 Although the TV programme was funny, my aunt was a bit shocked because some of the jokes were a bit near the bone.  
answer: (c) near
- A9 I won't go into the full details of the proposition, I'll just give you the bare bones.  
answer: (b) bare
- A10 Her children were very ungrateful for all she'd done for them as she had really worked her fingers to the bone for them.  
answer: (d) fingers

*Lucky You*

- A1 He told us the usual things about how everything had gone wrong — it was a typical hard luck story.  
answer: (b) hard
- A2 With a little bit of luck I think she'll pass her driving test first time.  
answer: (d) bit
- A3 If I were you I would certainly accept the offer. If you ask for any more you're just pushing your luck.  
answer: (a) pushing
- A4 I thought the best thing was to wish them both good luck and hope that everything worked out well.  
answer: (c) good
- A5 You really couldn't blame anyone for the accident because it was just a case of bad luck.  
answer: (d) bad
- A6 Last week they struck it very lucky because they managed to win the lottery.  
answer: (b) struck
- A7 She always seems to come out of any crisis unharmed and I'm convinced she was born under a lucky star.  
answer: (d) star
- A8 He just couldn't make up his mind which to choose and so in the end he decided to take pot luck.  
answer: (a) pot
- A9 Everyone decided to help him by offering money as they'd heard he was down on his luck.  
answer: (b) down
- A10 After all his failures in the business world he decided to try his luck in the casino.  
answer: (d) try



## Stages

- A1 All the world's a stage said Shakespeare, meaning life is like a play in the theatre.  
answer: (b) world's
- A2 This project has only just been started and is in its early stages at the moment.  
answer: (d) early
- A3 You don't have to pay for it all at once as you can buy it in easy stages.  
answer: (b) easy
- A4 We've now reached the stage where it's time to make our minds up.  
answer: (c) reached
- A5 I've seen her act in many films but never live on stage.  
answer: (d) on
- A6 It's quite normal when you make your first speech in public to suffer from stage fright.  
answer: (c) fright
- A7 As he didn't want anyone else to hear what he was saying he spoke to her in a stage whisper.  
answer: (a) whisper
- A8 He's always been fascinated by the theatre and has spent many years doing odd jobs as a stage hand.  
answer: (b) hand
- A9 From childhood she has been stage struck and was delighted when she got her first major part in the play at the national theatre.  
answer: (d) struck
- A10 The whole event seemed very unnatural and had clearly been stage managed appeal to the voters before the election.  
answer: (b) managed

*Venues*

- A1 The first plan was to hold the event in the open air but that posed many problems.  
answer: (c) plan
- A2 This proposal was soon discarded because we might find difficulty with the local regulations.  
answer: (a) regulations
- A3 After a lot of discussion we decided to hire a professional to assist us.  
answer: (d) assist
- A4 The first thing she recommended was for us to coordinate all the people who were involved.  
answer: (c) coordinate
- A5 The next thing we needed to work out was the exact dimensions of the area that we needed in order to present the event.  
answer: (d) dimensions
- A6 In view of the large number of people the proximity of a parking area was considered very important.  
answer: (a) proximity
- A7 After a great deal of discussion a site was eventually found, which seemed to be what was wanted.  
answer: (b) site
- A8 At this stage it was clear that they had to know the exact number of people who were going to attend.  
answer: (d) exact
- A9 Invitations were sent out and in general the response was quite good.  
answer: (b) general
- A10 Unfortunately the event was never staged because no one had considered the reaction of the local people to the noise of a loud pop concert.  
answer: (c) staged

*Trains*

- A1 It was necessary to telephone directory enquiries before we could get the number to ring up the railway station.  
answer: (b) directory
- A2 We thought it was a good idea to take some sandwiches with us so that we'd have something to eat for the duration of the journey.  
answer: (d) duration
- A3 As one of our party was over 60 she was entitled to a reduction in the price of the ticket.  
answer: (d) entitled
- A4 I suppose as we live in a very rural area, we are lucky that a train service actually operates here.  
answer: (a) operates
- A5 Mind you the cost of travel is very high and fares went up again last month.  
answer: (c) fares
- A6 All you can say is that the high price is somewhat offset by being able to get to a large city quickly.  
answer: (d) offset
- A7 The other advantage of this particular service is that by and large the trains are punctual.  
answer: (b) punctual
- A8 On the day we travelled most people had decided to stay at home as the train was relatively empty.  
answer: (d) relatively
- A9 We ate our sandwiches and for the remainder of the journey we enjoyed looking at the scenery.  
answer: (a) remainder
- A10 Before we knew what had happened we had left our remote village behind and were in the middle of the big city.  
answer: (c) remote

*Bite, Bit, Bitten*

- A1 She certainly won't invest in that company again having lost a fortune — it's a case of once bitten twice shy.  
answer: (c) shy
- A2 He may seem very angry but don't worry his bark is worse than his bite.  
answer: (a) bark
- A3 They were so angry with me they practically bit my head off.  
answer: (d) head
- A4 I think he'll succeed but it's a lot of work and sometimes he feels he's bitten off more than he can chew.  
answer: (b) chew
- A5 In view of the way things have improved I now feel confident enough to have another bite at the cherry.  
answer: (d) cherry
- A6 I'm very sorry to tell you that your scheme has failed and it has well and truly bitten the dust.  
answer: (b) dust
- A7 It must have come as a great shock to get the sack but I'm afraid you'll just have to accept it and bite the bullet.  
answer: (c) bullet
- A8 I can't believe that he's turning against his own parents — it's like biting the hand that fed you.  
answer: (d) fed
- A9 My advice to you is to resist saying anything at the moment and simply bite your lip.  
answer: (c) lip
- A10 I know she would really like to say exactly what she feels but I believe she should bite her tongue.  
answer: (d) tongue

*Issues*

- A1 I agree in general with what you have said but I'm not happy about one point and I must take issue with you over that.  
answer: (b) take
- A2 The trouble with her is that she always exaggerates and makes an issue out of everything.  
answer: (d) makes
- A3 As far as I'm concerned his explanation was useless as it merely confused the issue.  
answer: (a) confused
- A4 I wish we could stick to the subject and just consider the topic at issue.  
answer: (c) at
- A5 The value of one of the early copies of that book can be considerable if it happens to be a first issue.  
answer: (d) first
- A6 It was a family that had had a long history but it came to a halt when George went because he died without issue.  
answer: (a) without
- A7 The police are very keen to talk to one particular man and have issued a description of him.  
answer: (b) description
- A8 We panicked when we got near the house because we could see smoke issuing out of the top bedroom window.  
answer: (c) out of
- A9 All the reporters of the war were issued with bulletproof jackets to give them better protection.  
answer: (d) with
- A10 Turn on the television and look at the current news programme and you will find everyone discussing the big issue of the day.  
answer: (a) big

*What a Cracker*

- A1 He always believed in giving his children the same opportunities in life so that each one would have a fair crack of the whip.  
answer: (d) whip
- A2 This is going to be a difficult task but we'll get there in the end although it is a hard nut to crack.  
answer: (b) hard
- A3 It's a long way we have to travel tomorrow so we must get up very early in the morning at the crack of dawn.  
answer: (a) dawn
- A4 In celebration at passing his examinations he invited everyone round to crack a bottle and have a drink with him.  
answer: (c) bottle
- A5 In view of the falling standards the company decided to appoint a very strict office manager who would be able to crack the whip a bit.  
answer: (d) strict
- A6 For goodness' sake hurry up because if we don't get cracking soon we'll miss the bus.  
answer: (b) get
- A7 I really think you should make an effort and apply for that job and at least have a crack at it.  
answer: (a) have
- A8 Well, I must admit that I was a bit disappointed with the exhibition after all the praise it's received — it isn't all it's cracked up to be.  
answer: (b) up
- A9 They haven't really put matters right at all because they've simply papered over the cracks.  
answer: (d) over
- A10 They spent a huge amount of time and money to deal with that small problem and it's like taking a sledgehammer to crack a nut.  
answer: (c) nut

*Lunch is served*

- A1 I strongly recommend that restaurant as I was very impressed with how quickly they brought the food.  
answer: (c) impressed
- A2 Of course if speed is the most important thing, you can always pick up your lunch from the take away cafe.  
answer: (d) pick
- A3 The other night we went to a French restaurant and it fell to Charles to translate everything on the menu for us.  
answer: (b) fell
- A4 What you like in the way of lunch very much depends on your individual taste.  
answer: (d) individual
- A5 It is customary for the office junior to make a list of what each colleague wants from the sandwich bar.  
answer: (a) list
- A6 Nowadays you can even order your lunch online and your food will be delivered to your office.  
answer: (c) delivered
- A7 Personally I find that although the taste of your lunch is important, it should also look elegant on the plate.  
answer: (d) elegant
- A8 There is nothing worse when you take important clients out for lunch to find that the choice of dishes is very narrow.  
answer: (c) narrow
- A9 Mind you if there is a very long menu for lunch, it can be a problem for the waiter to deal with a multiple order.  
answer: (d) multiple
- A10 The worst part naturally of any meal whatever the time of day is having to settle the bill.  
answer: (a) settle

*Dry as you like*

- A1 I'm afraid I don't like this sherry because I find it too sweet and I prefer something nice and dry.  
answer: (b) sweet
- A2 We're not quite sure how it will work so today we're having a dry run to find out if there are any problems.  
answer: (d) run
- A3 She studies some very obscure things to do with ancient Greek documents — to most people a really dry as dust subject.  
answer: (c) dust
- A4 It was one of those scenes that made you want to cry your eyes out and I do believe there wasn't a dry eye in the theatre.  
answer: (a) eye
- A5 There was a terrible storm on the night we first stayed at the campsite but we were all right with our tent and were as dry as a bone.  
answer: (b) bone
- A6 We all set out together early in the morning in different cars but ours broke down and nobody bothered to look for us so we were left high and dry.  
answer: (d) high
- A7 As a result of the very long heat wave last summer many of the rivers have now completely dried up.  
answer: (b) up
- A8 As it's still very warm outside I recommend you leave your swimming things in the garden to let them dry out.  
answer: (c) out
- A9 She's very subtle in the comments she makes and she has a wonderfully dry sense of humour.  
answer: (d) sense
- A10 If you want to keep your customers coming in on a regular basis you mustn't let your stocks run dry.  
answer: (d) run



**Back Again**

A1 I'm suspicious really because at the back of my mind I don't trust them.

answer: (b) mind

A2 He said he'd read my funny story and had laughed twice, which was a sort of back handed compliment.

answer: (d) handed

A3 She was a very famous film star some 40 years ago but now she's regarded as unimportant — a sort of back number.

answer: (c) number

A4 He's having trouble with his mother-in-law because she likes to control everything rather like a backseat driver.

answer: (b) driver

A5 Where we live is a sort of backwater because nobody here knows what's going on in the world.

answer: (d) water

A6 She's the sort of person who can't bear being secretive and will never talk about you behind your back.

answer: (c) behind

A7 There's still some way to go with this latest project but I think we've broken the back of it.

answer: (b) broken

A8 I've lived here all my life and know every single road and street like the back of my hand.

answer: (d) hand

A9 Poor woman since she got knocked down by a car, she's been flat on her back.

answer: (a) flat

A10 He's one of those irritating people who manages within a few minutes of meeting someone to put their back up.

answer: (b) put

*Bearing Information*

- A1 Try and be a little more cheerful because if you don't bear up soon, you'll make everyone else miserable.  
answer: (c) up
- A2 We were in a small rowing boat and were terrified that the steamer hadn't seen us as it was bearing down on us.  
answer: (a) down
- A3 I fully understand your comments and bearing those in mind, I have made the appropriate decision.  
answer: (b) mind
- A4 As we have all worked very hard this year, I'm hoping that our efforts will bear fruit.  
answer: (d) fruit
- A5 We all have our crosses to bear so I should be grateful if you would stop complaining all the time.  
answer: (c) crosses
- A6 There is really nothing much you can do to stop it and I'm afraid you'll just have to grin and bear it.  
answer: (b) grin
- A7 I hope you can be patient for a little longer and bear with me while I try and solve the problem.  
answer: (d) with
- A8 She has been proved right in everything she did as the report quite clearly bears out.  
answer: (a) out
- A9 The judge dismissed the new evidence completely because it had no bearing on the trial.  
answer: (b) on
- A10 Quite honestly the two cases are so completely different that they really don't bear comparison.  
answer: (d) comparison

*What the Devil*

- A1 It's very hard trying to get the tenses right in English. In fact it's the very devil to know whether it's simple or continuous.  
answer: (b) very
- A2 In a way it's probably just as well the deputy has become the new chief. It's a case of better the devil you know.  
answer: (d) better
- A3 Many people have been made redundant in the takeover and those who joined last were the first to go. The principle of devil take the hindmost applied.  
answer: (c) hindmost
- A4 We don't really get on with the new boss but he has some good ideas so we must give the devil his due.  
answer: (d) due
- A5 The work has to be done as we have no choice. As they say, needs must when the devil drives.  
answer: (a) drives
- A6 She likes to take the opposite point of view and play the devil's advocate.  
answer: (b) advocate
- A7 Speak of the devil. We were just talking about you before you came in the room.  
answer: (d) Speak
- A8 When your parents find out what you've done, you'll be in serious trouble and there'll be the devil to pay.  
answer: (b) pay
- A9 You should really look through that agreement carefully before you sign because the devil is in the detail.  
answer: (a) detail
- A10 It took me ages to set up my computer because I spent the devil of a time trying to understand the notes.  
answer: (b) time

*Two For You*

- A1 A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush as they say when you have at least one definite thing in contrast to two uncertain things.  
answer: (c) bush
- A2 It wouldn't take much for me to cancel that trip in fact for two pins I think I will.  
answer: (d) pins
- A3 Quite honestly I really can't decide which one to choose — I'm what you might say in two minds.  
answer: (a) minds
- A4 I promise I'll be very quick indeed and I'll be back in two shakes of a lamb's tail.  
answer: (b) shakes
- A5 I'll see to that in two ticks and it'll be all over in a minute.  
answer: (c) ticks
- A6 You honestly can't tell one twin from another as they are like as two peas in a pod.  
answer: (d) peas
- A7 I worked out the answer in the end by putting two and two together.  
answer: (c) together
- A8 I'm sorry I can't accept any other explanation. My mind is made up and there are no two ways about it.  
answer: (d) ways
- A9 I honestly wouldn't trust either of them. They both think the same way and they're two of a kind.  
answer: (b) kind
- A10 I can see you're angry and want to do the same to them but remember that two wrongs don't make a right.  
answer: (a) right

*At the End of the Day (1)*

- A1 There are late risers and early risers, those who need a lot of sleep and those who need only a little,  
answer: (d) little
- A2 some who take ages to wake up and some who jump straight out of bed first thing,  
answer: (b) ages
- A3 but whatever the required amount, all of us need sleep at some time during the day or night.  
answer: (c) amount
- A4 And so it's not surprising the many ways we have of describing it.  
answer: (a) describing
- A5 To start with there is a special language for children.  
answer: (b) language
- A6 The sandman is coming is what we say to sleepy children  
answer: (d) sleepy
- A7 following the old story about that strange man who is supposed to drop sand in their eyes near bed time.  
answer: (c) is supposed
- A8 Alternatively we talk of the need for a child to start on his journey to slumber land or the land of nod  
answer: (d) Alternatively
- A9 and parents of a musical turn of mind can speed their children on their way to this land of sleep with a lullaby.  
answer: (b) turn
- A10 Of course as you grow older, you indulge in the luxury of short sleeps during the day.  
answer: (c) indulge

