

## Cumulative Idioms Quiz

**Part One: Write the letter of the correct definition next to each idiom**

1. \_\_\_\_ Cutting corners      a To stop what you're doing and get control of your life or your emotions
2. \_\_\_\_ Beat around the bush      b That's true, I agree
3. \_\_\_\_ Let someone off the hook      c Don't be so critical
4. \_\_\_\_ Pull yourself together      d Doing a bad job on something in order to save time or money
5. \_\_\_\_ So far so good      e What you're doing is too risky. You need to have other options, not only one.
6. \_\_\_\_ You can say that again      f Make people feel more comfortable when they first meet
7. \_\_\_\_ Break the ice      g Postpone a plan
8. \_\_\_\_ cut someone some slack      h Things are going well up to now
9. \_\_\_\_ Don't put all your eggs in one basket      i Avoid saying what you mean, usually because it is uncomfortable
10. \_\_\_\_ Take a rain check      j To not hold someone responsible for something

## Part Two: Complete the Sentence with the Correct Idiom

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11. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ for not doing well on the test. I was sick, so she told me I could take it again next week.
12. "This pizza is delicious!" " \_\_\_\_\_!"  
"It's the best pizza I've ever had!"
13. When I go to parties, I like to ask people about their hobbies to \_\_\_\_\_. It helps people feel more comfortable to talk about themselves.
14. I know you really want to go to that school, but \_\_\_\_\_. You need to apply to a lot of different schools, in case you don't get into your first choice.
15. How's your new job going? \_\_\_\_\_. I've only been there a week, but I'm already learning a lot.
16. That construction company tried to \_\_\_\_\_ on the building by using cheap materials. But because it was made of low-quality parts, the building collapsed and a lot of people were killed.

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17. I've been feeling a little under weather this week. Let's \_\_\_\_\_ on dinner and go next weekend instead. I don't want to get you sick.
18. I know I make mistakes, but English isn't my first language. Please \_\_\_\_\_. I'm doing my best. Don't laugh at me.
19. Listen, I need you to stop \_\_\_\_\_ and tell me directly what the problem is!
20. I got some really bad news and I needed a moment to \_\_\_\_\_ before responding. I didn't want to say the wrong thing because I was too emotional.