

Idioms



Complete the idioms in the sentences below with the words in the box.

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- 1 Small talk is one way to *break the ice*, when meeting someone for the first time.
- 2 I was *thrown in at the deep* when my company sent me to run the German office. I was only given two days' notice to get everything ready.
- 3 We *don't see eye to eye* with our US parent company about punctuality. We have very different ideas about what being 'on time' means. It's a question of culture.
- 4 I *got into hot* with my boss for wearing casual clothes to the meeting with the potential Japanese customers.
- 5 I really *put my foot in it* when I met our Spanish partner. Because I was nervous, I said 'Who are you?' rather than 'How are you?'.
- 6 I *get on like a house on fire* with our Polish agent; we like the same things and have the same sense of humour.
- 7 When I visited China for the first time, I was *like a fish out of water* Everything was so different, and I couldn't read any of the signs!
- 8 My first meeting with our overseas clients was a *real eye opener* I hadn't seen that style of negotiation before.