



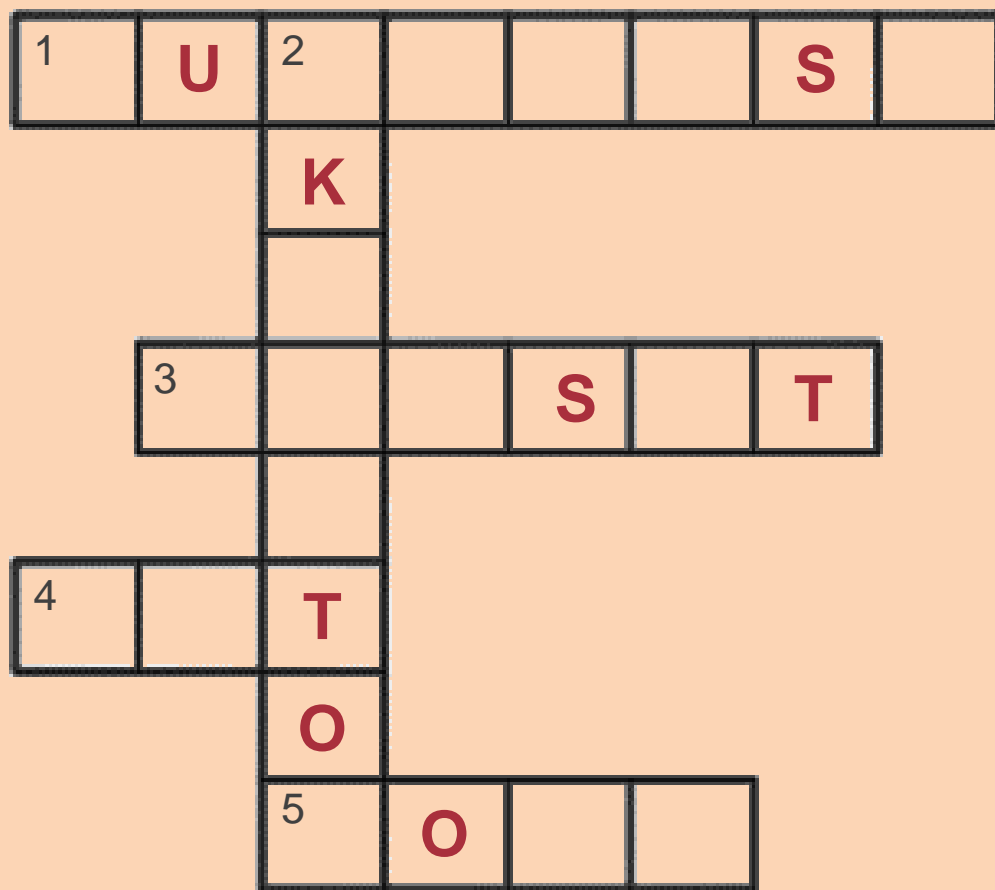
Topic

Conversation
for Idioms

Lesson 17
Secrets

Lead-in

Complete the word puzzle using the hints given.



across:

- 1 – refers to an enterprising entity or organization that carries out professional activities
- 3 – a cabinet to store utensils, clothing, etc.
- 4 – a piece of clothing for the head
- 5 – the part of the face through which people breathe and smell

down:


- 2 – the frame of bones supporting a human or animal body



1. Some government officials have **skeletons in their closets**. They are acting as if they have a good conscience.

Origin

This idiom was initially used because the UK parliament passed a bill in 1832 allowing doctors to dissect dead bodies for medical research.

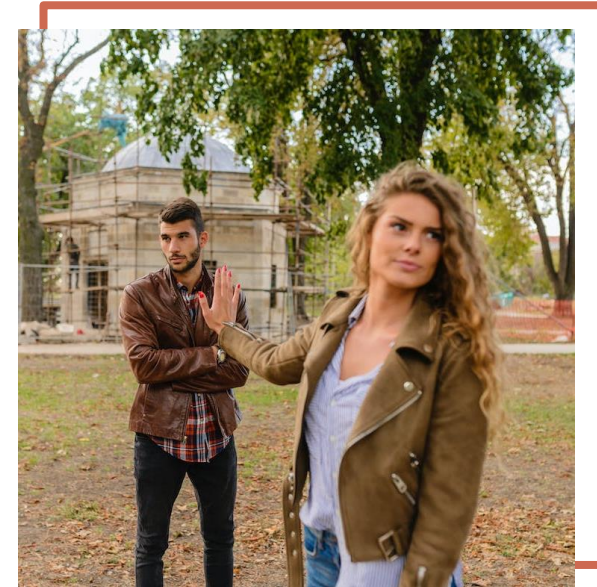
-  Do you believe that everybody has embarrassing secrets? Why are some people too afraid to share those secrets?

2. I told Ricky to leave me alone.
My personal life is **none of his business**.

What does the idiom mean?

something that is of no concern to another

something that another person should know



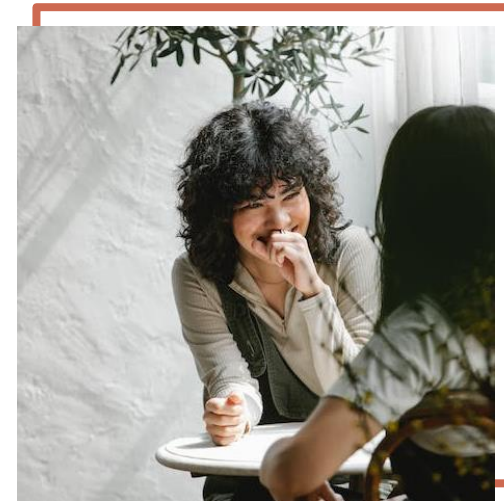
3. Mary always **sticks her nose into our business**. She couldn't stop concerning herself with things not related to her.



Guess the meaning of the idiom.

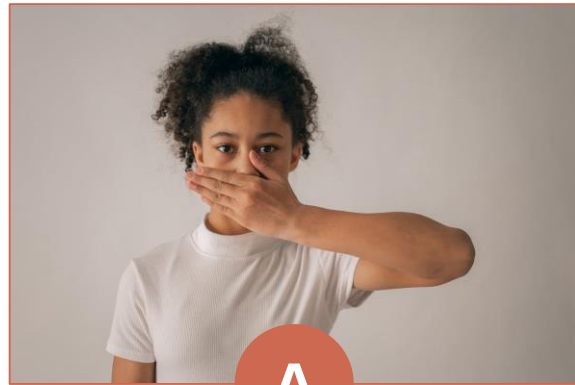


Create a sentence using the idiom.



4. My secrets are safe with Hannah. She knows how to **keep my secrets under her hat**.

Choose the picture that best describes the idiom.



A



B

Quick Review



Practice

Pair up the sentences from Column A with those in Column B.

A

1. I will tell you what happened last night, ...
2. We don't like our mayor ...
3. Please keep my skeletons in your closet because ...
4. You don't have to know it.

B

- a. I don't want people to know that about me.
- b. It is none of your business.
- c. sticking his nose into his people's business.
- d. but promise me that you'll keep it under your hat.

Practice

Complete the sentences by adding phrases using the idioms.

1

I have something to tell you. = keep under one's hat

2

I dislike my neighbor. = none of someone's business

3

Everyone found out. = skeleton in one's closet

4

I was angry. = stick one's nose into something

TRUTH

----- or -----

DARE

