



Topic

Conversation
for Idioms

Lesson 12
Nationalities

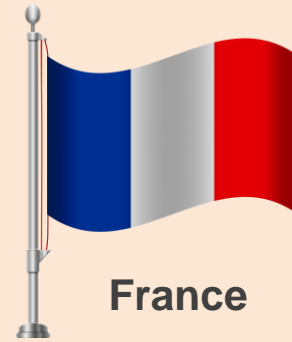
Lead-in

Guess the nationality/country by arranging the jumbled letters.



1.

c h t u d



2.

e n r f c h



3.

e e g k r



4.

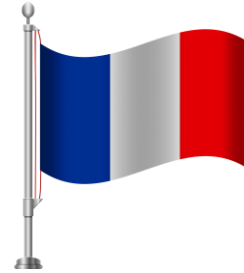
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Lead-in

Guess the meaning of each idiom.



go Dutch



**take French
leave**



**it's all Greek
to me**



**Mexican
standoff**

1. John plans to treat me to dinner but I insisted to **go Dutch**.

- Q How would you react if a friend offered to treat you to dinner?
- Q What do you think about going Dutch?



2. Adrian **took French leave** again. The party isn't over and he's nowhere to be found.

- Q** Which is **true** about the statement?
- He left the party without permission.
 - He was late to the party.

Origin

This expression of leaving a reception or event without saying goodbye to your host or hostess was common in France in the 18th century.



3. He was explaining a complicated Math problem but I didn't get it. **It's all Greek to me.**

Q When do we use the idiom?

- when we want to give a speech to someone
- when we completely don't understand a situation

Origin

It was coined by Shakespeare, who used it literally in his play “Julius Caesar”, where a character deliberately says a speech in Greek so that some would not understand it.

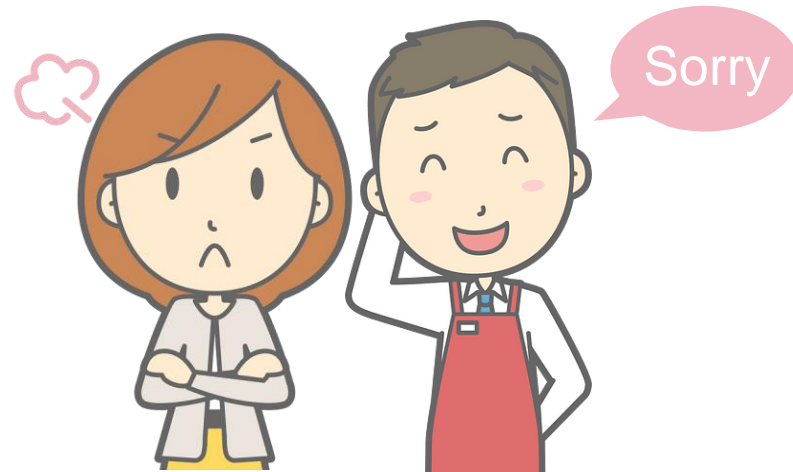


4. There seems to be a **Mexican standoff** as no one is willing to listen to each other's opinions.

 Choose the picture that best describes the statement.



A.



B.

Quick Review

go Dutch

each paying for his/her own bill



take French leave

to leave or go away without permission



Nationalities

it's all Greek to me

difficult to understand



Mexican standoff

a situation in which neither side can win an argument



Practice

Match the idiom to its meaning.

it's all Greek to me

a situation in which neither side can win an argument

take French leave

to leave or go away without permission

Mexican standoff

each paying for his/her own bill

go Dutch

difficult to understand

Practice

Fill in the blanks with the correct idiom. Change its form if necessary.

go Dutch

it's all Greek to me

take French leave

Mexican standoff

1. This is going to up in a _____ if none of you admits who made the mistake.
2. She prefers _____ because she doesn't want to pay for everyone's meal.
3. Paul _____ at the party yesterday after waiting for a long time.
4. They have been talking about Physics for 2 hours but _____.

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- A group of six diverse young adults (three men and three women) are seated around a table in a restaurant, smiling and clinking glasses of champagne. The scene is warm and celebratory, with soft lighting and blurred background elements like other diners and lights.
- 1. On what occasions do people treat friends in your country?**
 - 2. Is it a culture in your country to **go Dutch** when dining out with friends? Why or why not?**