*At the End of the Day (2)*

- A1 You can take a cat nap beside the fire or doze off on a train journey  
answer: (d) journey
- A2 which all describe the kind of sleep that can be interrupted at a moment's notice.  
answer: (c) interrupted
- A3 A more basic expression of this sort is to have a little shuteye.  
answer: (b) sort
- A4 Should you wish for a little peace and quiet at the office,  
answer: (d) quiet
- A5 put a notice outside your door stating: Do not disturb — having 40 winks.  
answer: (a) notice
- A6 Forty apparently is the maximum allowed for this kind of sleep.  
answer: (c) maximum
- A7 The strange thing is that few people announce boldly:  
answer: (b) thing
- A8 Well, I think I'll go to sleep now.  
answer: (a) go
- A9 More likely than not as a guest we'll say:  
answer: (b) likely
- A10 Well, I think if you don't mind, I'll turn in now.  
answer: (c) mind

*At the End of the Day (3)*

- A1 Without offending the hospitality of your host, you could also say:  
answer: (d) hospitality
- A2 I think it's time for me to hit the sack, which need be no criticism of the softness of the mattress.  
answer: (c) criticism
- A3 And incidentally very important people are not described as simply going to bed but rather retiring for the night.  
answer: (a) incidentally
- A4 Somehow it sounds just a bit more dignified.  
answer: (b) dignified
- A5 Of course should your guests be unwilling to go home to their own beds  
answer: (d) unwilling
- A6 and you have a strong desire to be rid of them and go to sleep  
answer: (c) rid
- A7 you could be subtle and wind up the sitting room clock  
answer: (a) wind
- A8 look at your watch anxiously or even yawn.  
answer: (d) anxiously
- A9 But if you have no inhibitions at all, the best thing is to drop off or nod off in the middle of the conversation.  
answer: (b) inhibitions
- A10 And if all else fails go upstairs and come down again in your pyjamas.  
answer: (c) fails

*At the End of the Day (4)*

- A1 There are several expressions that describe the state of being asleep  
answer: (b) expressions
- A2 and most seem to refer to deep sleep like being sound asleep or fast asleep  
answer: (d) refer
- A3 There are also some comparisons describing deep sleep: to sleep like a top, like a baby, like a log  
answer: (b) comparisons
- A4 When the sleeper totally refuses to be disturbed, we say they are sleeping like the dead.  
answer: (c) disturbed
- A5 More colloquial expressions speak of someone being out like a light, spark out or for a very heavy sleeper dead to the world  
answer: (d) heavy
- A6 Well, I don't know about you but all this is having a very soporific effect on me  
answer: (a) effect
- A7 but just assuming you are wide awake and in the land of the living  
answer: (b) wide
- A8 let me leave you with a final expression. Next time you're off upstairs to bed  
answer: (d) final
- A9 give the rest of the house a surprise by showing off your classical education and say:  
answer: (c) off
- A10 Well I think I'll be off now and take my rest in the arms of Morpheus. Happy dreams!  
answer: (b) take



**GMAT Verbal Quiz**

- A1 This story is based on an incident that actually happened.  
answer: (c) based
- A2 I'm afraid I shan't be able to come on Tuesday because of a prior engagement.  
answer: (b) able
- A3 You can easily tell that this document dates from the 12th century because of a distinctive script.  
answer: (d) dates
- A4 I'm sorry to tell you but she is simply hypothesizing that this will be the result but she has no actual proof.  
answer: (c) hypothesizing
- A5 I do apologise for talking to you a minute ago only I mistook you for one of my colleagues, who looks exactly like you.  
answer: (a) mistook
- A6 It's a waste of time asking them for their opinion as they're bound to object because they've been prejudiced against the idea from the start.  
answer: (d) prejudiced
- A7 I asked you to bring back a different one but you've brought a similar one back that's exactly the same as the first one.  
answer: (c) same
- A8 The main quality that is required of someone holding that kind of job is to have the ability to get on with people.  
answer: (b) ability
- A9 They couldn't hold their meeting in the open air because of the heavy rain.  
answer: (a) because
- A10 I always let her handle that kind of situation because she's very good at dealing with difficult clients.  
answer: (d) dealing

*GMAT Vocabulary*

- A1 Some people who have been made redundant make no further effort to get employment in complete contrast to those who decide to retrain.  
answer: (d) contrast
- A2 The new company decided not to copy their predecessors but model their structure after the latest trends in business.  
answer: (a) model
- A3 Under the new regulations no one is allowed to smoke inside the building but you are permitted to smoke outside.  
answer: (b) permitted
- A4 She is seen as a possible future first minister.  
answer: (d) seen
- A5 Although the bank had turned down his application twice, they suddenly had a change of heart and decided to accede to his request for a loan.  
answer: (a) accede
- A6 It's not yet been fully certified yet but the recently discovered bones are believed to be those of the missing link.  
answer: (d) believed
- A7 The debate over the rights and wrongs of this issue has been a never- ending discussion inside parliament.  
answer: (b) debate
- A8 The local residents in this seaside village are very worried about the constant erosion of the cliff face, which is in danger of falling into the sea.  
answer: (c) danger
- A9 I think you have been overcharged for that work because it's more than twice what I had to pay.  
answer: (d) than
- A10 They first of all refused to stop their strike but in the end after much negotiation they were persuaded to go back to work.  
answer: (b) persuaded

**GMAT Words**

- A1 As a troubleshooter he was often sent to sort out problems in different area offices.  
answer: (d) sent
- A2 I don't believe it myself but according to the newspapers he is supposed to have exaggerated the firm's profits.  
answer: (c) according
- A3 He finds himself in a very difficult situation since you could say he's between a rock and a hard place.  
answer: (b) between
- A4 Eventually they made their minds up and decided to appoint the outsider to the job.  
answer: (b) decided
- A5 In order to prevent any industrial espionage all employees had to sign a document preventing them from talking about their work.  
answer: (a) order
- A6 With a view to providing a better environment for their children the couple decided to move away from the city to the countryside.  
answer: (d) away
- A7 The boss wants you to explain why there is a discrepancy in the figures and account for the sudden drop in profits.  
answer: (c) account
- A8 The charity is finding it very difficult to continue operating and that's why it's calling for the government to help.  
answer: (b) calling
- A9 The government are erecting concrete blocks around the Houses of Parliament to defend the buildings against possible terrorist attacks.  
answer: (a) defend
- A10 It wasn't really a serious crime but it was pointed out to him that by parking there he was in violation of a local byelaw.  
answer: (d) violation

*Learn English Vocabulary*

- A1 As a new employee she's very anxious to do the right thing and hopes that her new project meets with the approval of her boss.  
answer: (b) meets
- A2 It's just not within his character and I would never say that he was predisposed to that kind of behaviour.  
answer: (d) predisposed
- A3 You couldn't find a more loyal bunch of people who have a sense of reliability so strong that they will never let you down.  
answer: (c) sense
- A4 You can take it or leave it as there is absolutely no pressure to accept my proposal.  
answer: (b) pressure
- A5 The department has spent so much money on administration that there is little left for employing sales personnel.  
answer: (d) spent
- A6 Although he claimed it was an accident, he was accused of murder.  
answer: (a) accused
- A7 They say that pregnant women develop a craving for certain foods and must eat them all the time.  
answer: (b) craving
- A8 You must choose the right description for each word and I would define this one as an adjective.  
answer: (d) define
- A9 I wouldn't believe everything she says because it's my belief that she is inclined to exaggerate.  
answer: (c) inclined
- A10 We will get as near as we can to your requirements but we may not be able to meet all your needs.  
answer: (a) meet

*English Vocabulary Exercises*

- A1 Thanks to the crash barrier in the middle of the motorway cars are prevented from hitting those on the other side in the event of an accident.  
answer: (d) prevented
- A2 It doesn't matter what position you hold in society everyone is subject to the same laws.  
answer: (b) subject
- A3 As I was a stranger in that country I was not acquainted with some of their customs and didn't understand why people were laughing at me.  
answer: (c) acquainted
- A4 You can have that car in any colour you want in fact you have a choice of 24 different ones.  
answer: (a) choice
- A5 The theatre was delighted to display in the entrance some of the excellent newspaper reviews the play had received.  
answer: (d) delighted
- A6 As the hospital had been careless with its hygiene procedures, the patient found she had been infected with a harmful virus.  
answer: (c) infected
- A7 As a native of the district she had absolutely no difficulty in understanding the local dialect.  
answer: (c) native
- A8 There is a new company regulation to remove the danger of passive smoking, which prohibits all employees from smoking at their place of work.  
answer: (a) prohibits
- A9 He finds breathing very difficult in restricted spaces as he suffers from asthma.  
answer: (c) suffers
- A10 I am very pleased to be working with you because I think the same way and agree with your policies.  
answer: (d) agree

*Increasing Vocabulary*

- A1 You can have whichever one you want as I'll let you choose from these examples here.  
answer: (c) choose
- A2 I think you can clearly see now what I mean as that incident demonstrates that I am obviously right.  
answer: (b) demonstrates
- A3 For the first time in his life instead of going straight home, he called in at a pub on the way back.  
answer: (a) instead
- A4 You can tell that this piece of furniture is native to America because of the strong colonial style.  
answer: (d) native
- A5 Allowing for his age and he is after all only 12, I think his achievement is remarkable.  
answer: (c) Allowing
- A6 If you choose to take that step in your career, you have only yourself to blame if it all goes wrong.  
answer: (d) choose
- A7 I've always thought of her as the kind of person you can trust, you know the sort you can depend on.  
answer: (a) depend
- A8 It was a totally new experience for us visiting that factory abroad as we were introduced to all sorts of new techniques.  
answer: (d) introduced
- A9 No one had a clue what had actually happened neither the police nor the public.  
answer: (c) nor
- A10 All cyclists must now wear some kind of helmet in order to protect their heads against injury in the event of an accident.  
answer: (b) protect

*Improving Verbal Skills*

- A1 You can tell that this car has been very well made and is certainly superior to the other makes in this garage.  
answer: (d) superior
- A2 It's quite obvious that whatever you like to call his remarks they are impolite and amount to slander.  
answer: (b) amount
- A3 He claims to have sailed single-handed round the world but personally I don't believe him.  
answer: (c) claims
- A4 In this biography she is depicted as a kind sweet old lady but in reality she was a bad tempered old witch.  
answer: (a) depicted
- A5 He had to be isolated from all the other patients in the hospital because he had a highly contagious disease.  
answer: (d) isolated
- A6 It's not that I don't trust you but I must have some evidence of your identity.  
answer: (b) but
- A7 The General made absolutely sure his troops were ready for battle and provided with the latest equipment.  
answer: (c) provided
- A8 People used to think the cinema would be supplanted by television but it never happened because people still go to the pictures.  
answer: (d) supplanted
- A9 She appeared to be very confident on stage but inside she was feeling very nervous.  
answer: (a) appeared
- A10 There's little point in those two firms competing for the same market as they would be much better collaborating with one another.  
answer: (d) collaborating

*Verbal Skills Test*

- A1 We sometimes find it difficult to imagine where we come from and believe that we are in fact descended from apes.  
answer: (d) descended
- A2 Although he hadn't actually done anything, he looked as if he might and he was arrested for being outside the house with intent to burgle it.  
answer: (c) intent
- A3 Not only did he pay for them to go on holiday but he also provided them with spending money.  
answer: (b) also
- A4 I don't mind sleeping on an uncomfortable bed in a hostel as anything is preferable to sleeping in a tent.  
answer: (a) preferable
- A5 I know you trust him but I have my doubts about him and must admit to being suspicious of him.  
answer: (c) suspicious
- A6 You needn't worry about that regulation as it has nothing to do with you and doesn't apply to your situation.  
answer: (b) apply
- A7 The Government published a report clearing the minister of any guilt and concluded that he had acted correctly.  
answer: (a) concluded
- A8 They are in fact twins but are not at all alike physically but are not different from one another in attitude.  
answer: (d) different
- A9 Like all good philosophers in search of truth she is always looking for new perspectives.  
answer: (c) search
- A10 Let's look at it this way — it's not so much a problem as a challenge to our efforts.  
answer: (a) as



*Verbal Test*

- A1 In some 19th century novels you see the very poor conditions people lived in that can only be described as abject misery.  
answer: (d) abject
- A2 Television can give you a very good idea of how people live in different countries as it can depict scenes from every day life.  
answer: (b) depict
- A3 This is a sort of shortened version of what happened and has been abbreviated to fit into the newspaper.  
answer: (c) abbreviated
- A4 It was quite obvious from the secretive manner in which he left the shop and the furtive looks he kept giving that he hadn't paid for the items of clothing.  
answer: (a) furtive
- A5 It was a remarkable performance because the actor seemed to convey the whole range of human emotions , what you might call the complete gamut from beginning to end.  
answer: (d) gamut
- A6 The telephone connection was very poor and we only heard a garbled account of what the reporter was describing.  
answer: (d) garbled
- A7 The teacher found it quite futile to try and teach the children because they refused to listen to a word she was saying.  
answer: (b) futile
- A8 The university decided to give their benefactor an honorary degree because she had always been most generous in her financial help.  
answer: (c) benefactor
- A9 I've no wish to disregard or belittle your achievements but I think you could have done much more.  
answer: (a) belittle
- A10 His attempt to make fun of the situation was considered to be in bad taste and facetious in the extreme.  
answer: (d) facetious

*Verbal Advantage*

- A1 She suddenly stopped speaking to him on the phone and the conversation came to an abrupt end.  
answer: (d) abrupt
- A2 Some of Shakespeare's historical plays are rather long and so there are editions where they are abridged to make them shorter.  
answer: (a) abridged
- A3 Although all the athletes were full of life at the start of the marathon, towards the end of the race a few were showing signs of tiredness and were clearly flagging.  
answer: (c) flagging
- A4 Fortunately she took no notice of the reviews of her acting and was quite impervious to some of the more sarcastic comments.  
answer: (d) impervious
- A5 The secret of a good interview is to get straight to the point and ask incisive questions.  
answer: (a) incisive
- A6 Although her boss knew that she was not telling the truth, her explanations for being late were always so reasonable and totally plausible that he believed her.  
answer: (d) plausible
- A7 As soon as he had invested the money, he became uneasy and was beginning to sense qualms about his investment.  
answer: (b) qualms
- A8 Many of the safety instructions on things you buy often seem unnecessary and often quite superfluous to the average person.  
answer: (c) superfluous
- A9 He found himself at the edge of the cliff in a precarious position because one wrong step and he would fall into the sea.  
answer: (d) precarious
- A10 Everything about the village was what you'd call quaint because all the houses were well looked after and reminded you of a time long since gone.  
answer: (a) quaint

