

VOCABULARY Review 3: Idioms

Complete the sentences with the right word.

- 1 When I'm reading in English I sometimes **get st**_____ on a word and have to look it up.
- 2 Do you usually **follow** recipes **to the l**_____ when you're cooking, or do you like to improvise?
- 3 The dress **caught my e**_____ as soon as I walked into the shop. It was stunning!
- 4 We have to **f**_____ this problem head-on and solve it as quickly as possible.
- 5 The more you think about it, the worse it'll be. Just go with your **g**_____ **feeling** and see what happens.
- 6 Mark didn't really want to go to the theater so he told a **wh**_____ **lie** and said he wasn't feeling very well.
- 7 Laura **broke** John's **h**_____ when she said she didn't want to marry him.
- 8 My mind went completely **bl**_____ in the exam. I just didn't know what to write.
- 9 The neighbor's dog's been barking for hours. It's really starting to **get on my n**_____.
- 10 It must be really difficult for surgeons to keep calm in a **life-or-d**_____ situation.
- 11 What's the name of that actor who was in *The Imitation Game*? His name's **on the t**_____ **of my tongue**, but I just can't remember it!
- 12 I got the **wr**_____ **end of the stick** – I thought she was criticizing me, but she was actually trying to help.
- 13 They say that Chinese is one of the most difficult languages to **get your t**_____ **around**. The pronunciation is absolutely impossible.
- 14 It's taking me hours to put this IKEA bed together. I can't **get my head a**_____ the instructions.
- 15 James and Pete were **talking at cr**_____ **purposes**, which is why they didn't understand one another. They weren't even discussing the same thing.
- 16 Our boss is always full of big plans for the company, but he never **f**_____ them **through**.
- 17 The health service needs investment, and the taxpayer will have to **f**_____ **the bill**.
- 18 I'll definitely be coming to your party – I don't want to **m**_____ **out on** all the fun!
- 19 Even though Jake's in his forties, he goes straight back into "**ch**_____ **mode**" when he visits his parents. He behaves as if he was six again!
- 20 People who eat popcorn at the movie theater irritate me **beyond b**_____. I find it really distracting and annoying.
- 21 Experts say you shouldn't do exercise **on an empty st**_____. Apparently, it burns up more calories if you have something to eat beforehand.
- 22 Whatever you do, keep calm and don't **l**_____ **your cool**. There's no point in getting angry with him.
- 23 I can't **m**_____ **up my mind** between the chocolate mousse and the apple tart.
- 24 Beth bought her condo for **n**_____ **to nothing** 15 years ago, but it's worth a fortune now.
- 25 Our weekend in Las Vegas was absolutely fantastic. We **had a b**_____!