

## Idioms of Advice

Below there are several idioms and their definitions.

**(Don't) add fuel to the fire** - to say or do something that makes a bad situation worse  
**(Don't) add insult to injury** - to hurt the feelings of a person who has already been hurt.  
**(Don't) kick a man when he's down** - Don't make a bad situation even worse.  
**Absence makes the heart grow fonder** - Being far away from a person you love makes your love even stronger.  
**A penny saved is a penny earned** - It's good to save money, rather than spending and wasting it.  
**A picture is worth a thousand words** - Pictures can give more information than words alone.  
**Actions speak louder than words** - What you actually do is more important than what you say you will do.  
**(It's) all in your head** - imagined, not real  
**Around the clock** - all the time; 24 hours  
**Asleep at the wheel** - not paying attention; not doing his/her responsibilities  
**(Shout or yell) at the top of your lungs** - (to shout or yell) as loud as you can

Using the idioms, give advice to these people:

1. Tom: "I really want to go see a movie tonight, but I'm trying to save my money to buy a new watch."  
Advice: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Julie: "I just saw my brother's girlfriend with another boy, but he's in a really bad mood because he got fired this morning. Do you think I should tell him?"  
Advice: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Iris: *Did you hear that? I think I heard something in the kitchen! Wait. . . I'm not sure. There it is again! I think I heard something. Do you hear it? Maybe it's a ghost! Maybe it's a thief!*  
Advice: \_\_\_\_\_
4. William: "My grandfather is so old that he's almost deaf. When I talk to him, he doesn't even notice that I'm talking."  
Advice: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Rita: "My sister always steals my money! I yelled at her, and she apologized and promised that she would stop, but I don't know if I should believe her."  
Advice: \_\_\_\_\_
6. David: "My girlfriend got a really good job offer in Taipei, but I'm afraid that if she moves away, she'll forget about me and we might break up."  
Advice: \_\_\_\_\_

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