

## Key

### Exercise 2

#### Match idioms with their definitions

be unaware or unrealistic about something	<b>have one's head in the clouds</b>
an advantage that someone has over other people in something such as a competition or race	<b>head start</b>
nearby location or region	<b>neck of the woods</b>
taking on a task that you can't handle	<b>in over one's head</b>
recognition or a thank-you	<b>pat on the back</b>
not very intelligent	<b>thick in the head</b>
promise to keep a secret	<b>lips are sealed</b>
just barely	<b>(by the) skin of one's teeth</b>
do something without a plan	<b>play something by ear</b>
an experienced person	<b>(an) old hand</b>

### Exercise 3

#### Fill in the gaps

Today's the big game, eh? \_\_\_\_\_ **break a leg!**

I \_\_\_\_\_ **cried my heart out** when my best friend moved away.

I was surprised at how much I cared for this girl who wasn't even \_\_\_\_\_ **my flesh and blood**.

I can \_\_\_\_\_ **give you a hand** when you move if you like.

Amy \_\_\_\_\_ **has her head in the clouds** if she thinks she's going to pass her exams without studying.

I was just \_\_\_\_\_ **pulling your leg**. I'm not really a police officer.

The kids gave Anthony a \_\_\_\_\_ **head start** in the bicycle race because he was the youngest.

I was \_\_\_\_\_ **in over my head** when I agreed to babysit the triplets and the dogs.

Don't worry, I won't tell your mother how much you spent. \_\_\_\_\_ **my lips are sealed**.

### Exercise 4

#### Choose the right idiom

1. It was such a sad movie that I \_\_\_\_\_.

**cried my heart out**

got cold feet

was in over my head

2. He's got long hair because the hairdresser costs \_\_\_\_\_.

an old hand

**an arm and a leg**

a head start

3. I'm sure someone will find your kitten, so \_\_\_\_\_.

see eye to eye

stick your neck out

**keep your chin up**

4. She loves cakes and ice-cream. She's got a real sweet \_\_\_\_\_.

mouth

tongue

**tooth**

5. I'm just \_\_\_\_\_ your leg. I didn't really dye my hair blue.

shaking

breaking

**pulling**

6. I like to drink wine and \_\_\_\_\_ on Saturday nights.

make my blood boil

go head over heels

**let my hair down**

7. Let's get together in my \_\_\_\_\_ of the woods for once.

**neck**

hand

foot

8. We're going away for the week. Can you keep \_\_\_\_\_ on our house?

**an eye**

a hair

a foot

9. It makes my \_\_\_\_\_ when people try to cheat.

teeth ache

head start

**blood boil**

10. She knows of all her friends' phone numbers by \_\_\_\_\_.

mind

**heart**

eye

11. I'll \_\_\_\_\_ on the dinner while you're on the phone.

**keep an eye**

head start

keep the chin up

12. My uncle's \_\_\_\_\_ at car repair. He'll know what the problem is.

**too long in the tooth**

**an old hand**

head over heels

13. My daughter wants a tattoo. I told her she'd get one \_\_\_\_\_.

**over my dead body**

**in the neck of woods**

**long in the tooth**

14. The conference organizers deserve \_\_\_\_\_ for a job well done.

**head start**

**rule of thumb**

**a pat on the back**

15. We don't know if the weather will be good enough for camping. We'll have to \_\_\_\_\_.

**see eye to eye**

**play it by ear**

**face the music**

16. The \_\_\_\_\_ is that the students wear black pants and white shirts.

**rule of thumb**

neck of woods

**elbow grease**

17. The couple don't \_\_\_\_\_ on how to raise their children.

face the music

**give a cold shoulder**

**see eye to eye**

18. I \_\_\_\_\_ Bessie when she was thrown out of her house.

washed my hands of

**stuck my neck out for**

was thick in the head