

Feeling sad?
A cookie will
cheer you up!



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LESSON 19

NICOLE'S CLOSE ELECTION

Nicole loses the election at school. She doesn't want to accept it, so she looks for excuses. Ted encourages her to accept defeat and move on.

ニコールは学校の選挙で負けました。彼女はそれを認めたくないなので、言い訳を探していました。テッドは彼女に、敗北を認め立ち止まらないで前に進むよう励ましました。

Nicole: I lost the election by a hair — just 10 votes! But I'm not giving up.

Ted: Give me a break, Nicole. You lost. Live with it!

Nicole: But I was a sure thing! If I hadn't stayed up so late baking cookies, I wouldn't have messed up my speech.

Ted: Get real, Nicole.

Nicole: It's your fault, Ted. I lost because your friends didn't vote for me!

Ted: Don't try to put the blame on me! I gave it my best shot.

Nicole: They must've made a mistake while counting the votes. I'll demand a re-count on Monday and set the record straight.

Ted: Don't make a fool of yourself, Nicole. Face it, Andrea won the election fair and square!

Nicole: Well, I just don't know where I **went wrong**.

Susan: Here, take a chocolate chip cookie. That'll **cheer you up for sure!**



IDIOMS – LESSON 19

by a hair – very narrowly

紙一重で、危ないところで、タッチの差で

EXAMPLE: Larry won the bicycle race **by a hair**. The second-place winner came in just a second behind him.

(to) cheer up – レッスン6を見ましょう

Face it – レッスン1を見ましょう

fair and square – honestly

厳正に、公正に、正々堂々たる、正確に

EXAMPLE: Did George Bush win the 2000 presidential election **fair and square**? That depends on whether you ask a Democrat or a Republican!

for sure – definitely

確実に、間違いなく、必ず、絶対に

EXAMPLE: This year, Tom Cruise will win an Academy Award **for sure**.

Get real – レッスン3を見ましょう

(to) give it one's best shot – to try as hard as one can

最大の努力をする、全力を尽くす

EXAMPLE: Joe lost the wrestling match, but at least he **gave it his best shot**.

SYNONYM: to give it the old college try

give me a break – レッスン14を見ましょう

(to) give up – to admit defeat; to surrender

あきらめる、断念する

EXAMPLE: Bill **gave up** golf after realizing he'd never be good at it.

SYNONYM: to throw in the towel

<p>(to) go wrong – to make a mistake; to go astray 間違った（悪い）方向に進む</p> <p>EXAMPLE: Follow the directions I gave you, and you can't go wrong.</p>
<p>(to) live with it – to accept a difficult reality それを我慢して受け入れなさい</p> <p>EXAMPLE: Your boss is an idiot. Live with it.</p> <p>SYNONYMS: to deal with it; to come to terms with it</p> <p>メモ: "to get used to something unpleasant or annoying" (何か気に入らなったり、嫌なことに慣れる) という意味で "learn to live with it" という表現もあります。 Nancy knew Josh would always throw his dirty clothes on the floor. She's just have to learn to live with it.</p>
<p>(to) make a fool of oneself – to cause oneself to look stupid ばかなこと（まね）をする</p> <p>EXAMPLE: Al drank too much at the party and then made a fool of himself.</p>
<p>(to) mess up – to make a mistake; to spoil an opportunity 失敗する、間違える</p> <p>EXAMPLE: Amber messed up and put salt instead of sugar in the cookies.</p> <p>SYNONYM: screw up [slang]</p> <p>メモ: "Mess up"には"create disorder" (散らかす、混乱させる、汚す) という意味もあります。 Whenever Jackie leaves her house, her dog Kelly goes into her bedroom and messes up her bed.</p>
<p>(to) put the blame on (someone) – to name somebody else as responsible for a misdeed or misfortune 責任を（人）に負わせる、～を（人）のせいにする</p> <p>EXAMPLE: Mrs. Parker put the blame on her husband for losing their life savings in the stock market.</p>
<p>(to) set the record straight – to correct an inaccurate account 記録を正す、事実（関係）を明確にする（はっきりさせる）</p> <p>EXAMPLE: Ken knew his father was innocent, and he hoped he could set the record straight one day.</p>
<p>sure thing – an outcome that is assured 確かに、確かなこと、確実にうまくいくと思えること</p> <p>EXAMPLE: Gary bet all his money on a horse named Trixie, thinking she was a sure thing.</p>

 PRACTICE THE IDIOMS

Ted is angry at Nicole because she didn't do a good job on his chemistry homework. Fill in the blanks using the following idioms:

give me a break

sure thing

put the blame on me

give it my best shot

cheer you up

for sure

live with it

messed up

Ted: Nicole, my teacher gave me back my chemistry homework. I got a terrible grade! I thought _____ you'd help me get an A+.

Nicole: I'm sorry, I really did _____, but I guess it wasn't good enough.

Ted: Not good enough? That's right. You really _____!

Nicole: You never should've asked me to do your homework. Don't try to _____ for your bad grades.

Ted: Yes, my mistake. I thought you were a _____!

Nicole: So you'll get a bad grade in chemistry. Just learn to _____! Here, take one of Mom's fresh-baked cookies. It'll help _____.

Ted: You think a stupid cookie will cheer me up? _____!

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