






A. Idioms in pictures: What idioms do these pictures illustrate? Write the idioms in the blanks.

	IDIOM		MEANING
1. 	_____	=	be very happy
2. 	_____	=	go crazy
3. 	_____	=	sleep very deeply
4. 	_____	=	be in trouble
5. 	_____	=	be very happy

B. Odd one out: Cross out the word or phrase that doesn't go with the verb.

<p>1. GET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the picture easy ready over lost 	<p>4. BE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> crazy about dying to frozen stiff mistake in hot water on top of the world dumbfounded scared to death
<p>2. GO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> on cloud nine crazy bananas 	<p>5. TURN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the tables into ready
<p>3. LOOK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> like a million dollars into thin air high and low for 	

C. In, on, or off? Complete each expression with the correct word.

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| 1. What _____ the world? | 5. What's going _____? | 9. rip _____ |
| 2. turn the tables _____ someone | 6. be _____ cloud nine | 10. be _____ hot water |
| 3. show _____ for someone | 7. cut _____ | |
| 4. _____ the nick of time | 8. be _____ top of the world | |

D. Good or bad? Is the speaker feeling good or bad? Write the sentences in the boxes.

I'm on cloud nine.

I'm taking it easy.

I'm in hot water.

I look like a million dollars.

I'm frozen stiff.

I'm having a great time.



I'm scared to death.

I'm crazy about this food!

I'm really getting lost.

I feel blue.

I'm on top of the world.

	
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E. Time expressions: Match the time expressions in A with their meanings in B. Draw lines.

Then fill in the blanks below with the expressions in A.

A

1. before long
2. a bit later
3. all at once
4. once a year
5. in the nick of time
6. all night long

B

- a. at the last possible moment
- b. soon; a short time later
- c. during the whole night
- d. suddenly
- e. one time each year
- f. soon; a short time later

_____, in the summer, Igor travels from New York to see his family in Moscow. On his last trip, Igor stayed up _____ to pack and get ready. When he arrived at the airport, he went to the ticket counter to check in. _____, Igor realized that his passport was at home. He knew he was in hot water, but he kept his head. He called his roommate and asked him to bring his passport to the airport right away. _____ Igor heard an announcement that his plane was boarding. _____, he heard another announcement, "This is the final call for Flight 82 to Moscow." Igor was scared to death. But then he saw his roommate running toward him. Igor made it onto the plane, just _____.