*Verbal Learning*

- A1 Everyone lost their money when the so-called treasurer absconded with all the society's savings.  
answer: (d) absconded
- A2 The police not only arrested the leader of the gang but also the accomplices who had helped him.  
answer: (c) accomplices
- A3 I have no wish to condone these criminal activities but I do have some sympathy with the perpetrators.  
answer: (a) condone
- A4 The judge has to adopt a detached view of the crime by being utterly impartial.  
answer: (b) detached
- A5 Despite all the chaos around him the captain remained totally calm and assumed an air of equanimity.  
answer: (c) equanimity
- A6 The police stopped the car because it had followed an erratic course down the road and asked the driver why he was going from side to side.  
answer: (d) erratic
- A7 It was possible to look up the topic on the Internet but she decided instead to ask her erudite father, who knew the answer to most things.  
answer: (b) erudite
- A8 The party leader advised all her members to eschew any question about finance and avoid the topic of money completely.  
answer: (c) eschew
- A9 He has a very refined vocabulary and prefers to use a euphemism rather than a more common and vulgar word.  
answer: (a) euphemism
- A10 I've looked everywhere for my key and even carried out an exhaustive search of my car but I can't find that book.  
answer: (d) exhaustive

*High School Vocabulary*

- A1 The result of the election didn't give either candidate a clear majority but in the end the leader of the opposition agreed to step down and accede to the wishes of the electorate.  
answer: (c) accede
- A2 The sound of the waterfall goes on all day and night and in the end the incessant noise gets on your nerves.  
answer: (d) incessant
- A3 I apologized for what seemed like a deliberate act of rudeness but I explained that it had been purely accidental and an inadvertent action on my part.  
answer: (b) inadvertent
- A4 Although it's a complicated subject the professor managed to make it all totally clear and lucid by her delivery.  
answer: (a) lucid
- A5 When you take a party of tourists round a famous city there are always those who loiter and keep everybody else waiting.  
answer: (c) loiter
- A6 Before she knew what had happened a man suddenly fell on her lunging across and stealing her handbag.  
answer: (d) lunging
- A7 There was absolutely no call for him to criticise her so cruelly and in almost a malicious manner.  
answer: (b) malicious
- A8 There was absolutely no question about it he was the proverbial idiot such as you'd find in one of those old farces.  
answer: (c) proverbial
- A9 You'll soon get used to his funny ways as it's one of the quirks of his personality.  
answer: (d) quirks
- A10 He didn't really give speeches because he used to scream and shout and you could hear him rattling a hundred meters down the road.  
answer: (d) rattling

*Advanced Vocabulary*

- A1 He always follows that old adage: early to bed, early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.  
answer: (c) adage
- A2 If you invest that money, you will find it will grow and accrue interest.  
answer: (d) accrue
- A3 People often ask her how she manages to stay slim and she always tells them she is very careful in the amount she eats to the point of being abstemious.  
answer: (b) abstemious
- A4 You must react now and not just be complacent as if there is nothing wrong.  
answer: (a) complacent
- A5 I find these mathematical puzzles too abstruse and prefer the more straightforward type.  
answer: (d) abstruse
- A6 There was no changing her mind as she was quite adamant about her decision and wouldn't consider any alternative.  
answer: (c) adamant
- A7 It was quite obvious that he was drunk because he couldn't finish his sentences and his speech was not coherent.  
answer: (b) coherent
- A8 The strings on the puppet were all intertwined and it took us ages to disentangle them.  
answer: (a) disentangle
- A9 There are really too many political parties in this election as there are so many small groups or factions.  
answer: (d) factions
- A10 He liked to play the eccentric and would invariably dress up in the most outrageous clothes.  
answer: (b) eccentric

*Sand Idioms*

- A1 The sands of time are running out and you'll have to hurry up.  
answer: (d) time
- A2 It's no good burying your head in the sand, you'll have to face the truth in the end.  
answer: (b) burying
- A3 If you build your enterprise on sand, it's certain to fail eventually.  
answer: (c) build
- A4 They have decided to draw a line in the sand and start all over again.  
answer: (b) draw
- A5 The sands are shifting and everything is changing in this century.  
answer: (a) shifting
- A6 It runs into millions and millions — almost as many as the grains of sand you can see on this beach.  
answer: (c) grains
- A7 Children often go down to the seaside and use their buckets and spades to make sand castles.  
answer: (b) castles
- A8 In order to get children to go to sleep, parents sometimes say that the sand man will soon come and put sand in their eyes.  
answer: (d) man
- A9 For very small children at their nursery school there is often a sandbox where they can play.  
answer: (d) sandbox
- A10 When there is a danger of flooding, people often pile up sand bags outside their houses to stop the water coming in.  
answer: (d) bags

*The Parliamentary Candidate (1)*

- A1 There was absolutely no doubt that Henry Orpington liked politics. He talked politics all the time.  
answer: (d) doubt
- A2 All the members of his family were pleased therefore when Henry was adopted as the prospective parliamentary candidate for the constituency in which they were living.  
answer: (c) adopted
- A3 One year later the date of the general election was announced by the Prime Minister.  
answer: (a) announced
- A4 throughout the election campaign Henry's wife and his two teenage daughters worked night and day for him  
answer: (b) throughout
- A5 and he finally won a seat in the House of Commons by a very large majority.  
answer: (d) won
- A6 Every day of the campaign was a challenge  
answer: (c) challenge
- A7 but there was one day in particular that Henry would never forget.  
answer: (b) forget
- A8 That was the day he thought he was going to be blown up by a bomb.  
answer: (d) up
- A9 On a Friday morning at the beginning of the campaign, the phone rang in the Orpingtons' house at 6.30 in the morning.  
answer: (c) rang
- A10 Henry got out of bed and ran down the stairs. He wondered who could possibly be ringing at that early hour in the morning.  
answer: (a) wondered

*The Parliamentary Candidate (2)*

- A1 Henry: Hello.  
Man's voice: Is that Mr. Henry Orpington, the parliamentary candidate?  
Henry: Yes, speaking.  
answer: (c) speaking
- A2 Man's voice: Oh, good morning. I want to warn you about a bomb...  
Henry: A bomb? Where? Hello! We've been cut off. Operator! Operator! Operator!  
answer: (a) cut
- A3 It was no good. The line had gone dead. As calmly as he could Henry went upstairs to tell his wife the alarming news.  
answer: (c) dead
- A4 They decided to get dressed at once and take the two girls to their aunt's house. Henry informed the police but asked them to keep the news from the press.  
answer: (d) informed
- A5 At half past eight Henry was in conference with his election agent, Andrew Higgins, at party headquarters.  
Andrew: If you want my opinion, I suggest you cancel all your engagements for today and wait until the police get to the bottom of the matter.  
answer: (c) bottom
- A6 Henry: Certainly not! I'm not going to let myself be scared by some stupid crank.  
answer: (c) myself
- A7 Andrew: What did the man sound like? Did you recognize his voice?  
Henry: No, I was half asleep.  
His voice wasn't familiar but he sounded quite pleasant. He didn't seem to be threatening me.  
answer: (b) threatening
- A8 Andrew: That makes the whole business even more sinister. Look here, Henry, one day won't make all that much difference. I'll tell people that you've lost your voice or something.  
answer: (a) lost
- A9 Henry: No, I'm going to carry on as usual. Think of the advantage it would give my opponents if I were out of the campaign even for one day.  
answer: (c) opponents
- A10 Andrew: If you say so. But I'd like to make it clear that I'm dead against it.  
answer: (b) clear



*The Parliamentary Candidate (3)*

- A1 Henry Orpington's first engagement that day was an open-air meeting on a large housing estate at ten o'clock.  
answer: (b) engagement
- A2 As most of the men were out at work, his audience consisted mainly of women and young children.  
answer: (d) out
- A3 Andrew Higgins kept a close watch on the platform from which Henry was making his speech, while several plainclothes policemen mingled inconspicuously with the crowd.  
answer: (c) mingled
- A4 There was very little reaction to Henry's speech, except from one or two people at the back who kept on asking what Henry's party intended to do about the rising price of fruit and vegetables.  
answer: (a) rising
- A5 After the speech he shook hands with some of the women. One of them lifted up a baby for him to kiss, but the sight of Henry's beard must have frightened it because it began to scream its head off.  
answer: (c) sight
- A6 At eleven o'clock he paid a brief visit to a public house on the estate. Henry couldn't offer to buy anyone a drink because he knew very well that his opponents would consider that to be dishonest. So he let one of his supporters buy him a drink instead.  
answer: (b) paid
- A7 At lunch time he went to his sister's house to see his wife and daughters. They had spent the morning addressing envelopes for the leaflets he was sending out. His sister, Vera, thoroughly disapproved of his involvement in politics.  
answer: (d) disapproved
- A8 Vera: Now I hope you can see the danger of getting mixed up in politics. You and the family will probably all get blown up by a bomb.  
Henry: Don't exaggerate, Vera. I'm sure it's just a joke.  
answer: (c) all
- A9 There was a large crowd in the field when Henry arrived at eight o'clock for what was perhaps the biggest meeting of the whole campaign. After a hard day's work, hundreds of farmers and farm labourers had come to the field to hear what Henry had to say.  
answer: (b) whole
- A10 Henry: Ladies and gentlemen, I appreciate the anxiety you must all feel about support for your farms. I too have been a farmer and I know the difficulties you are experiencing, and so...  
Voice from the crowd: ... and so you've decided to become an M.P. and get rich!  
Henry: No, my friend. I want to give the farmers a voice in the House of Commons.  
answer: (d) voice

*The Parliamentary Candidate (4)*

- A1 The crowd remained good-natured for the first part of his speech and Henry was feeling pleased with himself. And then, suddenly half a dozen tractors roared onto the field.  
answer: (c) suddenly
- A2 'Do you like tomatoes?' shouted one of the tractor drivers. Henry hesitated for a moment and then replied: 'Yes, I like them very much.'  
answer: (d) hesitated
- A3 'Well, we can't sell them at a profit,' said the tractor driver, 'because the imported ones are too cheap. So instead of letting them go to waste, you can have them!'  
answer: (c) waste
- A4 It was then that Henry noticed that the tractors were loaded with boxes of tomatoes, which the farmers started to throw at him. Unfortunately for Henry, two of them hit him full in the face.  
answer: (a) noticed
- A5 He realized that he had to say something quickly to win the crowd over to his side. 'Thank you for your generous gift, but I really prefer them in sandwiches. And now let's get on with the meeting.'  
answer: (b) win
- A6 The crowd started to cheer and Henry managed to finish his speech without further interruptions. In the meantime the police had made a thorough search of Henry's house and assured him that there were no hidden bombs. He went back to his sister's house to collect his family.  
answer: (d) cheer
- A7 Vera: I've got some supper ready. I'm sure you must be starving.  
answer: (c) starving
- A8 Henry: You shouldn't have bothered. We can all go back home now. The police have searched the house thoroughly and found nothing at all.  
Vera: Well, at least stay and eat the nice salad I've made.  
Henry: All right, Vera. Just so long as there are no tomatoes in it!  
answer: (a) searched
- A9 After supper, Henry and his family went home. Later that evening the phone rang.  
Man's voice: Oh, Mr. Orpington. I've been trying to reach you all day. This is Paul Harris. I called you this morning but I was cut off. It was a bad line or something.  
Henry: Well, what about the bomb?  
Harris: The bomb? What on earth do you mean?  
Henry: That's what I'd like to know. You said, I want to warn you about a bomb.  
answer: (d) earth
- A10 Harris: Oh, dear! I'm afraid there's been a misunderstanding. I didn't have time to finish my sentence. You see, I overheard some farmers planning to break up your meeting.  
Henry: I don't see what all this has got to do with a bomb.  
Harris: Well, if we hadn't been cut off I was going to warn you about a bombardment of tomatoes!  
answer: (b) overheard

*Tense Agreement*

- A1 No sooner had I shut the door, when the telephone rang.  
answer: (d) had
- A2 By the time I had reached the bottom of the mountain, I felt extremely tired.  
answer: (c) felt
- A3 When he was only thirty years old, he had already experienced what most people only experience when they are much older.  
answer: (b) had
- A4 The witness convinced everyone that he hadn't had anything to do with the crime.  
answer: (c) convinced
- A5 We asked him why he hadn't telephoned earlier.  
answer: (a) hadn't
- A6 Actually I had mentioned it to her before we set out.  
answer: (d) mentioned
- A7 I must admit I hadn't thought how the story would finish before I read the book.  
answer: (b) hadn't
- A8 I'd had scarcely any time to think about it before they asked me for my opinion.  
answer: (c) asked
- A9 He realized he had left it in the car before he reported it lost.  
answer: (d) had
- A10 It was a great shock to everyone because he hadn't said a word for 10 years.  
answer: (c) was

*Future Tenses*

A1 What will you be doing this time tomorrow?

answer: (d) will you

A2 I'll go if you like because I have to do some shopping.

answer: (c) I'll

A3 I shall simply wait until she comes back.

answer: (c) shall

A4 He was quite definite about it and assured me he would come.

answer: (d) would

A5 If they do arrive late, they will have to get their own meal.

answer: (a) do

A6 I really hope I shall see you again.

answer: (b) shall

A7 What will happen to the family if he loses all his money?

answer: (c) will

A8 Will you be buying the house or haven't you decided yet?

answer: (d) Will you

A9 I'm sure they will get married and live happily ever afterwards.

answer: (c) will

A10 What do you want to do when you leave school?

answer: (d) want

*Past Tenses*

A1 I told them I was just going out for a short walk.

answer: (c) was

A2 He asked me what I had done with the paint brush.

answer: (b) had done

A3 She told me to drive carefully on the icy roads.

answer: (c) to drive

A4 I wonder what had happened while I was away.

answer: (d) had

A5 She wonders why I never travel abroad by plane.

answer: (a) travel

A6 Quite honestly all I was doing was simply making polite conversation.

answer: (b) making

A7 He was wondering what had prompted him to take no notice at all.

answer: (c) had

A8 I was asking myself what in all honesty she would do next.

answer: (b) would

A9 He actually denied doing anything of the sort.

answer: (d) doing

A10 He came into the room and demanded to know what was happening.

answer: (a) to know

*Passive Tense Forms*

A1 The castle was built in the 15th century.

answer: (a) was

A2 Is he being arrested as we speak?

answer: (c) being

A3 All these houses have been neglected for decades.

answer: (d) have been

A4 There's no question that they will be delighted when they see her tomorrow.

answer: (b) will be

A5 That building has been left unoccupied since 1950.

answer: (c) has been

A6 The children are taken to school by bus every day.

answer: (a) are

A7 I can assure you that this box had never been opened before I opened this morning.

answer: (d) had

A8 That ceremony is being enacted on Tuesday next.

answer: (c) is being

A9 How many times have you had your house broken into?

answer: (b) had

A10 I'm sorry you can't come in at the moment because we are having the house decorated right now.

answer: (d) are having

*Gerund or Infinitive*

A1 Stop me if I've told you this before.

answer: (d) Stop

A2 All I can say at the moment is: Long live the company!

answer: (a) live

A3 Sometimes I wish I knew what the future holds.

answer: (c) knew

A4 And at other times I'm glad I don't know what the future holds.

answer: (d) don't

A5 Let's go there tomorrow if it's fine.

answer: (c) go

A6 Try pushing the door really hard if you want to open it.

answer: (a) pushing

A7 Try to learn these irregular verbs by next week.

answer: (b) to learn

A8 I really appreciate your helping me at this difficult time.

