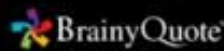


**Our character is what we do
when we think no one is
looking.**

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Ex. 1 Look at the words and translate them into Russian

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Ex. 2 Choose whether the idiom positive or negative.

- 1 I was on cloud nine all day. **P**
- 2 The boss was in a really black mood this morning. **N**
- 3 He's been going round like a bear with a sore head all day. **N**
- 4 Everyone seems to be in high spirits tonight. **P**
- 5 She seems to be keeping her chin up. **P**
- 6 You're looking down in the dumps. What happened? **N**
- 7 He had a face as long as a fiddle. **N**
- 8 Lily's as happy as the day is long. **P**
- 9 She was over the moon when she heard the news. **P**

Ex. 3 Match the idiom with its definition

1. as happy as the day is long **D**
2. to be on cloud nine **H**
3. to keep her chin up **C**
4. to be like a bear with a sore head **E**
5. feeling all in **A**
6. to be under the weather **G**
7. at death's door **F**
8. to frighten the life out of **B**

- a. exhausted
- b. very scared indeed
- c. happy despite bad things
- d. extremely content
- e. extremely irritable
- f. very sick or ill
- g. not very well /ill
- h. extremely pleased/happy

Ex 4 Complete the idioms in these sentences with the most suitable word.

1 Don't creep up behind me like that! You ...

- a. **frightened the life out of me**
- b. were at death's door
- c. were like a bear with a sore head
- d. were on cloud nine

2 I don't need a doctor, I just feel a bit ...

- a. like a bear with a sore head
- b. scared stiff
- c. **under the weather**
- d. as happy as the day is long

- 3 As long as he has his car to work on, he is ...
- shaking in his shoes
 - as happy as the day is long
 - feeling all in
 - at death's door
- 4 Last year, when I won that medal, I really was ...
- keeping my chin up
 - scared stiff
 - on cloud nine
 - scared out of my wits
- 5 I wasn't expecting such a loud bang; I nearly ...
- jumped out of my skin
 - could eat a horse
 - was looking a bit under the weather
 - was like a bear with a sore head
- 6 I've had nothing since lunch; I ...
- kept my chin up
 - could eat a horse
 - felt as if my head was going round
 - was on cloud nine
- 7 I feel a bit down this week; last week I was...
- in high spirits
 - all shaking in my shoes
 - looking a bit under the weather
 - feeling all in

Ex. 5 Complete the sentences with suitable idiom

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| scared stiff | to be on cloud nine | like a bear with a sore head |
| as happy as the day is long | as if my head was going | a bit under the weather |
| at death's door | round | |

- Jo has bought a new car. He doesn't have to go to work by bus any more, he is **as happy as the day is long**.
- Mary had to rewrite her article for the third time. She was **like a bear with a sore head**.
- Jack has proposed to Sue. She seems **to be on cloud nine** these days.
- You look very pale. Is everything OK? You're looking **a bit under the weather**.
- Ambulance took Will to the hospital. He was almost **at death's door**! But eventually everything became better.
- I was **scared stiff** when I was watching that new horror movie.
- I suddenly felt **as if my head was going round**. That's because I drank too little water.

Ex 6 Using the idioms from 79.1 and from A opposite, say how you would probably feel if...

- you were told you had just won a vast sum of money.
- your boss said you had to do again a piece of work you'd already done three times.
- you were told you'd got a very high mark in an exam.

- 4 you had a bad toothache and your neighbor was making a lot of noise late at night.
- 5 nothing seemed to have gone right for you that day
- 6 someone you were secretly in love with told you they were in love with you.