

Idioms with “still”—Match the idioms with their meanings below.

1. My heart stood still.
2. Still waters run deep.
3. Hold still while I pin up your dress.
4. The jury is still out on that project.
5. I won't sit still for that.
6. The courtroom was so still you could hear a pin drop.
7. Better still, you could bring me some ice cream.

- A. more satisfactorily
- B. heart stops beating due to strong emotions
- C. don't move
- D. no decision has been made
- E. people who say little often have very complex thoughts
- F. very quiet
- G. remain idle

More Idioms: Read the definitions then make a sentence using the idiom in quotations.

1. If it was already bad and has gotten worse, we say it has, “gone from bad to worse”.
2. If something has already happened, we say it is “after the fact”.
3. Still talking about something after the thing is already finished is called, “beating a dead horse”.
4. If something is already working well, and shouldn't be changed we say, “If it isn't broke, don't fix it”.

Discuss these questions in your group.

- 1) Describe a family reunion you have attended.
- 2) What would you do if a child was misbehaving at your home?
- 3) Which of these situations make you feel scared.
 - home alone in your house
 - in a deserted parking lot
 - driving home alone at night
 - walking alone during the daytime
 - being in the laundromat alone
 - having a repairman in my house
 - home with my family at night
 - walking in the city during the day
 - on the bus with your child

4) Which of the following did you do as a child?

- swam in a pool
- swam in a lake
- swam in the ocean
- played in the sand on a beach
- mowed the grass
- played on a swingset
- rode in a motor boat
- rowed in a row boat
- rode a horse
- climbed a mountain
- raised animals
- travelled to a foreign country

5) Which of the following would you be willing to do for a family member (not your spouse or kids) ?

- loan money
- let them move in with you
- babysit their kids
- loan them your car
- donate a kidney

6) What's the best and worst thing about having a big family?