answer: (d) helping

A9 I'll finish now and I look forward to seeing you again soon.

answer: (a) seeing

A10 Please come back soon and finish the work you started two weeks ago.

answer: (c) finish

*Perfect Tenses*

- A1 Many people have tried but no-one has succeeded so far.  
answer: (d) have
- A2 That programme is so boring that it's like watching paint dry.  
answer: (c) dry
- A3 By the end of this year I realize I shall have been writing tests for three years now.  
answer: (b) shall have been
- A4 Do you mind opening the door as I find it very hot in here?  
answer: (d) opening
- A5 I honestly think that the time has come when we should celebrate our success.  
answer: (a) has
- A6 How anyone managed to live in those conditions in the 18th century is difficult to imagine.  
answer: (c) managed
- A7 Have you ever heard of this writer before?  
answer: (b) Have you
- A8 That stupid dog is always barking all day long.  
answer: (d) is always barking
- A9 They were eating dinner when the lights went out.  
answer: (c) went
- A10 No-one will believe your story when you tell them.  
answer: (a) will



*English Grammar Tenses*

A1 Does any one object if I turn the heating down?

answer: (b) Does

A2 I have come to the conclusion that nowadays nobody cares about anything.

answer: (d) have

A3 No matter what happens next I will help you.

answer: (c) will

A4 They had been running for 3 hours when the storm suddenly broke.

answer: (a) had been running

A5 I assumed you had been paying for the repairs until the end of last year.

answer: (d) had been

A6 Do you ever get tired of answering the same questions every day?

answer: (c) Do you ever

A7 She has been working on that manuscript for 2 years now.

answer: (b) has been

A8 I went there once a long time ago and haven't been back since.

answer: (a) went

A9 She keeps trying to pass her driving test but fails every time.

answer: (d) keeps

A10 I want complete silence now while I try this experiment.

answer: (b) want

*Idioms with the phrasal verb carry*

- A1 An eagle, if pressed for food, might carry off a small baby that had been left in the open unprotected, but such an opportunity must occur very rarely.  
answer: (a) carry off
- A2 Finland and the Finnish upper secondary education system constitute a good example of the fact that it is possible to carry through very extensive readjustments with a view to making a system more flexible and adapted to individualized learning.  
answer: (b) carry through
- A3 India and Iran will continue to deepen ties and carry on with bilateral projects, including the tri-nation pipeline and a multi-billion dollar gas deal.  
answer: (c) carry on with
- A4 The liver regulates most chemical levels in the blood and excretes a product called bile, which helps carry away waste products from the liver.  
answer: (a) carry away
- A5 China's cultural industry was given a boost last week after the government announced its plan to carry out cultural reform in more than 20 provincial areas.  
answer: (d) carry out
- A6 Items such as pointed scissors and ice skates are examples of articles that are not permitted in your carry on baggage when boarding an aircraft.  
answer: (b) carry on
- A7 An employee with 400 accrued sick leave hours at the end of the fiscal year will carry over into the new fiscal year 360 hours of sick leave and 8 hours of additional annual leave.  
answer: (a) carry over
- A8 When irrigation has no carry off system, the evaporating water deposits a gradual build-up of salinization, which is eventually damaging to plant life.  
answer: (c) carry off
- A9 The Scottish Parliament has appointed Mr. Maley to carry out an assessment of the current cost estimate and likely completion date of a new information technology project.  
answer: (d) carry out
- A10 Animals and humans use the evaporation of water to carry away heat that is absorbed from the sun or generated by metabolic activity and exercise.  
answer: (a) carry away

*Culinary delights*

- A1 Middle Eastern restaurants often have a way of whisking you away to a far off land of belly dancers, exotic spices and intoxicating drink.  
answer: (c) intoxicating
- A2 Thai cuisine is one of the most romantic of the Asian cuisines as it still retains an element of mystery and exoticism.  
answer: (b) retains
- A3 Modern Asian restaurants in Jakarta have an extended history.  
answer: (a) extended
- A4 Indonesia has an eclectic range of Japanese restaurants as Japan has long been the biggest investor in the country  
answer: (c) eclectic
- A5 International restaurants in Singapore are particularly adept at simultaneously perfecting both eastern and western dishes on their menus  
answer: (d) particularly
- A6 Hong Kong has to be one of the few places on the planet where you can enjoy exquisite cuisine and service at relatively reasonable prices.  
answer: (a) exquisite
- A7 European cuisine always evokes a sense of nostalgia and romance, like running into an old flame.  
answer: (c) evokes
- A8 America is undeniably at the front of the race to become the world's most obese country.  
answer: (b) undeniably
- A9 Many people drink wine, but many wine consumers know little about wine appreciation or wine and food pairing because they are intimidated or put off by the pretensions often associated with wine.  
answer: (b) appreciation
- A10 One of the most beautiful things about Jakarta is its culinary wealth from both within the archipelago and around the world.  
answer: (d) culinary

*Interactive worksheets (1)*

- A1 The historical church has an eminent quality to it because of the beautiful artwork and the serenity that the stained-glass windows and natural lighting provide.  
answer: (a) eminent
- A2 Before the ball, the imposter dissembled himself so the guests wouldn't recognize him.  
answer: (b) dissembled
- A3 The widow spent more than two days writing a loving and appropriate epitaph to put on her beloved husband's headstone.  
answer: (c) epitaph
- A4 The dark, eerie and foreboding sky seemed to speak to general McKenney about the upcoming violence they were about to face.  
answer: (b) foreboding
- A5 Bryan's friends dared him to jump off of the cliff into the awaiting lake below. But the intuitive boy foresaw the danger because the lake looked shallower than usual.  
answer: (b) foresaw
- A6 During the war, many families tried to hoard as much food and supplies as they could.  
answer: (c) hoard
- A7 The warm and discreet charm of the home is what attracted Carrie to it in the first place. She likes the simple pleasures in life.  
answer: (a) discreet
- A8 During the middle ages, men often fought each other in a duel in order to settle serious disagreements.  
answer: (a) duel
- A9 After the stock market crash, the once-affluent family was forced to downgrade their home and lifestyle.  
answer: (c) downgrade
- A10 All animals are born with innate or immanent qualities. As they grow, they pick up new skills from their environment.  
answer: (b) immanent

*Interactive worksheets (2)*

- A1 The hunting dogs sensed the imminent danger way before the hunters were able to see the approaching predators.  
answer: (b) imminent
- A2 Tom was arrested on Friday. Six months later, he received a sentence of ten years in prison for dealing illicit drugs.  
answer: (d) illicit
- A3 The district attorney desperately tried to elicit a confession from the accused in the cross-examination. He really wanted to win the case because he believed the accused was guilty.  
answer: (c) elicit
- A4 Many people want to emigrate from their native countries to other nations. However, nowadays, it's much more difficult than it was in the past.  
answer: (c) emigrate
- A5 "Dear Abby" is a column that advises people who write in with problems. Some think the column is useful but others strongly disagree.  
answer: (b) advises
- A6 There was an apple core lying on the floor. Tammy thought it was rude that someone left it lying on the kitchen floor like that.  
answer: (d) core
- A7 Three months before the wedding, Laura brought her bridesmaid dress into a dress shop so that the seamstress had enough time to alter it.  
answer: (a) alter
- A8 After the odd outburst, the group of long time friends agreed that Carmela's behavior on the weekend trip was bizarre.  
answer: (b) bizarre
- A9 A look of disgust came over Nancy's face when the verdict was announced. She now wants to meet with lobbyists who work to change laws for the betterment of society.  
answer: (d) disgust
- A10 The epic saga lasted three hours. A lot of people in the theater enjoyed the film but most agreed that it was too long.  
answer: (c) epic

*American Government Questions Test (1)*

- A1 Ingrained within the first amendment, freedom of the press declares and maintains that people can put ideas down in writing and can communicate freely in the United States.  
answer: (b) press
- A2 When a new law is recommended or proposed, a bill is created. A decision about whether to pass it or not is made afterwards.  
answer: (a) bill
- A3 After a bill is introduced and passed by Congress, it is given to the president who makes the final decision.  
answer: (b) president
- A4 The U.S. Congress is comprised of two divisions: the House of Representatives and the Senate. Congress has the responsibility and authority to analyze and pass bills as well as make laws.  
answer: (a) Senate
- A5 In the end, however, a United States president maintains the authority to either accept or veto a bill.  
answer: (d) veto
- A6 If something happens that renders a US president incapable of fulfilling his duties, the vice-president fills in.  
answer: (c) vice-president
- A7 The president has a number of responsibilities and one is to appoint ambassadors to foreign countries.  
answer: (b) appoint
- A8 Anyone who wants to run for the presidential office position must be a natural-born citizen of the United States and a permanent resident of America for a minimum of 14 years.  
answer: (b) resident
- A9 Within the US government, the division that manages trade and business affairs, both in America and abroad, is the Department of Commerce.  
answer: (a) Commerce
- A10 Within the US government, the sector that manages the protection and sustainability of natural resources is the department of the interior.  
answer: (d) interior

*US Government Questions Test (2)*

- A1 The term amendment is a change or modification applied to a practice or law that already exists.  
answer: (b) amendment
- A2 When a population votes on a certain subject, the larger number of people who agree, and must equal more than one-half of the voting population, is called the majority.  
answer: (c) majority
- A3 Prohibition was a law that outlawed the production, sale, use and/or transport of alcohol for consumption purposes in the United States. By 1933, the law was abolished.  
answer: (c) Prohibition
- A4 A written, legal record or document requesting assistance, change or modifications within a government system already in place is called a petition.  
answer: (b) petition
- A5 Stemming from John Locke's ideas, innate rights, such as life, property and liberty, are known as natural rights in the U.S.  
answer: (c) natural
- A6 Early governments in the US established a constitution. This is a written outline that verifies the rights of the people within a unified, democratic government.  
answer: (b) constitution
- A7 A treaty is an agreement or understanding between two regions, states or countries that defines trade and other matters identified by both parties.  
answer: (c) treaty
- A8 In the US, the division of government that deals with law, courts and justice is the judicial system or branch.  
answer: (b) judicial
- A9 Sometimes bills are vetoed. However, at other times, a bill or amendment is approved or ratified.  
answer: (a) ratified
- A10 A person who is not a member of a police or fire-fighting department or enlisted in the military is known as a civilian.  
answer: (a) civilian

*US Government Questions Test (3)*

- A1 Congress has a number of lawmaking responsibilities and is known as the legislative branch of the US government.  
answer: (b) legislative
- A2 A United States president has the authority to appoint judges to the Supreme Court and ambassadors to foreign countries.  
answer: (b) Supreme
- A3 Every four years, certain people run for office. A person who runs for the presidential office position in a national campaign is called a presidential candidate.  
answer: (a) candidate
- A4 Among other responsibilities, Congress has the authority to collect taxes and pass laws regarding the income tax structure.  
answer: (b) taxes
- A5 When a public official is accused and then charged with wrongful or unlawful conduct, the process is known as an impeachment.  
answer: (c) impeachment
- A6 A person who is born in a certain country is entitled to specific rights, benefits and duties and considered a citizen of that particular country.  
answer: (b) citizen
- A7 When a person is charged with a criminal act, the judicial system can either convict or acquit the person of the charges.  
answer: (a) acquit
- A8 Within the US government, the sector that operates all facets concerning veterans' services is the veterans affairs department.  
answer: (c) veterans affairs
- A9 Within the US government, the sector that supervises and directs minimum wage and employee standards that exist in the current system is the labor department.  
answer: (b) labor
- A10 A division of the governmental system that presides over health and human services within the boundaries of America is the department of health and human services.  
answer: (c) health and human services



*US Government Questions Test (4)*

- A1 The government division that manages oil, natural gas and various other resources for the purpose of utilization and conservation is the department of energy.  
answer: (a) energy
- A2 The government division that deals with students, learning, development and teachers is the department of education.  
answer: (c) education
- A3 If someone doesn't pay his/her taxes or knowingly provides false or fraudulent information to tax agencies or administrators, the crime is called tax evasion.  
answer: (a) tax evasion
- A4 When people have the liberty to manage and run businesses with little government control or interference, this type of governing is called a free enterprise system.  
answer: (b) free enterprise
- A5 The government sector that manages the construction and maintenance of roads, highways, airports and railroads in the United States is the department of transportation.  
answer: (b) transportation
- A6 The government sector that supervises all facets of farming and cultivation is the department of agriculture.  
answer: (c) agriculture
- A7 By dividing the government into three departments or branches, the power of the nation is split up so each branch is separate and distinct. This is known as separation of power.  
answer: (a) separation of power
- A8 When federal and state governments have some control over the same issues, at their distinct levels, the system encompassing this type of government is called shared powers.  
answer: (b) shared
- A9 The government division that manages all facets of the armed forces is the department of defense.  
answer: (b) defense
- A10 Certain areas of society are mandated only by the states so the federal government can't control them. This type of power is called reserved power.  
answer: (b) reserved

*US Judicial System Question Test (1)*

- A1 A person who is accused of a crime, in a court of law, is known as the defendant.  
answer: (b) defendant
- A2 Three important sectors or branches of government in the United States are the legislative, executive and judicial branches.  
answer: (c) judicial
- A3 Within the American judicial system, there are three levels of courts.  
answer: (b) system
- A4 The three levels of court in the US are as follows: district courts, the courts of appeals and the Supreme Court.  
answer: (c) Supreme
- A5 Within the system, district courts are the only federal courts that sometimes employ a judge and a jury.  
answer: (b) district
- A6 The Supreme Court is the highest level of justice in the US. Supreme Court decisions have sometimes called for modifications in the Constitution.  
answer: (b) Constitution
- A7 A case must be heard in a district court first. After a decision is made in that court, the case can move into the court of appeals.  
answer: (b) court of appeals
- A8 A lawyer that works for either the state or federal government and sometimes cross-examines a defendant is known as the district attorney.  
answer: (a) district
- A9 In the highest court level in the country, Supreme Court justices decide whether or not an issue is unconstitutional. They are appointed by the President.  
answer: (b) President
- A10 A lawyer who is hired by a defendant to represent his/her case is called a defense attorney.  
answer: (a) defense

*US Government Questions Test (5)*

- A1 Tax that is calculated and dependant on the amount a person earns in a democracy is called income tax.  
answer: (b) income
- A2 Federal or state tax that is added to goods and/or services is called sales tax.  
answer: (a) sales
- A3 Zoning is the term used when a county, town or city defines and decides where homes and businesses are to be situated.  
answer: (b) Zoning
- A4 A county is a region or district that is divided from other areas in order to establish and operate local governments in that particular area.  
answer: (b) county
- A5 In each county, the head of the law enforcement agency or body is called the sheriff.  
answer: (c) sheriff
- A6 A person who is elected, to represent and govern a city or town, by the people is called the mayor.  
answer: (c) mayor
- A7 When communities or groups hold functions in order to raise money for a cause, the activity is called a fund-raiser.  
answer: (b) fund-raiser
- A8 A platform is a stance or statement containing a political party's thoughts, beliefs and plans put forth prior to an election.  
answer: (c) platform
- A9 Usually, conservative political parties are more resistant to change.  
answer: (b) conservative
- A10 Political parties that are usually more open to societal change are referred to as liberal parties.  
answer: (a) liberal

