

My cookies  
are selling like  
hotcakes!



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English

## LESSON 18

### EVERYONE BAKES COOKIES

*Bob tells his family the cookies are selling well. He asks his kids to help bake more cookies for tomorrow. Nicole says she's too busy to lend a hand.*

ボブは家族にクッキーがよく売れていることを話しました。明日のために彼は子供達にクッキーを焼くのを手伝ってもらえるよう頼みました。ニコールは手を貸すには忙し過ぎると言いました。

*Bob:* The cookies are **selling like hotcakes!**

*Ted:* **Way to go, Dad!**

*Bob:* I need you kids to **help out** tonight with the cookies. We need another thousand by morning.

*Nicole:* One thousand by tomorrow morning? That's impossible!

*Ted:* Amber and I will **lend a hand**. She's a real **night owl**, so she won't mind **staying up** late.

*Bob:* Nicole, we'll need your help too.

*Nicole:* Bake cookies the night before the elections? **Nothing doing!**

*Ted:* **Lighten up, big shot!** You're running for high school president, not President of the United States.

*Nicole:* Ted, you really **get on my nerves** sometimes.

**Bob:** Okay, kids, let's stop **fooling around**. We need to **get the show on the road!**



## IDIOMS – LESSON 18

**big shot** – a powerful or important person

重要人物、大物、有力者

EXAMPLE: Jeremy has become a real **big shot** in Hollywood.

**(to) fool around** – to waste time, or spend it in a silly way

ばかなまねをする、ふざける、遊び回る

EXAMPLE: If we keep **fooling around** here, we'll never finish making lunch!

メモ: この表現は、気ままな性的行為に携わるという意味もあります。

EXAMPLE: Steve and Tanya were **fooling around** in the back seat of the car when the policeman knocked on the window.

**(to) get on one's nerves** – to annoy or irritate someone

(人)の神経を苛立たせる、～をイライラさせる

EXAMPLE: The dog next door barks all night. It really **gets on my nerves**.

SYNONYMS: to get under someone's skin; to bug someone [slang]

**(to) get the show on the road** – to start working; to begin an undertaking

スタートする、仕事に取りかかる、実行する

EXAMPLE: We can't afford to waste any more time — let's **get the show on the road!**

SYNONYMS: to get a move on; to get going

**(to) help out** – レッスン12を見ましょう

**(to) lend a hand** – レッスン13を見ましょう

**(to) lighten up** – to stop taking things so seriously

心を軽くする、楽に構える、態度を和らげる

EXAMPLE: "**Lighten up!** I'm sure Ted was only joking when he said your guitar playing gave him a headache."

SYNONYMS: chill out [slang]; take it easy

<p><b>night owl</b> – a person who enjoys being active late at night 夜遅くまで起きている人、夜型の人</p> <p>EXAMPLE: Sara goes to sleep every night at 3 a.m. She's a real <b>night owl</b>.</p>
<p><b>Nothing doing!</b> – Not a chance! お断りだ、駄目だ、とんでもない</p> <p>EXAMPLE: "You want me to buy this bridge from you for a million bucks?" <b>Nothing doing!</b>"</p> <p>SYNONYMS: No way! Not on your life!</p>
<p><b>(to) sell like hotcakes</b> – レッスン17を見ましょう</p>
<p><b>(to) stay up</b> – not to go to bed; to stay awake (夜遅くまで) 起きている、寝ずに起きている、徹夜する</p> <p>EXAMPLE: Ted and Amber <b>stayed up</b> all night talking about the meaning of life.</p>
<p><b>Way to go!</b> – レッスン4を見ましょう</p>

 **PRACTICE THE IDIOMS.**

**Fill in the blank with the appropriate word:**

- I was really proud of my friend for winning an Olympic medal. "Way to \_\_\_!" I told her.
  - do
  - succeed
  - go
- Amber loves to cook, so she never minds lending \_\_\_ in the kitchen.
  - herself
  - a hand
  - her hands
- Teresa is definitely not a night \_\_\_\_. She likes to be in bed by nine o'clock every night.
  - bird
  - hawk
  - owl
- After Mr. Walsh was elected president of the company, he thought he was a real \_\_\_ shot.
  - big
  - huge
  - large

5) You're taking everything too seriously. You need to lighten \_\_\_\_.

- a) above            b) up            c) down

6) Let's go! We're already late. Let's get the show on the \_\_\_\_.

- a) street            b) way            c) road

7) When people near me whisper during a movie, it really \_\_\_\_\_ on my nerves.

- a) gets            b) acts            c) scratches

8) Nicole's teacher asked her to help a new exchange student from Korea with her English homework. Nicole was happy to help \_\_\_\_.

- a) around            b) out            c) in

### 🌟 BONUS PRACTICE

Choose the best substitute for the phrase or sentence in bold:

1) You want me to drive you all the way to Toronto during this snowstorm? **Nothing doing!**

- a) Great idea!  
b) No problem!  
c) Not a chance!

2) Len and Ben, college roommates, **stayed up** until 3 a.m. talking and drinking beer. No wonder they didn't wake up until noon the next day!

- a) didn't go to bed  
b) went to bed  
c) didn't eat dinner

- 3) Michael used to work the late shift at McDonald's — from midnight to 8 a.m. He didn't mind since he's **a night owl**.
- a) a wise person
  - b) a person who goes to sleep early
  - c) a person who likes to stay up late
- 4) The man behind me on the bus wouldn't stop whistling. It really **got on my nerves!**
- a) entertained me
  - b) annoyed me
  - c) relaxed me
- 5) Our plane leaves in just two hours. If we don't **get the show on the road**, we're going to miss it.
- a) go into the street
  - b) get ready to go
  - c) call the airline
- 6) You want to attend Yale University? Call my friend Penny. She's **a real big shot** on the admissions committee.
- a) a powerful person
  - b) a big mouth
  - c) a useless person
- 7) Ted was **fooling around** with his friends when he should've been **studying** for his chemistry test.
- a) acting like a fool
  - b) putting time to good use
  - c) wasting time
- 8) You got a big promotion at work? **Way to go!**
- a) Too bad!
  - b) Good job!
  - c) Sorry to hear that!