

LESSON PLAN

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The Origins of Sayings



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UP ON THE SMOKING MOUNTAIN

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PRE-INTERMEDIATE

Stages	Procedure	Time
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To practice <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. scanning skills b. guessing the meaning in context 	
Warmer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teacher writes the word 'idioms' on the board & asks <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Do you know what this word means? b. Can you give me an example of an idiom? 2. Teacher elicit response to the questions, give one or two examples if none are forthcoming from the students. 3. Teacher leads into the topic of the day. 	4 mins
Pre-reading	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teacher arranges the students into small groups. 2. Teacher distributes Task 1 3. In small groups, students work on Task 1. 4. Teacher checks answer. (Students may not know most of these idioms but the idea here is to let them guess at the meanings.) 	10 mins
While-Reading	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teacher distributes Task 2. 2. Students answer the questions in Task 2. 	8 mins
Post-reading	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teacher checks the answers and provide feedback. 2. Teacher distributes Task 3. 3. In small groups, students discuss and match each situation to its corresponding idiom. 4. Teacher discusses the answers. 	10 mins
Wrap	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teacher does a concept check of the lesson 	5 mins

TASK 1**Match the idiom to its meaning.**

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| 1. Spill the beans | ■ | ■ a. to force yourself to do something unpleasant or difficult, or to be brave in a difficult situation |
| 2. Rule of thumb | ■ | ■ b. Don't assume the outcome of a situation until the very end |
| 3. Take a rain check | ■ | ■ c. Saved from a bad situation at the last moment |
| 4. Eat humble pie | ■ | ■ d. To reveal a secret |
| 5. Bite the bullet | ■ | ■ e. Everything; all the way |
| 6. Saved by the bell | ■ | ■ f. To refuse an offer or invitation but with the hope or promise that it can be postponed to a later date or time |
| 7. Sleep tight | ■ | ■ g. a general principle or rule based on experience or practice, not on scientific calculation |
| 8. Whole nine yards | ■ | ■ h. To admit that one is wrong |
| 9. It's not over until the fat lady sings | ■ | ■ i. Sleep well |

TASK 2

Choose one word from the relevant section of the article to replace the words in bold.

Statements	Word
1. He accidentally knocked over the vase of flowers because of his awkward movements in the tiny room.	
2. The story about the judge ruling that husbands may beat their wives with a stick no bigger than his thumb might just have been hearsay .	
3. Problems arise when the machines in the factory are not properly maintained.	
4. 'Umble' refers to the internal organs of animals which were baked in a pie.	
5. Because of the lack of painkillers during wartime, wounded soldiers were given a bullet to bite on while being operated on.	
6. Before taking office, the newly-elected head boy repeated aloud the oath of office.	
7. Boxes of grenades, bullets and rockets were stolen from the army base.	

TASK 3

Rearrange the sequence events in the table below

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| 1. I'm willing to do all I can to help him get the scholarship that he deserves. ■ | ■ j. Rule of thumb |
| 2. He admitted his mistake although he is never one to do so. ■ | ■ k. Spill the beans |
| 3. The teacher was just about to ask me to answer the question when the fire alarm went off. ■ | ■ l. It's not over until the fat lady sings |
| 4. After such a hard day, I think you deserve a good rest. Well, have a good night! ■ | ■ m. Eat humble pie |
| 5. Tommy will tell all if the discipline master threatens to call his mother. ■ | ■ n. Go the whole nine yards |
| 6. Thank you for inviting me to join you for dinner, but I have another appointment this evening. Can we do it another time? ■ | ■ o. Bite the bullet |
| 7. We may be way behind the other team but until the game is over we cannot say that we have lost. ■ | ■ p. Take a rain check |
| 8. When challenged to eat a fried cricket, David had no choice but to do so as he didn't want to appear weak. ■ | ■ q. Sleep tight |
| 9. People always say you should just play dead when you encounter a bear. ■ | ■ r. Saved by the bell |

ANSWERS

Task 1

1. d
2. g
3. f
4. h
5. a
6. c
7. i
8. e
9. b

Task 2

1. clumsy
2. rumoured
3. come up
4. innards
5. anaesthetics
6. recited
7. ammunition

Task 3

1. e
2. d
3. i
4. h
5. b
6. g
7. c
8. f
9. a