

GA 14 Our Body – Pelmanism

Vocabulary Item	<i>Idioms based on parts of the body:</i> Head: keep a cool head/bury one's head in the sand Face: have a long face/lose face Eye: catch one's eye/turn a blind eye Ear: turn a deaf ear/lend an ear Nose: have one's nose in the air/stick one's nose into Mouth: have a big mouth/make one's mouth water Hand: give (someone) a hand/go hand in hand Feet: get cold feet/stand on one's own feet
Vocabulary Building Strategy	Using knowledge of word combination – multi-word units and idiomatic use of words

Activity Description

This activity aims to help students retain better the idioms based on parts of the body. Students match the idioms of parts of the body with their meanings. After they have got a correct pair, students make sentences using the idiom.

Materials for Each Pair of Students

Two sets of word cards:

1. Set 1 – Idioms based on Parts of the Body
2. Set 2 – Meanings

Procedures

1. Students play the game in pairs. Each pair is given two sets of word cards – one on the idioms based on parts of the body and the other on their meanings.
2. Students have to put both sets of cards face down on the desks before they start.
3. Students take turns to turn over the cards. They can keep the cards if the two cards match and they can make a sentence using the idiom, e.g. 'Peter is getting cold feet about marrying Susan.'
4. The student with more cards wins.

Word Cards - Idioms based on Parts of the Body



keep a cool head	bury one's head in the sand	have a long face
lose face	catch one's eye	turn a blind eye
turn a deaf ear	lend an ear	have one's nose in the air
stick one's nose into	have a big mouth	make one's mouth water
give (someone) a hand	go hand in hand	get cold feet
stand on one's own feet		

Word Cards - Meanings

 stay calm and think clearly in a difficult situation	ignore an unpleasant situation and escape from dealing with it	look unhappy
lose status or people's respect	attract one's attention and interest	ignore something that one knows should not be happening
ignore someone when they complain or ask for something	listen to what someone is saying sympathetically	be too proud of oneself
show too much interest in private matters that do not concern oneself	talk too much, especially about things that should be kept secret	make one want to eat the food
help someone do something	be closely connected	suddenly feel that one is not brave enough to do something one plans to do
be independent and not rely on other people		

Idioms based on Parts of the Body	Meanings
keep a cool head	<i>stay calm and think clearly in a difficult situation</i>
bury one's head in the sand	<i>ignore an unpleasant situation and escape from dealing with it</i>
have a long face	<i>look unhappy</i>
lose face	<i>lose status or people's respect</i>
catch one's eye	<i>attract one's attention and interest</i>
turn a blind eye	<i>ignore something that one knows should not be happening</i>
turn a deaf ear	<i>ignore someone when they complain or ask for something</i>
lend an ear	<i>listen to what someone is saying sympathetically</i>
have one's nose in the air	<i>be too proud of oneself</i>
stick one's nose into	<i>show too much interest in private matters that do not concern oneself</i>
have a big mouth	<i>talk too much, especially about things that should be kept secret</i>
make one's mouth water	<i>make one want to eat the food</i>
give (someone) a hand	<i>help someone do something</i>
go hand in hand	<i>be closely connected</i>
get cold feet	<i>suddenly feel that one is not brave enough to do something one plans to do</i>
stand on one's own feet	<i>be independent and not rely on other people</i>