

A) Answer these questions. Use the information in A from the video to help you.

1 How do metaphors describe people, objects and situations?

2 In what kind of writing are metaphors frequently used?

3 How are the metaphors used in literary contexts different from those used in idioms?

4 Why do you think it can sometimes be useful for you to be aware of the origins of idioms?

B) Which idioms do these pictures make you think of?



C) Complete each idiom.

- 1 Tax legislation can be a for new businesses; there are so many rules to follow.
- 2 Our company is planning to a new marketing campaign in April.
- 3 Shouting at his manager got Tom a black at work.
- 4 I'm sure your boss will : sense eventually and agree to your plan.
- 5 At first I didn't see the of going to university or college, but then I saw the and realised studying would give me more choices for the future.
- 6 If she doesn't offer to write the report, I'll rank on her and tell her to do it.
- 7 Noor is a crossroads in her life now that she has finished her medical degree. She has to decide what she is going to specialise in.
- 8 George doesn't know much about the job, but I'm sure he'll be able to his way through the interview.

D) Replace the underlined part of each sentence with an idiom.

- 1 Everyone else was laughing, but Katie couldn't understand what was funny.
- 2 Eva is making no progress with her research.

3 BritTel is going to work together with SatCom to lobby the government.

4 The teacher was furious when Matt refused to do his homework.

5 The errors in the report really weren't Sam's fault, but he was blamed for them.

6 Tina is hoping her father will eventually become more reasonable and let her drive the family car.

7 Unfortunately, my brother's transport business was very seriously affected by the rise in fuel prices.

8 As the president of a major company, Ross is used to being the focus of attention.