The Write Tribe

Read the stories and do the idioms exercise below.

STORY 1 : The best of both worlds

Liyuan: I want ice cream!
Cecilia: I want chocolate
Their mother Helen's patience was going through the roof. She was in a dilemma on what to give them for dessert. Should it be chocolate or ice cream?
Then, she hatched the perfect plan.
Helen: Alright kids! Here's the best of both worlds. Chocolate ice cream!
Both Liyuan and Cecilia were on cloud nine. Indeed, they both got what they wanted.

Best of both worlds mean to have the benefits of two very different options.

STORY 2 : Time flies when you are having fun

Vera decided to bring Candice to a bouncy castle. Candice has never been to a bouncy castle. Besides, they have to spend two hours there! Candice was weary that it might be really boring! However to make Vera happy, she decided why not? After all, it was Vera's birthday. They entered the bouncy castle at 2pm. Before they knew it, two hours had gone by in a flash.
Candice: Wow Vera! I felt like we just entered a minute ago?
Vera: Don't you know? Time flies when you are having fun!

Have you ever noticed when you are going through a boring lesson, time moves so slow? However, during play time, time seem to move fast? When we are having fun, we don't want it to end. Therefore, we don't have a need to look at the watch. That's why time seems to move fast. However, when we are bored, we are constantly looking at time. That is why time seems to be crawling as slow as a snail. Think about it!

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STORY 3 : to get bent out of shape

Zi Yang had promised his mom that he would come home in time for lunch. For the past few weeks, Zi Yang had been constantly late as he stays back in school to play with his friends. This attitude of his has been making his mom see red. Finally, Zi Yang walks in.
Zi Yang's mother was all bent out of shape upon seeing his covered in mud from top to toe! She was so angry that she grounded him for two weeks!

SpongeBob Squarepants has always appeared to be square in shape. If he suddenly, takes another shape...perhaps a circle or a triangle, we can assume he is not his usual self. When a person gets bent out of shape, it means they are so mad that they don't act like their usual angelic self.

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idiom	meaning
Time flies when you are having fun	
The best of both worlds	
To get bent out of shape	
Break a leg	
Let someone off the hook	
Better late than never	
Speak of the devil	
Cut somebody some slack	
Easy does it	

To get the advantages of two different things	**so angry that they don't act like themselves**	**The person we were just talking about shows up**
better to go late than not go at all	**You don't notice time moving when you're enjoying yourself**	**good luck**
Don't be so critical	**slow down**	**let someone go without punishment**

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idiom	meaning
Getting out of hand	
A dime a dozen	
Get something out of your system	
Bite the bullet	
Get your act together	
That's the last straw	
Give someone the benefit of the doubt	
Go back to the drawing board	
Hang in there	

getting out of control	**To believe or trust what someone tells you even though it may not be true**	**to not give up**
finally telling someone what's bothering you	**start planning something again because earlier attempts were unsuccessful**	**get things in order / buck up**
common, worthless, cheap. Easy to find	**tolerate the pain for a while so it will be over soon**	**My patience has run out**

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idiom	meaning
A blessing in disguise	
Call it a day	
Hit the sack	
No pain, no gain	
Make a long story short	
Miss the boat	
On the ball	
Pull someone's leg	
Pull yourself together	

Don't beat around the bush and come straight to the point	**To calm oneself down after something terrible**	**Lose a chance**
play a prank	**go to sleep**	**stop working on something and rest**
something bad that turned out to be good	**You have to work for what you want**	**be focused**

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