*US Government Questions Test (6)*

- A1 Usually, a political party that holds the lesser amount of seats, or power, within an existing government is called the opposition party.  
answer: (c) opposition
- A2 The Republican Party in the US is usually more conservative when compared to the Democratic Party.  
answer: (b) conservative
- A3 A person who is selected to run in an election is called a nominee.  
answer: (c) nominee
- A4 Democrats in the US are usually more liberal when compared to the Republican Party.  
answer: (a) liberal
- A5 In order to vote, American citizens must first be registered in their voting district.  
answer: (b) registered
- A6 An American citizen who is living outside of the US during an election year can fill out an absentee ballot in order to vote from the existing location.  
answer: (b) absentee
- A7 If an issue is disagreed upon and put forth in a direct vote approach by the government, the undertaking is called a referendum.  
answer: (b) referendum
- A8 An emigrant is a person who leaves his/her country to live in another country.  
answer: (c) emigrant
- A9 People who are being victimized or persecuted and, therefore, leave their country in order to seek refuge in a safer place are known as refugees.  
answer: (b) refugees
- A10 Citizens of other countries who reside in the US are called aliens.  
answer: (c) aliens

*US Government Questions Test (7)*

- A1 If a person, who is not a citizen of the US, is ordered to leave the country, the order is known as deportation.  
answer: (c) deportation
- A2 Naturalization is the process people go through when they are offered citizenship in a country but they were born in another country.  
answer: (b) Naturalization
- A3 If an alien is offered American citizenship, he/she must take an oath of allegiance in order to proceed with the next course of action.  
answer: (c) allegiance
- A4 Patriotism is the love and loyalty citizens possess for their country.  
answer: (c) Patriotism
- A5 Groups who want changes within the existing societal system can lobby law making, government officials and members.  
answer: (a) lobby
- A6 A study or survey regarding citizens' thoughts and opinions about a certain subject is called a(n) opinion poll.  
answer: (c) opinion
- A7 A group of people who have similar interests in mind and work together for change or action is called a(n) interest group.  
answer: (c) interest
- A8 The rules, laws and regulations that guide and govern a particular country are called public policy.  
answer: (c) policy
- A9 Individual freedoms declared in the US Constitution, such as freedom of the press, speech and religion, are known as civil liberties.  
answer: (a) liberties
- A10 Every American citizen, over the age of 18, has the right to vote in elections via prior amendments in the US Constitution.  
answer: (a) vote

*Economics Questions test (1)*

- A1 People often like to have a lot of material goods but water, food and shelter are basic needs people and other animals require to stay alive.  
answer: (b) needs
- A2 When someone really likes a product but that item is not necessary to stay alive, the product is called a want or a luxury.  
answer: (a) want
- A3 The earth supplies us with many beautiful things as well as many natural, raw materials. These usable materials are called natural resources.  
answer: (b) natural resources
- A4 There are many companies that manufacture products and consumers buy them. The products that people buy are called goods.  
answer: (c) goods
- A5 Companies will often use raw materials in order to turn them into usable products that consumers need and want. This process is called manufacturing.  
answer: (b) manufacturing
- A6 Some companies, don't specialize in manufacturing, but rather they do work, for a fee, for other people. This work is known as a service.  
answer: (c) service
- A7 Every country experiences scarcity at some point or another. This is when a country's wants are larger than the available resources.  
answer: (b) scarcity
- A8 Whether it's a natural resource or not, every possible use of a resource is called an opportunity.  
answer: (a) opportunity
- A9 Any item or material that people use to manufacture products or use in order to provide services is called a resource.  
answer: (b) resource
- A10 There are many companies around the world. The people who own each individual business are called entrepreneurs.  
answer: (a) entrepreneurs

*Economics Questions test (2)*

- A1 A manager is the person who directs, supervises and operates a business or a section of a business. This person is in a management position but is not always the owner of the company.  
answer: (b) manager
- A2 When people or departments become highly-skilled in one area of production because they only create or produce one item or one part of an item, specialization occurs.  
answer: (c) specialization
- A3 An assembly line is a system where products or parts of products move from one worker to another. This is an efficient system that is used in order to manufacture products in a highly productive manner.  
answer: (c) An assembly line
- A4 When companies split up or divide workers' tasks so that each worker performs one job or task, the process is known as division of labor.  
answer: (a) division of labor
- A5 Many companies around the world use technology, or make use of scientific advancements, to manufacture new and improved products every day.  
answer: (c) technology
- A6 Databases store huge amounts of information within computer systems that were not in existence 40 years ago.  
answer: (b) Databases
- A7 In some nations, people and families are below the poverty level and are in need so they are given welfare in order to survive.  
answer: (b) welfare
- A8 In a market economy, individuals and businesses own and make most of the decisions about resources. In this type of economy, the people own and control most of the production processes.  
answer: (b) market
- A9 In a mixed economy, individuals and governments own and control production together. They both decide how resources will be used, what will be produced and who will buy and use the products.  
answer: (b) mixed
- A10 Whether businesses manufacture goods or offer services, all of the money taken in by a business is called revenue.  
answer: (c) revenue

*Health and Nutrition Questions Test (1)*

- A1 When people say they want a six pack, they want to work out their abdominal muscles in order to tone their stomachs.  
answer: (a) abdominal
- A2 In addition to muscle building exercises, most trainers will recommend some form of aerobic activity for a cardiovascular workout.  
answer: (c) aerobic activity
- A3 Nowadays, there are many forms of alternative medicine such as acupuncture and homeopathic remedies.  
answer: (c) alternative
- A4 A manufactured substance that is used to sweeten drinks and food is called a(n) artificial sweetener.  
answer: (b) artificial sweetener
- A5 Ascorbic acid is found in orange juice and is another word for Vitamin C.  
answer: (b) Ascorbic acid
- A6 Caffeine is a substance that is found in many drinks and foods such as coffee and chocolate bars. This substance can keep you awake for long periods of time.  
answer: (c) Caffeine
- A7 In North America, many people eat cereal in the morning for breakfast. This item is put into a bowl and milk is added.  
answer: (b) cereal
- A8 Carbohydrate is found in foods such as potatoes and pasta dishes.  
answer: (c) Carbohydrate
- A9 When some people go on a diet, they count their calories every day.  
answer: (c) calories
- A10 Many people are trying to keep their cholesterol levels down in order to avoid heart problems in the future.  
answer: (a) cholesterol



*Water Idioms*

- A1 Although he had had a bad experience with his business, he treated it as water off a duck's back — means: of no importance.  
answer: (c) of no importance
- A2 He was told that the new plan he'd developed just wouldn't hold water — means: wouldn't work.  
answer: (b) wouldn't work
- A3 Every time we came up with a new proposal, he would throw cold water on it — means: discourage it.  
answer: (a) discourage it
- A4 After all the money that she's borrowed and also spent, she now finds herself in deep water — means: in trouble.  
answer: (d) in trouble
- A5 He's decided to make a fresh start and regards all his old problems as water under the bridge — means: not worth worrying about.  
answer: (b) not worth worrying about
- A6 Once he's earned a bit of money he immediately spends it like water — means: spends it freely.  
answer: (c) spends it freely
- A7 Whenever she goes to that club she always feels like a fish out of water — means: uncomfortable.  
answer: (a) uncomfortable
- A8 It's many years since we last met and a lot of water has passed under the bridge since then — means: a lot has happened.  
answer: (d) a lot has happened
- A9 The jewels in that showcase are clearly of the first water — means: of high quality.  
answer: (b) of high quality
- A10 Their job as advisers was to pour oil on troubled waters — means: calm things down.  
answer: (c) calm things down

*Air Idioms*

A1 Don't worry about her, she always gives herself airs and graces — means: She always thinks she's very important.

answer: (c) She always thinks she's very important

A2 I honestly think the time has come to clear the air — means: to make things simpler.

answer: (d) to make things simpler

A3 There's a lot of discussion in the air about it — means: that's not definite.

answer: (a) that's not definite

A4 I don't know about you but I feel like taking the air at the moment — means: going for a walk.

answer: (b) going for a walk

A5 Our holiday plans are up in the air at the moment — means: indefinite.

answer: (a) indefinite

A6 When I told him the news, he went up in the air — means: he became angry.

answer: (d) he became angry

A7 You know what they're like. They just talked a lot of hot air — means: empty promises.

answer: (b) empty promises

A8 As soon as they heard the news, they were walking on air — means: were very happy.

answer: (c) were very happy

A9 The radio play is on the air later tonight — means: being broadcast.

answer: (a) being broadcast

A10 The concert is being played in the open air on Sunday — means: outside.

answer: (d) outside

*English Slang Idioms (102)*

- A1 "Hi, Richard. I am kind of in a jam here. The Accounts Payable needs to be updated today and I need the information from your department on how many office supplies you have ordered this month. Can you help?" Jim asked.  
answer: (d) jam
- A2 "Hi, Jim. I understand that you have to have all of the information into the accountants today. The information you need will be there in a jiffy. I am going to get to work on it right now and I should be finished in about a half-hour," Richard replied  
answer: (a) jiffy
- A3 "Rodney, I know that you have your presentation planned out but we have less time than was originally allotted. Can you just hit the vital points or describe your plan in a nutshell?" Marcie said.  
answer: (c) nutshell
- A4 "Can you explain, Tommy, why your performance has been slipping? You are still within one standard deviation of the average but you have gone from above average to slightly below average. Is there something going on in your personal life or are you just in a rut?" Marcie asked.  
answer: (c) rut
- A5 "Richard, it's Jim again. You told me that I would get the information in about a half-hour and you're now three hours late. You have really put me in a tight spot here. I only have an hour and a half to get everything done and I need your information before I can take the next step."  
answer: (d) tight
- A6 "Jim, it's Richard. I am sorry that I didn't get back to you sooner but I have been assigned a different and more pressing task. I will try to get that information to you soon. In all honesty, Jim, I would like to help but you are supposed to request the information earlier in order to give our department two days to work on it. If I can help I will but the situation you find yourself in is your own doing."  
answer: (b) honesty
- A7 "Jim, it's Richard again. We have completed the other task and will have your information in an instant. You owe me one. Sorry I was late but boss' orders."  
answer: (c) instant
- A8 Hi, Marcie, it's Frank. I wanted to report something that happened at lunch. I saw Bethany, from the clerical department, get mugged in broad daylight. I wanted to help but the guy had a gun. Will you call security and the police?"  
answer: (b) daylight
- A9 "May I have your attention please. The police have apprehended the mugger. We have, unfortunately, discovered through viewing the security tapes that one of our employees was in cahoots with the mugger," Marcie told the staff.  
answer: (c) cahoots
- A10 "Jim, it's Matt. You have to help me. Marcie thinks that I helped signal the mugger. I am in dire straits here. You have to tell her that it wasn't me. I can't lose my job and go to jail!"  
answer: (b) straits

*English Slang Idioms (103)*

- A1 Marcie thought that, perhaps, she made a mistake by telling the employees they could invite family members. She thought that family members meant a spouse but the people showing up in droves appeared to be comprised of children, elderly folks and brothers and sisters.  
answer: (b) droves
- A2 "Matt, originally, when I asked you to help me move into New Jersey, I told you there would be five others that would also help. They all cancelled and I know you are having problems with your shoulder so if you can't make it, I understand." "Jim, I told you I would come and I will. That is too bad about the others but in for a penny, in for a pound I guess."  
answer: (c) penny
- A3 "Hi, Marcie, it's Rick. Just wanted to call and let you know how things are going and to say thanks again for helping me get the financing for my business. The business is in full swing and is expected to turn a profit this year. Well, give me a call when you can. Bye."  
answer: (d) swing
- A4 "Richard, it's Max. Sorry I haven't called lately. I have been working overtime — nights and weekends — on our new computer system and it's software. We are really in high gear at the moment and I haven't had much time for anything. I'll call as soon as I get a break."  
answer: (c) gear
- A5 "Gabrielle, I am very happy to see you in such high spirits. I know you have been going through a lot lately and I was getting worried about you. You used to liven up the office so much with your smile but you have seemed so sad lately," Marcie said.  
answer: (c) spirits
- A6 "Hi Jim. It's Marcie. I am sorry to say that in light of your recent oversights, I can not offer you a Christmas bonus since the bonus is performance-based. I hope you understand."  
answer: (d) light
- A7 "Hey, Jacob, did you hear Jackie quit? She was the only one here who might have been a rival for the new supervisor position. Now that she is gone, you are in like Flynn!" Rick told him.  
answer: (c) in
- A8 "Hi, Jim, it's Marcie again. My assistant told me that you have not completed the expenses and liabilities for this month. It was due by four and it's now five o'clock. You and I need to set up a meeting. You are really in my bad books at the moment and we need to work this out."  
answer: (a) bad
- A9 "Hi, Gabrielle, it's Marcie. I just wanted to say thanks for helping Jim out with his work. You didn't need to; it's not even in your field. In my book, that is the kind of behavior that deserves a reward. I am nominating you for the awards package."  
answer: (c) book
- A10 "Hi, Peter, it's Marcie. I must be honest; I wasn't sure that you were going to make it here but you sure proved me wrong. You have consistently gone above and beyond the standard and you are definitely in my good books."  
answer: (b) good

*English Slang Idioms (104)*

- A1 "Joe, it's Marcie again. I am calling about your failure to stay within budget for your project. How many times do we have to talk about this? How many times do I have to provide additional training or ask you what you need? It seems like everything I say goes in one ear and out the other."  
answer: (a) out
- A2 Jim didn't want to tell his wife that he was broke. He started gambling for small stakes and, lately, he increased his bets. He borrowed money from one of the crime syndicates and he couldn't find a way to pay it back. He was in over his head and couldn't think of a way out.  
answer: (d) head
- A3 "Jay, it's Larry. Did you enjoy the party last night? Me either. It was the same old stories and Jim was yet again in perfect form. He is the picture-perfect example of why some people shouldn't drink. He was sober for about fifteen minutes and, this time, managed not to start a fist fight until an hour after he arrived."  
answer: (c) perfect
- A4 John wondered if the district attorney was in the mafia's pocket. The district attorney was tough on all other types of crime but every time one of the mafia's people came up for prosecution, the case was dropped.  
answer: (b) pocket
- A5 "Hi, Bob, I understand that you were looking to purchase 1,000 2X4 pieces of lumber. I just wanted to let you know that I have lumber in spades and will beat anyone's price around here," Will said.  
answer: (b) spades
- A6 "Mike is one of the most humorous individuals I have ever met. He had my husband and I in stiches all night," Lilly said to Beth.  
answer: (b) stiches
- A7 He knew that he was very lucky to have found a wife that he could not only live with but also work in tandem with.  
answer: (b) tandem
- A8 "Hi, Miss Everly, it's Jake Mathews. I understand that you are asking \$150,000.00 for your house. That is definitely in our ballpark and we wanted to know if we could set up an appointment with you to see it."  
answer: (d) ballpark
- A9 "Hi, Wesley. Do we want to go to the fair with you? Unfortunately, it's not in the cards for us this time. We have a lot to do and we're hosting a yard sale this weekend," Mary said.  
answer: (a) cards
- A10 "Hi, Jim. This is Inspector Walters. Just wanted you to know that we have verified your alibi and removed you from our list of suspects. You are all in the clear."  
answer: (b) clear

