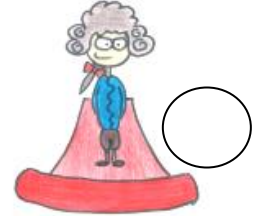


1. Read the sentences below. Match the idioms in bold with their definitions.

1. John kept coming late to work and chatting with his friends on Facebook instead of doing his job so he finally **got the sack**. He is looking for a new job now.
2. I'm tired. I think I need **a day off** to recharge the batteries.
3. Sorry, Brian, I can't help you right now. I'm **up to my ears in work** myself.
4. Why do I always have to do all **the donkey work** while you do all the fun stuff? I would also like to meet our customers in restaurants and cafés instead of doing all the paperwork.
5. John is such a lazybones. He **won't lift a finger** to help his wife with the housework.
6. If you want to close this deal, you need to talk to the boss not **the small fry**.
7. I've been cleaning the windows all day. I'm **on my last legs**!
8. Harry's father is **a bigwig** in his company. He's got a company limo and a private driver.
9. I always feel **full of beans** after my morning jogging routine.
10. John **is paid peanuts** in his company so he can't afford to buy a new car. He should look for a well-paid job.

1. A very important person. →.....
2. An unimportant person or people. →.....
3. To get very little money for your work. →.....
4. To have a lot to do, perhaps even more than you can manage. →.....
5. A day free from working. →.....
6. To be extremely tired. →.....
7. To be full of energy and enthusiasm. →.....
8. To be dismissed from work and become unemployed. →.....
9. To refuse to make even a small effort. →.....
10. Hard and extremely boring work. →.....

2. Fill in the missing words. Match the idioms with the pictures.



1. up to one's in work

2. be on one's last

3. a off

4. not lift a

5. be paid

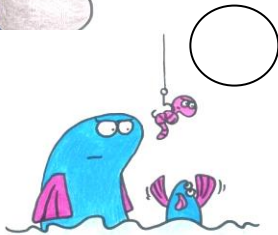
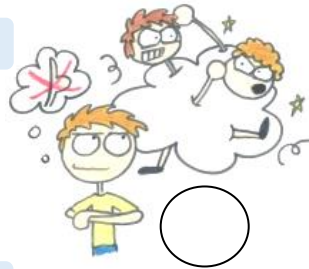
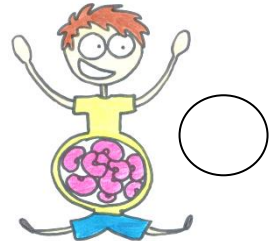
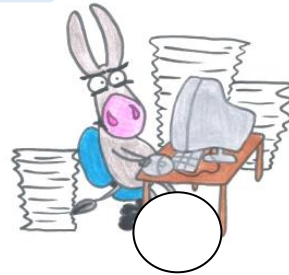
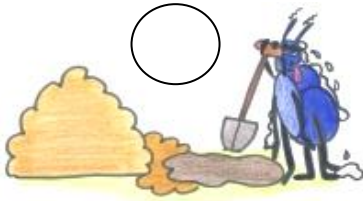
6. the sack

7. be full of

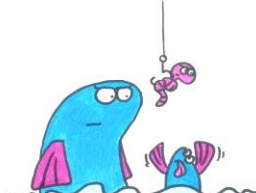
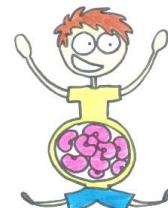
8. a bigwig

9. the fry

10. donkey



3. Listen to the teacher and number the pictures.



4. Match.

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| 1. donkey | ___ the sack |
| 2. full | ___ last legs |
| 3. up to one's ears | ___ fry |
| 4. get | ___ a finger |
| 5. a small | ___ of beans |
| 6. be paid | ___ in work |
| 7. be on one's | ___ off |
| 8. not lift | ___ work |
| 9. a day | ___ peanuts |

5. Decide if the sentences are true or false.

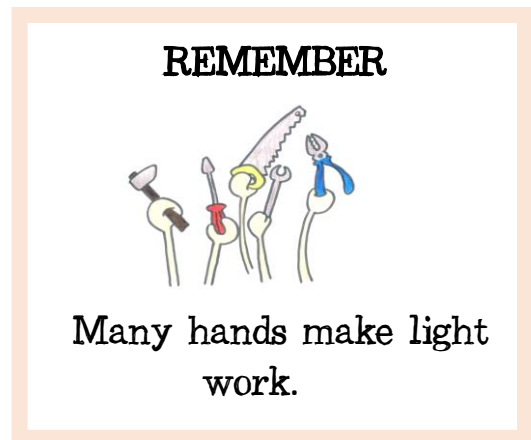
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| 1. Martin is a really important person in his company. He is the small fry. | T / F |
| 2. I'm paid peanuts. I earn a lot! | T / F |
| 3. Suzie's taken a day off. She is not at the office today. | T / F |
| 4. Jill is always full of beans. She is energetic and cheerful. | T / F |
| 5. I'm on my last legs. I'm relaxed and well-rested. | T / F |
| 6. Bob didn't lift a finger to help me. I'm very grateful for his help. | T / F |
| 7. Lucy has got the sack. She's been promoted and earns more money now. | T / F |
| 8. Ted is on his last legs. He doesn't feel tired at all. | T / F |

6. Rewrite the sentences using idioms.

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| 1. Tom earns very little money. | →..... |
| 2. I need a one-day holiday. | →..... |
| 3. Bob won't help. | →..... |
| 4. I'm exhausted! | →..... |
| 5. I am full of energy! | →..... |
| 6. I hate this boring work! | →..... |

7. Explain the meaning of the sayings below.

- Never do things by halves.
- All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.
- Practice makes perfect.
- A bad workman blames his tools.



8. Ask your partner the following questions. Take turns.

1. Give examples of donkey work you sometimes have to do.
2. What would you do if you had a day off school tomorrow?
3. When are you full of beans? What do you do to be cheerful and full of life?
4. When was the last time you felt you were on your last legs? What did you do?
5. What would you say to your friend if they didn't want to lift a finger in a class project?
6. What advice would you give to someone who has just got the sack?
7. What are the advantages of being the bigwig?
8. In what kind of jobs are people paid peanuts?
9. What can you do now not to be paid peanuts in the future?

9. Play the Taboo Game.

Cut out the cards. Play in groups of three. One person takes the card, one tries to guess the idiom and one is a referee. Switch roles after each round. The objective of the game is for a player to have their partner guess the idiom on the player's card without using the idiom itself or the three additional words listed on the card.

<p>A BIGWIG</p> <p>most important person</p>	<p>BE PAID PEANUTS</p> <p>be paid little earn</p>
<p>FULL OF BEANS</p> <p>full of energy energetic</p>	<p>UP TO YOUR EARS IN WORK</p> <p>have a lot of work</p>
<p>GET THE SACK</p> <p>get dismissed unemployed</p>	<p>ON YOUR LAST LEGS</p> <p>tired exhausted rest</p>
<p>DONKEY WORK</p> <p>boring hard exhausting</p>	<p>A DAY OFF</p> <p>holiday free rest</p>