



Listening Practice

Topic: Common USA Idioms

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1. Which of these is not a difference between an idiom and slang?

Slang is understood by a small group of people.

Idioms are only used by old people.

Slang is always changing.

2. When someone says it's "raining cats and dogs" they're saying...

It's not raining a lot.

It's raining really hard.

Dogs and cats are falling from the sky.

3. In the movie The Incredibles, Edna Moda says which of the following idioms?

This is getting out of hand.

This is the last straw.

Pull yourself together.



4. If a person feels a bit under the weather, they're saying they...

feel sick.

they feel powerful.

feel like they did something bad.

5. If someone thinks you are joking with them, they'll most likely say...

"Wow, break a leg."

"Don't cry over spilt milk."

"You're pulling my leg!"

6. In a situation where you don't have any patience left, you'll say...

"This is the last straw!"

"Let's call it a day."

"Pull yourself together!"

7. Which of these phrases does not apply as a translation of the phrase "no use crying over spilt milk"?

There's nothing you can do about it.

Complaining won't solve anything.

This isn't difficult.