

4. Match these idioms to their correct definitions.

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| 1. time flies | _____ a. to move up in a company; to get promoted |
| 2. long road | _____ b. to be able to pay your bills or expenses |
| 3. to weigh your options | _____ c. a difficult decision |
| 4. to not have a clue | _____ d. a path that takes a long time to travel |
| 5. pros and cons | _____ e. to delay; to not think about right now |
| 6. to climb the ladder | _____ f. to decide which choice is best |
| 7. to make ends meet | _____ g. to decide; to choose |
| 8. to make up your mind | _____ h. time goes by very quickly |
| 9. tough call | _____ i. the positives and the negatives |
| 10. to put on the back burner | _____ j. to have no idea |
| 11. to hang out | _____ k. to spend time with; to be with |

5. Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms from above.

- I have been with my company for 10 years. _____!
- I studied in college for five years. It was a _____.
- My first job didn't pay much. It was hard to _____.
- I worked hard and _____. Now I am a vice-president.
- There are _____ to working for my company. I make a lot of money, but I have to work a lot of hours.
- I am _____, but I think this is the best job for me.
- It was a _____, but I think I chose the best man for the job.
- I'm off work Friday night. Do you want to _____?

7. Comprehension questions.


- Where are Amy and Sara graduating from this year?
- What is Sara going to do after graduation?
- How many job offers does Amy have?
- When does Amy usually hang out with Jon?


6. Dialogue Practice

Practice the dialogue with your partner a few times. Take turns being each character. Then try having the conversation without looking at the sheet.

- Amy:** **Time flies!** I can't believe we're graduating from college this year.
- Sara:** Me neither. It's been a **long road**.
- Amy:** What are you going to do after graduation?
- Sara:** I'm **weighing my options**. What are you going to do?
- Amy:** I have two job offers.
- Sara:** Which one do you think you'll take?
- Amy:** I **don't have a clue**.
- Sara:** What are the **pros and cons**?
- Amy:** Well, the first job would let me **climb the ladder**.
- Sara:** That sounds promising.
- Amy:** Yes, but I wouldn't be able to **make ends meet** in the beginning. The starting salary is quite low.
- Sara:** What about the other job?
- Amy:** It pays really well, but I would have to work weekends. That's my only time **to hang out** with Jon.
- Sara:** It's a **tough call** then. Well, you've still got time to think about it.
- Amy:** True.
- Sara:** **Put the decision on the back burner**. You still have three months to **make up your mind**.



8. Write your own sentence examples for each idiom from today's lesson in your notebook. 

9. Write your own dialogue. 
 Work alone or with a partner. Write your own conversation using at least four idioms from today's lesson. Practice and memorize the dialogue, then present it in front of your class.

In Task 2, your students are required to put the dialogue in the correct order. It's more fun for students to put the dialogue in order by physically rearranging dialogue strips. Below are two shuffled copies of the dialogue. Give each student or pair a shuffled dialogue. Have them cut each into strips and rearrange them until they have put them in the correct order.

Note: Two copies of the dialogue are provided to minimize photocopying and paper usage.



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Sara: That sounds promising.

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Amy: Yes, but I wouldn't be able to **make ends meet** in the beginning. The starting salary is quite low.

Sara: **Put** the decision **on the back burner**. You still have three months to **make up your mind**.

Amy: It pays really well, but I would have to work weekends. That's my only time to **hang out** with Jon.

Amy: I **don't have a clue**.

Sara: Which one do you think you'll take?

Amy: Well, the first job would let me **climb the ladder**.

Sara: What are the **pros and cons**?

Amy: True.

Sara: What about the other job?

Amy: **Time flies!** I can't believe we're graduating from college this year.

Sara: It's a **tough call** then. Well, you've still got time to think about it.

Sara: I'm **weighing my options**. What are you going to do?

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Sara: It's a **tough call** then. Well, you've still got time to think about it.

Sara: I'm **weighing my options**. What are you going to do?

Amy: I have two job offers.

Teachers' Answer Key

2. Dialogue Building

14. **Sara:** It's a tough call then. Well, you've still got time to think about it.
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15. **Amy:** True.
3. **Amy:** What are you going to do after graduation?
5. **Amy:** I have two job offers.
13. **Amy:** It pays really well, but I would have to work weekends. That's my only time to hang out with Jon.
6. **Sara:** Which one do you think you'll take?
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16. **Sara:** Put the decision on the back burner. You still have three months to make up your mind.
2. **Sara:** Me neither. It's been a long road.
9. **Amy:** Well, the first job would let me climb the ladder.

4. Matching

1. h 2. d 3. f 4. j 5. i 6. a 7. b 8. g 9. c 10. e 11. k

5. Fill in the blanks.

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4. I worked hard and climbed the ladder. Now I am a vice-president.
5. There are pros and cons to working for my company. I make a lot of money, but I have to work a lot of hours.
6. I am weighing my options, but I think this is the best job for me.
7. It was a tough call, but I think I chose the best man for the job.
8. I'm off work Friday night. Do you want to hang out?

7. Comprehension.

1. from college
2. She hasn't decided yet. She is weighing her options.
3. two
4. on the weekends