

## Level V- Idioms

*Note: If an idiom includes a verb, remember to put it in the proper tense in your sentence. Idioms marked with an (\*) are inseparable. Remember if you use a pronoun, it must go between the two words. It cannot go at the end.*

### For the Midterm

1. **to bring (something) up** - to present for attention or consideration; to discuss or talk about

- She decided against **bringing** the matter **up** at the weekly meeting.
- Don't **bring up** his ex-girlfriend because he's very sensitive about it.
- I didn't want **to bring** this **up**, but you still owe me \$40 from last week.

2. **\*to keep on + gerund - to continue**

- Al **kept on** talking even though the teacher asked him to stop several times.
- They **kept on** playing their radio until three o'clock in the morning.
- Why do you **keep on** insisting that dinosaurs still exist?

3. **to do (something) over** - to repeat or do again in order to make improvements on the original

- The teacher asked the students **to do** their homework **over** because they made too many mistakes.
- The receptionist told me that I made a mistake on the form, so I have **to do** it **over**.

4. **to get up** - to arise, to move from a lying or sitting position to a standing position; to wake up in the morning

- You have **to get up** at 7 o'clock every morning because you live far away.
- The students were so tired that they didn't want **to get up** from their chairs.
- My mom used **to get** me **up** every morning at 6:00 to go to school.

5. **to (be) name(d) after** - to be given the same name as someone else

- Helen **is named after** her aunt.
- My grandson **is named** Washington **after** a former president of the United States.
- Because I admire Emilia Earhart, I decided **to name** my first daughter **after** her.

6. **to take up** - to begin a new hobby

- Margaret wants **to take up** painting when she retires.
- If you want to study anthropology, why don't you **take** it **up**?

6b. **to take (something) up with (somebody)** - to consult someone who is generally higher in position or authority

- If you want to change the new policy, you will have **to take it up** with school principal.
- You need **to take** the matter of my vacation time **up with** my boss.

7. **Keep out (of)** - do not enter, stay out \*Use "of" if it is followed by an object

- My little brother has a hard time **keeping out of** my room and my things.
- The new supervisor told the staff **to keep out of** her office and all of her files.
- What are you doing here? I told you to **keep out!** \*\*\*No object following "keep out" in this example.

8. **to hang up** - to put something on a hanger, hook, or nail

- He **hung** his coat **up** in the closet.
- Can you help me **hang up** this painting on the wall?

8b. **to hang up / to hang up on (someone)** - to replace the telephone on its cradle, return the receiver to the base / to end a phone call abruptly

- The phone call wouldn't go through, so the operator told me to **hang up** and try again.
- Sally was so angry at her boyfriend that she **hung up on** him.

9.\* **to turn up** - to appear in an unexpected place after being lost or not seen for a long time

- After looking for three days, my keys finally **turned up** in my car.
- You thought you had lost my camera, but it **turned up** in my room last night.
- I hadn't seen Bill in a while, but then last night he **turned up** at Maggie's party.

9b. **to turn up** - to increase volume or intensity

- You can barely hear the music. Please **turn it up**.
- It's cold in here. Can you **turn up** the heat?

9-2 **to turn down** - to reject

- Frank tried to join the Air Force, but they **turned** him **down** because of his bad eyesight.
- John is depressed because his girlfriend **turned down** his marriage proposal.

9 - 2b **to turn down** - to decrease volume or intensity

- **Turn** the stove **down** or you'll burn the rice!
- My dad **turned down** the air-conditioner because it was too cold in here.

10. **to get away with** - to do something forbidden or illegal and to escape without punishment

- The bank president **got away with** stealing people's money, and now he is living in Miami.
- I'm going to break up with my boyfriend. He isn't going to **get away with** cheating on me.

## For the Final

1. **\*to call on** - to visit a person (often unexpectedly)
  - Last night several friends **called on** us at our home.
  - It's polite to let someone know when you are going to **call on** them before you arrive.
  
- 1b. **\*to call on** - to ask to speak in class
  - I hate it when the teacher **calls on** me when I don't know the answer.
  - The teacher always **calls on** the quiet people in the class to make sure they participate.
  
2. **\*to go over** - to review or check carefully
  - Let's **go over** our strategy one more time before the game begins to be sure we are prepared.
  - I need to **go over** a speech at least five times before I'm ready to give it.
  
3. **to make up** - to invent
  - Little children love to **make up** stories.
  - Students always **make up** lies in order not to do their homework and excuses for being late.
  
- 3b. **to make up** - to do something that you didn't originally do at a later date
  - My boss told me I had to **make up** the work I missed when I was sick.
  - Did you make up the quiz you missed?
  
- 3c. **\*to make up (with someone)** - to reconcile with someone
  - My boyfriend and I **made up** yesterday.
  - I don't think I'll ever **make up** with Sandra. We will never forgive each other.
  
4. **\*to pass away** - to die
  - She is sad because her grandmother **passed away**.
  - I'm sorry to hear about your father's **passing away**.
  
5. **to drop out of** - to withdraw from or stop going to school, a class, a club, etc.
  - Many children have **to drop out of** school in order to help their families.
  - Two teams **dropped out of** the finals because they lost.
  
6. **to sleep in** - to sleep later than usual in the morning
  - I love holidays because I don't have to go to work and can **sleep in** until 10 AM.
  - My sister always **sleeps in** on Sundays and watches TV.
  
7. **to take off** - to remove clothing
  - You should always **take off** your hat before you sit down to eat.
  - I always have to **take** my jackets **off** in stores because I get really hot.

7b. **\*to take off** - when an airplane leaves the ground

- Did the accident occur while the plane was **taking off**?
- The captain told us that **take off** would be delayed because of poor weather.

7c. **to take off** - to leave (on a trip)

- He **takes off** for Chicago tomorrow.
- I'm going to **take off** in an hour. I can't stay any longer.

8. **to be sick/tired of** - to have had enough of; to want no more of

- I am **sick of** your complaining and **tired of** your behavior.
- My boyfriend **is sick and tired** of my lies, so he broke up with me.
- **Aren't** you **tired of** doing everything your sister tells you to do?
- I'm **sick of** waking up early every morning. I would like to sleep in every now and then.

9. **to be fed up with** - to have no more tolerance for (similar to sick/tired of)

- I **am fed up with** your attitude. You're fired!
- The staff **was fed up with** her incompetence and lack of consideration of others.

10. **to stop by** - to visit briefly on your way somewhere else

- Cindy **stopped by** my apartment to wish me a happy birthday on her way to the movies.
- I'll **stop by** for gas on my way home.