



Extra training

Use of English Task 346

1. Idioms. Complete the exchanges with the phrases from the list.

- pulling my hair out • in a nutshell • is under a lot of stress • lost her temper
- take it easy • keep you on your toes • getting me down • off my chest

1. A: Can you summarise the story for me?

B: No problem. Here's what happened _____.

2. A: Why is Ben so short-tempered lately?

B: Because he _____ at the moment.

3. A: Why are you so upset, Helen?

B: Because Katie _____ with me this morning,

4. A: I'm so stressed about the Maths exam tomorrow. I feel like _____!

B: Don't worry. You'll be fine.

5. A: Sir, why do you keep giving us surprise Science tests?

B: Because I want to _____!

6. A: I'm up to my ears in homework.

B: _____. Remember, you have all weekend.

7. A: I need to get something _____.

B: Go ahead. I'm listening.

8. A: My breakup with Cindy is really _____.

B: I'm sorry to hear that. Do you want to talk about it?

2. Similes

Fill in:

a dog a sheet a day a lark a flash a sieve.

9. Matt was **as happy as** _____ as he left school that day.

10. "You've got **a memory like** _____" Emily joked.

11. I was **as sick as** _____ the whole of the next day.

12. Jo looked **as white as** _____ "Are you OK?", I asked.

13. **As quick as** _____, I dashed across the road,

14. There was my missing ring, **as plain as** _____!

3. Metaphors

Read the sentences and match the metaphors in bold with their meanings:

went quickly & with a lot of noise explain unable to move extremely upset
came to my notice unhappy expression

15. I lost my grandmother's ring and I was **heartbroken**. = _____

16. Sally **thundered** angrily into the room. = _____

17. "Why the **long face**?", lasted. = _____

18. Can you **throw some light** on the problem? = _____

19. Suddenly, a letter on the table **caught my eye**. = _____

20. I was **frozen with fear**. = _____

4. Hyperbole

Replace the words in **bold green** with the **words/phrases below** to make sentences using hyperbole.

Drag the words **ABOVE** the bold green ones.

- **ages** • **about to burst** • **snap my head off**
- **he was talking to the wall** • **a ton** • **my heart was in my mouth**

21. This book weighs **a lot**.
22. I haven't seen Richard for **a long time**.
23. You don't have to **speak so angrily to me**.
24. He felt like **no one was listening**.
25. I've eaten so much I'm **feeling very full**.
26. **I was very afraid** as I opened the door.



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