



Back-to-School Idioms Worksheet

Instructions: Complete each section below. Then check your answers on the final page.

Part A – Match the Idiom to Its Meaning

Idiom	Meaning
A. Copycat	1. Surprise test
B. Brainstorm	2. Prepare to think hard
C. Put on your thinking cap	3. Optional work for bonus points
D. Burn the midnight oil	4. Someone who imitates
E. Extra credit	5. Understand how something works
F. Pass with flying colors	6. Think of many ideas quickly
G. School of hard knocks	7. Start studying hard
H. Hit the books	8. Do extremely well
I. Pop quiz	9. Gain knowledge through difficult experiences
J. Learn the ropes	10. Study very late at night

Part B – Fill in the Blank with the Correct Idiom

I studied hard to _____ in my math class.

Don't _____—we still have time to fix the project.

She managed to _____ even though the quiz was a surprise.

He tends to _____ and miss important lessons.

Use _____ in a sentence.

Our marks were _____, way better than expected.

Remember to _____ so you don't forget the homework.

Let's _____ for next Tuesday afternoon.

I should _____ if I want to be fresh tomorrow.

We can _____ the mistake to lack of practice.

Part C – Create Your Own Sentences

1. Use 'Back to square one' in your own sentence: _____

2. Use 'Bookworm' in your own sentence: _____

3. Use 'Teacher's pet' in your own sentence: _____

4. Use 'Pull an all-nighter' in your own sentence: _____

5. Use 'In the same boat' in your own sentence: _____

Answer Key

Part A

A – 4

B – 6

C – 2

D – 10

E – 3

F – 8

G – 9

H – 7

I – 1

J – 5

Part B

1. Make the grade

2. Drop the ball

3. Ace the test

4. Play hooky

5. Skip class

6. Off the charts

7. Write it down

8. Pencil it in

9. Hit the sack early

10. Chalk it up