



# Topic

Conversation  
for Idioms

Lesson 10  
Jobs

# Lead-in

Fill in the missing word to complete each idiom.

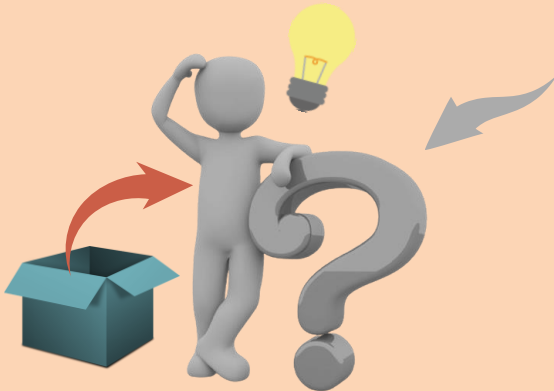


1 get one's \_\_\_\_\_ in the door

2 step into someone's \_\_\_\_\_



3 think outside the \_\_\_\_\_



4 get the \_\_\_\_\_



1. Her high school grades allow her to **get her foot in the door** for her desired college course.

**Q** What should you do to get your foot in the door of success?

## Origin

The phrase comes from the "hard sell" technique used by door-to-door salespeople, in which a salesperson places one of his/her feet on the door threshold, preventing the homeowner from closing the door.



2. His boss went on a business trip, so the assistant has to **step into his shoes** and function on his behalf.

Q When do we use the idiom?



when you take over someone's place or job



when you take someone else's shoes because yours are unavailable



3. Our teacher advised us to **think outside the box** and present our project in a unique way.

**Q** What does the idiom mean?



to copy other people's ideas and adapt them into your own



to think imaginatively using new ideas instead of traditional or expected ones



4. They stole money from the company and were told to **get the sack**.

**Q** What possible situations can result in employees getting the sack?

## **Did you know?**

This phrase is most likely an allusion to tradesmen who owned their own tools and carried them with them in a bag or sack when they were fired.



# Quick Review

**get one's foot  
in the door**

to take the first  
step toward  
obtaining an  
opportunity



**step into  
someone's shoes**

to take over  
someone's  
place or job



**JOBS**

**get the sack**

to be fired  
or dismissed  
from work



**think outside  
the box**

to think imaginatively  
using new ideas  
instead of traditional  
or expected ones



# Practice

Write the missing word/s to complete the corresponding idiom.

## Idioms

① get the \_\_\_\_\_

② \_\_\_\_\_ into someone's \_\_\_\_\_

③ think \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_

④ get one's \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_

## Situations

to be fired from one's job

to take someone's role

to explore innovation

to take the first step



# Practice

Match the beginning of the sentence to the correct ending.

A

1 He approaches the boss in order to get

2 He is constantly interrupting his teacher.

3 You should always give your best effort at work,

4 It's difficult to teach children.

B

otherwise you'll get the sack.

his foot in the door for the promotion.

We must think outside the box.

He seems to want to step into his shoes.

**If you were given the chance to step into any of these shoes, which would you choose? Why?**



**Professional Athlete**



**Entrepreneur**



**Fashion Model**