

WORK RELATED IDIOMS

- be fired ○ big cheese ○ dead end job
- know / learn the ropes ○ sweat blood ○ Call it a day
- do the dirty work ○ Chief cook and bottle washer
- get the sack ○ a golden handshake
- Call the shots ○ to work your fingers to the bone

IDIOM – group of words which have a different meaning when used together from the one they would have if you took the meaning of each word separately.

A- Match the above idioms with their meaning. Write the numbers in the circles.

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| 1- to be the person responsible for everything | 2- to work very hard |
| 3- to end the day's work | 4- an important person / a leader |
| 5- something unpleasant or difficult work | 6- to receive a large payment on leaving a company |
| 7- to be dismissed | 8- to learn or to know how to do a job or an activity |
| 9- to make a great effort | 10- to lose one's job |
| 11- to exercise authority or be in charge | 12- a job in to which there is no chance of progressing |

B- Complete the following sentences with the above idioms.

- 1- Today, was my first day on the job, so I was still _____.
- 2- Julian lost his job. He _____ yesterday.
- 3- We _____ to get all this work done on time.
- 4- When her brother left university, he became _____ at Microsoft.
- 5- Jason _____ for repeatedly coming into work late.
- 6- I'm stuck in this _____. The pay is low and there is no promotion.
- 7- Our company is suffering a corporate restructuring. They are giving some workers _____ to leave their jobs.
- 8- When our boss is away, Robert is the _____.
- 9- Oh my God, it's already 7 pm. Let's _____ and go home.
- 10- Who is _____ in this office? I want the work finished by 5 pm today.
- 11- They _____ so that their children could have everything they needed.
- 12- He didn't have the courage to fire Jack. He got someone to _____.

