



Elementary

- 1 English idiom
If you don't tell the children the difference between right and wrong, they will soon be out of control.

Idiom definition
If you don't tell the children the difference between right and wrong, they will soon be badly behaved.

Correct answer: (b) badly behaved

- 2 English idiom
If you think I'm going to parachute out of a plane for fun, you must be out of your mind.

Idiom definition
If you think I'm going to parachute out of a plane for fun, you must be mad.

Correct answer: (a) mad

- 3 English idiom
Wait till they're out of sight, and then I'll show you what I'm buying them for Christmas.

Idiom definition
Wait till they're unable to see, and then I'll show you what I'm buying them for Christmas.

Correct answer: (d) unable to see

- 4 English idiom
I'm very sorry but you're out of luck because we sold the last one about twenty minutes ago.

Idiom definition
I'm very sorry but you're unlucky because we sold the last one about twenty minutes ago.

Correct answer: (b) unlucky

- 5 English idiom
Wait until they're out of earshot, then I tell you exactly what happened to them when they were on holiday.

Idiom definition
Wait until they're unable to hear, then I tell you exactly what happened to them when they were on holiday.

Correct answer: (b) unable to hear



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- 6 English idiom
You have a limited number of minutes to answer the test and you've spent 3 minutes so you're out of time.
- Idiom definition
You have a limited number of minutes to answer the test and you've spent 3 minutes so you've used up your time.
- Correct answer: (a) you've used up your time
- 7 English idiom
I'm afraid I'm not feeling too well at the moment because I've only walked a little way and I'm out of breath already.
- Idiom definition
I'm afraid I'm not feeling too well at the moment because I've only walked a little way and I can't breathe easily already.
- Correct answer: (d) I can't breathe easily
- 8 English idiom
There's a big notice up there which unfortunately we didn't see because it said 'out of bounds'.
- Idiom definition
There's a big notice up there which unfortunately we didn't see because it said keep out.
- Correct answer: (b) keep out
- 9 English idiom
I'm sorry to tell you that I can do nothing more for you because the situation is now out of my hands.
- Idiom definition
I'm sorry to tell you that I can do nothing more for you because the situation is now outside my control.
- Correct answer: (c) outside my control
- 10 English idiom
I'm awfully sorry but I'll have to ask you to pay because I'm out of cash.
- Idiom definition
I'm awfully sorry but I'll have to ask you to pay because I have no money.
- Correct answer: (b) I have no money



Intermediate

- 1 English idiom
This sort of behaviour sends the wrong message to young people.

Idiom definition
This sort of behaviour does not set a good example to young people.

Correct answer: (d) does not set a good example
- 2 English idiom
The government are unveiling plans today for a new tax system.

Idiom definition
The government are revealing plans today for a new tax system.

Correct answer: (b) are revealing
- 3 English idiom
I hear what you are saying but I don't agree with you.

Idiom definition
I understand what you mean but I don't agree with you.

Correct answer: (a) I understand what you mean
- 4 English idiom
You must admire the way she sticks to her guns.

Idiom definition
You must admire the way she maintains her opinion.

Correct answer: (b) she maintains her opinion
- 5 English idiom
I'm sorry I can't follow that, run that past me again.

Idiom definition
I'm sorry I can't follow that, explain that once more.

Correct answer: (a) explain that once more
- 6 English idiom
Keep your spirits up, it may not be as bad as you think.

Idiom definition
Don't get depressed, it may not be as bad as you think.

Correct answer: (a) Don't get depressed
- 7 English idiom
I'm afraid he shot himself in the foot when he took that action.



Idiom definition

I'm afraid he made a bad mistake for himself when he took that action.

Correct answer: (c) he made a bad mistake for himself

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English idiom

Some people love scoring points when they are in an argument.

Idiom definition

Some people love taking advantage when they are in an argument.

Correct answer: (b) taking advantage

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English idiom

There is absolutely no mileage in pursuing that sort of discussion.

Idiom definition

There is absolutely no future in pursuing that sort of discussion.

Correct answer: (a) no future

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English idiom

He prefers to buy some more time by not deciding yet.

Idiom definition

He prefers to delay a little longer by not deciding yet.

Correct answer: (d) to delay a little longer

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Advanced

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English idiom

Their big ambition in life was to choose the right moment to sell their shares and then make a killing.

Idiom definition

Their big ambition in life was to choose the right moment to sell their shares and then make a lot of money.

Correct answer: (c) make a lot of money

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English idiom

They've tried hard to increase their profits in the business but so far are making little headway.

Idiom definition



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They've tried hard to increase their profits in the business but so far are not really progressing.

Correct answer: (a) not really progressing

- 3 English idiom
The shock was so great it made your hair stand up on end.

Idiom definition
The shock was so great it frightened you.

Correct answer: (d) frightened you

- 4 English idiom
I reckon when they sold that lovely big house it must have made them a mint.

Idiom definition
I reckon when they sold that lovely big house it must have provided them with a huge sum of money.

Correct answer: (b) provided them with a huge sum of money

- 5 English idiom
Ignore his comments it's not really that bad, he's simply making a mountain out of a molehill.

Idiom definition
Ignore his comments it's not really that bad, he's simply exaggerating.

Correct answer: (c) exaggerating

- 6 English idiom
We've lost a lot of money and have little income and so we're finding it difficult to make ends meet.

Idiom definition
We've lost a lot of money and have little income and so we're finding it difficult to survive.

Correct answer: (d) survive

- 7 English idiom
I'll make no bones about it and tell you exactly what I think.

Idiom definition
I'll come straight to the point and tell you exactly what I think.

Correct answer: (a) come straight to the point



- 8 English idiom
It seems a sound project with potential and so I advise you to make a pitch for it.
- Idiom definition
It seems a sound project with potential and so I advise you to make an offer for it.
- Correct answer: (c) make an offer for it
- 9 English idiom
If I were you, I would stop worrying about it and simply make hay while you can.
- Idiom definition
If I were you, I would stop worrying about it and simply have fun while you can.
- Correct answer: (b) have fun
- 10 English idiom
Don't take too much notice of what he's saying, he's just making waves.
- Idiom definition
Don't take too much notice of what he's saying, he's just making a fuss.
- Correct answer: (a) making a fuss