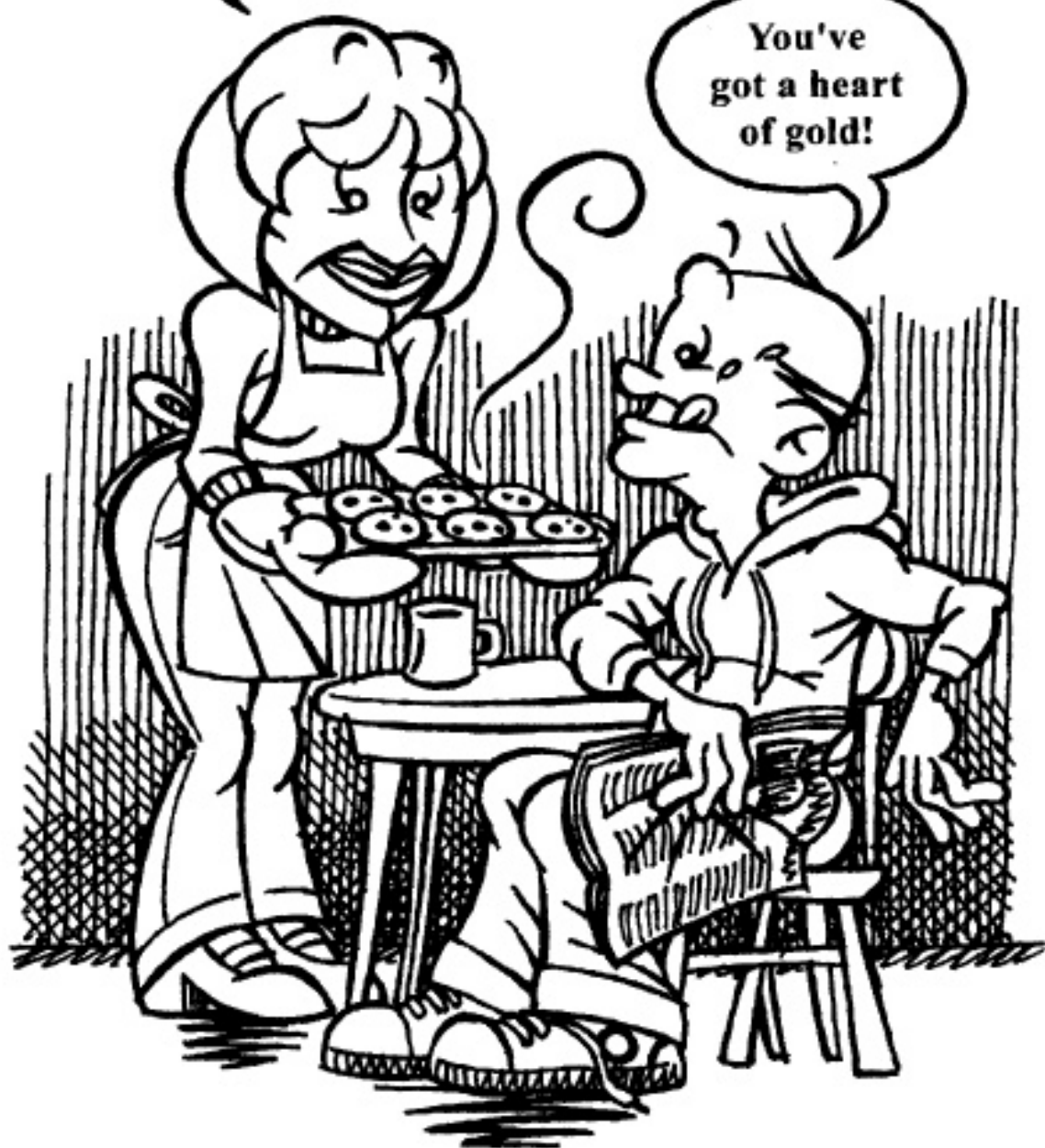


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## LESSON 6

# SUSAN STAYS HOME AND BAKES COOKIES

*Susan decides to cheer up her husband. Bob loves her homemade cookies. Nicole suggests she start a cookie business.*

*Susan:* Bob, I baked cookies for you.

*Bob:* That was so nice of you, dear. You've got a **heart of gold!**

*Susan:* Go ahead and **pig out!**

*Bob:* These are delicious!

*Susan:* I thought they might **cheer you up**. You've been in a **bad mood** lately.

*Bob:* I guess I have been a little **on edge**. But these cookies are **just what the doctor ordered!**

*Nicole:* Do I smell cookies?

*Susan:* Yes, Nicole. **Help yourself.**

*Nicole:* Yum-yum.\* These are **out of this world**. You could go **into business** selling these!

*Bob:* You could call them Susan's Scrumptious Cookies. You'd **make a bundle**.

*Susan:* **Good thinking!**

*Nicole:* Don't forget to **give me credit** for the idea after you're rich and famous!

*Susan:* You know I always **give credit where credit is due!**

\* Yum-yum: this is said when something is delicious. You can also say "mmm, mmm" or "mmm-mmm, good."



