



The Write Tribe

Read the stories and do the idioms exercise below.

STORY 1 : Call it a day

Steven's eyes were heavy from studying for 6 hours. He had been burning the midnight oil for several days now. As he struggled to keep going, his mother said, "**Call it a day**, Steven! Get some rest! You can study tomorrow!" It is true. Steven had not slept for days. He had been working and working. If he goes on like this, he would fall sick. It's better to stop working and call it a day. There's always tomorrow.

STORY 2 : Cut someone some slack!

"How to spell disappointment?" Cecilia asked her brother Li Yuan. "Oh my god! You're such a dummy! Don't you know how to spell that!" Li Yuan scoffed. Hearing Li Yuan being so critical of his younger sister, their mother, Helen stormed in. "Li Yuan, you didn't know how to spell that when you were her age too! Stop being so critical and cut Cecilia some slack!" Helen bellowed. Li Yuan felt ashamed and apologized to Cecilia.

STORY 3 : Easy does it!

Emily is an expert at the claw machine. However, her best friend Candice is the opposite. One day, while they were playing the claw machine, Candice began crying. "Why is it that I can't pick the ball I want!" Candice bawled her eyes out. "Candice, slow down and observe the claw. Easy does it!" Emily advised. Candice decided to slow down and soon she won 20 bucks! It was true what Emily said. Easy does it!

idiom	meaning
Beat around the bush	
A dime a dozen	
A blessing in disguise	
Break a leg	
Bite the bullet	
Better late than never	
Call it a day	
Cut somebody some slack	
Easy does it	

avoid telling what you really want to say	common, worthless, cheap. Easy to find	something bad that turned out to be good
better to go late than not go at all	tolerate the pain for a while so it will be over soon	good luck
Don't be so critical	slow down	stop working on something and rest