

Appendix C: Idiom Groups

This appendix categorizes idioms and expressions in different ways to help you learn and remember.

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Life/death
As
Up/down
Numbers
Time
Body parts

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Get
Make
Look
Be
Go
Have
Take
Drop
Turn

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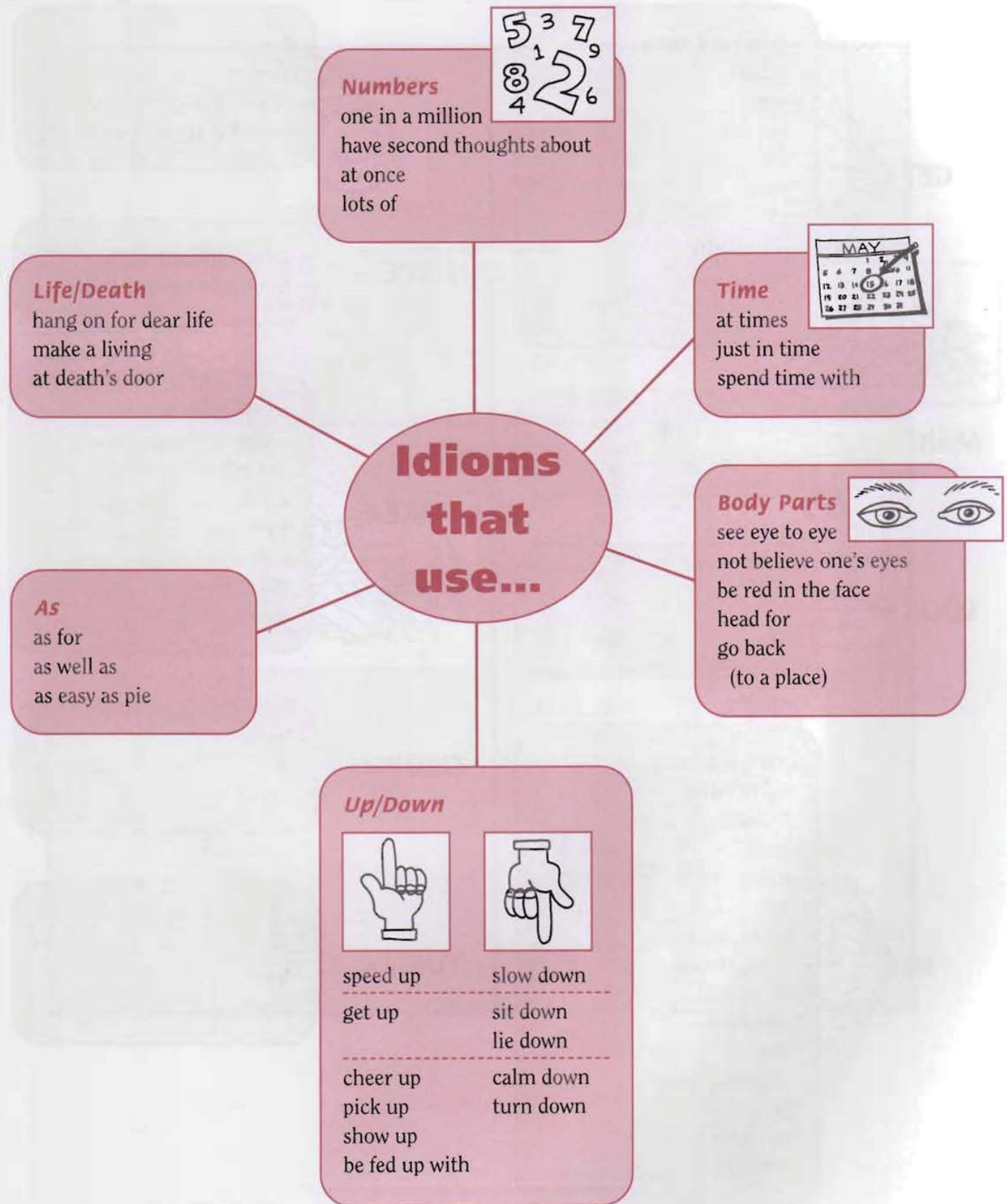
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Idioms grouped according to form



Idioms grouped according to form

Verbs

GET

worse and worse
rid of
over
out (of)
on
better
in
along with
up
mad at

GO

back to
shopping
after
on (What is going on?)

