

IDIOMS

8 Underline the correct alternatives.

'I always put my ¹foot/hand in it when I speak to people. Socialising is really not my cup of ²tea/coffee. I love my friends, they're really close to my ³head/heart, but I'm quite shy with strangers.'

'I joined the ⁴mouse/rat race last year when I became a project manager. I have to keep my ⁵ear/eye on three or four projects at the same time. We're always ⁶working/running against the clock and quite often we ⁷work/run out of time. My friend said I was constantly multitasking and he ⁸kicked/hit the nail on the head – there is always something to do.'

'I thought an online course would be a ⁹piece/bit of cake, but I soon found myself in ¹⁰cold/hot water. It was really difficult. I work hard but, let's ¹¹face/eye it, sometimes that isn't enough. So I asked for some advice from another guy. He was an A student and he gave me a ¹²foot/hand with one of the assignments and I passed the course.'

2. Choose the correct alternatives.

- 1 I have to *face/eye* it! This haircut is awful!
- 2 I regularly give money to a charity close to my *heart/mind*.
- 3 Hurry up! We're *heading/running* out of time before the shops close.
- 4 Afi a always hits the nail on the *heart/head* and says exactly the right thing.
- 5 If we don't finish our assignment in time, we'll be in *cool/hot* water.
- 6 I always put my *mouth/foot* in it and say the wrong thing.
- 7 I've got to finish this report by 3p.m. I'm really working *with/against* the clock.
- 8 Can you keep a(n) *eye/face* on my little brother while I go to the shop?
- 9 Hanging up this washing will take forever. Can you give me a *hand/mind*?
- 10 Opera isn't really my cup of *tea/coffee*.
- 11 That test was a piece of *cake/pie*. I finished really early.
- 12 I never knew you could water ski. You're a dark *horse/sheep*!