

READING COMPREHENSION: BODY IDIOMS



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Choose the right body idiom from the options given.

Picture 1



1. Sue _____ in her job during the interview.

- a. ☒ put her foot in her mouth
- b. ☐ put his hands
- c. ☐ put his foot
- d. ☐ put her cold shoulder

Picture 2



2. Repairing my old car is _____.

- a. ☐ a pain in the hand
- b. ☐ a pain in the eye
- c. ☒ a pain in the neck
- d. ☐ a pain in the elbow

Picture 3



3. Can you _____ with this box, please?
I can't carry it by myself.

- a. ☐ have a nose for
- b. ☒ give me a hand
- c. ☐ is on his knees
- d. ☐ give me a foot

Picture 4



4. Things're going great at the bakery. My new PA and I usually _____. It's great to work with him.

- a. ☐ cost him and arm and a leg
- b. ☒ see eye to eye
- c. ☐ doesn't have a leg to stand on
- d. ☐ makes my blood boil

LISTENING: STILL FINDING THE FEET



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Choose the body idiom that best summarizes the situation described in the sentences heard.

1.

1. They are really exhausted. They need holidays

- a. ☒ They are on their knees.
- b. ☐ He has a nose for trouble.
- c. ☐ She made my blood boil.
- d. ☐ I won the match by the skin of my teeth.

2.

2. The teacher gave me plenty of elbow room to do my oral report.

- a. ☐ We don't see eye to eye.
- b. ☐ He gave me the cold shoulder.
- c. ☒ I have elbow room to make my speech.
- d. ☐ Her sister didn't have a leg to stand on.

VOCABULARY BOX: ILLNESS

travel sick



hay fever



high temperature



runny nose



back pain



broken bone



sore throat



upset stomach



sprained ankle





Name _____

Idioms

Directions: Match the idiom with its real like meaning.

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| 1. ____ You have ants in your pants. | A. I am good at growing things. |
| 2. ____ I'm feeling blue. | B. Put yourself in my place. |
| 3. ____ My eyes are bigger than my stomach. | C. I'm in trouble. |
| 4. ____ Please give me a hand. | D. I'm sad. |
| 5. ____ I'm in a pickle. | E. You're wiggling. |
| 6. ____ I hit the nail on the head. | F. I am nervous. |
| 7. ____ Walk a mile in my shoes. | G. Please help. |
| 8. ____ I have butterflies in my stomach. | H. I got it correct. |
| 9. ____ Don't give me the cold shoulder. | I. I'm doing really well. |
| 10. ____ That's a piece of cake. | J. I took more food than I can eat. |
| 11. ____ I'm on top of the world. | K. That's easy. |
| 12. ____ I have a green thumb. | L. Don't ignore me. |