MAKE

oneself at home
a living

HAVE

second thoughts about
trouble doing something

LOOK

into
for
like

TAKE

a look at
a ferry (bus, train, plane)
out (of)
a nap
a vacation
a picture (of)
off
away

BE

red in the face
horrified by
fast asleep
back
frightened by
into
crazy about
in big trouble
fed up with
steaming
over
at death's door
in
dirt poor
well-off

DROP

by
in
out of

TURN

on
off
over
down

Idioms grouped according to meaning

Feelings

Like very much

be crazy about
be into



Dislike

be fed up with
can't stand
be horrified by



Agree with

see eye to eye (with)
get along (with)

Disagree with

not see eye to eye (with)
get mad (at)



Calm, relaxed

be fast asleep
take a nap
fall asleep
lie down



be on vacation
take a vacation

make oneself at home
calm down

Emotional

lose it = freak out

ANGRY

be steaming
get mad at



IN TROUBLE

be in big trouble

AFRAID

be frightened by



SUSPICIOUS

smell a rat

ASHAMED

be red in the face

SURPRISED

not believe one's eyes



Idioms grouped according to meaning

Changes



Change in location

walk off
run away
take off
(on foot, in a car, in a plane)
head for
(on foot, in a car, in a plane)
get in/get out of
(bed, the shower, the bathtub, a car)
get on/get off
(a bus, a train, a ship, a plane, an elevator)

Change in position

lie down/get up
sit down/get up



turn over

Change in mood

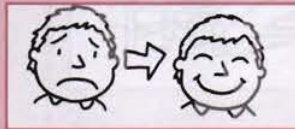
lose it = freak out



calm down



cheer someone up



Change in opinion

have second thoughts about

Change in speed

speed up slow down



Change in health status

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get better
get over

-

get worse and worse

Change in educational status

get in (to a school or university)
= be accepted
drop out of (school)
= leave before graduating



Change in the operation of an electrical device

turn on (+)
turn off (-)



turn up (→)

Idioms grouped according to meaning

Opposites

be dirt poor	be well-off
turn on	turn off
get better	get worse and worse
speed up	slow down
calm down	lose it, freak out
get in	get out (of)
can't stand, be fed up with	be crazy about, be into
right away, at once	after a while, later on
be in big trouble	save the day
get mad at	see eye to eye, get along with



Time expressions

When?	<i>immediately:</i>	right away, at once
	<i>after some time:</i>	later on, after a while
	<i>up to now:</i>	so far
	<i>in time:</i>	just in time

How often?

<i>sometimes:</i>	at times
<i>repeatedly:</i>	again and again



Performance



Do something well:

do one's best
save the day

People may say:

"Congratulations on the good work!"
"You're one in a million!"



Do something poorly:

make a mistake
have trouble doing something

People may say:

"You're in big trouble."
"What's going on?"
"What's the matter?"

Idioms grouped according to meaning

Leaving, Returning, and Arriving



Leaving

- walk off (= leave on foot)
- run away (= leave quickly on foot)
- take off (= leave on foot, by car, in a plane, etc.)
- get out (of) (= leave a bed, a car, the shower)
- drop out (of) (= leave school, a race, a competition, etc.)
- let out (= let someone leave)

Returning

- go back (to)
- be back (at)

Arriving

- show up
- drop in
- drop by

Money

- be well-off
- be dirt poor
- make a living

- go shopping
- pay for



Eyes, Nose, and Ears



Eyes

- stare at
- take a look at
- look for
- look into
- not believe one's eyes
- see eye to eye

Nose

- smell a rat



Ears

- listen to



Health

+

- get better
- get over (an illness)

-

- get worse and worse
- be at death's door



Bed

- lie down/get up
- get in/get out of

- fall asleep
- be fast asleep
- take a nap

