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### Lesson Objective

The student shall be able to use “power words” as part of their oral vocabulary, read and comprehend both social and business language and demonstrate effective oral communication skills

### Section One

#### Vocabulary

Evaluation Criteria: Ability to understand definitions of English idioms

Look at the chart

#### Idioms

##### Hit the nail on the head

Find exactly the right answer



##### She bit off more than she could

chew

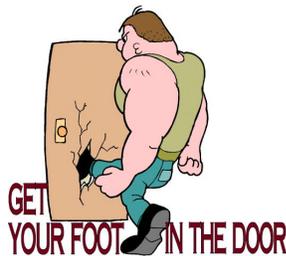
She took on too many responsibilities



She bit off more than she can chew.  
(She took on too many responsibilities.)

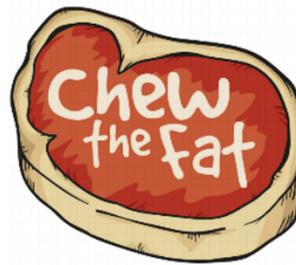
##### Get your foot in the door

To enter a business or organization at a low level but with a chance of being more successful in the future



##### Chew the fat

To chat or gossip



Now complete these examples with one of the idioms and ask someone else to make another example with that idiom.

1. I heard the when John was asked a hard question by the professor, he .....
2. Yesterday after work, I heard John and Mike sitting around and .....
3. Mike just graduated university, and he knows that before he can ask for a high salary in a company, he needs to .....
4. Last week Jim and Sally realized that their workload was too much and that they had .....



## Section Two

### Verbal Communication skills.

**Evaluation Criteria:** Ability to effectively speak English

### Tongue Twisters

**Participants will take turns doing tongue twisters to practice their pronunciation and speaking skills**

- 1. Betty bought a bit of butter.**  
But the butter Betty bought was bitter.  
so Betty bought a better butter,  
and it was better than the butter Betty bought before.
- 2. How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?**  
He would chuck, he would, as much as he could, and chuck as much wood,  
as a woodchuck would if a woodchuck could chuck wood.
- 3. Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.**  
A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked.  
If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers?  
Where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?
- 4. All I want is a proper cup of coffee,**  
Made in a proper copper coffee pot  
I may be off my dot  
But I want a cup of coffee  
From a proper coffee pot.  
  
Tin coffee pots and iron coffee pots  
They're no use to me -  
If I can't have a proper cup of coffee  
In a proper copper coffee pot  
I'll have a cup of tea.
- 5. What a to do to die today**  
At a minute or two to two  
A thing distinctly hard to say  
And harder still to do.  
  
For they'll beat a tattoo at twenty to two  
A rat-tat-tat-Tat-tat-tat-Tat-tat-tat-too  
And the dragon will come when he hears the drum,  
At a minute or two to two today  
At a minute or two to two.
- 6. One-One was a racehorse.**  
Two-Two was one, too.  
When One-One won one race,  
Two-Two won one, too.
- 7. These thousand tricky tongue twisters trip thrillingly off the tongue.**
- 8. Fuzzy Wuzzy was a bear. Fuzzy Wuzzy had no hair. Fuzzy Wuzzy wasn't fuzzy, was he?**