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English Teachers On Campus

LESSON 5

TED GOES OUT FOR THE EVENING

Ted leaves to go visit his girlfriend Amber. Ted's mother Susan says she doesn't really like Amber. She wishes him a good time anyway.

テッドは彼女のアンバーの所へ行きます。テッドの母、スーザンはアンバーのことをあまり気に入っていませんが、とにかく彼が楽しい時間を過ごせることを望んでいます。

Ted: See you later, Mom!

Susan: Where are you going, Ted?

Ted: I told Amber I'd **drop by**.

Susan: What are you two going to do?

Ted: Maybe go to the movies or to a party. Our plans are still **up in the air**.

Susan: Why don't you invite her over here?

Ted: I don't want to **hang around** here. Dad is really **down in the dumps**.

Susan: Is Amber the girl with the nose ring and the purple hair?

Ted: Yeah. I'm **crazy about** her!

Susan: Don't **take this the wrong way**, but she's not exactly my **cup of tea**.

- Ted:** Take it easy, Mom. We're not **about to** get married. We just enjoy **hanging out** together.
- Susan:** I guess there's **no accounting for taste**. Have a **good time**.
- Ted:** Don't worry. We'll **have a blast!**
- Susan:** (**under her breath**) That's what I'm afraid of!

IDIOMS – LESSON 5

about to – レッスン 1 を見ましょう

(to be) crazy about – to like very much
 ~にものすごく夢中である、熱狂する

EXAMPLE: Amy is so **crazy about** golf, she'd like to play every day.

cup of tea – the type of person or thing that one generally likes
 好み、お気に入り、性に合ったもの

EXAMPLE: Hockey is not Alan's **cup of tea**. He prefers soccer.
 メモ: この言い回しは一般的に否定的な形として使われます。
 She is not my cup of tea. (彼女は私の好みではありません)

(to be) down in the dumps – to feel sad; to be depressed
 落ち込んで、憂うつになって

EXAMPLE: It's not surprising that Lisa is **down in the dumps**. Princess, the cat she had for twenty years, just died.

(to) drop by – to pay a short, often unannounced visit
 (ひょっこり) 立ち寄る、顔を出す

EXAMPLE: If we have time before the movie, let's **drop by** Bill's house.

(to) hang around – to spend time idly; to linger
 (当てもなく) ぶらつく、うろつく

EXAMPLE: We had to **hang around** the airport for an extra six hours because our flight was delayed.

(to) hang out – to spend time (often doing nothing)
 プラプラして時を過ごす、気ままに振る舞う

EXAMPLE: Ted spent all of last summer **hanging out** by his friend's pool.

(to) have a blast [slang] – to enjoy oneself very much

パーティをする、楽しく過ごす

EXAMPLE: Last summer, Nicole **had a blast** backpacking through Europe with some friends.

SYNONYM: to have a ball

(to) have a good time – to enjoy oneself

楽しんでね！ 楽しい時を過ごす。

EXAMPLE: Mayumi and Akira **had a good time** salsa dancing at Babalu, a nightclub in Manhattan.

take it easy – relax; don't worry

リラックスする、落ち着いて

EXAMPLE: You lost your keys? **Take it easy**, I'm sure you'll find them.

SYNONYM: chill out [slang]

(to) take (something) the wrong way – to take offense

～に怒る、気を悪くする

EXAMPLE: Don't **take this the wrong way**, but I liked your hair better before you got it cut.

メモ：この言い回しは一般的に否定的な形として使われます。"Don't take this the wrong way, but..." (気を悪くしないでください、でも…)

there's no accounting for taste – it's impossible to explain individual likes and dislikes

人の好みはさまざま

EXAMPLE: Ted likes to put sugar on his spaghetti. I guess **there's no accounting for taste**.

under one's breath – quietly; in a whisper

小声で、声をひそめて

EXAMPLE: "Amber is strange," muttered Nicole **under her breath**, as Ted was leaving the room.

メモ："Mutter"の意味は、不平などをブツブツ言うこと。たいていは上記の例のように"under one's breath"を使います。

(to be) up in the air – not yet determined; uncertain

未定の、まだ決めていない

EXAMPLE: It might rain, so our plans for the picnic are still **up in the air**.

 PRACTICE THE IDIOMS

Fill in the blank with the missing word:

- 1) Bob was fired. It's not surprising that he's down ____ the dumps.
a) at b) in c) with
- 2) Ted thinks Amber is wonderful. He's just crazy ____ her.
a) about b) around c) into
- 3) "Don't ____ this the wrong way, but I really don't like your girlfriend," said Susan to Ted.
a) understand b) put c) take
- 4) Ted likes to hang ____ with Amber. She's fun to be with.
a) on b) out c) in
- 5) Ted decided to go over to Amber's house. He'd promised her he'd drop ____.
a) by b) around c) near
- 6) Bob and Susan don't know where they'll go on vacation. Their travel plans are still up ____ the air.
a) around b) in c) above
- 7) Judy muttered something nasty ____ her breath, but I couldn't quite hear it.
a) about b) under c) below
- 8) Why are you hanging ____ the house on such a beautiful day? You should be outside enjoying the weather.
a) inside b) from c) around

