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LESSON 24

AMBER WRITES A SONG

Ted always writes the songs for the rock band. But now Amber says she wants to start writing songs too. She sings him the first lines of her new song.

テッドはいつもロックバンドのために作曲しています。しかし今はアンバーも作曲を始めたいと言っています。彼女は、自分の新曲の最初の部分を彼に歌って聞かせました。

Amber: Ted, you know how **all along** you've been **in charge of** all the lyrics for our band?

Ted: That's right, Amber. Everybody loves my songs!

Amber: Well, I hope they'll love my songs too.

Ted: But you don't write songs.

Amber: I'm **sick and tired** of singing **your** songs all the time. I want to sing my own songs!

Ted: Okay, no need to **freak out!** **First things first.** Have you written a song yet?

Amber: Yes, **as a matter of fact,** I have.

Ted: Well, let's hear it then.

Amber: Okay, but it's still a work **in progress.**

Ted: Stop trying to **buy time**. Let's hear the song!

Amber: 🎵 My boyfriend is crazy. **Crazy about** baking cookies.
I know **for sure** that there is no cure... 🎵

Ted: **Cut it out!** Stop teasing me. I *am* cured.

Amber: **All better?**

Ted: Yes. I'll never bake another cookie again. My parents **made a fortune**. Now we can all just **chill out!**



IDIOMS – LESSON 24

all along – throughout; from beginning to end

いつも、最初からずっと

EXAMPLE: Jenny told Nicole she would vote for her, but **all along** she was planning on voting for Andrea.

all better – completely cured

もうだいじょうぶ

EXAMPLE: "All better?" asked Holly, after her son stopped crying.

as a matter of fact – レッスン20を見ましょう

(to) buy time – to make more time available (in order to achieve a certain purpose)

時間を稼ぐ、遅らす

EXAMPLE: We're not sure yet whether or not we want to buy the house. We'd better **buy some time** so we can think about it over the weekend.

(to) chill out [slang] – to relax

落ち着く、冷静になる、落ち着いて!

EXAMPLE: **Chill out!** If we miss this train, we'll just take the next one.

(to be) crazy about – レッスン5を見ましょう

(to) cut it out – stop it; stop the annoying behavior

やめろ、いい加減にしる！

EXAMPLE: Tracy was chewing gum loudly during the movie. Her boyfriend finally told her to **cut it out**.

first things first – let's focus on the most important thing or task first

一番大事なことから先にやる（考える）

EXAMPLE: "You want to work here at Lulu's Dance Club? **First things first**, have you ever worked as a dancer before?"

for sure – レッスン19を見ましょう

(to) freak out [slang] – to respond to something irrationally or crazily; to overreact

ひどく興奮する、慌てまくる

EXAMPLE: Ashley's parents **freaked out** when she told them she was dropping out of college to become an actress.

(to be) in charge of – having responsibility for

～を担当して、～の責任者で

EXAMPLE: Justin has an important job. He's **in charge of** all international sales for his company.

in progress – happening; under way

起こって、進行中

EXAMPLE: The play is already **in progress**, so you'll have to wait until **intermission** to sit down.

(to) make a fortune – to make a lot of money

～儲けする、金持ちになる

EXAMPLE: Mike **made a fortune** when he sold his company to Microsoft.

SYNONYMS: to make a bundle; to make a killing

(to be) sick and tired of – completely bored with; sick of

～にうんざりする、～に愛想が尽きて、～に飽き飽きする

EXAMPLE: Ted is **sick and tired of** hearing about what an excellent student Nicole is.

SYNONYM: (to be) fed up with. Example: Joan's husband spent all weekend playing cards with his friends. She's **fed up with** him!

 PRACTICE THE IDIOMS

Fill in the blanks using these idioms:

buy time

cut it out

chill out

in charge of

freaked out

sick and tired of

all along

first things first

- 1) Nicole really _____ when she heard she lost the presidential election. She threw her books across the room!
- 2) Ted, why do you always leave your dirty clothes on the floor? Your mother is _____ cleaning up after you.
- 3) Donna, from the National Cookie Company, wanted Susan to sign a contract right away. Susan told her _____. She wanted to speak to a lawyer before signing any papers.
- 4) As president of the Spanish Club, Nicole will be _____ organizing a trip to Spain in the spring.
- 5) When Nicole saw a group of her brother's friends laughing at her, she told them to _____.
- 6) After losing the election, Nicole was very upset. She needed to take it easy and _____.
- 7) Bob and Susan weren't sure yet how much they wanted to sell their cookie company for. They needed to _____ so they could get some advice.
- 8) Nicole had assumed _____ that she was going to win the election. She was really surprised when she lost.

★ BONUS PRACTICE

Fill in the blank with the missing word:

- 1) Billy fell down the stairs and started crying. When he finally stopped, his mother asked, "All ____?"
a) good b) better c) okay
- 2) Amber was happy when Ted said they didn't have to bake any more cookies. She was sick and tired ____ baking cookies.
a) of b) with c) at
- 3) David hasn't yet made up his mind whether or not to accept the job offer. He needs to ____ more time.
a) buy b) purchase c) get
- 4) The man behind me on the train was whistling loudly. It was giving me a headache. Finally, I told him to ____ it out.
a) stop b) cut c) chop
- 5) Chill ____! We're only going to be a few minutes late.
a) it b) in c) out
- 6) Ken ____ a fortune working in computers in the late 90's. He was able to retire at age 39.
a) had b) made c) found
- 7) The students were told that while the test was ____ progress, they wouldn't be allowed to leave the classroom.
a) with b) in c) at
- 8) Victoria has a big job. She's in charge ____ the marketing department at her company.
a) at b) with c) of

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