

## Idioms | Lesson 28

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### Example Dialogue

Sharon : Hey, Eddie! Does the name Mary Dorr ring a bell?

Eddie : Mary Dorr? No. Should it?

Sharon : You don't remember?

Eddie : No. Stop beating around the bush and tell me. What about Mary Dorr?

Sharon : The girl you were head over heels in love with in 8<sup>th</sup> grade! You really don't remember her at all?

Eddie : Ah, that Mary! It was just puppy love. She didn't even look my way.

Sharon : You said different things in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Eddie : Oh, really? Like what?

Sharon : Like: "We are a match made in heaven." (*chuckle*)

Eddie : Oh boy... I can't believe I said that. (*sigh*) So what about Mary?

Sharon : Well, she got married recently...



*Try to figure out the meaning of these idioms.*

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**Example Passage**

When I was 15, I was head over heels with Aylen. She was a girl from my grade, but a different class. People tell me it was just puppy love and they're probably right. The first time I actually noticed her was when I was passing by the music class. I heard a melody that rang a bell. It was a song that I really liked. So, even though I was in a hurry, I peeked inside the classroom. Aylen was playing her guitar, while some of her classmates were listening. She stopped playing, turned her head and looked at me. I just said "Oh, sorry!" and hurried away. I remember that she smiled at me right before I left. I was embarrassed about it later.

After I told the story to my friends, they said Aylen and I were a match made in heaven. I didn't believe them, of course. However, I decided to talk to her and maybe invite her to a movie. When I finally came up to her, I said "hi," beat around the bush for a bit and left. I never invited her anywhere. Sometimes I wonder: did she think I was some crazy person back then?

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

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## Definitions

**match made in heaven** | a relationship that is likely to be perfect

*I think those two are a **match made in heaven**; they should get married!*

*You and David are a **match made in heaven** – you are so alike!*

**puppy love** | an attachment or love, usually between young people; mild infatuation

*I didn't take his words seriously, because we were children. It clearly was **puppy love**.*

*I was sure I was going to marry her. Unfortunately, it was just **puppy love**.*

**head over heels** | very much in love with someone

*He's **head over heels** with that young actress!*

*He fell **head over heels** in love with her on their trip to Moscow.*

**ring a bell** | to sound or seem familiar

*This plot **rings a bell**; I think I have seen this movie you're talking about.*

*I am sorry. Your description of the movie does not **ring a bell** at all.*

**beat around (about) the bush** | not to say something directly, usually because you don't want to hurt anyone

*I had to tell Sally some bad news, but instead I just started **beating around the bush** and didn't tell her anything.*

*Make sure you can understand the meaning of these idioms.*

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 Practice

Use the correct *idioms* (in a correct form) to complete the sentences.

- 1 | They thought it was \_\_\_\_\_, but I still love that girl.
- 2 | Mark and Elizabeth are \_\_\_\_\_; they are perfect together.
- 3 | She's \_\_\_\_\_ with Simon. I wonder if he loves her too.
- 4 | Does this name \_\_\_\_\_?
- 5 | Don't \_\_\_\_\_ and set me straight, please!
- 6 | I was only 6 when I told her I liked her. Obviously, it was just \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 | Everyone said that Sam and I are \_\_\_\_\_, but I don't think so.
- 8 | This \_\_\_\_\_; I think I remember that day.
- 9 | She can't stop talking about how perfect he is; she's \_\_\_\_\_ in love with him.
- 10 | I couldn't tell him he will be fired; I just \_\_\_\_\_.



**APPLICATION:** Create your own sentences using these idioms.

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 Exercise

Use the correct **idioms** (in a correct form) to complete the dialogue.

(Liam and Alexander spot an old friend, Martina.)

**Alexander:** Isn't that Martina?

**Liam** : Yeah, that's her.

**Alexander:** Who's that with her?

**Liam** : It's Alberto.

**Alexander:** His name \_\_\_\_\_. Do we know him?

**Liam** : Yeah, we talked to him at a party once. Martina was, you know...

**Alexander:** Don't \_\_\_\_\_. What?

**Liam** : She fell \_\_\_\_\_ for Alberto.

**Alexander:** Really?

**Liam** : She knew him since childhood. I knew she liked him before, but I thought it was just \_\_\_\_\_, you know.

**Alexander:** I didn't know.

**Liam** : People keep saying that they're a \_\_\_\_\_. But I don't really think so.



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

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