



Fashion Idioms



Activity 1: Match the idioms to their meanings.

1. Fall apart at the seams	F
2. Pull your socks up	
3. Wear the trousers	
4. Take your hat off to someone	
5. Put yourself in someone else's shoes	
6. Hand-me-downs	
7. Dressed to the nines	
8. Fit like a glove	
9. Put a sock in it	
10. Put your thinking cap on	
11. Hit someone below the belt	
12. Roll up your sleeves	
13. Have a card up your sleeve	
14. At the drop of a hat	

A	Used clothing
B	Try harder
C	Fit perfectly
D	Think hard to solve a problem
E	Recognise or honour someone for something
F	Be in very bad condition and needing repair
G	Dressed very elegantly
H	Be in charge of a situation
I	Get down to hard work
J	Try to understand someone else's experience as if it were your own
K	Have a secret plan
L	Without needing any notice beforehand
M	Do something beyond what is appropriate or socially acceptable
N	Stop talking



Activity 2: Fill in the missing words.

1. Put yourself in someone else's _____.
2. Hand-me-_____.
3. Fit like a _____.
4. Roll _____ your sleeves.
5. Put your thinking _____ on.

Activity 3: Complete the sentences with the appropriate idiom.

dressed to the nines	put a sock in it	pull my socks up
at the drop of a hat	take your hat off	

1. I was trying to tell my friend a story, but he told me to _____ ! How rude.
2. I didn't do great in my exams. I need to _____ and study harder for the next one.
3. We went to a fancy restaurant last night. Everyone was _____, but I was only in jeans!
4. I don't like my boss, but I have to _____ to him - he always meets deadlines.
5. My sister always comes to visit _____ ! I never have time to clean up before she arrives.

Activity 4: Complete the sentences.

1. When you try to empathise or relate with someone, you say you're _____.
2. If you take off your hat to someone, what you mean is _____.
3. If you're preparing for hard work, you may use the expression, _____.
4. If something fits like a glove, it means that the fit is _____.
5. If you're wearing hand-me-downs, it means that the clothes are _____.