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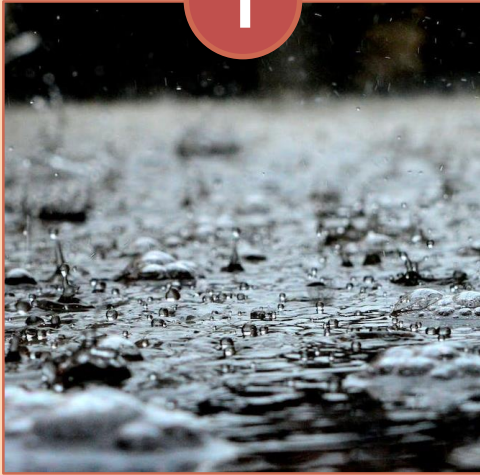
Conversation
for Idioms

Lesson 43
Nature

Lead-in

Unscramble the letters to complete the idiom.

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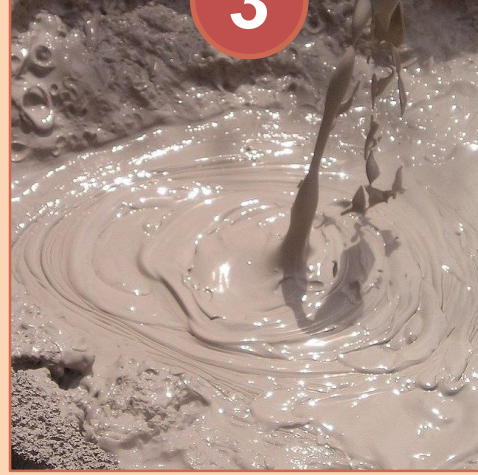
come **AIRN**
or shine

2



beats around
the **HBSU**

3



stick-in-
the-**DMU**

4




hit the
AHY

1. I am determined to travel next year. I will go to Norway, **come rain or shine**.

Did you know?

This was first recorded in 1905, which still refers to the weather, implying that an activity will be carried out, no matter what.

-  What are your career goals for the future?
Are you willing to take risks to achieve those?

2. Mila talks a lot without coming to a point.
She always **beats around the bush**.

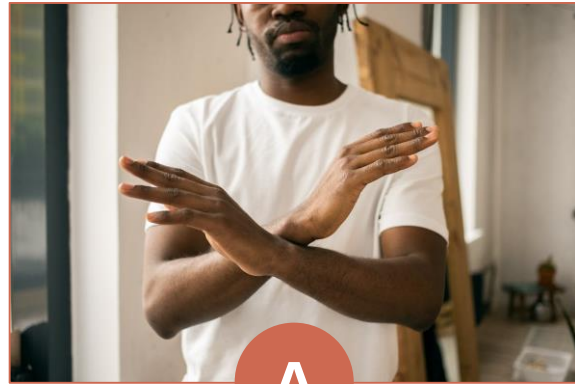
What does 'beat around the bush' mean?

- to say exactly what is in mind without considering other people
- to talk around a subject without getting to the point

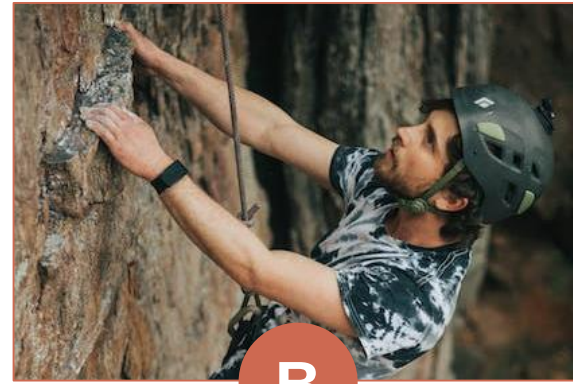


3. Edison is such a **stick-in-the-mud**.
He avoids trying new hobbies.

Choose the picture that best describes the idiom.



A



B

4. I plan to immediately **hit the hay** when I get home. I feel so exhausted today.



Guess the meaning of the idiom.



Create a sentence using the idiom.



Quick Review

NATURE

whatever happens

come rain or shine

stick-in-the-mud

someone unwilling
to try new things

to go to bed

hit the hay

beat around the bush

to talk around a subject
without getting to the point

Practice

Choose the correct idiom to complete the sentence.

- 1 We have been talking for hours and I still don't get his point. He is just (**beating around the bush, hitting the hay**).
- 2 Tina is not a (**come rain or shine, stick-in-the-mud**) anymore. She now enjoys discovering new hobbies.
- 3 I will be having a busy day tomorrow so I need to (**hit the hay, come rain or shine**) early tonight.
- 4 Nothing could ever dishearten the team. They will win the prize (**beat around the bush, come rain or shine**).

Practice

Choose the correct sentence with the proper use of idioms.

1

Jessica thinks that studying while working is so taxing. She just wants to hit the hay all the time.

Jessica thinks that studying while working is so taxing. She just wants to come rain or shine all the time.

2

Sam will always fulfill his promises beating around the bush. He is always true to his words.

Sam will always fulfill his promises come rain or shine. He is always true to his words.

Practice

Choose the correct sentence with the proper use of idioms.

3

My friend always declines my invitations. He just wants to stay home and act like a stick-in-the-mud.

My friend always accepts my invitations. He wants to discover new things and act like a stick-in-the-mud.

4

I don't like talking to people without coming to a point. I hate beating around the bush.

I love talking to people without coming to a point. I hate beating around the bush.

Discussion

Spin the turntable and answer the questions.



1

What do you think of those people who are like a stick-in-the-mud?

2

What do you do to someone who keeps beating around the bush?

3

Why do you think some people keep beating around the bush?

4

Do you agree that hitting the hay early makes us happier? Why or why not?

5

What does the idiom 'come rain or shine' mean? Give an example.

6

Which of the four idioms best relates to yourself? Justify your answer.