

# WORK RELATED IDIOMS

- be fired    ○ big cheese    ○ dead end job
- know / learn the ropes    ○ sweat blood    ○ Call it a day
- do the dirty work    ○ Chief cook and bottle washer
- get the sack    ○ a golden handshake
- Call the shots    ○ to work your fingers to the bone

**IDIOM** – group of words which have a different meaning when used together from the one they would have if you took the meaning of each word separately.

**A- Match the above idioms with their meaning. Write the numbers in the circles.**

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| 1- to be the person responsible for everything | 2- to work very hard                                    |
| 3- to end the day's work                       | 4- an important person / a leader                       |
| 5- something unpleasant or difficult work      | 6- to receive a large payment on leaving a company      |
| 7- to be dismissed                             | 8- to learn or to know how to do a job or an activity   |
| 9- to make a great effort                      | 10- to lose one's job                                   |
| 11- to exercise authority or be in charge      | 12- a job in to which there is no chance of progressing |

**B- Complete the following sentences with the above idioms.**

- 1- Today, was my first day on the job, so I was still \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2- Julian lost his job. He \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.
- 3- We \_\_\_\_\_ to get all this work done on time.
- 4- When her brother left university, he became \_\_\_\_\_ at Microsoft.
- 5- Jason \_\_\_\_\_ for repeatedly coming into work late.
- 6- I'm stuck in this \_\_\_\_\_. The pay is low and there is no promotion.
- 7- Our company is suffering a corporate restructuring. They are giving some workers \_\_\_\_\_ to leave their jobs.
- 8- When our boss is away, Robert is the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9- Oh my God, it's already 7 pm. Let's \_\_\_\_\_ and go home.
- 10- Who is \_\_\_\_\_ in this office? I want the work finished by 5 pm today.
- 11- They \_\_\_\_\_ so that their children could have everything they needed.
- 12- He didn't have the courage to fire Jack. He got someone to \_\_\_\_\_.

