I Use the idioms discussed in the presentation in a practical context by filling the gaps. There are certain hints given in brackets:

1. Actually, I didn't have to take great pains to complete that project because it was as ……(log)
2. Once we set off on our journey to Italy it started to rain heavily, and, to ……(injury), our car broke down in the middle of nowhere! It was the worst vacation ever!
3. I wish I could go for a walk in the park but, unfortunately, I ……(plate): I need to study for a test and finish my project.
4. He was released from prison after serving a sentence for murder and, regrettably so, the residents of his village keep……(Coventry). Never before has he experienced such social ostracism.
5. They have settled in a small village close to the city as they have always wanted……(world): numerous employment opportunities offered by the metropolis and fresh air guaranteed by the countryside.
6. You must realize that he often distorts facts and tells lies. I advise you to take…….. (salt) and never allow him to ……... (wool).
7. If you aim to become adept at any field of human activity, you must realize that you need to put some effort into your actions and that there is no room for …… (corner).
8. Since the have a completely different outlook on the governmental policy, they hardly ever …….. (eye) with each other when any political matters are brought up at the table.
9. Being a sworn atheist, he pays a visit to the local church…… (blue).
10. I promise I will render you some assistance but I expect you to return my favor in the foreseeable future: you know, …… (scratch/back).
11.He is relatively inexperienced in the field of management, but when he was offered a managerial position in the company, he accepted it at once, being tempted by the salary. However, I believe that he …….. (bite) and that he is doomed to failure.
12. Judging people by their appearance underlines the shallowness of the individual doing so. There is more to every person than meets the eye. You know, there is an old saying:…….. (book).
13. He has deceived a number of people, which has caused practically everyone in his place of residence to view him as a liar and …….. (wide).
14. The journalist's insightful comments ……... (nail) if it comes to the problem of corruption in the government. In fact, he has clearly exposed the fact that the PM has accepted bribes in return for some favours on a number of occasions.
15. My grandmother is not willing to speak of what happened when she was a young woman – she always dismisses my requests for some reminiscence about the past by saying – it's only…….. (bridge).
16. I can let you in on one of the most intimate of my secrets, but you must promise me that you won't…….. (cat).
17. It's a sad truth, but a lot of young Americans living in the nineteenth century couldn't just …… (fence) when the American Civil War broke out in 1861. In fact, they had to take sides in the bloody conflict: the North or the South.
18. She tolerated a number of his vices (gambling, alcoholism, and occasional cheating on her), but when she found out he had had an affair with her best friend, that was ……. (last), which was why she immediately petitioned for divorce.
19. If we go to the forest in the afternoon, we will be able to enjoy some fresh air and pick some mushrooms. That's what one could call …….. (stone).

20.I need to drop in on Janet. Oh, …….. (devil). There she is!
21.I must have a word with her, but she keeps ignoring me all the time. Do you have any clue why she…… (shoulder) ?

II Rewrite the sentences using the words provided:

1.As soon as her criminal past was revealed, all people surrounding her started avoiding her. **BERTH**

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2. It is not often that I do the shopping in that supermarket. **MOON**

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3. I found his comments on the problem down to the point. **NAIL**

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4. His parents hardly ever agree on anything. **EYE**

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5.He experienced a great deal of social exclusion when his dark secrets were revealed. **COVENTRY**

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6. Never let yourself by deceived by appearances. **BOOK**

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8. Whenever I try to speak to her, she looks the other way and marches off. **SHOULDER**

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9. I believe that what he says clearly lacks credibility. **SALT**

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10. How long are you going to remain undecided? **FENCE**

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11.She arrived late for the meeting. Apart from that, she offended the manager. **INJURY**

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12. Having gone to the city centre, he was able to buy some clothes and collect his ID from the town hall. **KILL**

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13. He can hardly keep a secret he is entrusted with. **BAG**

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14. First, he was late for work a couple of times, but when he transferred the company's money to his private account, the manager decided to fire him at once. **STRAW**

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15.Children are in the habit of tricking their parents all the time. **WOOL**

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16.I can do you a favour, but I expect one in return. **BACK**

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17.Whenever he is faced with some hard work, he always chooses the easiest way. **CUT**

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18. These days, I am constantly overwhelmed with the amount of schoolwork, which prevents me from enjoying the outdoors. **PLATE**

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19. Not only has his new job given him a satisfactory salary, but it has also widened his circle of friends. **STONE**

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20. I see that he is out of his depth trying to shoulder all the responsibilities connected with the position of the manager. **CHEW**

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