

Exercises

9.1

Try to complete these idioms from memory if possible.

1 She does a lot of voluntary work; she has a heart ... *of gold*.

2 Don't expect any sympathy from the boss; she's as hard ...

3 I'm sure Ahmed will help you; he's as good ...

4 Although Florian sometimes seems a bit bad-tempered his heart is ...

5 I don't think you'll like him; he's a nasty ...

6 I try to avoid having much to do with Liam. He's rather an ...

9.2

What do we call ...

1 an irritating person who knows everything? *a know-all*

2 the person who is the teacher's favourite?

3 someone who thinks they are the best and says so?

4 the one who gets the best marks?

5 a person who is very lazy?

9.3

Complete the sentences using an idiom from B.

1 I'd better write it in my notebook. I have ... *a head like a sieve*.

2 Ask Martha to check those sums. She has ...

3 Don't ask me to go up that tower. I'm afraid I don't ...

4 She's very sensible and knows what she's doing. She ...

5 He's quite out of touch with reality. He really ...

6 The problem won't go away so there's no point ...

7 Max is top of the class, ... *everyone else*.

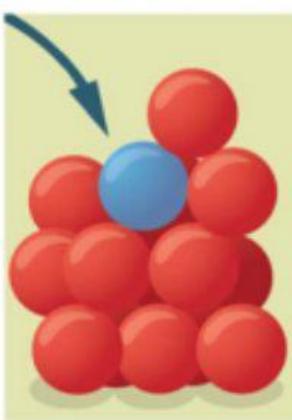
8 Even when others around him are panicking Raul always ...

9.4

Which part of the body might a difficult person (a) get on (b) be a pain in?

9.5

Which of the idioms opposite do you think these pictures represent?



1 *an odd-ball*



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