

FUMC ESL 2-9-2015 Advanced Lesson

Read these idioms, the accompanying sentence and tell what the idiom means.

1-have a say in the something

Only the investors will have a say in the price of the product.

2-have a soft spot for someone

I've always had a soft spot for puppies.

3-have a word with someone

You're right. He shouldn't be talking to himself during the exam. I'll have a word with him after he finishes.

4-have a score to settle

I have a score to settle with John. He cheated me out of my inheritance.

5-have a screw loose

That crazy guy has a screw loose.

6-have a bearing on

The worker's opinion has no bearing on the boss' decision.

7-have broad shoulders

I can take it. I have broad shoulders.

8-has come a long way

Becky has come a long way from that shy child she was a few years ago.

9-have a one track mind

Adolescent boys often have one-track minds. They are always thinking about girls.

10-have a run of bad luck

We've had a run of bad luck this year. Hopefully, next year will be luckier.

11-have a mind like a steel trap

You can't get anything past Joe. He has a mind like a steel trap.

12-have arrived

When Jane saw her picture on the cover of a magazine, she knew she had arrived.

13-have half a mind

I have half a mind to leave. I'm tired of always having to wait on her.

14-have money to burn

Now that John is working full time, he has money to burn.

15-have mixed feelings

I have mixed feelings about my trip to Africa. The country is beautiful, but traveling there can be dangerous.

16-have seen better days

That old couch has seen better days.

Discuss in your group:

1. My husband believes the garage belongs to him. I don't have a say in where anything goes in the garage. Is there anything in your home that you don't have a say in?
2. Do you have a score to settle with anyone? Why?
3. Are you the one in the family with broad shoulders?
4. In what way have you "come a long way"?
5. How will you know that you "have arrived"?
6. When was the last time you had money to burn?
7. Name something you have mixed feelings about.
8. Do you have something in your house that has seen better days?

Pronounce the word. Mark the syllable that should be stressed. Match the word with the phrase below.

deposit	hamburger	notable	express	century	challenge
vaccine	strategy	incidental	community	affinity	incessant
proximity	voluminous	impartial	nonchalant	stoic	decadent

- master plan
- money in the bank
- you like it well done
- continuous
- one hundred
- feeling of kinship
- nearness
- lots of volume
- indifference about it
- fair
- unaffected by pain or pleasure
- excessive indulgence
- someone most people know
- gives you antibodies
- we all live together
- want to fight me
- quicker
- not essential