

I'm by far the  
best candidate  
for president!



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English Teachers On Call

## LESSON 9

### NICOLE FOR PRESIDENT!

*Nicole discusses her plans to run for student body president. Nicole wants Ted to ask his friends to vote for her. Ted agrees, in exchange for Nicole's help with his homework.*

ニコールは生徒会長に立候補する計画について話し合っています。ニコールはテッドの友達が自分に投票するようにテッドに頼みました。テッドは、自分の宿題をニコールが手伝うという条件で合意しました。

**Nicole:** I've decided to run for student body president! If I'm going to become a senator one day, I should **get some experience under my belt** now.

**Ted:** Andrea Jenkins is also running. She'll give you a **run for your money!**

**Nicole:** Andrea Jenkins is an idiot. I'm **by far** the better candidate.

**Ted:** Don't be so **full of yourself!** I might vote for Andrea.

**Nicole:** Stop **kidding around**. Let's get down to business. I need your help.

**Ted:** You want *me* to help *you*?

**Nicole:** Yes. I need you to **talk** your friends **into** voting for me.

*Ted:* But you never **give my friends the time of day**. All you give them is the **cold shoulder**.

*Nicole:* That's because they've got blue hair and nose rings!

*Ted:* They're better than your friends — a bunch of **goody-goodies** and **brown-nosers**!

*Nicole:* That's **beside the point**. Let's talk about *your* friends and *their* votes.

*Ted:* Okay. **You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours**. If you do my chemistry homework, I'll help you get the votes.

*Nicole:* I'm not **crazy about** that idea. But, okay, **it's a deal**. I hope I can **count on you**.



## IDIOMS – LESSON 9

**beside the point** – レッスン3を見ましょう

**brown-noser** [slang] – a person who's constantly trying to win favor with people above them, such as teachers or bosses  
ゴマすり

EXAMPLE: Tiffany's co-workers think she's a **brown-noser**. She's always telling the boss how smart he is.

メモ1: 動詞、ゴマをする、こびをうる。Stop trying to **brown-nose** our teacher all the time. It's driving me crazy!

メモ2: この表現は日常よく使われますが、下品な言葉遣いとみなす人もいます。

**by far** – by a wide margin; by a great difference

断然、圧倒的に

EXAMPLE: Some people think Tom Hanks is **by far** the best actor in America today.

SYNONYMS: by a long shot; far and away; hands down

<p><b>(to) count on (someone)</b> – to depend or rely on someone          ～に頼る、期待する</p> <p>EXAMPLE: My brother has a great sense of humor, so I can always <b>count on him</b> to cheer me up.</p>
<p><b>(to be) crazy about</b> – レッスン5を見ましょう</p>
<p><b>full of oneself</b> – to think too much of oneself          自分のことばかり考えている、うぬぼれが強い</p> <p>EXAMPLE: After Angela appeared on the cover of <i>Vogue</i> magazine, she was really <b>full of herself</b>.</p> <p>SYNONYM: to think oneself hot stuff. Example: Cara won the employee-of-the-month award, and now she <b>thinks she's hot stuff</b>.</p>
<p><b>(to) get down to business</b> – to get serious about a task          仕事に取りかかる、本題に入る</p> <p>EXAMPLE: The book club members spent the first two hours of their meeting eating and drinking before finally <b>getting down to business</b>.</p> <p>SYNONYM: to get cracking</p>
<p><b>(to) get or to have under one's belt</b> – to achieve <i>or</i> to have experience          経験して、経験を積んで、所持して</p> <p>EXAMPLE 1: Tanya had three years of working for a large law firm <b>under her belt</b> before leaving to start her own firm.</p> <p>EXAMPLE 2: Ray needs to get an MBA <b>under his belt</b> to get a better job.</p>
<p><b>(to) give (someone) a run for one's money</b> – to be strong competition          (人)にとって強力な競争相手</p> <p>EXAMPLE: We lost the soccer tournament, but we certainly <b>gave the girls from Stamford High School a run for their money</b>.</p>
<p><b>(to) give (someone) the cold shoulder</b> – to be cold to someone on purpose; to snub someone          (人)に冷たくする、無視する</p> <p>EXAMPLE: When Lisa saw Amber at the mall, she didn't even stop to talk to her. She really <b>gave her the cold shoulder</b>.</p> <p>SYNONYM: To blow someone off. Example: Amber can't understand why Lisa <b>blew her off</b> at the mall.</p>

**(to not) give (someone) the time of day** – to ignore someone; to refuse to pay any attention to someone

冷たくあしらう

EXAMPLE: Megan never **gave me the time of day** back in high school, but now she calls me all the time for advice.

**goody-goody** – self-righteously or annoyingly good

おべっか使い

EXAMPLE: Melanie always sits in the front row and smiles at the teacher during class. What a **goody-goody**!

SYNONYM: teacher's pet. Example: Nicole always does her homework on time and offers to help her classmates. No wonder she's the **teacher's pet**!

**it's a deal** – I agree (to a proposal or offer)

取引、契約、商談成立

EXAMPLE: You'll make dinner every night for a month if I help you with your homework? Okay, **it's a deal**!

SYNONYM: you're on. Example: You'll give me a massage if I take out the garbage? **You're on!**

**(to) kid around** – to joke around; to tease

からかう、ふざける

EXAMPLE: Jeremy loves to **kid around**, so don't be offended by anything he says.

SYNONYM: to horse around. Example: While they were **horsing around**, Tammy accidentally poked Derek in the eye. He had to be rushed to the emergency room of the hospital.

**(to) talk into** – to persuade; to convince

～をするように説得する

EXAMPLE: Chris didn't want to jump out of the plane, but Erin **talked him into it**.

**you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours** – if you do me a favor, I'll do you a favor; let's cooperate

持ちつ持たれつでいこうよ

EXAMPLE: I'll help you with your homework if you do the dishes. **You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours.**

 PRACTICE THE IDIOMS

Fill in the blank with the missing word:

1) Nicole is very reliable. You can always count \_\_\_\_ her.

- a) in                      b) on                      c) with

2) I need to ask you for your help, and I'll do something nice for you in return. You scratch my \_\_\_\_ and I'll scratch yours.

- a) back                      b) neck                      c) foot

3) Stop kidding \_\_\_\_! Tell me where you hid my shoes.

- a) about                      b) around                      c) into

4) I can't believe that Julie gave you the \_\_\_\_ shoulder. I thought you two were friends.

- a) hot                      b) freezing                      c) cold

5) Ted's friends didn't want to vote for Nicole, but Ted talked them \_\_\_\_ it.

- a) into                      b) around                      c) for

6) Although Jim Greene was \_\_\_\_ far the more qualified candidate, he lost the election because of a scandal.

- a) way                      b) in                      c) by

7) Denise is really full \_\_\_\_ herself. She thinks she's the smartest and most beautiful woman in the world.

- a) with                      b) of                      c) in

8) Nicole thinks that Andrea is a snob. She says Andrea won't \_\_\_\_ her the time of day.

- a) give                      b) allow                      c) tell

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