

4 Anger



EXERCISES

4.1 Put the expressions in the box into pairs that mean more or less the same.

went off the deep end gave him an earful drove him up the wall gave him a piece of her mind put his back up did his nut rubbed him up the wrong way sent him round the bend

4.2 Complete each of these idioms.

- 1) Ethan has had it up to with his work.
- 2) It's horrible living with two people who are not on speaking
- 3) It'll really put the among the pigeons if you try to bring that up at the meeting.
- 4) My sister spare when she found out I'd burnt her new top.
- 5) Joel is your blood now he knows it was you who told the police.
- 6) The demonstrators are furious and for blood.
- 7) Your father will throw a if you go out dressed like that.
- 8) The baby hardly sleeps at night and her mother is at her end.

4.3 Correct eight mistakes in this paragraph.

Yesterday I had terrible toothache. It hurt a lot and I guess that's why I was in a bad temper all day. Everything anyone said seemed to put the back up and, in the end, I threw a fuse with the person I share my office with. Even when I'm in a good mood, she sends me up the twist with her constant chatter and yesterday I had had it off to here with her after only ten minutes. I really gave her an eyeful and the result is that we are no longer in speaking terms. I know I'll have to apologise for doing my nuts like that, but perhaps I'll wait a while. It's much easier to work when she isn't talking to me! Perhaps I should give her a peace of my mind more often.



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4.4 Answer these questions.

- 1) Name one thing that drives you up the wall.
- 2) Find two idioms on the left-hand page that conjure up images of birds.
- 3) Can you remember a teacher ever going off the deep end? If so, what caused it?
- 4) Find seven idioms on the left-hand page that are based on parts of the body.
- 5) Has anyone recently rubbed you up the wrong way? If so, how did they do this?
- 6) Which idiom in A on the left-hand page do you think is usually accompanied by a gesture?
- 7) Have you ever given someone a piece of your mind? If so, what about?
- 8) Find an idiom on the left-hand page connected with electricity.

Over to **you**

Think about a situation you have experienced in which someone became angry. What idioms from this unit can you use to describe what happened?