

Idioms | Lesson 02

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Example Dialogue

Misha : Can you pass me the glass, if you please?

Riye : Sure! Here it is.

Misha : Anyway, the reunion will take place next Sunday with our kith and kin.

Riye : Yes, I am excited about that. We will have time for each other again.

Misha : I'm also excited to talk about our new lease on life after that devastating earthquake last month.

Riye : I heard that Yuki became indispensable in the company. Any product promoted by her seems to sell like hot cakes.

Misha : She must be a very good in marketing.

Riye : But of course! Yuki also told me that they would be hiring soon again.

Misha : Really? Why don't you try applying there? No strings attached.

Riye : Maybe I will. After I graduate, that is.

 Try to figure out the meaning of these idioms.


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Example Passage

Misha and Riye are cousins and they will have their reunion together with their **kith and kin**. Since they experienced a massive earthquake a month ago, they are looking forward to talking about their **new lease on life**. Misha is a graduate student who wants to have a job like her cousin Yuki, whose products **sell like hot cakes** in her company. In his head, he frequently imagines asking her: "Yuki, can you help me get this job, **if you please**. **No strings attached**, though."

 **Again, try to figure out the meaning of these idioms.**

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**Definitions**

if you please (if you would, please) | a polite phrase introducing or following a request

*Can I join the club, **if you please**?*

*Can you choose some drink for me, **if you please**?*

kith and kin | one's relatives and friends

*There is a **kith and kin** pictorial at Rosa's wedding.*

*Her entire **kith and kin** will attend the reunion.*

new lease on life | a renewed and revitalized outlook on life

*When I issued forth from that jungle, I felt as if I had a **new lease on life**.*

*Surviving that risky heart surgery has really given her a **new lease on life**.*

sell like hot cakes | to sell rapidly; to sell fast

*Since they opened that store, their goods have been **selling like hot cakes**.*

*During Black Friday, products **sell like hot cakes**.*

no strings attached | no special demands or limits that you have to accept

*Rod and Annie have a relationship with **no strings attached**.*

*Her parents have spoiled her, giving her money with **no strings attached**.*

Make sure you can understand the meaning of these idioms.

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Practice

Fill in the blanks with the correct **idioms** (in the correct form) to complete the dialogue.

1 | Pass me the salt, _____.

2 | My whole _____ will attend my graduation ceremony.

3 | After the earthquake, people got a _____.

4 | She entered the job with _____.

5 | Wait for me at the cafeteria, _____.

6 | Sheila had a reunion with her _____ yesterday.

7 | I pray and thank God for this _____.

8 | They were able to get a new ID with _____ because her friend is an officer.

9 | Lindsay's barbecue _____ in school.

10 | Lina, can you bring me some food for tonight, _____?



APPLICATION: Create your own sentences using these idioms.

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Exercise

Fill in the blanks with the correct **idioms** (in the correct form) to complete the dialogue.

(Seya and Takeshi were talking about the store.)

Seya : I wanted to buy Bench's new clothes. However, _____ they were out of stock already. The clerk told me that I needed to wait for a month to get them.

Takeshi : Oh, that's sad to hear.

Seya : Yeah... By the way, your sister is working there. I wonder if I can ask for her help so that I can get them with _____. Can you ask her, _____?

Takeshi : No problem. Usually, employees' _____ get some special treatment anyway.

Seya : Ha ha. I hear you.

Takeshi : Also, I think that after that incident, when the owner's life was saved by one of the employees, he took a _____ and started treating everyone like family.



APPLICATION: Create your own dialogue using these idioms with your teacher.

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