

# cliches and idioms

## 1. MATCH THE MEANING

**INSTRUCTIONS: MATCH EACH CLICHÉ TO ITS CORRECT MEANING BY WRITING THE CORRECT NUMBER NEXT TO EACH DEFINITION.**

### CLICHÉS:

1. LIVE AND LET DIE
2. YOU LEARN SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY
3. IT'S NOT THE END OF THE WORLD
4. ONLY TIME WILL TELL
5. YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN
6. GREAT MINDS THINK ALIKE
7. BETTER LATE THAN NEVER
8. IT TAKES ALL SORTS TO MAKE A WORLD
9. RATHER YOU THAN ME

### DEFINITIONS:

- A. SOMETIMES WE JUST HAVE TO LET THINGS HAPPEN AND MOVE ON.
- B. WHEN SOMETHING BAD HAPPENS, BUT IT'S NOT A DISASTER.
- C. IF TWO PEOPLE HAVE THE SAME IDEA, THEY MIGHT SAY THIS.
- D. A WAY OF AGREEING WITH SOMEONE VERY STRONGLY.
- E. YOU NEVER STOP DISCOVERING NEW THINGS.
- F. THE FUTURE WILL REVEAL THE TRUTH.
- G. IT'S OKAY TO BE LATE AS LONG AS YOU EVENTUALLY GET SOMETHING DONE.
- H. THE WORLD IS FULL OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF PEOPLE, AND THAT'S OKAY.
- I. SAID WHEN SOMEONE IS ABOUT TO DO SOMETHING .
- . UNPLEASANT OR DIFFICULT THAT YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO DO.

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES USING THE CORRECT CLICHÉ FROM THE LIST BELOW.

LIVE AND LET DIE - YOU LEARN SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY  
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1. I FORGOT MY UMBRELLA, AND NOW IT'S RAINING! – \_\_\_\_\_. YOU'LL DRY OFF SOON.
2. I JUST FOUND OUT THAT HONEY NEVER SPOILS. – \_\_\_\_\_.
3. WE BOTH ORDERED THE SAME DISH FROM THE MENU. – \_\_\_\_\_!
4. MY FRIEND SAID, "THIS WEATHER IS AWFUL." I REPLIED, \_\_\_\_\_! IT'S BEEN RAINING FOR DAYS.
5. WE DON'T KNOW IF THE NEW MOVIE WILL BE A HIT OR A FLOP. \_\_\_\_\_.
6. SOME PEOPLE ARGUE A LOT ABOUT SMALL THINGS, BUT I PREFER TO \_\_\_\_\_.
7. YOU FINALLY FINISHED YOUR HOMEWORK? WELL, \_\_\_\_\_!
8. MY COUSIN LOVES COLLECTING INSECTS AS A HOBBY. WELL, \_\_\_\_\_!
9. YOU HAVE TO WORK OUTSIDE IN THE SNOW TODAY? \_\_\_\_\_!

### CLICHÉ STORY CHALLENGE

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

Write a short story (6-8 sentences) that includes at least three of the clichés.

#### EXAMPLE:

Lucas had a big assignment due, but he forgot about it. He finished it at 3 a.m. and handed it in just before the deadline. His teacher said, "Better late than never." Later that day, he saw a woman walking her pet lizard in the park. "Wow," he thought, "It takes all sorts to make a world." When he got home, his brother told him he had to clean out the garbage bins. Lucas groaned, "Ugh, rather you than me!"