*English Slang Idioms (105)*

- A1 "Hi, Jane, it's Tim. I am sorry that I didn't show up on Saturday. It's really embarrassing — I was in the slammer all weekend. The cops thought I was someone else. As it turns out, I have the same name as a wanted criminal but a different social security number."  
answer: (c) slammer
- A2 May knew that she shouldn't be angry at Ted for breaking their engagement but she couldn't help it. She was really looking forward to it. He called and said that he had to watch his brother's house since his brother had been thrown in the clink again for drunk driving.  
answer: (c) clink
- A3 She had been waiting for the appointment to the review committee for a very long time and now she was in the driver's seat.  
answer: (d) driver's seat
- A4 He knew that as a lawmaker, he should be proud of himself. He had been instrumental in creating laws that would really increase the quality of life for people in his community — often in the face of a lot of opposition from the older, conservative members of society.  
answer: (c) face
- A5 "Hi Julia, I'm Mark. I know we've talked a lot on the phone and by email but I am glad to finally meet you in the flesh."  
answer: (d) flesh
- A6 He knew that he was more than well-off and he should be happy with his stature but it ate him up that his brother was really in the gravy. It seemed like no matter what he bought or accomplished, his brother bought or accomplished something bigger and better.  
answer: (c) gravy
- A7 The opportunity to make serious money is much easier for those "in the know " than for outside investors working on public knowledge disseminated through newspapers, journals, and TV programs.  
answer: (b) know
- A8 He knew that there was little incentive for those who had virtually unlimited resources not to buy expensive, frivolous items. However, he knew that it didn't take much money to save a person's life in some countries. He hoped he would remember that if he ever became one of those people in the lap of luxury.  
answer: (b) lap
- A9 He knew, that in the long run, he would be better off financially than his best friends. It was hard, though, to save money and live a cheaper life when everyone else he knew was spending what they earned and enjoying it.  
answer: (a) long run
- A10 He knew there was a lot more going on in the investigation than his superiors and even his partners were telling him. He had been a police officer for twenty years and it burned him up that new things were happening in the case and he was being kept out of the loop.  
answer: (d) loop

*English Slang Idioms (106)*

- A1 "Darn it, Jenny. You were supposed to take the baby on Friday and you didn't show up or even call. You really left me in the lurch. I had to hire a babysitter on short notice because I had a business meeting that night. Then I was late to the meeting and the boss was very angry," Warren said.  
answer: (d) lurch
- A2 "Hi, Richard, it's Marcie again. I just wanted to tell you that you have the best stats in the department this month and the best average stats in the department for the past two years. You are definitely a star on the rise."  
answer: (c) rise
- A3 "Richard, this is Mark. Have you sent my package? When will I get it? The boss needs to know." "Let me check for you. I sent it two days ago so I know that it is in the pipeline but let me find out exactly where it is. Oh! It should be there later today. Have a good one!"  
answer: (b) pipeline
- A4 Once the old CEO passed away, the company put his best friend, Tom Williams, in the saddle. Tom has a lot of Charisma and is smart in other ways but has strangely little business acumen.  
answer: (c) saddle
- A5 Lately, the United States has passed laws that make it harder for large companies to look deceptively good in the short run through accounting maneuvers.  
answer: (b) short run
- A6 "Once you get in the swing of things, we will give you a raise and you will be on track for an early promotion. We already think that you are an asset to this company with great potential," the supervisor said to Bethany.  
answer: (a) swing
- A7 "Through the hard work of employees like yourselves, this company has been in the tall cotton for several years now. However, with the constant advances in technology, our hold on the market is more tenuous than we'd like. We ask that you commit yourselves fully to new developments and study the competition's tactics in detail," the CEO said from the plasma screen.  
answer: (d) cotton
- A8 It is tempting to have a complacent faith in the regular routines that life appears to offer us. As John knew, life as we know it can change in the twinkling of an eye. One faulty part on his car cost him half his family and all of his happiness.  
answer: (a) eye
- A9 "I am sorry, Tina, I will have to call you later today. I am working on fixing the software in use and I am in the zone. I will give you my full attention as soon as I am done with this segment," Link said.  
answer: (d) zone
- A10 "Hi Zack. During the presentation, I want you to make sure to ask each representative, in turn, if he or she have any questions. Is that clear?" Marcie asked.  
answer: (c) turn

*English Slang Idioms (107)*

- A1 He bluntly alluded to the fact that he was quitting — in so many words. He called the boss every unprintable name he could think of and then told the boss of his low opinion of the company.  
answer: (b) words
- A2 "What do I think about immigration? Well, I am in two minds about should be done about immigration. I recognize that our country offers freedom that others don't have and I don't think it is unreasonable to try to attain freedom. However, if everyone was allowed to become a citizen, our infrastructure would likely fail," Velma told Eunice.  
answer: (b) minds
- A3 "I am not surprised that you want to join the Army. Soldiering is in your blood. Your dad, your grandfather, your great-grandfather and your great-great-grandfather were all soldiers," Bill told his nephew.  
answer: (d) blood
- A4 "Wow, John. I am really surprised at how talented you are in the construction field. You seem to really be in your home around power tools, wood and concrete." Chris said.  
answer: (d) home
- A5 "I didn't think that scheduling work shifts could be so demanding. I figured that it was only a matter of filling in the schedule but, already, three people have gotten in my face about the shifts I assigned them," Rachel told Jennifer.  
answer: (b) face
- A6 "I heard that the analyst position just became available and I definitely have it in my sights," Sarah told Jessica.  
answer: (b) sights
- A7 He knew that it was irregular to say this and that he might get flack for it but he yelled "full speed ahead" to the formation of soldiers waiting to begin their morning's run in an effort to have some personal fun.  
answer: (d) speed
- A8 When the fire drill went off, the new teacher went directly by the book. She ordered the kids to get into a single file line; one after the other and then marched them in an orderly fashion to the baseball field where they waited until the fire department came. Her proper conduct earned her praise from the principal after the drill.  
answer: (d) single file
- A9 In Arcata, California, there is a debate amongst the locals about whether it is warmer during the traditional summer months or during the period known as Indian summer.  
answer: (a) summer
- A10 It had taken him many years of study and work experience but now he had a solid reputation of one that knew the ins and outs of the commercial fishing business. He knew the laws governing the industry, the equipment used, the coastal region near his home and all the other important details.  
answer: (d) ins and outs



*English Slang Idioms (108)*

- A1 She lived a pleasant, privileged, carefree life up until now. However, she recently lost her job and that, in turn, made her mortgage payment overdue. The bank was threatening to take her house. She remembered that her mother told her once "In every life, some rain must fall" — she hadn't fully believed it until now.  
answer: (c) rain
- A2 His predecessor ruled the organization with an iron fist. He frequently used hierarchical, stringent authority to get the job done and that seemed appropriate at the time. However, times had changed and he felt that it was time to take more of an interest in employees' lives, working conditions and interests and to empower employees to get the job done.  
answer: (b) iron fist
- A3 When his mom called and asked him if he had any clients for his business, he told her that, although, he did have several irons in the fire, he hadn't landed a big client yet.  
answer: (a) irons in the fire
- A4 He knew that the courts traditionally favored awarding full custody of small children to the mother but he had to try. He knew that he probably wouldn't win but he told himself "It isn't over till the fat lady sings" and he believed it.  
answer: (b) fat
- A5 "I read an article about Mr. Martigrathac the other day that praised his contributions to charity and made him sound like America's most popular and altruistic citizen. You should have read this thing. The article made it sound like we should all takes notes on citizenship from him. Has everyone forgot that he was arrested for child molestation and child pornography? I mean, is Saul also among the prophets, or what?" Maddie said to Shelly.  
answer: (c) prophets
- A6 "My mom is in the hospital. My brother got arrested for dealing drugs. My professor said that I need to rework my doctoral thesis. I had to have a root canal. All this happened this week! I guess that the saying is true: When it rains, it pours'," Lilly said to her best friend Adam.  
answer: (c) pours
- A7 In many places in North America, children are taught to be wary of strangers. As well, other members of society, such as neighbors, view others' children as a nuisance. In contrast, other societies and cultures have more of a communal view on child rearing. Many believe that "It takes a whole village to raise a child."  
answer: (c) village
- A8 He hated that she blamed their break-up solely on him. A lot of the things he did was in reaction to the nasty things she did. She, like all other humans, had flaws but she refused to acknowledge any of them. It takes two to tango. Didn't she know that?  
answer: (a) tango
- A9 "Did you hear from the corporate office that we are going to be improving our technology and become more streamlined?" Jessie asked Todd. Todd replied, "Yes, I did. It is an ill wind that blows no good. I think it means that we will be downsizing and outsourcing a lot of jobs — maybe even our own to other countries."  
answer: (b) ill wind
- A10 "I know that we probably can't win the product liability suit against that huge company but we are going to try despite the difference in power. I am telling myself that it is not the size of the dog that's in the fight, but the size of the fight that's in the dog' as often as possible," Gina said to Maurice.  
answer: (c) fight

*English Slang Idioms (109)*

- A1 "I know that it doesn't run that well and needs new parts but I am going to buy the Trans Am instead of the Honda Civic. The Trans Am is more powerful and it looks cooler. I am sick of sacrificing my chance to be cool for functionality," 20-year-old Tommy told his dad. "You can buy the Trans Am but it's going to break down on you a lot. I can't force you to buy the Civic; it's your funeral," his dad replied.  
answer: (d) funeral
- A2 He couldn't wait for next Monday. He had been itching to see that band in concert for years.  
answer: (c) itching
- A3 He couldn't wait for school to get out. He was getting itchy feet to get out of the country for months and his chance to travel was coming soon.  
answer: (b) itchy feet
- A4 "You have no idea what it is like to work here anymore because you are now sitting up there in your ivory tower. The company is not the same as when you were advancing through the ranks and the middle managers are making it almost mandatory for employees to take their work home to meet their performance goals. You are too out of touch," his assistant told him.  
answer: (c) ivory tower
- A5 The weather channel informed him that it was time to cover his vegetables. He was surprised; it looked like Jack frost was coming early this year.  
answer: (d) frost
- A6 His brother was a structural engineer and he studied the trade for eight years in school. Unlike his brother, he was more of a jack of all trades who worked all kinds of jobs: construction, window washing, dishwashing and anything else that came along. The difference in success in the two's careers was evident in their houses. The engineer had a beautiful, palatial house and he had a mediocre mobile home.  
answer: (b) jack of all trades
- A7 "Well, of course you got caught. You are like a little kid with jam all over his face. You were selling pieces of equipment you don't have access to for one tenth of their market value without verifying your supplier's reputation. You're lucky it wasn't worse!" His brother told him.  
answer: (a) jam
- A8 "Sir, we found another Jane Doe, dead, at the river. We tried to identify her but no luck yet. We will keep trying," the policeman told the Lieutenant.  
answer: (d) Jane Doe
- A9 She thought that he had kind of a Jekyll and Hyde personality. He was the nicest, sweetest guy one minute and an ogre the next. He could barely hold on to his anger during those times and said the most despicable things.  
answer: (c) Jekyll and Hyde
- A10 He went to a prestigious school and entered a career in law just to make money. He always wanted to be part of the jet set — the people you read about in magazines that are featured for no other apparent reason other than to show how cool they are or how much money they spend on a regular basis.  
answer: (c) jet set

*English Slang Idioms (110)*

- A1 He picked up a jet-black piece of obsidian and decided that he would take it home and put it on his coffee table.  
answer: (c) jet-black
- A2 She knew that since the job opening was already posted, she should start jockeying for position for it immediately if she was to have any chance of getting it. She knew that many people might want the job and that only the candidates recommended by the boss would be considered. She was going to have to find a way to do some schmoozing with the boss today.  
answer: (d) jockeying
- A3 "I am not sure who you are talking about just by their names, Maxie. Can you tell me what they look like? That might jog my memory," Lacy said.  
answer: (c) jog
- A4 "They don't care about that issue, Mark. All John Q. Public wants to know about is that taxes won't go up and that education standards will get better," Senator Schlitzenkorkel said.  
answer: (a) John Q. Public
- A5 "Wow, I am sure glad you caught that safety violation before someone got hurt. I'm so happy that you are Johnny on the Spot down here. You don't miss much," the foreman said to Dan.  
answer: (d) Spot
- A6 He was glad that his son had found a girlfriend. Now that he had, they were virtually joined at the hip. They met up with each other at least once a day.  
answer: (d) hip
- A7 He was worried about the meeting he had with Mr. Stevens. Some companies had human resources departments and others had various avenues for appeals if an employee felt that he or she had been treated unfairly. Not so with this company. Mr. Stevens was the judge, jury and executioner.  
answer: (a) judge, jury and executioner
- A8 "Tim expects me to simultaneously talk to the customer on the phone, resolve his or her case and get my daily assignments done. I feel like I am juggling frogs here," Linus told Chris.  
answer: (b) juggling frogs
- A9 "Hey, I told you I would get the information for you as soon as I had time. That was thirty minutes ago. I am doing you a favor, so don't yell at me. This is your job I am doing — not mine — so I would appreciate it if you don't jump down my throat," Rick said to Larry.  
answer: (b) throat
- A10 He knew that it was not politically correct to believe that the war in Iraq was needed. He just couldn't jump on the bandwagon with all the others who were protesting the war since he didn't agree with them.  
answer: (c) bandwagon

*English Slang Idioms (111)*

- A1 Many people in America believe that college is more about proving one can jump through hoops than getting an education that actually prepares you for a career.  
answer: (d) jump through hoops
- A2 "I went to see the presidential candidate speak in our town and let me tell you, it was a jungle out there. You couldn't hear the man speak, fights were breaking out, everyone was yelling and cussing at each other and someone's car was flipped over," Lisa told Elizabeth.  
answer: (b) jungle
- A3 "I tried to get our point across but the press conference turned into a circus. The reporters were more concerned with non-politically correct comments made by a staff member and about some of our senior members' personal lives. None of them would listen to what I had to say about expanding our company into the Western United States," Bill told his boss.  
answer: (c) circus
- A4 "Did the board make a decision yet? No, the jury is still out on that issue but I will let you know when a decision has been made," Linda said to Derek.  
answer: (b) jury
- A5 "We should be seeing the turn-off soon. The man at the gas station said that it is up one block and around the corner," Matt told his wife.  
answer: (d) corner
- A6 "I heard that your brother received two years in jail for theft. I am glad that he got his just desserts. It made me sick to think of how many things he stole from people's houses," Emma's stepmother told her.  
answer: (c) just desserts
- A7 When asked by his friends why he wanted to go to the river, he replied "Just for the heck of it, I guess. It's hot and going to the river is something to do at least."  
answer: (c) heck
- A8 "Just for the record, I have never agreed with the war in Iraq but I do support the troops that are there," the candidate said to the public.  
answer: (d) record
- A9 "I got the piece into my editor's office just in the nick of time. If I had been any later, I would have missed my deadline. The boss said that if that happened again, I would be fired," Nate said to Logan.  
answer: (a) nick
- A10 "You know, when you first asked me to go to the burger joint, I didn't really want to go. I didn't think I was hungry. It turns out that I am ravenous. This burger is just what the doctor ordered," Chen said to Maxine.  
answer: (c) doctor

