



Topic

Conversation
for Idioms

Lesson 25
Friends

Lead-in

Circle the idiom that best describes the picture.

1



caught between
two stools

build
a bridge

2



get on like a
house on fire

to play
with fire

Lead-in

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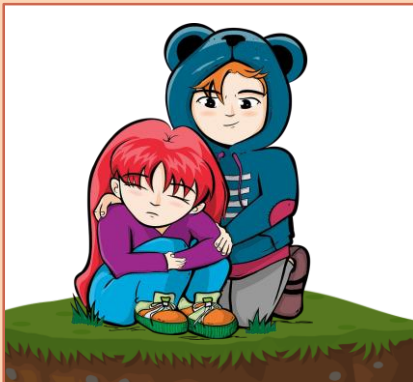
3



a pat on
the back

back to
square one

4



a chip on
your shoulder

a shoulder
to cry on

1. I want to have good connections with people. So, I decided to join a sports club and **build bridges** there.

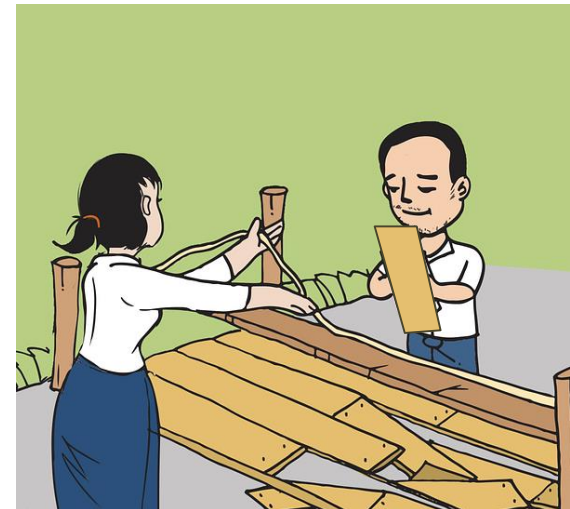
What does the idiom mean?



to build a path across a river



to establish a good relationship

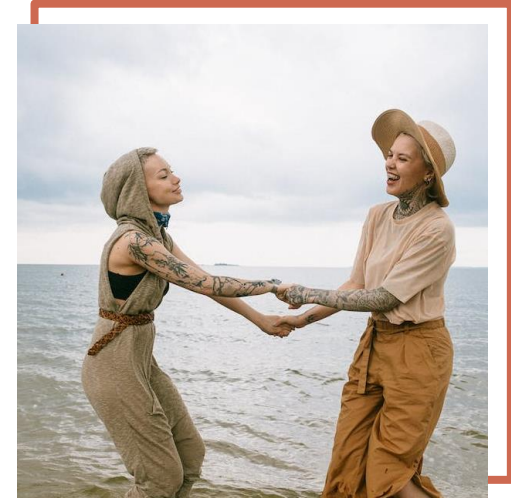


2. Sana and I just met for the first time today, and we surprisingly **got on like a house on fire**.

Which sentence is true about the idiom?

To get on like a house on fire is to become good friends quickly.

To get on like a house on fire is to quickly fight over something.

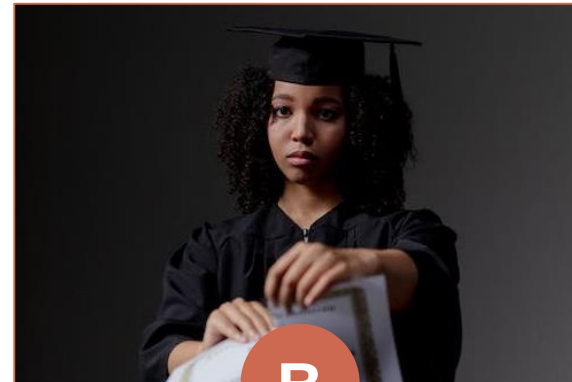


3. My son successfully graduated from college.
He deserves **a pat on the back**.

Choose the picture that best describes the idiom.



A



B

4. Olivia is always ready to listen and help me with my problems. She has always been my **shoulder to cry on**.



Guess the meaning of the idiom.



Create a sentence using the idiom.



Quick Review

to establish a
good relationship

build a bridge

1

to become good
friends very quickly

get on like a house on fire

2

Friends

a shoulder to cry on

4

a person who gives
sympathy and support

a pat on the back

3

a show of praise
or approval

Practice

Choose the idiom to complete the sentence.
Change their forms where needed.

build a bridge

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1

I can be _____. I am best at showing sympathy and giving support to those who need them.

2

Trina worked so hard this quarter. I believe that she deserves a break and _____.

Practice

Choose the idiom to complete the sentence.
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3

My new neighbor was so warm and friendly.
We immediately _____ in no time.

4

Most companies choose to _____ with their
customers to connect with them more personally.

Practice

Arrange the jumbled words to complete the sentence.

1



build / to / bridges / some / time /

We need more connections. It is now _____.

2



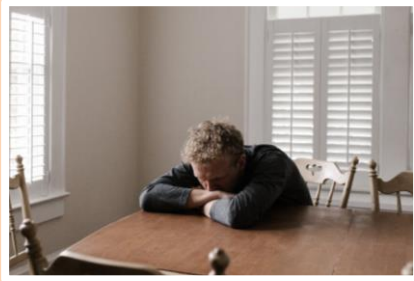
house / like / got / a / on / fire / on / easily

Abby and Meg are now friends. They _____.

Practice

Arrange the jumbled words to complete the sentence.

3



on / needs / back / a / the / pat

Eric feels demotivated. I think he _____.

4



shoulder / on / to / need / cry / of / a

Athena is so down. She is now in _____.

Who is more likely to ...

me teacher

- build bridges easily?
- get on with others like a house on fire?
- help someone in need?
- receive more praises at work or school?
- become a famous celebrity?
- offer a shoulder to cry on to friends?
- forget things easily?

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