

Cumulative Idioms Quiz

Part One: Write the letter of the correct definition next to each idiom

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| 1. ____Cutting corners | a To stop what you're doing and get control of your life or your emotions |
| 2. ____Beat around the bush | b That's true, I agree |
| 3. ____Let someone off the hook | c Don't be so critical |
| 4. ____Pull yourself together | d Doing a bad job on something in order to save time or money |
| 5. ____So far so good | e What you're doing is too risky. You need to have other options, not only one. |
| 6. ____You can say that again | f Make people feel more comfortable when they first meet |
| 7. ____Break the ice | g Postpone a plan |
| 8. ____cut someone some slack | h Things are going well up to now |
| 9. ____Don't put all your eggs in one basket | i Avoid saying what you mean, usually because it is uncomfortable |
| 10. ____Take a rain check | j To not hold someone responsible for something |

Part Two: Complete the Sentence with the Correct Idiom

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11. The teacher _____ for not doing well on the test. I was sick, so she told me I could take it again next week.
12. "This pizza is delicious!" " _____!"
"It's the best pizza I've ever had!"
13. When I go to parties, I like to ask people about their hobbies to _____. It helps people feel more comfortable to talk about themselves.
14. I know you really want to go to that school, but _____ . You need to apply to a lot of different schools, in case you don't get into your first choice.
15. How's your new job going? _____. I've only been there a week, but I'm already learning a lot.
16. That construction company tried to _____ on the building by using cheap materials. But because it was made of low-quality parts, the building collapsed and a lot of people were killed.

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17. I've been feeling a little under weather this week. Let's _____ on dinner and go next weekend instead. I don't want to get you sick.
18. I know I make mistakes, but English isn't my first language. Please _____. I'm doing my best. Don't laugh at me.
19. Listen, I need you to stop _____ and tell me directly what the problem is!
20. I got some really bad news and I needed a moment to _____ before responding. I didn't want to say the wrong thing because I was too emotional.