

Chapter 1 : Davidson Gifted Database

Teachers are encouraged to use the activities as a lighthearted part of the daily curriculum. Delight more! Illustrations portraying humorous literal interpretations of idioms are sprinkled throughout the book to enhance enjoyment.

However, during my stay in the US, I found that most of the idioms are rarely used. Recording is for fun, not very By Cdaniels on Jul 27, I am a Bostonian who heard the recording from one of my English students. Dressed to the teeth is an expression I readily recognize, but I am more likely to read it than to hear it in everyday, modern conversation. Some of the expressions are probably regional, perhaps most from Northeastern section of the country. Of course the term American is often misused, and foreign visitors should be careful buying books claiming to teach American words or phrases. Some did not work! A Customer on Aug 07, As soon as I read this book I used some phrases to my friend, who is an American lawyer obtained a degree from Duke grad. No doubt she is intelligent enough. But some of them did not work. For example, she did not understand "dressed to the teeth" at all. In addition, I wrote them down for fear that she had not catch them correctly because of my pronunciation. I wonder if some of idioms on this book are obsolete. But, generally, it seems to be useful. A great book for ESL children By Amazon Customer on Sep 20, This book includes popular American English idioms along with an illustration for each that children will find amusing. Note that the illustrations are purely for amusement rather than providing visual explanations of the idiom. Some of the idioms are more popular than others but overall a good selection has been made. Each idiom is explained in detail and with example sentences and a larger context. Older readers will want to spend their money on a more comprehensive idiom dictionary, but this is perfect for children and those who enjoy reading to them. My only criticism would be that the idioms are presented in context and the examples are written at a higher level of English than what the overall genre seems to suggest would be appropriate. Thin, delightful, and satisfying By Eric H. Roth on Feb 28, American idioms can cause confusion and frustrate many English language learners. This thin, delightful collection idioms uses humor, clear drawings, and witty captions to illustrate the real meanings of odd phrases. Many English teachers love the verbal and visual humor, and add it as a supplemental text for intermediate or advanced ESL students. The mocking tone, however, probably annoys the more prudish folks. Other adult educators might also feel that their precious class time is better spent on more practical life skills. I understand their reservations, but still strongly recommend it as a real treat. The author, Harry Collis, deserves great praise for creating a very entertaining, informative ESL book. This satisfying collection seems ideal for self-study, college students, and tutors. Do yourself a favor - read this book! The audio tape was a cool feature By Todd Hagopian on Jan 01, I loved the audio tape feature, but I was disappointed with the idioms that were chosen. If you were only going to teach idioms to someone coming to the U. The illustrations are helpful, but this book is much shorter and less useful than many others in the genre. I would suggest buying one of the much larger "idiom dictionaries" for someone who is coming to the country for the first time, because they will teach you the more regularly-used idioms. A Customer on Nov 16, From The Publisher Here is a refreshing tongue-in-cheek look at American idioms, presented in living caricature. American English Idioms, a whimsical collection of colloquialisms, is sure to delight you - and provide real insight into American idioms, customs, and humor. Harry Collis has arranged common everyday idioms into nine lighthearted sections - including: And he has turned them over to the expert hands of Mario Risso, whose wonderfully humorous cartoons illustrate what Americans say and what they really mean. Each idiom has a standard English "translation" and is placed in a real-life context, either in a natural dialogue or narrative. These facilitate understanding and make the idioms come alive! The idioms are common, and I feel the illustrations add a generous element of fun to a very effective book. Because my students need to understand spoken English, I also use Whaddaya Say, 2nd Edition, to help them accurately hear natural spoken English. Get the cassette By Lake on May 06, Play the cassette whenever possible for hundreds times, for example before bedtime and during sleeping. You learn by listening. Basis book By W. Yang on Feb 13, Tear inside binder of the book. It took almost 3 weeks to receive the book. If anyone who

just wanted to learn English slang words, be sure to search for a better book than this one. Entertaining Gift By The Viking on Dec 27, I purchased this book as a gag gift for a coworker who was incapable of accurately reciting turns of phrases and idioms. He seemed to like the book pretty well, but it was also missing a few things that I thought should be included in a sort of "top " format like the book has. In any case, it was well-received and will hopefully be well-used. By Hannah Robinson on Aug 08, I gave this to a foreign exchange student I was helping learn English and he loved it! Steiner on Mar 13, I little too simplistic. Add a Book Review Book Summary: This particular edition is in a Paperback format. It was published by McGraw-Hill and has a total of pages in the book. To buy this book at the lowest price, [Click Here](#).

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