

clichés 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 .**
- J. **UNPLEASANT OR DIFFICULT THAT YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO DO.**

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

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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!"