

- An **idiom** is an expression that has a meaning different from the usual meanings of the individual words within it.

EXAMPLE: We're in hot water means "We're in trouble," not "We're immersed in warm liquid."

A. Read each sentence. Then write the letter of the corresponding idiom for the underlined word or words.

A. all ears	D. call it a day	G. down in the dumps
B. hit the road	E. up in the air	H. on top of things
C. over the moon	F. see red	I. come through

1. I've done enough work for now. I'm going to quit working.
2. When the project was proposed, Hamil was listening intently.
3. Amy won a scholarship; she is delighted.
4. The day for the picnic is still undecided.
5. People who snub others make me angry.
6. If we have trouble making the payment, we know dad will help.
7. It's past midnight, time for us to leave.
8. When Lawrence learned he had failed, he was sad for several weeks.
9. After working hard, I finally feel in control of the situation.

B. Write the usual meaning of the following idioms.

1. Monica is tired; she's been burning the candle at both ends. _____
2. That TV program always cracks up its viewers. _____
3. After the financial loss, our family was really down and out. _____
4. Many of Caleb's ideas seem to be off the wall. _____
5. I can't attend the movie; I'm up to my neck in paperwork. _____
6. Jan is on time once in a blue moon. _____
7. When I make mistakes, my brother likes to rub it in. _____
8. After the accident, the divers were shaken up. _____
9. Interns at the company are considered to be wet behind the ears. _____