

Warm Up. Work on a song on lyrics training:

<https://lyricstraining.com/en/play/jessica-baio/bite-the-bullet/glzhbWmlgl#ibc>

Task 1. Listen to the full song and then:

- Explain the expression *can't bite the bullet* in the context of the song.
- This song contains a plethora of expressions related to weapons and (physical or metaphorical) wounds. Drag them into the correct category and explain what they mean:
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<i>pull the trigger</i>	<i>the trigger wasn't locked un unlocked trigger / safety was off</i>	<i>take another shot</i>
<i>take a loss</i>	<i>load another round (of shots)</i>	<i>some things can't be swept under the rug</i>
<i>a loss cuts</i>	<i>be bleeding out</i>	<i>we're ruined</i>
<i>the kick is gonna hurt (= the recoil is gonna be violent)</i>	<i>point and shoot</i>	<i>put s.o. through (ordeal)</i>

Weapons		
Wounds		
Both		

Task 2. Some idioms got mixed up in this military poem. Could you piece them back together?

When life gets tough, don't run away, Bite the guns and face the day. Who's in charge? Who calls the radar ? Don't jump too soon — don't jump the weapon ! Got some big news? Drop a bullet ! Keep your plans quiet, fly under the bombshell ! If they disagree, stick to your shots , Your hidden talent is your secret gun !	bite the _____ call the _____ jump the _____ drop a _____ fly under _____ stick to your _____ your secret _____
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Task 2. You're going to listen to a video without watching it. Tick the idioms that aren't mentioned:

- ☐ fight fire with fire
- ☐ bite the bullet
- ☐ pull the trigger
- ☐ take a shot
- ☐ jump the gun
- ☐ go ballistic

Task 3. Watch the video. Jot down a keyword or example for the idioms you've been assigned. Put them together.

Student A:	Student B:
Bite the bullet	Call the shots
Drop a bombshell	Under the radar
Stick to your guns	Jump the gun
Secret weapon	Caught in the crossfire
A last resort	A last resort

Task 4. Match the idioms with their contextual use in a sentence:

Idiom

Meaning

A. Afraid of dentists? Bite the bullet!

1. Remain unnoticed

B. Who's calling the shots in your family?

2. Get stuck between two people who are arguing

C. Hold on tight! She's about to drop a bombshell!

3. A final option when others fail

D. Figured I'd just fly under the radar for a while.

4. A hidden advantage or talent

E. Are you strong enough to stick to your guns?

5. Do something difficult you have been avoiding

F. Don't jump the gun! You'll regret it.

6. Remain firm in your opinion

G. Her charisma is her secret weapon.

7. Make a decision or be in control

H. He hates being caught in the crossfire

8. Do something hastily

I. His last resort has failed.

9. Reveal shocking news

<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>I</i>

Task 5. Discussion:

1. Bite the bullet

- Have you ever had to **bite the bullet** and do something you really didn't want to do?
- Have you recently **bitten the bullet** and done something you'd been putting off for ages? Was it worth it in the end?

2. Call the shots

- Who usually **calls the shots** when you work on a group project?
- Have you ever been in a situation where someone wanted to **call all the shots**? Did you have to follow their lead?

3. Drop a bombshell

- Has anyone ever **dropped a bombshell** on you? What was the news?
- If you suddenly won a million euros, how would you **drop that bombshell** on your family? How would they react?

4. Caught in the crossfire

- Have you ever **been caught in the crossfire** because two of your friends were fighting?
- What would you do if those two friends expected you to take sides in their argument? Would you try to make peace or stay out of it?

5. Jump the gun

- Have you ever **jumped the gun** and bought something pretty expensive only to regret it minutes afterwards?
- Have you ever made assumptions about someone and later realized you were wrong? What happened?

6. Stick to your guns

- Have you ever **stuck to your guns** even though everyone disagreed with you?
- What's an opinion you would **stick to your guns** about, even if your friends disagreed?

7. Your secret weapon

- What's **your secret weapon** when you need to do well in an exam or interview?
- Do you have a hidden talent that could be **your secret weapon** in a survival scenario?

8. Under the radar

- Have you ever had to *stay under the radar* when someone else was getting undeserved attention? What happened?
- Would you rather *remain under the radar* in your personal life or be noticed?

9. A last resort

- What's your *last resort* when you can't see a way out of an unpleasant situation at work?
- Have you ever had to play it by ear as *a last resort* when backup plans didn't work?