

Read and discuss these sentences. Talk about the meaning of the underlined words and idioms. Then discuss the question, if there is one.

1-On the face of it, the problem looks easy to solve, but it has been harder than we thought to resolve..

2-When someone at the office asks if I want to hear the latest gossip, I say, "By all means. Tell me. I'm all ears."

Question: Is it bad to listen to gossip? How should you react if someone asks if you want to hear the latest gossip?

3-I am telling you the truth, cross my heart.

4-The victim was stuck at the bottom of the well. She yelled at the top of her lungs, but no one heard her.

5-We need a keen, energetic young person with a good eye for detail to start work immediately as a trainee flower arranger.

Question: Do you have a good idea for detail? Or you good at decorating your house? Or you good at accessorizing your wardrobe?

6-I offered to help him but he just told me to keep my nose out of it.

Question: People who keep their nose in are called "nosey". Do you have nosy neighbors?

7-I've got a lot of things to do today. Can you lend me a hand?

8-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.

Question: What have you set your heart on?

9-There's nothing anybody can do about the train delays so we just have to try to put a brave face on it . Certainly, it doesn't help to complain.

Question: Describe a situation where you had to put a brave face on it.

10-If you wear that dress at the funeral it is sure to raise a few eyebrows . I think maybe you should wear something less bright and colorful.

Question: What is considered appropriate funeral attire in your country?

11-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.

12-Tim and Carolyn had a heart to heart talk and decided not to buy a new house right now.

13-It didn't cross my mind that inviting Ben to the party would make Bill jealous.

14-I'm up to my eyeballs in work right now. We'll have to go on vacation later in the month.

15-You've got to hand it to Jim. He decided he wanted to attend college and he worked until he could pay his tuition.

16-My boyfriend broke up with me today. I need a shoulder to cry on.
Question: Are you the kind of person that people take their troubles to?

17-Off the top of my head, I can't think of a single person who is willing to help you.

18-After the divorce, she turned a deaf ear to his demands to see the children.

19-The pirates were armed to the teeth when they boarded our boat.

Vocabulary

Look at page 106 in the OPD. Ask the teachers any questions you have about body parts.

Discuss where these body parts are located:

scalp, temple, nape of the neck, hairline, ear lobe, eyebrow, eyelash, pupils,