| Logo_AE2Serpa (S_MEC) | **ENGLISH TUTORING**  11th Form  IDIOMATIC EXPRESSIONS |
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## 📚 Idiomatic Expressions – Thematic Vocabulary (11th Grade, Level 7)

### 🌱 Environment

| Idiom | Meaning | Example |
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| Go green | To make environmentally friendly choices | *More people are trying to go green by recycling and using public transport.* |
| Leave a carbon footprint | The amount of CO₂ produced by your activities | *Flying often leaves a huge carbon footprint.* |
| The tip of the iceberg | A small, visible part of a much bigger problem | *Pollution is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to climate change.* |
| Can’t see the forest for the trees | Focus so much on details you miss the big picture | *We mustn’t get so caught up in small debates that we can’t see the forest for the trees.* |

### 🛍 Consumerism

| Idiom | Meaning | Example |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Shop till you drop | Shop until you are physically exhausted | *Some people just love to shop till they drop.* |
| Cost an arm and a leg | Very expensive | *That designer jacket costs an arm and a leg.* |
| In the red / in the black | Losing / making money | *Many small shops are in the red after the sales slump.* |
| Pay through the nose | Pay too much | *They had to pay through the nose for last-minute tickets.* |

### 🌍 Multiculturalism

| Idiom | Meaning | Example |
| --- | --- | --- |
| A melting pot | A place with many cultures blending together | *London is often described as a cultural melting pot.* |
| Break down barriers | Remove obstacles between people | *Cultural exchange can help break down barriers.* |
| Cross-cultural | Involving different cultures | *Cross-cultural communication is vital in global business.* |
| Speak the same language | Share similar ideas or beliefs | *Even if we’re from different countries, we speak the same language when it comes to human rights.* |

### 👩‍💼 Young People & the World of Work

| Idiom | Meaning | Example |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Climb the career ladder | Get promoted over time | *Many young graduates dream of climbing the career ladder quickly.* |
| Learn the ropes | Learn how to do a new job | *I’m still learning the ropes at my internship.* |
| A dead-end job | A job with no future or promotion | *He left because he was stuck in a dead-end job.* |
| Pull your weight | Do your fair share of work | *In a team, everyone must pull their weight.* |

## ✏️ Practice – Fill in the gaps

Complete the sentences with the correct idiom from above (change form if needed):

1. Maria wants to \_\_\_\_ and reduce her carbon footprint by biking to school.
2. Working at the café felt like a \_\_\_\_ – no challenge and no promotion.
3. In big cities, you find a true \_\_\_\_, full of people from all over the world.
4. I’m new here, so I’m still \_\_\_\_\_.
5. After the holidays, many people find themselves \_\_\_\_.
6. Cultural events help \_\_\_\_ and bring people closer together.

## 🧠 Extra activity: Write your own sentences

Choose 4 idioms you like and write your own example sentences.

**📚 Idiomatic Expressions – Exercises & Solutions (11th Grade, Level 7)**

**📝 Exercises by Topic**

**🌱 Environment**

**Match the idiom to its meaning:**

1. Go green
2. Leave a carbon footprint
3. The tip of the iceberg
4. Can’t see the forest for the trees

a) Focus too much on details and miss the big picture  
b) Make eco-friendly choices  
c) Only a small part of a bigger problem  
d) The amount of CO₂ produced by someone’s actions

**🛍 Consumerism**

**Choose the correct idiom to complete each sentence:**

1. That handbag \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; it’s far too expensive for me.
2. During the sales, people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ buying things they don’t need.
3. After the crisis, many small businesses were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. We had to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to get concert tickets at the last minute.

*(Idioms to use: costs an arm and a leg, shop till they drop, in the red, pay through the nose)*

**🌍 Multiculturalism**

**Fill in the blanks:**

1. Cities like New York are often called a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. International projects help \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between different communities.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ communication skills are important in today’s world.
4. Even if we come from different countries, we often \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when it comes to values.

*(Idioms/expressions to use: melting pot, break down barriers, cross-cultural, speak the same language)*

**👩‍💼 Young People & the World of Work**

**Match the idiom to the definition:**

1. Climb the career ladder
2. Learn the ropes
3. A dead-end job
4. Pull your weight

a) Do your fair share of work  
b) Move up in your job over time  
c) Get to know how to do a new job  
d) A job with no opportunities for advancement

## ✏️ Practice – Fill in the gaps (mixed idioms)

Complete the sentences with the correct idiom from above (change form if needed):

1. Maria wants to \_\_\_\_ and reduce her carbon footprint by biking to school.
2. Working at the café felt like a \_\_\_\_ – no challenge and no promotion.
3. In big cities, you find a true \_\_\_\_, full of people from all over the world.
4. I’m new here, so I’m still \_\_\_\_\_.
5. After the holidays, many people find themselves \_\_\_\_.
6. Cultural events help \_\_\_\_ and bring people closer together.

## 🧠 Extra activity: Write your own sentences

Choose 4 idioms you like and write your own example sentences.

**✅ Solutions**

**🌱 Environment**

1 → b) Go green = Make eco-friendly choices  
2 → d) Leave a carbon footprint = The amount of CO₂ produced by someone’s actions  
3 → c) The tip of the iceberg = Only a small part of a bigger problem  
4 → a) Can’t see the forest for the trees = Focus too much on details and miss the big picture

**🛍 Consumerism**

1. costs an arm and a leg
2. shop till they drop
3. in the red
4. pay through the nose

**🌍 Multiculturalism**

1. melting pot
2. break down barriers
3. cross-cultural
4. speak the same language

**👩‍💼 Young People & the World of Work**

1 → b) Climb the career ladder = Move up in your job over time  
2 → c) Learn the ropes = Get to know how to do a new job  
3 → d) A dead-end job = A job with no opportunities for advancement  
4 → a) Pull your weight = Do your fair share of work

## ✏️ Practice – Fill in the gaps (mixed idioms)

Complete the sentences with the correct idiom from above (change form if needed):

1. Maria wants to *go green* and reduce her carbon footprint by biking to school.
2. Working at the café felt like a *dead-end job* – no challenge and no promotion.
3. In big cities, you find a true *melting pot*, full of people from all over the world.
4. I’m new here, so I’m still *learning the ropes*.
5. After the holidays, many people find themselves *in the red*.
6. Cultural events help *breaking down barriers* and bring people closer together.

Enjoy learning! 😉 😊