

Warm-Up

Stand up and chat with a bunch of different classmates.

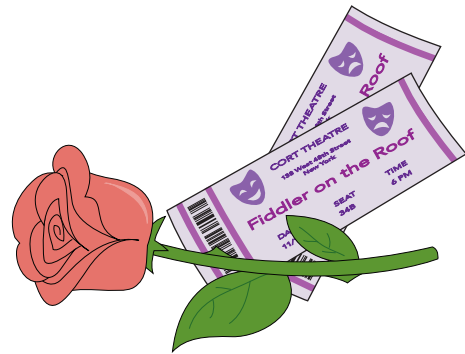
1. Do you consider yourself “open-minded”?
2. Describe a situation where you had to think things over before making up your mind.
3. Have you ever seen a live play or show? What did you see?
4. What are some different ways that couples break up with each other?



Vocabulary Preview

A. Idioms and Expressions

Your teacher will give each student one or more strips of paper. Your strip(s) will have an English idiom/ expression OR a definition for an idiom/expression. Try to find the student that has your match. When all of the matches have been found, read the strips out loud to see if they all make sense.



B. Matching

Match these words to their correct definitions.

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| _____ 1. not one's thing | a) to be willing to try something new |
| _____ 2. have an open mind | b) to not be of interest to someone |
| _____ 3. a drag | c) to not have the results one hoped for |
| _____ 4. Take it easy! | d) Do what you want. (It won't please me.) |
| _____ 5. think things over | e) Calm down! / There's no need for insults! |
| _____ 6. not work out | f) something that is boring or tiring |
| _____ 7. make up one's mind | g) wishing something unpleasant would come to an end |
| _____ 8. see something coming | h) to expect something |
| _____ 9. sick and tired | i) to consider something carefully before making a decision |
| _____ 10. Suit yourself. | j) to make a decision and stick to it |

Suit Yourself: Introduction

In the eleventh episode of *Moving to New York*, Maya and Carlos aren't getting along. They don't have anything in common, and Carlos is sick and tired of fighting. Will the couple be able to work things out?



Carlos



Maya

Listening – Gap Fill

Fill in the gaps as you listen. Then read the dialogue with your partner a few times. Take turns being each character. Practice your intonation and pronunciation. *Underline or highlight any new words or phrases that you don't understand.*



I scored two tickets for a Broadway show tonight.



Broadway? No way. That's _____.



Come on. Have an _____. I went to the game, didn't I?



Yeah, but you were a downer.



Take it easy! Baseball is such _____.



Look. I'm sick and tired of arguing. Things aren't _____ between us.



You mean you want to break up?



You must have seen this coming. We have nothing in common.



We both like walking and studying English. Maybe we should _____.



I'm sorry. I've _____.



_____. I guess I should go find a date for the show tonight.

Listen Again – Put in Order












Listen to the dialogue again and put the sentences into the correct order by numbering them.



Carlos



Maya

- _____  Look. I'm **sick and tired** of arguing. Things **aren't working out** between us.
- _____  **Suit yourself.** I guess I should go find a date for the show tonight.
- _____  **Take it easy!** Baseball is such **a drag**.
- _____  I'm sorry. I've **made up my mind**.
- _____  Broadway? No way. That's **not my thing**.
- _____  You must have **seen this coming**. We have nothing in common.
- _____  Come on. **Have an open mind**. I went to the game, didn't I?
- _____  Yeah, but you were a downer.
- _____  We both like walking and studying English. Maybe we should **think things over**.
- _____  I scored two tickets for a Broadway show tonight.
- _____  You mean you want to break up?

Making Predictions

What do you think will happen next? Make two predictions. Discuss your predictions with a partner.

- I *think* Maya and Carlos *will* get back together.
- I *bet* Eugene *will* start dating Maya.

Hint: The title of the next episode is "Not My Type."

1. _____

2. _____

Comprehension Questions

Answer and discuss these questions in pairs or as a class.

1. Why is Maya excited at the beginning of the conversation?

4. Who seems more interested in trying to make things work?

2. Why did Maya mention the baseball game?

5. What happens at the end of the conversation?

3. What is Carlos sick and tired of?

Vocabulary Review

Substitute the idiom or expression with another word or phrase.

1. I don't like opera, but I'm going to try to _____ .
(have an open mind)

2. Pulling out weeds is _____ .
(a drag)

3. Things _____ between my daughter and her boyfriend.
(didn't work out)

4. I think you should _____ before you quit your job.
(think things over)

5. I've _____ about the move. I'm not ready to sell the house.
(made up my mind)

English Suits You!

The word “suit” has many meanings in English.
Take a few minutes to sort these words out.

1. **suit** (*verb*)
to look good on someone
 - The color red really **suits** you.
2. **suit** (*noun*)
a set of clothing that goes together (jacket and pants or jacket and skirt; also bathing suit, sweatsuit, jumpsuit, and wetsuit)
 - I have to buy a **suit** for the interview.
3. **suit** (*noun*)
one of the four symbols in a deck of playing cards
 - Which **suit** did you change it to, hearts or diamonds?
4. **suit** or **lawsuit** (*noun*)
a criminal case for settling a disagreement
 - The divorce **suit** is finally over.

Note:

English learners often mix up “suit” and “suite.” The word “suite” sounds like “sweet.” It usually refers to a nice room in a hotel or office building.

- We stayed in the **suites** on the top floor.

Write Your Own Dialogue

In your notebook, write a *new* dialogue with a partner. Use idioms and expressions from page 1. Use the same subject (“**Suit Yourself**”) but make it about you and one of your classmates. Practice and present the dialogue to your class.

Write an Email

A friend left a voice message to say that she didn’t want to attend a concert with you anymore. Write an email telling this person to “suit herself.” Express your hurt feelings.

If possible, try to use a few idioms that you learned from this episode. Write your email in your notebook or type it on the computer and email it to your teacher or a partner.

Keywords

Write your own example sentences using the idioms and expressions you've learned.

not one's thing	
have an open mind	
a drag	
Take it easy!	
think things over	
not work out	
make up one's mind	
see something coming	
sick and tired	
Suit yourself.	

Think Things Through!

There are two different "th" sounds to learn in English. One is "voiced" and the other is "voiceless."

VOICED – ð

How to make a "th" sound as in "there."

1. Place your tongue beneath your front teeth. The tip of your tongue can stick out in front.
2. Take a breath.
3. Touch your neck and make your vocal chords vibrate.
4. Say: "there," "this," "that," "mother," "father," "brother."

Make up some sentences using "th" words. Use voiced and voiceless "th" words in your sentences. Challenge your classmates to say your sentences out loud.

VOICELESS – θ

How to make a "th" sound as in "think."

1. Place your tongue beneath your front teeth. The tip of your tongue can stick out in front.
2. Take a breath.
3. Don't use your vocal chords until after you've said the "th."
4. Say: "think," "things," "through," "three."
