



CAE Idioms Worksheet 1

Directions: Read the idioms below and write their meanings.

Example A: easy as pie

Answer: something that is really easy to complete

1. Break a leg _____
2. It's raining cats and dogs _____
3. Don't be a back seat driver _____
4. Don't be in the dumps _____
5. He is like a bull in a China shop. _____
6. That boy is in the dog house. _____
7. That athlete is as fit as a fiddle _____
8. Don't cry over spilled milk _____
9. My friend is a pain in the neck _____
10. A picture paints a thousand words _____
11. Apple of my eye _____
12. Back to the basics _____
13. Bad hair day _____
14. Ball and chain _____
15. Blind leading the blind _____

ANSWERS

1. Used to wish someone, such as an actor, success in a performance.
2. To rain very heavily
3. for a person who gives advice and instructions about what he or she is not responsible for
4. to be unhappy
5. very clumsy creature in a delicate situation
6. In trouble for an action that that person has done that is wrong
7. To be in great shape
8. to be unhappy about what cannot be undone
9. to be irritating and a general annoyance to people around
10. refers to the notion that a complex idea can be conveyed with just a single still image
11. refers to something or someone that one cherishes above all others
12. go back in ones project to a simpler idea so it is understandable for others
13. a bad day in general
14. a person's special burden
15. refers to the idea of a person who has no idea what they are doing guiding another