

UNIT 1 LESSON 3A VOCABULARY: Idioms

What are Idioms
Ex. 2,3,4



Vocabulary:

- Idioms: *come across as, create a bond, fire questions at someone, have a laugh, hit it off, insist on having the last word, jump down someone's throat, make a favourable impression, make small talk, not get a word in edgeways, pay someone a compliment, put somebody on the spot, refuse to let something drop, strike up a conversation, take to someone*

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(Idiom) هو تعبير يتكوّن من كلمتين أو أكثر، ومعناه يختلف عن المعنى الحرفي للكلمات. يُستخدم للتعبير عن فكرة بطريقة خاصة وشائعة في اللغة الإنجليزي

مثال: "**Break the ice**" تعني أن تبدأ محادثة مع شخص بطريقة لطيفة لتخفيف التوتر وجعل الجو أكثر راحة او بمعنى اخر كسر الجمود وبدء الحديث

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Idioms in the Passage 'How to Break the Ice'

كيف تكسر الجمود وتكوّن صداقات جديدة

لا تقلق كثيرًا بشأن **ترك انطباع جيد** (make a favorable impression). غالبًا ما تكون أفضل طريقة **لبداء محادثة** (strike up a conversation) هي مجرد التعليق على الطقس. إذا تمكنت من **الضحك مع الطرف الآخر** (have a laugh) بشأن شيء تقومان به معًا، فيمكن أن يساعد ذلك على **بناء علاقة** (create a bond) بينكما.

الناس يحبون عندما **تُجاملهم بكلام لطيف** (pay them a compliment)، لكن يجب أن تكون صادقًا. **فقط ابدأ حديثًا بسيطًا** (make small talk) عن مكان سكنك، وما إلى ذلك. قد تكتشف **أنكما انسجمتما فوراً** (hit it off) أو أصبحتم أصدقاء مدى الحياة.

الناس يميلون أكثر إلى **الإعجاب بك** (take to you) إذا كنت **تبدو كشخص ودود** (come across as) عند لقائهم. لذا، حافظ على التواصل البصري وابتسم.

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Passage Idioms and Meanings

Idiom	Meaning (English)	المعنى بالعربية
make a favourable impression	To create a positive opinion or image of yourself in someone's mind	ترك انطباع جيد عند الآخرين
strike up a conversation	To start talking with someone you don't know	بدء محادثة مع شخص لا تعرفه
have a laugh	To enjoy something funny together	تضحك أو تستمتع بشيء مضحك مع الآخرين
create a bond	To build a connection or feeling of friendship	إنشاء علاقة أو رابطة ودية مع شخص آخر
pay them a compliment	To say something nice or praise someone	تقديم مجاملة أو قول شيء لطيف لشخص ما
make small talk	To have a light, casual conversation about simple topics	إجراء حديث خفيف أو سطحي عن أمور عامة
hit it off	To quickly become friendly or get along well with someone	الانسجام بسرعة مع شخص آخر
take to you	To begin to like you	أن يبدأ شخص ما بالإعجاب بك
come across as	To appear or seem to be (a certain way)	أن تبدو أو تعطي انطباعاً بأنك شخص معين (مثلاً: ودود)

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Listening to Idioms

Audioscript 1.3

I hate it when someone talks so much that I just **can't get a word in edgeways**. I know it's often because they're nervous, but it's really annoying. However, maybe it's even worse when someone **keeps firing questions at you** and makes you do all the talking. To **make a favourable impression** on someone, you have to learn to get a balance between speaking and listening.

- 3  1.3 Listen to someone talking about breaking the ice. What behaviour does she find annoying when meeting new people?



انا أكره عندما يتحدث شخص كثيرًا لدرجة أنني لا أستطيع إدخال كلمة واحدة في الحديث (can't get a word in edgeway) (أي لا أستطيع المشاركة بالكلام). أعلم أن ذلك غالبًا يكون بسبب التوتر، لكنه مزعج حقًا. ومع ذلك، قد يكون الأمر أسوأ عندما يُمطرك أحدهم بالأسئلة (firing questions at you) ويجعلك تقوم بكل الحديث. لكي تترك انطباعًا جيدًا (make a favourable impression) لدى شخص ما، عليك أن تتعلم كيف توازن بين التحدث والاستماع.

More English Idioms

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2	put somebody on the spot	to embarrass someone by forcing them to answer a difficult question	أن تضع شخصًا في موقف محرج بإجباره على الإجابة عن سؤال صعب
3	fire questions at someone	to ask someone a lot of questions quickly	أن تمطر شخصًا بالأسئلة بسرعة
4	refuse to let something drop	to not stop talking about something	أن ترفض التوقف عن الحديث عن موضوع ما
5	insist on having the last word	to have to make the final point	الإصرار على أن تكون الكلمة الأخيرة لك في النقاش
6	not get a word in edgeways	to be unable to say anything because someone else is talking all the time	عدم القدرة على قول أي شيء لأن الطرف الآخر يتحدث طوال الوقت