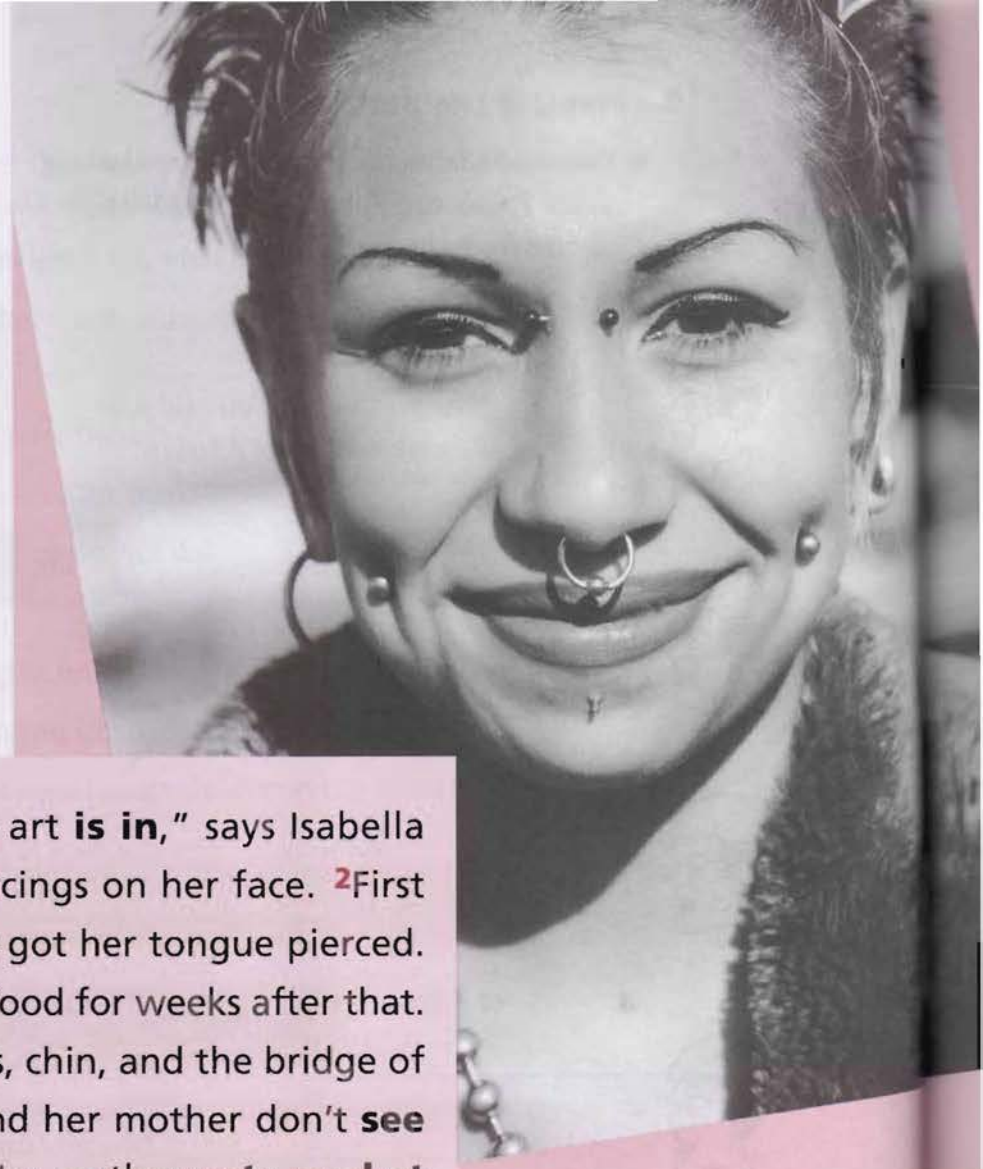


14 Girl Wants More Body Art



1. Quick Reading

Look at the pictures on page 63.

What is the story about?

Now read quickly to get the main idea.

SANTA FE, NM, USA ¹"Body art **is in**," says Isabella Ortega, 18. She has nine piercings on her face. ²First she got a nose ring. Then she got her tongue pierced. She couldn't stand to eat hot food for weeks after that. ³Next she got her cheeks, ears, chin, and the bridge of her nose pierced. ⁴Isabella and her mother don't **see eye to eye** about body art. Her mother **gets mad at** her each time she wants more. ⁵Does Isabella **have second thoughts about** her piercings? "**At times** I do," she admits. "People **stare at** me, and I hate that." ⁶But she is already **thinking about** her next piercing. "I want four or five rings in my lips," she says.

New idioms and expressions

be in	be in fashion; be popular
see eye to eye	agree completely
get mad (at someone)	become angry (at someone)
have second thoughts (about something)	have doubts (about something)
at times	sometimes; occasionally
stare at someone or something*	look at someone or something with wide eyes
think about someone or something*	consider; anticipate; form a mental image of someone or something

recycled idiom: can't stand something

*phrasal verb (see Lexicon and Appendix D)

2. Listen

Cover the story and look only at these pictures. Listen to the story two or three times.



3. Read the Story

Now read the story carefully. Pay special attention to the idioms so that you're ready for Exercise 4.

4. Match

Cover page 62. Match the definition in column A to the idiom in column B.

A

- ___ a. be popular
- ___ b. look at with wide eyes
- ___ c. sometimes
- ___ d. agree completely
- ___ e. become angry at

B

- 1. stare at
- 2. get mad at
- 3. see eye to eye
- 4. at times
- 5. be in

5. Tell the Story

Cover the story and look at the pictures above. Tell the story using as many idioms as you can.

- a. First, work with the whole class to retell the story.
- b. Then tell the story to a partner or small group.

6. Answer the Questions

About the story

- What do you think about Isabella's body art?
- How does her mother react when Isabella wants another piercing?
- Is Isabella always completely happy with her body art?
- What do people do when she goes out?
- What is Isabella thinking about now?

About you

- Is body art in with your group of friends?
- What is in with teens in your country (music, dance, fashion, etc.)? What is in with you and your friends?
- Who do you get mad at? Why?
- Do you have second thoughts about a decision you made when you were younger?

7. Write about Yourself

Complete the sentences, writing something true about yourself.

- At times I don't see eye to eye with _____
because _____.
- I am always thinking about _____.
- Last week I got mad at _____
because _____.

8. Take a Dictation

"Body art _____," says Isabella Ortega.
She has nine piercings on her face. First she got a nose ring. Then she got her tongue pierced. Next she got her cheeks, ears, chin, and the bridge of her nose pierced. Isabella's mother doesn't _____ with her about body art. She _____ Isabella when she gets another piercing. _____, Isabella _____ her body art. She hates when people _____ her. But she's _____ getting rings in her lips.

9. Complete the Dialogue

a. Ivanka is talking with her mother about changing her hair color. Fill in the blanks with idioms from the box.

- get mad at
- is in
- I'm thinking about
- see eye to eye
- at times



Mom, I want to do something to my hair. (1) _____ changing the color.

What? Your hair is beautiful.



It's boring. I love red hair. Purple hair (2) _____ too.

Purple hair? Are you serious? Don't you dare. Honey, (3) _____ I think you're completely crazy.



Don't (4) _____ me, mom. It'll look good.

I don't think so.



Well, I do.

Well, we'll never (5) _____ about this. Let's discuss it at dinner with your father.



With dad? He doesn't **have a clue about*** fashion. He doesn't know what's **out**** or what's in.

* not have a clue about something: not know anything about something

** be out: be out of fashion

b. Work with a partner. Role-play the dialogue together.