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Objective: The aim of this activity is to boost students’ creativity, practice understanding of power words and sharpen their skills of being concise and coherent.

Section One

Idioms: match the idiom/phrase with the correct meaning and provide an example of its usage in a sentence.

Idiom/proverb	MEANING
1. Know the ropes / show the ropes	A. To prompt an action at an early stage that can prevent more serious trouble developing in the future.
2. It takes all sorts to make a world.	B. You do not save any time by working too fast; hurrying will cause you to make mistakes, and you will have to take extra time to do the job over again.
3. Extend the olive branch	C. People will naturally take advantage of the absence of someone in authority to do as they like.
4. All work and no play Makes a Jack a Dull Boy.	D. You feel more affection for those you love when parted from them.
5. When the cat's away, the mice will play.	E. Said to emphasize that people have different characters, opinions, and abilities, and that you should accept this.
6. Absence makes the heart grow fonder.	F. Someone is experienced at what he or she is doing. / to explain to them how something is done.
7. Haste makes waste.	G. To take steps towards achieving peace with an enemy (or simply someone with whom you have fallen out).
8. A stitch in time saves nine	H. said to warn someone that they will not be an interesting person by working all the time

Section Two

Role Playing

Directive: Students will be asked to participate in selected scenarios below. **Use as many idioms/proverbs from the section one in your speech as possible. The couple which uses more idioms will be the winner.** Each scenario will last approximately 5 minutes.

- Two friends meet after a long time and talk. Friend 1: You used to have a very poorly paid job, but then you inherited a great deal of money. Describe how your life has changed and what you have decided to do with the money. Friend 2: You are a self-made man/woman. Describe your poor background, your decision to become rich, your attitude towards money, and how you explain your success.
- You are a girl. You have a boyfriend and you love him. You want to move in with him and you are determined to do so; however, your parents are old fashioned and they think it's better if they to find a partner for you. Try to convince them that they should not intervene in your romantic life decisions.
- Spouses’ conflict: Husband: You are a man who like partying but your wife prefers sitting at home and watching TV. That’s why you go to all the parties alone including tonight. Wife: You are a very decent woman. You have a husband, but he is light-headed. He likes partying, which you hate. One day you find a picture of another woman in his pocket. You became very angry, so you wait for him late at night, you want a divorce. He had just come home from another party.
- Emergency room: Nurse: you have a patient with a concussion (he had a car accident), who has just come in. You need to run some tests, but then you come up to him and he tells you that... Patient: you're a businessman/woman. Today is a big day!! You have to give a presentation. This presentation is very important for your career, so you cannot miss it. You suddenly realize that you are in hospital. Your presentation is in 2 hours. You see a nurse working towards you. Persuade her/him to let you leave the hospital.
- (3 people) You are a customer at a restaurant. Sadly, you are dissatisfied with the food you get. Moreover, you find the place cold and dirty. You are not content with the waiter’s behavior either. You are very upset. Call the manager and complain about the quality of the food and service. (The complaint could include but not limited to: food inedible, too cold, too hot, too fatty, too spicy, tasteless, waiter rude, too nice, flirt, forgetful, slow, etc.) You want compensation. As the manager, call the waiter and talk with/her about the situation, you want to keep your customers satisfied but at the same time you want to be a flexible manager.
- Your brother/sister has graduated from the university recently and you want to organize a big surprise party for him/her. You have a friend who’s the owner of a popular pub in your hometown. Call the owner of the pub and book a birthday event. As the pub owner, your tables are all sold out for that night. Entice your friend to book for a different night.
- Your flat mate wants to have a pet; however, you are not fond of living with animals in your flat. Try to convince each other.
- You and your friend work together. You found out that your boss will be off town in two days and the staff will have one day without the boss. Your friend wants to do something that “everyone will remember”. You are worried because you know that he/she is not good at organizing occasions and things may get out of control and you both might lose their jobs. Express your concerns to him/her and talk about it.