Common metaphor in Idioms

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A) Answer these questions. Use the information in A from the video to help you.

1 How do metaphors describe people, objects and situations?

2 In what kind of writing are metaphors frequently used?

3 How are the metaphors used in literary contexts different from those used in idioms?

4 Why do you think it can sometimes be useful for you to be aware of the origins of idioms?

B) Which idioms do these pictures make you think of?





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C) Complete each idiom.

1 Tax legislation can be a .. .. for new businesses; there are so many rules to follow.
2 Our company is planning to ..... a new marketing campaign in April.
3 Shouting at his manager got Tom a black ..... at work.
4 I'm sure your boss will ..... : ..... sense eventually and agree to your plan.
5 At first I didn't see the .... of going to university or college, but then I saw the ..... and realised studying would give me more choices for the future.
6 If she doesn't offer to write the report, I'll ..... rank on her and tell her to do it.
7 Noor is ... . a crossroads in her life now that she has finished her medical degree. She has to decide what she is going to specialise in.
8 George doesn't know much about the job, but I'm sure he'll be able to ..... . his way through the interview.

D) Replace the underlined part of each sentence with an idiom.

1 Everyone else was laughing, but Katie couldn't <u>understand what was funny.</u>

2 Eva <u>is making no progress</u> with her research.

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3 BritTel is going to work together with SatCom to lobby the government.

4 The teacher was furious when Matt refused to do his homework.

5 The errors in the report really weren't Sam's fault, but he was blamed for them.

6 Tina is hoping her father will eventually become more reasonable and let her drive the family car.

7 Unfortunately, my brother's transport business was very seriously affected by the rise in fuel prices.

8 As the president of a major company, Ross is used to being the focus of attention.

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