



Idiomatic Expressions



Unit
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1. Match the highlighted expressions with their meanings:

1. As a doctor, he has been up all night on duty in the local hospital, where he'd been **rushed off his feet**.
2. You looked a bit **taken aback**, but then he got up from his desk and gave me a thorough check up.
3. My patient had been coughing and sneezing all week and feeling **very under the weather**.
4. My sister has been **feeling a bit off colour** these days and I've taken her to the doctor several times to try to **get to the bottom of it**.

A. Discover the truth about a situation

B. Surprise or shock someone so much that they not know how to behave for some time

C. Feel slightly ill

D. Be ill

E. Be very busy



Word formation

1. What are the noun forms of these adjectives?

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| 1. Honest | 8. Possible |
| 2. Happy | 9. Satisfied |
| 3. Certain | 10. Aware |
| 4. Secure | 11. Helpful |
| 5. Accurate | 12. Patient |
| 6. Convenient | 13. Able |
| 7. Experienced | 14. Wiling |

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2. Now write the negative of the adjective forms in the correct column. One word has two negative forms.

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Feelings

1. Look at the adjectives below. Which are positive and which are negative? Write P for the positive and N for the negative.

upset	relaxed	proud	jealous	guilty	excited
embarrassed	disappointed	confident	ashamed		

2. Choose the correct adjectives in these sentences:

- I was really **bored/boring** during all the journey. There was nothing to do.
- Helen didn't find the holidays **relaxed/relaxing** because of the incredible amount of work I had.
- We went on a ride on the roller coaster. I was absolutely **terrified/terrifying**.
- Tommy was so **exciting/excited** when he received the best news of his life.
- Jake was **surprised/surprising** that he was approved.
- The concert was really **disappointed/disappointing**, we wasted our money!
- She hated talking in public so she felt **worrying/worried** about giving a speech.

3. Complete these tables:

Noun	Fear	Amazement			Annoyance	
Verb						Excite
Adjective	Frightening Frightened		Embarrassing Embarrassed	Pleasing Pleased		

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Noun	Depression		Pride	Anxiety	Misery	
Adjective		Angry				Jealous

4. Read these sentences. The underlined adjectives have similar meanings to those in the table below: Write them in the correct column:

Worried	Pleased	Frightened	Depressed	Annoyed	Amazed

1. Want to know the truth? I was really glad when you phoned me.

2. Emily was feeling fed up so she was relieved to have something to do.

3. My little brother is scared of going on the big rides.

4. Her mum got cross with her because she hadn't told her.

5. I could see you were anxious in the middle of the exam.

6. I'm surprised that I survived to the assault.

5. These words also have similar meanings to the underlined words. Put them in the correct column (previous exercise). If you think there is a word in a column which is stronger than the others, underline it.

terrified	furious	miserable	delighted	concerned
		astonished	afraid	

6. Circle the words in italics:

1. My neighbour spends all his time *chatting/gossiping* to friends.

2. My dad is a *fat/well-built* man in his mid-forties.

3. To succeed in business you have to be *ruthless/determined*.

4. Is your coat made of *imitation/fake* leather?

5. The restaurant was excellent, but very *expensive/pricy* too.

6. I think she *sneers/smiles* wherever she sees you.

7. My father has just bought an *inexpensive/cheap* second car.

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