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Review for Lessons 1-5

Fill in the blank with the missing word:

- 1) After copying from his friend's paper during the test, Ted was on _____ ice with his chemistry teacher.
a) thick b) thin c) dangerous
- 2) Ted's teacher hit the _____ on the head. Ted should spend less time playing guitar and more time studying.
a) tack b) nail c) screw
- 3) I'm not really crazy about my friend's husband. He talks too much, and he never listens to what anybody else is saying. He's just not my cup of _____.
a) coffee b) cocoa c) tea
- 4) If Ted has his _____ set on going to New York University, he's going to have to buckle down and start studying more.
a) life b) brain c) heart
- 5) It's not surprising that Nicole gets such good grades. She's as _____ as a tack.
a) smart b) sharp c) clever
- 6) When Peter _____ his temper, it's very scary. He throws furniture everywhere.
a) loses b) finds c) opens

7) After Jane started hitting the ____, her grades started improving immediately.

- a) work b) books c) teachers

8) Nicole said something ____ her breath, but I couldn't hear it. When I asked her to repeat it, she refused.

- a) on b) about c) under

9) Will Ted ever be the best student in his class? Sure, when ____ fly!

- a) sheep b) elephants c) pigs

10) A positive attitude leads to success. When things get difficult, it's important to keep your ____ up.

- a) chin b) neck c) head

11) Bob was all stressed ____ because the traffic was making him late for a doctor's appointment.

- a) over b) out c) up

12) Frank knew that the judge had already decided he was guilty. There was no point ____ arguing with him.

- a) in b) around c) about

13) Some people think Nicole and Susan are sisters. That really ____ Nicole crazy!

- a) does b) causes c) drives

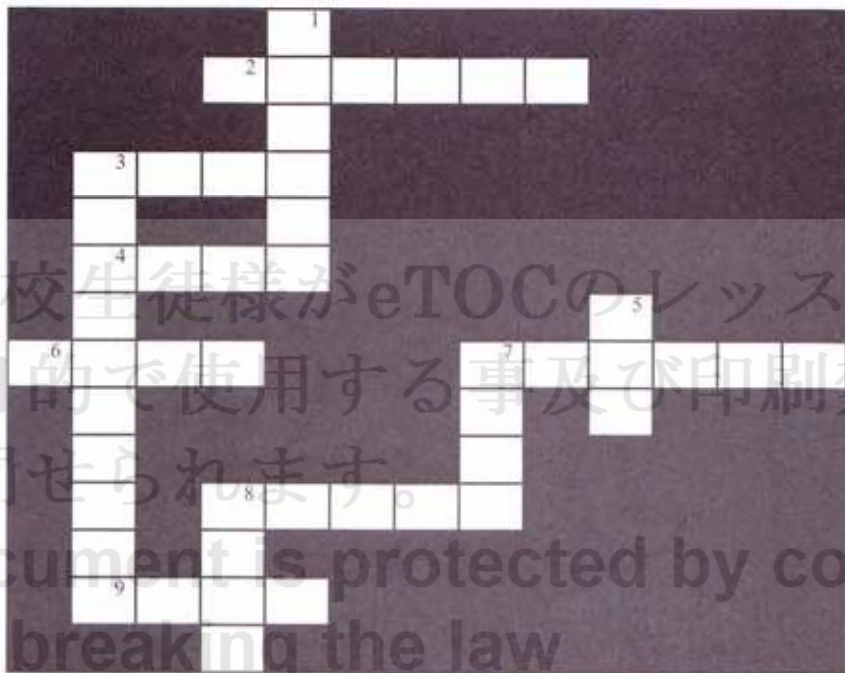
14) Ted has been slacking ____ since the first day of high school, so it's not surprising that he's doing so poorly.

- a) around b) off c) about

15) During the Depression in the 1930's, many families in America were living from hand to ____.

- a) arm b) mouth c) hand

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

2. "What's the ___?" Sue asked Bob. "You look very unhappy."
3. Sue doesn't want Bob to be sad. She wants him to keep his ___ up.
4. Bob's boss doesn't want Bob back. He's already made up his ___.
6. After failing his chemistry class once, Ted is taking it again. "Don't ___ it this time!" said his father.
7. Bob doesn't like the people at Honest Abe's Furniture Store. They give him the ___.
8. Ted's father wants him to study more. He tells Ted to hit the ___.
9. You got an "A" in every subject? That's very impressive! You must be as sharp as a ___.

Down

1. Bob was ___. Now he needs to find a new job.
3. Nicole's teacher was pleased with her and paid her a ___.
5. Ted's fancy new CD player cost an arm and a ___.
7. Ted is doing poorly in chemistry because he ___ class so often.
8. I wouldn't trust Lisa. She has a long history of stabbing her friends in the ___.

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