



Elementary

**Today you are going to learn some idioms.
Ma néhány idiómát fogtok tanulni.**

First read the text.

Először olvasd el a szöveget.

I went to the shopping centre yesterday, and I spent two hours there. I sat down and watched the people who were doing their shopping. I saw a lot of interesting things. I saw a family where the children didn't take their parents seriously because they ran around and shouted although their parents asked them to behave well, but the kids didn't pay attention to their parents at all. Then I saw an old man who talked to some young boys, and he talked about silly things, for example how to set a house on fire, how to cheat in exams or how to steal money from your parents. I was very sad because this guy set a very bad example to these young boys. When I looked around, I saw strange things over and over again. Nine times out of ten people had some strange and bad behaviour. When I started going home, I thought that in today's world nothing is sacred.

Find these expressions in the text.

Találd meg ezeket a kifejezéseket a szövegben.

1. Semi sem szent
2. Komolyan venni valakit vagy valamit
3. Rossz példát mutatni
4. Újra és újra
5. Szinte mindig

Complete the sentences with one word.

Egészítsd ki a mondatokat egy szóval.

1. I saw a man who hit his wife on the face, and I thought that nowadays _____ is sacred.
2. You should take your studies _____, or you will fail all your exams, and you won't get your degree.
3. A teacher must always set a good _____ to his or her students by behaving appropriately.
4. We love this film so much that we watch it over and _____ again, and it's still not boring for us.
5. We go to a restaurant after cinema nine times out of _____.

Translate these sentences into English.

Fordítsd le ezeket a mondatokat angolra.

1. Én szinte mindig éjfél után fekszem le.
2. Ez a könyv annyira jó, hogy újra meg újra el akarom olvasni.
3. Ha rossz példát állítasz a gyerekeidnek, akkor nem jó szülő vagy.
4. Miért nem veszed a barátnődet komolyan? Ő olyan aranyos.
5. A huligánok szétromboltak mindent a stadion körül, mert nekik semi sem szent.



Intermediate

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First read the text.

As soon as I got up this morning, I felt that Monday morning feeling, and then I thought that I would not be useful. I felt tired and was in the mood to stay in bed and do nothing all day. However, I had to get out of the bed and leave for work. When I was about to leave, I realised that I didn't have my cell phone on me. I had to go back, and look for it in every nook and cranny, but I only managed to find it after like half an hour. I already felt that it would be the worst day of my life. When I arrived at the office, my boss looked at me, and said that I seemed to be a waste of space that day. I told him to save his breath and let me get over it on my own, without harassing me, so finally he went back to his office, and I could do my work in peace for the rest of the day.

Find these expressions in the text.

1. not waste your time talking to someone as they wouldn't listen to your comments, advice
2. a useless person
3. everywhere
4. feel like doing something
5. a feeling of being depressed because you have to start a new week back at work

Complete these sentences with a suitable idiom.

1. He is a very obstinate person, so you had better _____. He won't take anyone's advice.
2. I have never met anyone like him, he does nothing, isn't good at anything and enjoys nothing. He is typically _____.
3. I love this flat because there are a lot of flowers _____.
4. Finally, my husband _____ paint the walls, so we started painting them yesterday.
5. You don't look good. Has something bad happened or you are just having _____?

Rewrite the sentences so that they contain the appropriate idiom.

1. I'm not trying to tell him how to behave any longer as he never listens to my advice.
2. How could you be so useless? How can you get up every morning when you have no job, no plans? Is it OK for you to have such an empty life?
3. She is a bookworm, so you find books everywhere in her flat.
4. I don't really feel like working today. I'd rather sit in my favourite armchair with a great book.
5. You look like you have just lost your best friend. Has something happened or are you just sad about the beginning of the new week?

Advanced***Today you are going to learn some idioms.***

First read the text.

I consider myself a very lucky person since I have some great friends. Let me tell you about them. My best friend with whom we have been friends for more than fifteen years is so innocent and kind that she would never say boo to a goose. I sometimes tell her that she ought to be a bit more tough. Then another friend of mine is so tough that he would do every dangerous thing without a second thought, and keeps a straight face no matter what. Then my other friend is so indecisive that she is always at sixes and sevens with everything. She can't even make up her mind whether to have tea or coffee. Finally, there is my friend who always manages to put himself into difficult situations and then he clutches at straws to save as much as possible. When the five of us get together, we always have great fun listening to each other's stories which happen because of these characteristics.

Find these expressions in the text.

1. shy and nervous , wouldn't hurt anyone
2. do something without thinking about whether or not you should
3. be confused, not well-organised
4. to look serious and not laugh, although you are in a funny situation or are saying something funny or stupid
5. to try any method, even those that are not likely to succeed, because you are in such a bad situation

Complete these sentences with a suitable idiom.

1. Although he _____, he is very intelligent and has his own ideas about the world.
2. When my friend need my help, I do anything I can _____.
3. She has been running around like a headless chicken all day. I wonder why she is _____ all the time. She had better get herself together.
4. We managed to _____ when we glimpsed our neighbour dancing naked with the vacuum cleaner.
5. The doctors _____, still they could not save the victim.

Rewrite the sentences so that they contain the appropriate idiom.

1. If I find myself confused or not well-organised, I take my time to sit down and collect my thought. Otherwise, I would end up in a complete disaster.
2. My dad ran to help my friend without hesitating when she got run over by a bus.
3. I don't really get on well with people who are extremely shy as I don't think they can be entertaining.
4. She couldn't help laughing when the director fell off the stairs.
5. Please, try every possible method before claiming my illness incurable.