*English Slang Idioms (120)*

- A1 Soldiers, while in basic training, are encouraged not to form kangaroo courts to try their peers if it will result in violence amongst the ranks. They are encouraged to go to a superior for guidance and resolution for most issues.  
answer: (b) kangaroo
- A2 After work, he read multiple financial magazines to keep abreast of current issues so that he could provide more value on the job.  
answer: (d) abreast
- A3 He took a second job to pay his bills. He wasn't earning enough at the first job to keep his creditors at bay.  
answer: (c) bay
- A4 She had been taking night classes at the local college for three years now. She also worked a full-time job each day. She liked her job but the pay wasn't adequate. She was tired of just earning enough to keep body and soul together.  
answer: (d) soul
- A5 He knew that he should keep in touch with his family but he didn't even seem to have time for himself after work most days.  
answer: (d) touch
- A6 "I decided to buy my wife tickets for a tropical cruise for her birthday. You'd better keep that under your hat. I don't want her to have one hint of what her birthday present is.  
answer: (b) hat
- A7 "Thanks for telling me what has been bothering you, Tom. I know that the information you shared is personal so I promise you that I will keep mum about it — especially at the office," Logan said.  
answer: (d) mum
- A8 "Hi, Jenny. Have you heard from our supplier yet? No? OK, well, please keep me posted as to whether they have resolved their transportation problem and whether they will be able to deliver the raw materials on time," Martin said on the phone.  
answer: (a) posted
- A9 "Son, I know that you are pretty tore up because your best friend betrayed you by telling your girlfriend what you said about her in private. It is really hard to not only lose your girlfriend but your best friend at the same time. I hate to say this but it's true: keep your friends at arm's length. Enjoy their company, have a good time with them but don't reveal too much of yourself; your feelings and your inner-most thoughts. I wish one could be completely trusting but others may take advantage of that," his dad told him.  
answer: (d) arm's length
- A10 He hated, more than anything, when the boss came around to ask an inane question and then said with a grin, "Got to keep you sharp. Just trying to keep you on your toes."  
answer: (b) toes

*English Slang Idioms (121)*

- A1 He made some poor financial choices in the last year. He spent more than he earned by acquiring things he didn't need and by trying to buy the coolest stuff. Now he was paying for his irresponsible spending in a day to day struggle to keep the wolf at bay. He worked all the time and, ironically, had no time to use the things he bought.  
answer: (d) wolf
- A2 One criticism of American society and capitalism states that people value commodities more than spending time with other people. It also states that citizens define their self worth by how much they own. The acquisition of commodities becomes a petty race to achieve asset superiority over others as many try to " keep up with the Joneses" in an attempt to gain or maintain a social level.  
answer: (b) keep up with
- A3 It is a commonly known fact that in North America, many teenagers struggle with depression and finding self-worth. As adults, it is our job to help motivate them as well as help them explore their inner-self to achieve a healthy self-image and assist them in finding different ways to keep their chin up in the face of adversity.  
answer: (d) chin up
- A4 His father always encouraged him to keep his cool when others were testing him. It was his belief that if one reacted to the taunting or prodding, those who tested him would have achieved their goal at his expense.  
answer: (c) cool
- A5 "We need to find out our competitor's weaknesses and exploit them in the marketplace. I need each of you to keep your ear to the ground so that we might pick up on hints about what their Achilles' Heel might be," the boss told her staff.  
answer: (a) ear to the ground
- A6 "You are getting off track and are spending more time trying to perfect the way you want this ad to look rather than focusing on the specifications listed by the client. You need to keep your eye on ball here, Bill," Wallace told him.  
answer: (b) ball
- A7 He complained to his parents that he was sick of college, the papers required, all the group projects and the homework. His father replied that since he was only two semesters away from his degree, that he should keep his eye on the prize and just get through it.  
answer: (d) eye on the prize
- A8 "Hey guys. I lost my CD that has all of my required reading for my Gender and Communications class. I don't expect any of you to know where it is but can you all keep your eyes peeled and let me know if you find it?" He asked his roommates.  
answer: (c) peeled
- A9 "I will talk to my parents and ask them if they would be willing to sell the car in their garage. I think my dad wanted to restore it but I will ask them anyway. Keep your fingers crossed and I will call you as soon as I talk to them about it and have an answer," Jack told his buddy.  
answer: (d) fingers crossed
- A10 "Sir, there is no reason to yell at me yet since I haven't yet had the opportunity to research your case. It'll just take a minute for me to get up to speed on what is going on with your situation so keep your hair on," the customer service representative for the insurance company told the angry caller.  
answer: (b) hair on

*English Slang Idioms (125)*

- A1 Max was livid. He had instructed Bill to study Japanese customs and the language before giving the presentation to the Japanese investors. Bill was instructed to give the introduction in Japanese and bow when he initially met them. Instead, Bill showed up late, forgot to bow, gave the entire presentation in English and then interrupted the investors when they asked questions. Bill caused the company to lose face that day and his behavior was unacceptable.  
answer: (b) face
- A2 She heard the expression "love is blind " many times before but she never entertained the idea that she could fall prey to the human weakness implied in the saying.  
answer: (c) blind
- A3 Tom had all the makings of an exceptional analyst. One characteristic he possessed that could prove especially useful was his ability to focus exclusively on ferreting out the underlying problem at hand — even in the presence of distractions.  
answer: (b) ferreting
- A4 Simon is usually a very prudent man so he was angry when he lost \$100 at the casino last week. His friend, who is usually audacious about money and business matters, laughed and said "Don't worry about it Simon. You can't control the slot machines. It's about the luck of the draw."  
answer: (b) draw
- A5 Universities diminish their integrity when they lower the bar in an effort to obtain or retain more enrollment.  
answer: (a) bar
- A6 With tuition prices ballooning and graduation requirements ever increasing, lowering one's sights from post graduate studies and doctoral work to the acceptance of a bachelor's degree seems to be more understandable as time goes on.  
answer: (c) sights
- A7 He was as mad as a badger when his partners went ahead with the plan to diversify their product line instead of pursuing the low-cost strategy he had recommended.  
answer: (c) mad
- A8 His diminished abilities to form rational thoughts and his seemingly incoherent actions caused his brother to remark "He is as mad as a March hare" during dinner.  
answer: (d) March
- A9 Through relentless cost-cutting schemes, steady expansion and the development of innovative product lines, the company finally graduated from a smaller firm to a major- league player in the personal computer and technology field.  
answer: (a) league
- A10 With federal agents breathing down his neck and his conscience blocking all hope of slumber, he decided that it was in his best interest to make a clean breast of his crimes rather than attempt to elude indictment.  
answer: (b) breast

*English Slang Idioms (127)*

- A1 His professor rejected his doctoral dissertation again. It made his blood boil to think that the vast majority of his other professors lauded his superior academic performance and now, for the first time in almost eight years, his current work was described as "below his skill level."  
answer: (a) boil
- A2 She knew that her fear of contracting a disease from eating fish bordered on the pathological. She felt bad whenever she went to someone's house for dinner and the dinner turned out to be fish. She felt bad because she knew she would reject eating the meal and would, therefore, insult her hosts. Just the thought of eating fish made her flesh crawl.  
answer: (b) flesh
- A3 She felt that she had endured the most extreme fright of her life that night. She even had a premonition before the event that made her hair stand on end like an electrocution victim. She felt that something ominous would happen that night to someone she loved.  
answer: (a) hair
- A4 "I read an interview of the heinous serial killer who was caught last month and it was enough to make my toes curl. The idea that anyone could commit acts that deranged and with such malice shocks me," Ellie said to Beth.  
answer: (d) curl
- A5 Ken's group of friends ostracized him because he spread a rumor about Jan and David's secret love affair. They were both very angry but he knew that their anger might blow over in time so he decided to make himself scarce for the summer and try to befriend the group again in the fall.  
answer: (c) scarce
- A6 When the supplier expressed his concern that Mr. Wilson was not coming to conduct business with him personally, Mr. Wilson said, "I regret that I will be unable to make a personal appearance. However, Mr. Saxs is coming to meet with you. Mr. Saxs is my right-hand man and I have delegated all of my authority to him for the duration of your business matters. He will provide the same excellent service that you have grown accustomed to receiving from me."  
answer: (a) right-hand
- A7 "I understand your apprehension gentleman. One does not like to put their livelihood in the hands of another — however briefly. I can assure you that your interests will receive the utmost attention from Mr. Smith and that this minor setback will be resolved in two days time. Mr. Smith said that everything will be handled appropriately and he is a man of his word," Mr. Levi told the clients.  
answer: (c) word
- A8 "I think that we should grant him membership into our elite club. He is refined, cultured and obviously a man of means," Grant told the other members during their meeting.  
answer: (c) means
- A9 "I think that Jim would be an excellent guest speaker. By profession, he is a man of the cloth but his financial management of his parish is noteworthy. His specialty is investment strategies and he has shown exceptional prowess in this field," Marcus told the management club.  
answer: (b) cloth
- A10 "Do I think it will work? I anticipate that our plan will work. However, no matter how calculated our steps are and no matter how much we do contingency planning exercises, there is always a chance of something unforeseeable cropping up to derail our objectives. You have probably heard the saying "man proposes, God disposes. If it is meant to succeed, the plan will succeed. If it is not meant to happen, it won't," the presenter said to the questioning manager.  
answer: (c) disposes



*English Slang Idioms (142)*

- A1 He wanted to steer the company toward a more horizontal form of management. He thought that empowered employees seemed motivated, creative and more effective. Unfortunately, he knew that these ideas would be hard to sell to the Old Guard who favored a more hierarchical management style.  
answer: (b) Guard
- A2 Many people in Northern California would like to move off the grid and produce their own electricity through the use of solar panels, wind generators and kinetic energy devices.  
answer: (d) grid
- A3 After the police questioned him about his whereabouts on the fateful night, they established that he had an air-tight alibi and told him that he was off the hook for the murders. He was relieved as he could once again resume his normal life.  
answer: (c) hook
- A4 With a heavy heart, Peter summoned his old friend Jack. Peter recently discovered an embezzlement issue occurring in his company and he immediately knew who the culpable individual would turn out to be. Jack arrived and attempted to provide an explanation for the embezzlement. However, Peter knew that Jack was lying. He said to Jack sadly, "Your explanation doesn't hold water. There are too many holes in your story and I am going to have to call the police."  
answer: (b) water
- A5 "I tested our inventory of beef for botulism and the results were off the scale. We are going to have to initiate a recall for the beef that has shipped out already and make a public announcement immediately. People could get horribly sick and our company will be slaughtered in the courts if we don't act immediately," Matt said to Ronald.  
answer: (d) scale
- A6 "His stellar reputation and his connection to the police department threw me off track for a while but he is our killer. He had a good motive; his wife was threatening to divorce him for some impropriety he committed with his secretary and she was in possession of a two million dollar inheritance that he would inherit if she passed away.  
answer: (d) track
- A7 "His charismatic charm threw me off guard for awhile. I expected a charlatan and he seemed to be the opposite. However, when I had more time to trace the source of his research, I found that he actually stole his ideas from another corporation who already has a patent for the drug," Dr. Williams told the boss.  
answer: (c) off
- A8 "While it seems like an off-the-wall idea, it is actually quite inventive and shows every indication of being effective. It is a bit unconventional but I suggest we implement it," Jack said to Steven  
answer: (d) wall
- A9 "The housing market in California has completely bottomed out. It is well-known that we are currently in a buyer's market. You are actually suggesting that I would make money by selling my farm now, despite the fact that the average homeowner is taking a huge loss from selling his or her place? Are you off your rocker?" Wesley asked his friend who worked for a local real estate firm.  
answer: (b) rocker
- A10 "Unfortunately, I was not informed that this meeting would require the preparation of financial documents on my part. I do not know the performance facts and figures for my department right off hand but I can get that information to you by close of business today," the regional manager told the chief financial officer.  
answer: (a) off

*English Slang Idioms (144)*

- A1 "It turns out that Mrs. Banks committed the crime. Apparently, she and the victim had been in a relationship together in high school. He became disenfranchised with her after she repeatedly stalked him at school and he, subsequently, ended the relationship. Years later, he got married but she, apparently, held on to some kind of twisted hope that they would get back together. Once she found him unwilling to leave his wife, she shot him. I guess that old flames die hard," Police Inspector Jones said to the chief.  
answer: (c) flames
- A2 "Don't get discouraged, Son. Of course Mr. Weatherby is superior at refinishing tables compared to you. He is an old hat at this and has been working the trade for thirty years," his father told him.  
answer: (c) hat
- A3 Due to a trend in consumers pursuing homeopathic cures for ailments, some doctors are researching the validity of old wive's tales in the hope that some of them may be marketable as cures or treatments.  
answer: (d) wive's
- A4 He knew there was a chance of losing by attempting a Fool's Mate on his opponent in chess. He decided to try it. It was the oldest trick in the book but it had still worked on many past opponents.  
answer: (c) book
- A5 He wished he knew all of the tricks of the trade that plumbers knew. Many a time, he had been baffled by a problem and called a plumber in just to watch him or her insert a small gasket or apply a piece of tape to a pipe that would achieve the desired result. Even he could do that much.  
answer: (a) tricks
- A6 Don't answer the police's question, Mark. They are hoping that you will divulge some information by falling into one of the verbal traps they set for you. They don't actually know anything about who committed the crime — they are just on a fishing expedition," his lawyer told him.  
answer: (c) fishing
- A7 He had settled the last four cases out of court by intimidating the defendants with all kinds of legal maneuvers and threats. He had another chance to settle a case coming up this afternoon. He felt that he was on a roll.  
answer: (c) roll
- A8 The defendant's attorney had unwittingly given the District Attorney's office the case on a silver platter by divulging a fact, in passing, that turned out to be the missing piece of the puzzle in regard to how the crime was committed.  
answer: (d) platter
- A9 The prostrate ex-head of accounting, after long hours of drinking, crawled on all fours into the boss's office to beg for forgiveness and his old position back.  
answer: (b) fours
- A10 "It was a bitter divorce and a tumultuous marriage — for sure. To be honest, I don't know why we are on good terms now. We are able to work things out in a civil manner and actually listen to each other," Jack said to Tina.  
answer: (d) terms

