

Idioms – D

Dead to the world

- If someone is “dead to the world,” they are unaware of what is happening around them and not paying attention.

Deer in headlights

- We say someone looks like a “deer in headlights” if they are so surprised, shocked, or scared that they cannot respond, move, or speak. They look “frozen,” like a deer in a car’s headlights.

(A) Dime a dozen

- This means that something is too common or cheap, so that a dozen would only cost a dime.

Don’t cry over spilled milk

- Don’t worry about things that you can’t fix.



Don’t give up your day job

- This is a funny way to tell someone that they are very bad at doing something (such as singing or playing sports).

Don’t hold your breath

- Don’t get excited about something happening, because it probably won’t happen.

Don’t judge a book by its cover

- Don’t judge things or people by how they look. Instead, get to know them better before making an opinion.

Drive someone up the wall

- To annoy or irritate someone. (“Stop making that noise! You’re driving me up the wall!!!”)

Advice and Answers

Using the idioms, give advice or answers to these people:

David: I don't like that new student. His hair is strange, and he looks weird.

Advice: _____

Dana: I heard that they might cancel school tomorrow because of the weather!

Advice: _____

Derek: Why are you in a bad mood?

Dan: Because my computer crashed yesterday and I lost all of my work!

Advice to Dan: _____

Debbie: Listen! I learned how to sing that new song! "La, la la la, la la la la laaaaaaa..."

Advice: _____

Now, fill in the blanks with suitable idioms:

Dustin didn't get enough sleep last night, so he is really _____ today. Every time I talk to him, he forgets what he is saying. The teacher asked him a math question in class and he looked like a _____. I hope he gets some good sleep tonight, because he's _____ and I don't want to be around him when he's like this. Friends are _____; I can always find more.