

## 116 nose, shoulder (EI 229)

Complete the sentences with the correct idiom in the correct form.

*keep one's nose to the grindstone*  
*lead someone by the nose*  
*pay through the nose*  
*turn one's nose up at something*  
*give someone the cold shoulder*  
*rub shoulders with someone*  
*put one's shoulder to the wheel*

You obviously don't think the quality of the material is good enough. I can see that you're \_\_\_\_\_.

**turning your nose up at it**

- 1 I can't believe that this painting is so valuable. I hope we haven't \_\_\_\_\_ for it.
- 2 The workers were very angry because they felt that the union leaders were \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 You have obviously been working very hard. If you \_\_\_\_\_ you should have the report finished by this afternoon.
- 4 You can't expect to pass the exam without doing any work. It's time you \_\_\_\_\_, before it's too late.
- 5 Why didn't Hilary speak to me? Didn't she see me or was she deliberately \_\_\_\_\_?
- 6 When John was in the diplomatic service, he often used to \_\_\_\_\_ members of the royal family.

## 117 skin, toe (EI 230)

Substitute for the phrase in *italics* an idiom from the list with the same meaning.

*drenched to the skin*  
*get under someone's skin*  
*by the skin of one's teeth*  
*tread on someone's toes*  
*toe the line*  
*be on one's toes*  
*be no skin off someone's nose*

If I were you, I wouldn't worry about Clive. It *won't affect you adversely* whether he makes a success of his new business or not.  
**will be no skin off your nose**

- 1 The diver said that sharks had been following him and that he had only escaped *very narrowly*.
- 2 I picked Marjorie up at the bus-stop. Poor thing, she was *thoroughly wet*.
- 3 Mike is always criticizing without reason. He really *annoys me*.
- 4 You have to *be alert and attentive* when you're driving through the city centre in the rush-hour.
- 5 Parker always expects us to *do what he wants*. He forgets that we have opinions and ideas of our own.
- 6 I didn't know that Sarah had baked the cake herself. I'm afraid I *hurt her feelings* when I said that cream cakes are bad for you.

Complete the sentences with the correct idiom in the correct form.

*have something on the tip of one's tongue*

*hold one's tongue*

*bite one's tongue off*

*have got a sweet tooth*

*fight tooth and nail*

*cut one's teeth on something*

*get one's teeth into something*

## 118 tongue, tooth, teeth (EI 230-1)

He asked me the name of the shop. I \_\_\_\_\_ but I didn't remember it until he'd gone.

**had it on the tip of my tongue**

- 1 There are times when it's wiser to \_\_\_\_\_ than to say what one thinks.
- 2 'How do you manage to keep so slim?' 'Well, I (not) \_\_\_\_\_, so it isn't really difficult.'
- 3 I thought Paul knew that Sarah had gone to Glasgow with Mark. I could have \_\_\_\_\_ when I realized that he didn't. How tactless of me to mention it!
- 4 Bill would like me to give him an easy computer program to write. He did well on the programming course, so now he needs something to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 We're all against the plans for the new motorway and local politicians are prepared to \_\_\_\_\_ to get them stopped.
- 6 The job seemed difficult at first, but as soon as I \_\_\_\_\_ it, I realized that it wasn't so bad after all.

## Time

## 119 day (EI 231-3)

Complete the sentences by choosing the correct idiom.

- 1 It's late. We ought to \_\_\_\_\_ and continue with the work tomorrow.  
*make a day of it   make our day   call it a day*
- 2 It's twenty years \_\_\_\_\_ that we came to live here.  
*the other day   to the day   this day week*
- 3 Mother had a telephone call from my brother in Australia this morning. She was very pleased, of course. It really \_\_\_\_\_.  
*made her day   was her day   won the day*
- 4 We visited Sheila this morning and she suggested \_\_\_\_\_ and staying for lunch and afternoon tea. So we did.  
*having a field day   calling it a day   making a day of it*
- 5 The language course was excellent. I found that my English improved \_\_\_\_\_.  
*day in day out   to a day   day by day*