*English Slang Idioms (147)*

- A1 "So, you think that we should stop eating so much fast food and start cooking more meals at home too? I am glad that we are on the same wavelength. I think that we will feel much healthier if we cook more at home," Rob said to his wife.  
answer: (d) wavelength
- A2 "We are going to have to put our plans to add another room onto our house on the shelf until we have more money in our savings account," Ben said to his roommate Bill.  
answer: (b) shelf
- A3 "I am going to have to put my plans to travel on the backburner. until I have more vacation days saved up. I only have six days at the moment and I want to be able to travel for at least two weeks," Jacob told his coworker and best friend.  
answer: (c) backburner
- A4 "No, I am not here with Sarah. Our relationship is on the skids and we have parted ways for the time being," Barney told his friend Luke.  
answer: (b) on
- A5 "We are taking care of Wes's dog on the sly at the moment until he gets back from his business trip. We are not allowed to have a dog in this apartment complex but we agreed to watch the dog for a week since it is unlikely we will be caught in that amount of time," Rex told Pat.  
answer: (c) sly
- A6 "The name of the city official in charge of making sure that buildings adhere to the building codes is right on the tip of my brain. I just talked to him last week. I am sorry. I can't remember his name right now but I will call you if I remember," Tina told Phil.  
answer: (b) brain
- A7 "Why can't you spend more time with your friend Max? He seems to be on the up and up and that's more than I can say for your other friends. Your other friends seem dishonest or like criminals to me," Steven said to his son.  
answer: (d) up
- A8 "I wouldn't invite Randy. He quit drinking. He had a drinking problem for a while and is now on the wagon. He told me that he won't go to bars anymore so I don't think that we should call him," Jessie said to his other roommates.  
answer: (c) wagon
- A9 "I am so mad at Jean right now. We were having a friendly debate about whether kids should have to wear uniforms at school and she got on her high horse and started quoting theories and statistics that she learned in college. She went to great pains to make me look stupid and uneducated in front of my new friends," Gina told Melissa.  
answer: (c) high
- A10 "I have been traveling non-stop for the past two weeks and I feel like I am on my last legs. I am glad that I only have two more days of this," the business executive told the person next to him on the plane.  
answer: (b) legs

*English Slang Idioms (148)*

- A1 "Now, James, don't climb on your soapbox and start preaching about how our society is harming the planet through our use of fossil fuels just because this couple mentioned wanting to buy a six-cylinder car," Matt told his brother.  
answer: (c) soapbox
- A2 "You have to give her time. She doesn't want to jump into a relationship quickly. She had a rough time with her last boyfriend. You know the saying, once bitten, twice shy," Jay?" Rachel asked her friend.  
answer: (d) shy
- A3 "Did you hear about the seven kids on the football team who overdosed on drugs? Apparently, one kid brought the drugs to the game and pressured several members of the team to take them. Someone needs to get that kid away from the team. As you can see, it only takes one bad apple to spoil the bunch," Mr. Jackson told the school board.  
answer: (c) apple
- A4 Tommy was pleased with the outcome of the chess game he had played with his next-door neighbor. He set a nice trap for his opponent and in one fell swoop, he stole his opponent's queen, both rooks and a knight. After that, it did not take much time to end the game.  
answer: (b) fell
- A5 After Joe's neighbor thanked him for his part in helping his neighbor build a shed, Joe replied, "Well, you helped me build my deck. It was the least I could do to repay the favor. One good turn deserves another."  
answer: (a) deserves
- A6 When asked why he had sought out a partnership to patent and market his idea instead of doing these tasks on his own, he replied, "My partner helps me see opportunities and ideas I might have missed on my own and has been invaluable in keeping me motivated. It is in many ways easier and more beneficial to do things as a team effort. One hand washes the other, you know?"  
answer: (c) washes
- A7 Although his car was not new, it was somewhat unique in that it had a strange paintjob. His friends didn't think that anyone would want to buy it since it was comparatively priced with other, nicer cars. He thought to himself, "Someone will buy this car. Someone will appreciate the unique paint job and will agree that one man's loss, is another's gain."  
answer: (a) loss
- A8 "You are the only one in our age group who does not like rap music. Why is that?" Melissa asked. Jake replied, "One man's meat, is another man's poison. I can't explain it too well but rap just doesn't appeal to my sense of taste."  
answer: (a) meat
- A9 His roommate asked him why he was driving his old VCR down to the local thrift shop instead of throwing it away. His roommate said to him that no one could possibly want an old, beat-up VCR when DVDs were the prevalent medium for movies. He replied, "I think someone who has a lot of old movies on VHS tapes might want it. Besides, one man's trash is another man's treasure. Someone might have a use for this that I can't see right now."  
answer: (d) treasure
- A10 "I thought of the invention and applied for the patent. After I received the patent, I obtained my own financing through loans and did my own marketing for my product. I guess you can say that I am kind of a one-man band," Mr. Jenkins told the reporter.  
answer: (c) band

*English Slang Idioms (149)*

- A1 "My best friend is kind of a one-trick pony. He is really good at electronics repairs but is not good at other things. For example, he can't manage the finances for his business, his marketing strategy is extremely weak and his people skills are atrocious. I won't even go into the across-the-board failures in his personal life," Wes said to Lisa.  
answer: (b) one-trick
- A2 "I can't stand my neighbors next door. They are up till all hours of the night even on weekdays and they are always playing loud, annoying music," Jenny told Lilly.  
answer: (d) all
- A3 When asked if he minded recounting how he came upon the knowledge that allowed him to revolutionize the prosthetics field when he had no apparent medical training or schooling in biomechanics, he replied, "Not at all. My life is an open book."  
answer: (b) book
- A4 Bruce's father absconded with the invention that Bruce had made at a very young age and, consequently, become rich. Although he paid for his son's schooling and other material needs, Bruce harbored a lot of resentment toward his father. He and his father had multiple disagreements about the morality of the theft. His father believed that it was fair payment for raising him and he did not agree. When Bruce's father brought the subject up over dinner, his wife admonished him by saying "Why do you have to open old sores?"  
answer: (c) sores
- A5 When his wife asked him why he was willing to sell their house at a loss and move to another country just for a job, he told her, "This job is our ticket to making serious money and early retirement. I have to take it. Opportunity knocks but once."  
answer: (d) Opportunity
- A6 He faced a lot of criticism for outsourcing most of the business's production in an effort to reduce expenses. The criticisms focused on the fact that he was ignoring the other side of the coin. For example, he didn't consider the fact that a large part of the company's employees are now without jobs.  
answer: (b) coin
- A7 His wife purchased a new outdoor furniture set. It was the kind that required assembly at home and included detailed instructions on how the assembly was to be completed. She anticipated that her husband would put the set together once she got home. However, much to her chagrin, her husband was out like a light and snoring loudly when she got home.  
answer: (d) light
- A8 The caller identified himself to the shift supervisor as a potential investor. He wanted to know if the company invested their cash flow in stocks, bonds, or foreign currency transaction schemes. He replied, "Those questions are unfortunately out of my league. I can contact someone higher up and have them call you back as soon as they are able. Is that acceptable to you?"  
answer: (d) league
- A9 He hoped that his account was not overdrawn. He had hastily left his home early that morning for the business trip and had neglected to include his company credit card with his things. He had had to pay for his hotel, gas, and food out of pocket and hoped that he the available funds to cover the transactions.  
answer: (c) pocket
- A10 He had been feeling off for about the past week. He felt some kind of impending doom bearing down on him and feared that a medical crises was coming his way. He had a brief reprieve yesterday when he was relatively worry-free but now he was feeling out of sorts again.  
answer: (b) sorts

*English Slang Idioms (195)*

- A1 "We are going to have to write off our new cellular phone as a dead loss. We believed that customers would be willing to pay for a phone that was also a hand-warmer but we were wrong. We had an effective marketing campaign but the price of this extra feature is inhibitive and the hand-warming function depletes the phone's batteries at an alarming rate, rendering the phone dead after a mere five minutes," Bill told management.  
answer: (b) dead
- A2 Janis hoped she would be able to drive home safely. She normally had to cope with sleep deprivation but this situation was worse than usual. She worked three back-to-back shifts and the work had been physically demanding as well. She had been required to lift several patients onto gurneys and, then, had to wheel several of them long distances. She was dead on her feet and was afraid that she did not possess the requisite reaction time one needed to safely drive.  
answer: (c) feet
- A3 "Why are you so dead set against gay marriage, Dad? Look at it from a legal perspective. Gay marriage is against many religions but there is supposed to be a separation between church and state in this country and the constitution says that we have freedom of and from religion. I know you don't agree with it but is it your job to decide what people can do in this country?" Elsie asked.  
answer: (d) against
- A4 "We had him dead to rights on that breach of contract issue. The terms and conditions were clearly spelled out: there was adequate consideration given by us, there was a valid offer and acceptance and he signed the contract as is required by the Statute of Frauds. His refusal to deliver the products on time was a blatant breach of contract and the courts agreed with us," Vince told the reporters.  
answer: (b) dead
- A5 "It was pure torture being seated next to John on the business trip flight. He is such a deadhead. He told these long-winded, inane, incredibly dull stories all the way to our destination. He wouldn't be quiet the whole way and none of his conversation included any useful information," Linda said to Lucy.  
answer: (a) deadhead
- A6 "The corporation, by refusing to accept any responsibility for the harm caused to consumers by their products, sounded their own death knell. If they choose to move their production overseas, it is still their responsibility to make sure that the products they will sell meet proper quality control standards," Miles told the class during his presentation.  
answer: (c) death
- A7 "Our new boss seems OK but she is still kind of an unknown quantity at this point. We don't know where we are with her and we don't have any sense of boundaries either. For instance, our old boss was death on poor public speaking but she doesn't seem to care whether someone stutters and uses an abundance of filler words during a presentation. On the other hand, she yelled at Bob for 15 minutes for not keeping an aesthetically pleasing, organized cubicle. It is stressful not knowing what makes a boss happy or mad," Linda said to Louisa.  
answer: (d) death
- A8 "Wow, you are all decked out tonight. You're wearing your Armani suit tonight and alligator loafers. You even have a Rolex watch! That must have cost you a fortune. What's the occasion?" Paul asked Chris.  
answer: (b) decked
- A9 "You searched the suspect's home without a warrant and then questioned him before his lawyer arrived after he had requested one. I hope you realize that you are going to be in deep trouble for letting a suspected rapist go due to technicalities when the mayor and the governor of the state find out. That was a blatant disregard for protocol that won't be tolerated, John" Detective Mellison said.  
answer: (d) trouble
- A10 "When she finds out that you deceived her she is going to be mad at you to the nth degree. Lying, in her opinion, is the worst breach of trust one could commit and she seldom gives anyone a second chance," Lisa told Bob, her roommate's boyfriend when he confided in her.  
answer: (c) nth

*English Slang Idioms (196)*

- A1 "I didn't think he was capable of meeting the unrealistic sales goal he set for himself. He really delivered the goods this month by not only meeting but surpassing the goal he set for himself. I think a promotion might be in order, John," Lisa, his boss, told her boss.  
answer: (c) delivered
- A2 He always became nervous when reporting to a new boss. It was hard to start over again with an unknown quantity especially one he didn't know how to please. He couldn't even rely on the past to derive the boss' expectations.  
answer: (b) quantity
- A3 "When Jake finds out that you knowingly and willingly misrepresented the company for your own gain, there will be the devil to pay. True, the misrepresentation will only cause minor harm, if any, but it shows a pattern of behavior that is untrustworthy. You may want to start looking for other jobs," Tina told Melissa.  
answer: (d) pay
- A4 "Many companies can come up with good ideas that fail in the implementation stage. Too often, too much time is spent refining the idea and not enough time is spent of determining how to make the idea come to fruition. When you become managers, you will have to remember to allocate a lot of time to planning the implementation of an idea so that it doesn't die on the vine," the management professor told her students.  
answer: (d) vine
- A5 "There is always so much to do and so little time to do it when a new software program is implemented by this company. To update all of the machines, prepare a training program for the staff and work out any bugs in the software, we have had to dig in and work overtime seven days a week," Bonnie told her friend Lisa.  
answer: (a) dig
- A6 "I have had the worst time this month meeting my financial obligations. So many random occurrences keep happening that cause me to lose money. I just had to dip into my savings again to pay a plumber to unclog my septic tank. Needless to say, that was not on the agenda," Jill told Rachel.  
answer: (d) dip
- A7 "I would like to propose that we buy Smith Supplies. They may be a dime store operation but they have the contacts to save us a lot of money in inventory. If we purchase this company, we can eliminate the middle man and go to the wholesalers overseas directly," Mark told the investors.  
answer: (a) dime
- A8 In the end, he had a good day. He woke up to his plumbing malfunctioning. Water was leaking from some of the fixtures and his sink, toilet and tub were backed up. He expected thousands of dollars in repairs and was forced to call a local plumber. Once the plumber was on site, he informed Mr. Tim that the line had to be snaked and would only cost him \$100. That was dirt cheap, in his opinion, for plumbing services.  
answer: (d) dirt
- A9 He was shocked at some of the clientele who wandered into his restaurant. He hoped, by providing the proper ambience, rich furnishings and high-priced specialty dishes he would keep the raucous riff-raff away from his business. Unfortunately, his latest customers had all been rude, inappropriately-attired college students that had the tendency to scare away the more refined diners and his dirty looks had not been enough to deter them from coming back.  
answer: (c) dirty
- A10 "My boss keeps insinuating that if I am to keep my job, I have to be willing to do some unethical things, such as falsifying documents regarding some of our clients' cases. I told him today that I would not be willing to dirty my hands to keep a job and certainly not for twelve dollars an hour," Luke said to Stacey.  
answer: (a) dirty

*English Slang Idioms (197)*

- A1 "Telling the customer that we needed more information from the doctor and that he needed to get the information in order to process his claim was a dirty trick. You know that it will take awhile for the customer to get the information and send it in and by that time, it will be too late to process the claim," Jack, the lead insurance representative, told Jacky.  
answer: (d) trick
- A2 "Wow, he really did a job on you, didn't he. I heard him berate your performance, your attitude, your attire, your lack of public speaking ability and your intelligence. That was quite cruel of him to take you apart like that," Matt said to Lewis when he got back from the boss's office.  
answer: (b) job
- A3 "We are going to have to do away with our typewriter department. Typewriters are pretty much obsolete and demand for them has certainly waned. It is no longer profitable to keep them as one of the products we offer," Jack said to Tim.  
answer: (c) do
- A4 "Your ability to maintain your bearing, position and poise in the face of criticism and rude behavior does you credit," his boss told him.  
answer: (b) credit
- A5 "I had fun going to see the Ozzy Osbourne tribute band. However, the band didn't do most of his songs justice. The lead singer sang the wrong lines at times and the guitar player played some of the songs at the wrong speed. The original songs were much, much better," Bill told Paul.  
answer: (a) justice
- A6 "I am going to transfer you to our quality control division. You are an excellent analyst and very intelligent. I think developing those skills in a real-world setting and getting experience in another area of this company will do you good, career wise," Max said to Justine.  
answer: (a) good
- A7 "We are not ready to present our findings to the committee yet. We still need to conduct some more tests to verify the validity of our work even more. I have done my bit and have spoken to the head of the chemistry department to have arrange for an independent chemist to review our work. Please talk amongst yourselves while I answer this call to see what else we can do," Linus said to the team.  
answer: (d) bit
- A8 "I am responding to your complaint that your computer is moving sluggishly and is not saving files correctly. What I will have to do will take an hour or two so I must ask you to take the work you will need to another location and let me do my thing. I will come get you when I am done," Lewis said to Jacob.  
answer: (c) thing
- A9 "Thank you for welcoming us tonight. This is a landmark day for our company and I am pleased to share it with everyone. We will be giving a narrated video history of this company and I have asked Jenny to do the honors. I hope that you will all enjoy this short film," Jack, the CEO of the company, said to the audience.  
answer: (a) honors
- A10 Adrenaline shot through his body and the ability to control his appendages was becoming increasingly more difficult in the icy water. He knew that if he didn't rescue the people from the ocean right now, there would be no hope for them due to hypothermia, among other things. There were no do overs when the ocean was this turbulent and cold.  
answer: (c) overs