

Lesson 19

Idioms

Idioms are expressions whose meanings are not meant to be taken literally. (Example: “*Don’t beat around the bush!*” means “*Get to the point!*”)

A. Underline the idiom in each sentence. Then rewrite the sentence using regular words.

1. Do you think we should call it a day and go home?

2. Let’s cut the small talk and begin the meeting.

3. I am not sure if we will catch any fish, but let’s keep our fingers crossed.

4. I thought everyone was happy, but someone put up a fuss.

5. I would like to stay and chat, but time is money.

B. Match each idiom to its meaning. Write the letter of your answer in the space.

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| 6. small talk | _____ | a. it is huge |
| 7. pulling my leg | _____ | b. chatter |
| 8. hit the airwaves | _____ | c. teasing |
| 9. that thing is a monster | _____ | d. raining very hard |
| 10. raining cats and dogs | _____ | e. be in the news |

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