

# Exercise 1

Ch	noose the best answer to complete the sentence	5.		
1	Come to our arts and crafts evening and try your	at something different.		
	a nose b heart	c hand		
2	Don't stick your into matters	that don't concern you.		
	a ears b nose	c hand		
3	Everyone stayed late yesterday – we're up to our	in work at the office.		
_	a hearts b ears	c noses		
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4	The rebuilding of the church organ was a real lab	c business		
	a love b heart	c business		
5	g lots of changes and they really mean			
	a heart b labour	c business		
6	We believe that the judge is fair and has no	to grind.		
	a axe b bandwagon	c appetite		
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	xercise 2	Nata sentences		
	Match sentence halves 1–6 with A–F to make complete sentences.			
	It looks as though more and more companies	A wasn't in the picture at all.		
	I knew karate and had	B my heart wasn't in it.		
	I congratulated the winners but	C the ability to steer clear of danger.		
		D will soon be leaping on the bandwagon.		
	He has decided that art history	E to keep a low profile.		
6	He spoke as if I had nothing to do with it, as though	F is not his cup or tea.		
E	kercise 3			
Decide if the following sentences are true $(T)$ or $(F)$ .				
1	If you have an axe to grind, you have certain attit	udes that are based on personal experience.		
2	If you jump on the bandwagon, you don't want to	o follow others in becoming involved in an activity.		
3	If you steer clear of something, you want to get in	nvolved.		
4	If you are up to your ears in something, you are v	ery busy or involved.		
5	If someone is a nosey parker, they want to know	more information than they need.		
6	If you keep a low profile, you want to become vis	ibly involved in something.		
E	cercise 4			
Re	ad the sentences and choose the best explanati	on.		
1	His heart isn't really in it.			
	a He hates it.	b He isn't completely happy with it.		
2	I'm going to try my hand at pottery.			
	a I'm going to see what it's like.	b I'm not going to continue doing it.		
3	It really sounds as if he means business.			
	a I think he's serious about it.	b I don't think he's serious about it.		
4	I made this card myself. It was a real labour of lov			
	a It didn't take long	b I worked very hard at it.		
5	I don't want to poke my nose into your business.	NOT STORY AND A STORY OF THE STORY		
	a Trespect your privacy.	b I want to be involved.		
6	I'd steer clear of that issue, if I were you.			
	a I'd get involved.	b I would avoid it.		





# IDIOM

#### Exercise 5

Replace the underlined words with the correct idioms in the box.

really my cup of tea | up to my ears | jump on the bandwagon | steer clear of | mean business have an axe to grind

Pat: Hi, George. How are you?

George: Hi, Pat. I've been 'very busy for the last few months. We've taken on a lot of new clients. One of our main competitors, has been expanding rapidly. It's clear that they <sup>2</sup>are really serious about succeeding. So my boss has decided to <sup>3</sup> follow the trend and start expanding too. I don't <sup>4</sup> have a problem about the extra work, but we just don't have enough staff to deal with it all.

Pat: You should ask for a promotion.

George: I would, but then they'd expect me to work even longer hours! So I'm going to 5avoid that. Anyway, I've been thinking about a career change. I'm beginning to think that software development is onot something I enjoy.

#### Exercise 6

#### Correct the idioms in these sentences.

- 1 I'm going to steer a low profile and hope nobody asks me to volunteer for anything at the committee meeting.
- 2 You certainly look like you mean to do business with your rubber gloves and apron on!
- 3 I wish people wouldn't poke their sticks into my business.
- 4 I think I'll just jump on the picture and start my diet with the rest of you.
- 5 It's probably best to jump clear of the city centre during the rush hour.
- 6 I've decided I'm going to try my heart at DIY and redecorate my room.
- 7 My trip to America the previous year had whetted my nose for foreign travel.
- 8 It's amazing how much information a serious nosy profile can find out.

### Exercise 7

C	implete the sentences with idioms from this unit, changing the verb and pronoun forms if necessary.	
1	Writing this book has been a great pleasure, a true	
2	He arrived at precisely nine o'clock, wearing workmen's boots and carrying his tool kit, so we knew he	
3	She did nothing to draw attention to herself, trying to	
4	I always try to write the same amount about each of the political parties – I don't	
5	If you want people to respect you, don'ttheir private affairs.	
6	In the interview with Sir Allan, I any questions relating to the court case.	

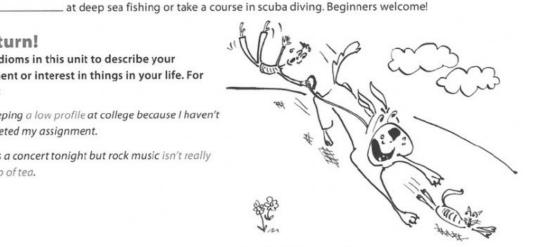
## Your turn!

Use the idioms in this unit to describe your involvement or interest in things in your life. For example:

7 After advertising six vacancies, they are now \_\_\_

I'm keeping a low profile at college because I haven't completed my assignment.

There's a concert tonight but rock music isn't really my cup of tea.



in applications forms.

He decided that dog walking was his cup of the LIVE