

- 1) Poor Tom. His girlfriend bosses him around. He wants to break up with her, but he has no backbone.
- 2) You're just going to have to gut it out.
- 3) He shrugged his shoulders. Evidently he didn't know or didn't care.
- 4) On the face of it, the problem looks easy to solve.
- 5) I can't seem to get this bracelet hooked. I'm all thumbs today.
- 6) We need a keen, energetic young person with a good eye for detail to start work immediately as a trainee flower arranger.
- 7) It was over twelve years ago that I first set my heart on becoming a lawyer and today I have finally passed my law exams.
- 8) They come from two completely different political backgrounds but surprisingly, the two world leaders see eye to eye on many issues.
- 9) If you wear that dress at the funeral it is sure to raise a few eyebrows. I think maybe you should wear something less colorful.
- 10) It is always harder for an older worker to lose a job. The young generally land on their feet within a year or so but somebody over 50 may never work again.
- 11) You've got to hand it to Jim, he decided he wanted to attend college and he worked until he could pay his tuition.
- 12) After the divorce, she turned a deaf ear to his demands to see the children.
- 13) I've been racking my brains but I just can't remember where I put the documents.
- 14) I don't know why I feel like we shouldn't go. I just have this gut feeling that if we go tonight, we'll regret it.
- 15) The party started getting out of hand at about 3 AM. In retrospect, we should have closed it down and made everyone go home then.

1. think long and hard
2. give credit to
3. awkward or clumsy
4. a feeling of intuition
5. be tough and carry on in the face of adversity
6. to want something very much
7. out of control
8. cowardly
9. to agree about something
10. to end up in a good position after something bad happens
11. a gesture that shows you don't know or don't care
12. when you describe a situation that appears one way when you first look at it, but may appear differently if carefully studied
13. to be good at noticing small things
14. shock or surprise people
15. refuse to listen to someone

**Teachers: Give the students a number between 1 and 15 and ask them to make a new sentence using that idiom. Go around the circle until you are sure everyone understands the idiom.**

**Discussion:**

1. Talk about a time when you had a gut feeling about something that later turned out to be right.
2. Have you ever done anything that raised eyebrows?
3. What do you have your heart set on?
4. Do you have a good eye for detail?

5. Describe a time when you had to gut something out.
6. If you say someone doesn't have the guts to do something, it means they are afraid to do it. Are there things you'd like to do, but don't have the guts to do?
7. What are heartaches? What is a broken heart? Have you ever had either?

**Look at page 107 in the OPD. Have the students pronounce all the words.**

### **Practicing with Verbs:**

**force:** when someone makes you do something that you don't want to do, they **force** you to do it.

**Read these examples and in your own words, explain what the sentence means:**

1. The doorway was too small to get the sofa through. But the men forced it and managed to get it in.
2. The policemen forced the door, but the man jumped out the window and got away.
3. My mother was finally forced the laugh when I showed her my hilarious Halloween costume.
4. We forced Dad to admit he had been wrong about Tim.
5. The electrical storm forced us to turn back.
6. The journalist didn't want to reveal her sources, but the judge forced her.

**burst:** (1) to break or rupture (2) be filled to the breaking point (3) explode (4) be eager  
Burst does not change spellings in the past tense. So it burst today, and it burst yesterday.

**Examples: Tell which definition is the best and explain what the sentence means**

1. The balloons burst as drifted down onto the wet grass.
2. The auditorium was bursting with students during the pep rally.
3. My heart was bursting with pride as my son walked across the stage and got his award.
4. The water from the flood burst through the sandbags and ran into the neighborhood.
5. The boy burst his ear drum when he fell into the water.

**shoulder:** usually shoulder is a noun, but it can be a verb. If you shoulder something, you put it on your back and carry it.

**Examples:**

1. He shouldered his bike and walked across the finish line.
2. He shouldered the responsibility for taking care of all his siblings after his parent's death.

What responsibilities have you shouldered in your lifetime?

What does it mean to rub shoulders with someone?

Do you have a chip on your shoulder?