



# Extra training

## Use of English Task 346

### 1. Idioms. Complete the exchanges with the phrases from the list.

- pulling my hair out
- in a nutshell
- is under a lot of stress
- lost her temper
- take it easy
- keep you on your toes
- getting me down
- off my chest

1. **A:** Can you summarise the story for me?

**B:** No problem. Here's what happened \_\_\_\_\_.

2. **A:** Why is Ben so short-tempered lately?

**B:** Because he \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment.

3. **A:** Why are you so upset, Helen?

**B:** Because Katie \_\_\_\_\_ with me this morning,

4. **A:** I'm so stressed about the Maths exam tomorrow. I feel like \_\_\_\_\_!

**B:** Don't worry. You'll be fine.

5. **A:** Sir, why do you keep giving us surprise Science tests?

**B:** Because I want to \_\_\_\_\_!

6. **A:** I'm up to my ears in homework.

**B:** \_\_\_\_\_ Remember, you have all weekend.

7. **A:** I need to get something \_\_\_\_\_.

**B:** Go ahead. I'm listening.

8. **A:** My breakup with Cindy is really \_\_\_\_\_.

**B:** I'm sorry to hear that. Do you want to talk about it?

### 2. Similes

Fill in:

**a dog**   **a sheet**   **a day**   **a lark**   **a flash**   **a sieve**.

9. Matt was **as happy as** \_\_\_\_\_ as he left school that day.

10. "You've got **a memory like** \_\_\_\_\_" Emily joked.

11. I was **as sick as** \_\_\_\_\_ the whole of the next day.

12. Jo looked **as white as** \_\_\_\_\_ "Are you OK?", I asked.

13. **As quick as** \_\_\_\_\_, I dashed across the road,

14. There was my missing ring, **as plain as** \_\_\_\_\_!

### 3. Metaphors

Read the sentences and match the metaphors in bold with their meanings:

**went quickly & with a lot of noise**   **explain**   **unable to move**   **extremely upset**  
**came to my notice**   **unhappy expression**

15. I lost my grandmother's ring and I was **heartbroken**. = \_\_\_\_\_

16. Sally **thundered** angrily into the room. = \_\_\_\_\_

17. "Why the **long face**?", lasted. = \_\_\_\_\_

18. Can you **throw some light** on the problem? = \_\_\_\_\_

19. Suddenly, a letter on the table **caught my eye**. = \_\_\_\_\_

20. I was **frozen with fear**. = \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. Hyperbole

Replace the words in **bold green** with the words/phrases below to make sentences using hyperbole.

Drag the words **ABOVE** the bold green ones.

• **ages** • **about to burst** • **snap my head off**

• **he was talking to the wall** • **a ton** • **my heart was in my mouth**

21. This book weighs **a lot**.

22. I haven't seen Richard for **a long time**.

23. You don't have to **speak so angrily to me**.

24. He felt like **no one was listening**.

25. I've eaten so much I'm **feeling very full**.

26. **I was very afraid** as I opened the door.



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