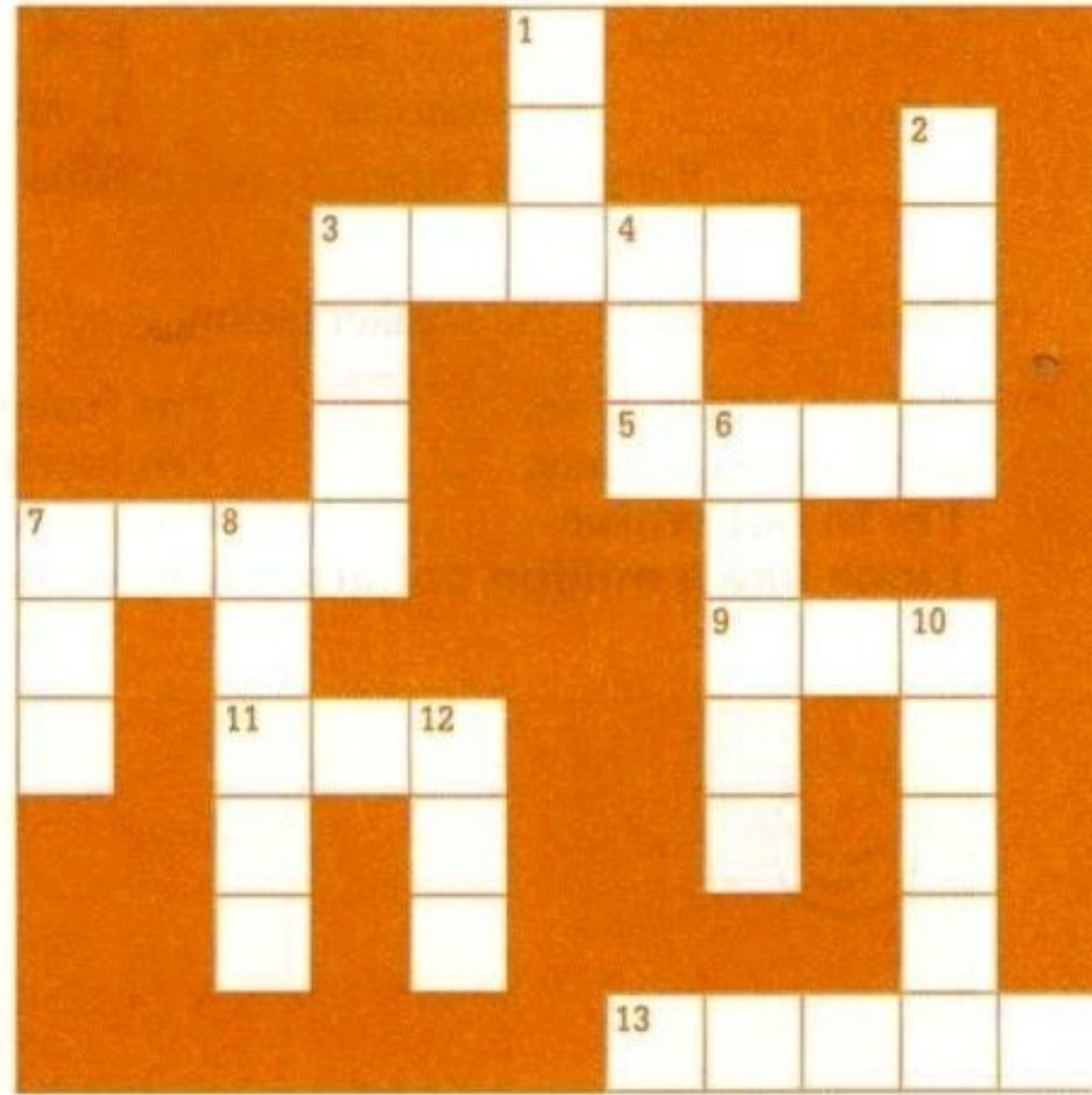
F. Crossword puzzle: Complete the idioms and fill in the crossword puzzle.

Across

3. I'm going to ____ a party Saturday night.
Can you come?
5. The man was set ____ after ten years in prison.
7. My birthday comes only ____ a year, so I'm going to enjoy it!
9. I stayed up ____ night long.
11. Where's the dog? He vanished into thin ____!
13. Bob's in hot ____ with his boss because he's always late.

Down

1. I'm looking ____ my keys. Have you seen them?
2. Tina feels ____ because she's so far from home.
3. ____ it easy. Everything will be OK.
4. Let me cut ____ the price tag!
6. I didn't have time to get ____ for the test.
7. Somebody ripped me ____ on the subway.
My money and credit cards are gone!
8. She loves to dance; in fact, she's ____ about it!
10. They really let ____ at the carnival.
12. Let's go out and paint the town ____!



G. Two-line dialogues: Read each sentence in A and find an appropriate response in B.

A

- ____ 1. How did you get lost?
- ____ 2. I'm getting ready to go to Paris.
- ____ 3. You look like a million dollars!
- ____ 4. I'm scared to death about the exam.
- ____ 5. You're going to the film by yourself?

B

- a. Take it easy!
- b. Yes. I'm dying to see it, and no one will go with me.
- c. I took the wrong road by mistake.
- d. Have a great time!
- e. We're going to paint the town red tonight, so I bought a new dress.

Now work with a partner. Read the two-line dialogues aloud, adding appropriate body language and intonation.

H. Find someone who... Fill in the chart below with names of classmates. Try to write a different name in each blank. Stand up and walk around the room.

Ask questions such as:

Are you crazy about cooking?

Do you feel blue today?

Find someone who...

1. ...is crazy about cooking.
2. ...feels blue today.
3. ...is scared to death of spiders.
4. ...is on top of the world today.
5. ...likes to take it easy.
6. ...can keep his/her head in a crisis.
7. ...usually sleeps like a log.
8. ...often gets lost.
9. ...had a great time last weekend.
10. ...doesn't like to throw parties.
11. ...is dying to get married.
12. ...likes to let loose on weekends.
13. ...always plays it safe.
14. ...enjoys spending time by himself/herself.