

Idiom Practice 1

Choose the idiom for each sentence. Type a letter into each space like this: f

a. A penny for your thoughts	i. Every cloud has a silver lining
b. The greatest thing since sliced bread	j. Bite off more than you can chew
c. At the drop of a hat	k. Kill two birds with one stone
d. Actions speak louder than words	l. Piece of cake
e. Hit the nail on the head	m. To make a long story short
f. Cost an arm and a leg	n. Burn the midnight oil
g. Barking up the wrong tree	o. Count your chickens before your eggs hatch
h. Blessing in disguise	p. Cut corners

1. It's not difficult at all. It should be a _____ for you.

2. The student had to _____ because he had a big exam the next day.

3. I have to work overtime for one month. That will tire me out and keep me from spending time with my family. Well, _____. At least I'll make a lot of extra money that I can use later for presents or vacation.

4. Though the boss told his employees to always be punctual (on time) for meetings, the boss himself was frequently late for meetings. Consequently, his employees were often late for meetings too because the boss's _____.

5. When she sees jewelry go on sale at a store, she rushes there _____.
(immediately)

6. He thinks someone in the office is dating his girlfriend behind his back (secretly), but I think he's _____ because she's too smart to do something that obvious.

7. The vendor _____ on the quality of their product and it had to be recalled (called back for repairs). (cheated)

8. A friend of mine accidentally broke my 5-year-old cell phone. That turned out to be a _____ because my friend later bought me a brand new phone with all the latest bells and whistles (coolest new features).

9. Wow, this new **Virtual Reality** (VR) gaming system is _____. It's really neat!
10. If we see the movie early, then we'll have time to stop by the grocery store on the way home. That way, we can _____.
11. Minnie, you look like you're troubled. I'll give you _____. (what are you thinking about?)
12. You _____ when you predicted that our competitors would follow our lead and lower their prices. (guessed corrected)
13. I can't promise anything at this time. I don't want to _____. We'll have to wait and see.
14. Buying a front row seat at that world-famous opera house will _____ -- US\$2000 at least!
15. Let me warn you not to _____. This is not a **trivial** (easy) **undertaking** (project).
16. To _____, Julius Caesar said simply, "I came, I saw, I **conquered**."