## IDIOMS – LESSON 6

**(to) cheer someone up** – to make someone happy

EXAMPLE 1: Susan called her friend in the hospital to **cheer her up**.

EXAMPLE 2: My father has been depressed for weeks now. I don't know what to do to **cheer him up**.

NOTE: You can tell somebody to "Cheer up!" if they are feeling sad.

**(to) give (someone) credit** – to acknowledge someone's contribution; to recognize a positive trait in someone

EXAMPLE 1: The scientist **gave his assistant credit** for the discovery.

EXAMPLE 2: I can't believe you asked your boss for a raise when your company is doing so poorly. I must **give you credit** for your courage!

**(to) give credit where credit is due** – to give thanks or acknowledgement to the person who deserves it

EXAMPLE: I will be sure to thank you when I give my speech. I always **give credit where credit is due**.

**(to) go into business** – to start a business

EXAMPLE 1: Jeff decided to **go into business** selling baseball cards.

EXAMPLE 2: Eva **went into business** selling her homemade muffins.

**good thinking** – good idea; smart planning

EXAMPLE 1: I'm glad you brought an umbrella — that was **good thinking!**

EXAMPLE 2: You reserved our movie tickets over the Internet? **Good thinking!**

**(to) have a heart of gold** – to be very kind and giving

EXAMPLE 1: Alexander **has a heart of gold** and always thinks of others before himself.

EXAMPLE 2: You adopted five children from a Romanian orphanage? You've got a **heart of gold!**

### **Help yourself – serve yourself**

EXAMPLE 1: “**Help yourselves** to cookies and coffee,” said Maria before the meeting started.

EXAMPLE 2: You don’t need to wait for me to offer you something. Please just **help yourself** to whatever you want.

NOTE: Pay attention to the reflexive form: *Help yourself* in singular, *help yourselves* in plural.

### **(to be) in a bad mood – unhappy; depressed; irritable**

EXAMPLE 1: After her boyfriend broke up with her, Nicole was **in a bad mood** for several days.

EXAMPLE 2: I don’t like to see you **in a bad mood**. How can I cheer you up?

### **just what the doctor ordered – exactly what was needed**

EXAMPLE 1: Martin wanted a hot drink after spending the day skiing. A cup of hot cocoa was **just what the doctor ordered**.

EXAMPLE 2: Our trip to Florida was so relaxing. It was **just what the doctor ordered**!

### **(to) make a bundle – to make a lot of money**

EXAMPLE 1: Bob’s friend Charles **made a bundle** in the stock market and retired at age 45.

EXAMPLE 2: Sara **made a bundle** selling her old fur coats on eBay, a website where you can buy and sell used things.

### **(to be) on edge – nervous; irritable**

EXAMPLE 1: Whenever Susan feels **on edge**, she takes several deep breaths and starts to feel more relaxed.

EXAMPLE 2: Ever since his car accident, Neil has felt **on edge**.

### **out of this world – delicious**

EXAMPLE 1: Mrs. Field’s oatmeal raisin cookies are **out of this world**!

EXAMPLE 2: Mmmm, I love your chicken soup. It’s **out of this world**!

### **(to) pig out [slang] – to eat greedily; to stuff oneself**

EXAMPLE 1: Ted **pigged out** on hot dogs and hamburgers at the barbeque and then got a stomachache.

EXAMPLE 2: “Nicole, stop **pigging out** on cookies or you’ll never be able to eat your dinner!”

NOTE: Pay attention to the preposition “on” after the verb “to pig out.” One can **pig out on** hotdogs, **pig out on** candy, **pig out on** ice cream.

## PRACTICE THE IDIOMS

**Choose the best substitute for the phrase or sentence in bold:**

- 1) Thanks for baking cookies for me. **You've got a heart of gold.**
  - a) You're a very nice person.
  - b) You're a reliable person.
  - c) You're very generous with your money.
  
- 2) I baked these cookies for you. **Why don't you pig out?**
  - a) Please take just one cookie.
  - b) Take as many cookies as you like.
  - c) Why don't you ever eat my cookies?
  
- 3) I know you'll like my cookies since **you've got a sweet tooth.**
  - a) your teeth are hurting
  - b) you don't like sweet things
  - c) you like sweet things
  
- 4) **You should go into business selling cookies.**
  - a) You should go to the store and buy some cookies.
  - b) You should try to get a job baking cookies.
  - c) You should start a company that sells cookies.
  
- 5) I baked these cookies. **Help yourself!**
  - a) Let me get you one!
  - b) Take some!
  - c) You need to get some help!
  
- 6) If you went into business selling these delicious cookies, **you'd make a bundle.**
  - a) you'd make many cookies
  - b) you'd make a lot of money
  - c) you'd make a few dollars

- 7) **Good thinking!**
- a) That's a good idea!
  - b) It's good that you're thinking!
  - c) Keep thinking good thoughts!
- 8) I was thirsty. This iced tea is **just what the doctor ordered.**
- a) exactly what I needed
  - b) very healthy for me
  - c) exactly what my doctor recommended

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