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Read this conversation. Beneath each line, write the definition of the words and phrases in bold. The first line is done for you.

Ann: You seem a little **ticked off**. What happened?

ticked off: angry

Erin: I'm not really that angry. I get a little **bent out of shape** when people aren't **straight with me**.

Ann: Has someone **misled** you?

Erin: Joe **went back on his word** to give me a raise.

Ann: **You're kidding!** I thought your raise was a **done deal**.

Erin: Apparently not. He **claims** he fought for my raise, but was **overruled by upper management**.

Ann: What will you do now? Will you look for another job?

Erin: Probably not. Joe **sweet-talked** me into staying for another six months. I'll see how things go this spring. Joe said he might be able to **swing** a large Christmas **bonus** for me this year since I got such a good **performance review**.

Ann: **Good luck with that**.

Erin: Thanks. I hope Joe will **put his money where his mouth is**. I'm tired of **broken promises**.

Discussion:

- 1.What did you study in college?
- 2.How many degrees do you have?
- 3.How old were you when you got your first job? What did you do?
- 4.What did you think of your first boss?
- 5.What do you miss about working?
- 6.If you could go back to school, what would you study?
- 7.Have you ever worked part-time? Did you enjoy part-time work?
- 8.Do most high school kids have jobs in your country?
- 9.Do women and men get paid the same for the same job in your country?
- 10.Do you think older workers should be forced to retire to make room for younger workers looking for jobs?
- 11.Would you enjoy a job where you worked outside?
- 12.Would you ever work on a farm?

13. How many hours a week did you work in your home country?
14. How much vacation did you usually get? Did you use all your vacation days?
15. Have you ever thought about turning your hobby into your job?

Match these idioms to their definitions.

Shape up or ship out!	very high; higher than expected
to throw cold water over something	someone who always agrees with the boss
through the roof	until the last minute
down to the wire	improve your behavior or leave
yes man	present reasons why something won't work; to discourage

Fill in the blanks with the correct idiom from the table above.

1. Our report is due first thing in the morning. We'll be working _____.
2. Jim's boss told him to _____.
3. Don't expect Jim to stand up to the boss. He's a real _____.
4. Prices have gone _____.
5. The boss _____ over my idea to cut costs.

TOEFL Listening Quiz

- 1- How does the man feel about the assignments?
 - a) He does care.
 - b) He does not like the lab assistant.
 - c) He does not like the grading system.
 - d) He does not agree with the woman.

- 2- What best describes the man's opinion of Terry?
 - a) He feels protective of Terry.
 - b) The man is supportive.
 - c) He has his doubts about Terry.
 - d) He feels hostile toward Terry.

- 3- How does the man feel about the review session?
 - a) He wants to go, but he won't.
 - b) He does not want to go, but he will.
 - c) He wants to go and he will.
 - d) He does not want to go, and he won't.

- 4- How does the man feel about Janine?
 - a) He thinks Janine would be difficult to live with.
 - b) He thinks Janine and the woman will like living together.
 - c) He thinks it would be better to live with Janine than with Carol.
 - d) He thinks that Janine and Carol should live together.