

IDIOMS

2A Match the phrases and idioms in bold with pictures A–H.

- 1 The boss completely **lost his head** and started shouting at the client. A f)
- 2 Could you **catch the waiter's eye**? I'd like to ask for the bill. — —
- 3 The job hunting isn't going well, but if I can **get my foot in the door** things will be fine. — —
- 4 I can't afford this mobile – it **costs an arm and a leg**. — —
- 5 I don't really mind paying taxes, but filling out these forms **is a pain in the neck**. — —
- 6 He's got a **big mouth** – he told everyone in the office about my problems at home. — —
- 7 Sorry, we just don't **see eye to eye** on this, and I don't think we'll ever agree. — —
- 8 The teacher **turned a blind eye** to cheating in the exam, so almost all the students did it. — —

B Match meanings a)–h) to the phrases and idioms.

- a) have the same opinion
- b) get someone's attention
- c) be very annoying
- d) get a chance to start
- e) be very expensive
- f) be unable to think clearly under pressure
- g) ignore a bad thing
- h) be someone who tells secrets



Match the idioms with their meaning.

1. We were pressed for time .	
2. We had to cut it short .	
3. He's biding his time .	
4. She arrived in the nick of time .	
5. It happens once in a blue moon .	
6. I've tried time after time .	
7. We had to make up for lost time .	
8. They're dragging their feet on a decision.	

- a) Delay doing something
- b) Not to have enough time.
- c) Stop doing something earlier than you had planned.
- d) At the last moment before it's too late to do something.
- e) Very rarely.
- f) To do something quickly because you started late or worked too slowly.
- g) Again and again.
- h) To wait until the right time to do something.