



Practise and consolidate your learning about vocabulary by completing our activities. The answers for all activities are on the last page.

ACTIVITY 1

Choose the appropriate idiomatic expression from the box for each sentence.

A	rule of thumb	F	face the music
B	piece of cake	G	start from scratch
C	in the long run	H	part and parcel
D	on cloud nine	I	drop the subject
E	in leaps and bounds	J	on second thoughts

- Having to do the night shift is _____ of being a nurse.
- Your diligence will pay off _____ when you succeed.
- Let's do the shopping tomorrow! No, _____ let's get it out of the way now.
- As a _____ students are allowed a 10 minute break every hour.
- Be prepared to _____ when they find out you damaged the lock.
- Let's just _____ before we start arguing.
- John has progressed _____ since his last report.
- Because the computer crashed we lost the whole assignment and had to _____.
- She was _____ when the results came in yesterday.
- I've done the research so this assignment will be a _____.



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ACTIVITY 2

Match each of the musical instruments in the box below with the types of instrument in the left-hand column.

bongos, saxophone, cello, guitar, harp, didgeridoo, banjo, balalaika, piano, xylophone, flute, concertina, clarinet, triangle, bass drum, organ, zither, castanets, steel drum, accordion, horn, cymbal, maracas, bells, trumpet, sitar, harpsichord, oboe, synthesiser, piccolo, mandolin, violin, trombone

Types of instrument	Musical instrument
strings	
wind	
keyboard	
percussion	



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ACTIVITY 1 ANSWERS

1. H part and parcel
2. C in the long run
3. J on second thoughts
4. A rule of thumb
5. F face the music
6. I drop the subject
7. E in leaps and bounds
8. G start from scratch
9. D on cloud nine
10. B piece of cake

ACTIVITY 2 ANSWERS

Types of instrument	Musical instrument
strings	violin, cello, guitar, harp, sitar, mandolin, banjo, balalaika, zither
wind	saxophone, flute, clarinet, oboe, horn, trumpet, didgeridoo, piccolo, trombone
keyboard	piano, accordion, concertina, harpsichord, organ, synthesiser
percussion	bass drum, bells, castanets, xylophone, triangle, maracas, steel drum, cymbal, bongos