

EVERYDAY

IDIOMS

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IDIOMS AND PHRASAL VERBS
TO SPEAK BETTER

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Episode 1:

Jon Meets Amy

Warm-Up

A. Discussion

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

1. Have you ever rented a movie from a video store or TV provider? Have you ever streamed one online?
2. Do you ask other people for their movie recommendations?
3. What kind of movies do you like? Why?
4. What movies do you recommend?



B. Vocabulary Preview

Match the idioms on the left to the correct definitions on the right.

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|-----------------------------|--|
| ___ 1. be choosy | a) a popular movie that made a lot of money |
| ___ 2. have a sec | b) to watch, to look at |
| ___ 3. blockbuster | c) to stay up-to-date, to know current information |
| ___ 4. winner | d) to like, to be interested in |
| ___ 5. check out | e) to know a lot about |
| ___ 6. start from scratch | f) to be picky, to not like many things |
| ___ 7. know one's stuff | g) to call someone on the telephone |
| ___ 8. keep up with | h) a good choice |
| ___ 9. be into | i) to start at the very beginning |
| ___ 10. give someone a ring | j) to have some free time |

Listening

Fill in the blanks 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.



Jon



Amy

-  Excuse me, do you have a _____ ?
-  Yes?
-  I want to rent a movie for tonight. Do you have any _____ ?
-  Sure! What kind of movies are you _____ ?
-  I'm not choosy.
-  Well, I really liked the *Indiana Jones* movie.
-  How was it?
-  It was a _____ ! It has some of everything: comedy, drama, and a lot of action.
-  _____ a winner. Wasn't there more than one *Indiana Jones* movie? Which one should I check out first?
-  There were four movies, actually. _____ . Rent the first one tonight.
-  Great. Hey, any other recommendations?
I have time for two movies and you know _____ .
-  Thanks. I keep up with the new movies. Do you like drama?
-  Sometimes. Why? What do you recommend?
-  I'd try *Million Dollar Baby*. _____ of people liked it. It won the Academy Award.
-  Sounds great. Hey, can I _____ later? I'm Jon.
-  Sure. I love talking about movies. My name is Amy. Here's my number.

Comprehension

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

1. What did Jon ask Amy for?

2. What was the first movie Amy recommended?

3. How many *Indiana Jones* movies were there?

4. What did Amy give Jon at the end of the conversation?

Vocabulary Review

Complete the sentences with the correct idioms from page 1.

1. I like jazz and blues music. What kind of music _____ ?
2. I'm not _____. I like all kinds of music.
3. Let's go _____ the new Brad Pitt movie this weekend.
4. I heard the new Brad Pitt movie is a _____ .
5. I don't like big Hollywood _____. All those movies are the same.
6. I'll _____ tonight and we can chat on the phone.

Writing

In your notebook or on the back of this paper, write a dialogue with a partner using idioms from page 1. Practice and present the dialogue to your class.

Answer Key

LESSON DESCRIPTION:

In this episode, Jon and Amy meet at the video store. Jon asks Amy for movie recommendations and then asks for her phone number. Students learn and review idioms and practice all four skills.

TAGS: idioms, introductions, getting acquainted, love, movie, movies, films, genres

Warm-Up

A. DISCUSSION

Discuss in groups or as a class. Answers will vary.

B. VOCABULARY PREVIEW

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| 1. f | 3. a | 5. b | 7. e | 9. d |
| 2. j | 4. h | 6. i | 8. c | 10. g |

Listening

Have students fill in the blanks as they listen to the dialogue. After correction, have them practice reading it aloud in pairs. The full transcript is on page 5 (optional handout).

Comprehension

1. Jon asked Amy for a movie recommendation.
2. Amy recommended *Indiana Jones*.
3. There were four *Indiana Jones* movies.
4. Amy gave Jon her telephone number.

Vocabulary Review

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. are you into | 4. winner |
| 2. choosy | 5. blockbusters |
| 3. check out | 6. give you a ring |

Writing

Answers will vary.

Dialogue Building

This optional task is included on page 6. Students should cut up the strips and rearrange them into the correct order.

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

You may wish to point out that the idiom "give someone a call" is more commonly heard in North America than "give someone a ring."

Dialogue Transcript

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.



Jon



Amy



Excuse me, do you **have a sec**?



Yes?



I want to rent a movie for tonight. Do you have any recommendations?



Sure! What kind of movies **are you into**?



I'm not **choosy**.



Well, I really liked the *Indiana Jones* movie.



How was it?



It was **a blockbuster**! It has some of everything: comedy, drama, and a lot of action.



Sounds like **a winner**. Wasn't there more than one *Indiana Jones* movie? Which one should I **check out** first?



There were four movies, actually. **Start from scratch**. Rent the first one tonight.



Great. Hey, any other recommendations? I have time for two movies and you **know your stuff**.



Thanks. I **keep up with** the new movies. Do you like drama?



Sometimes. Why? What do you recommend?



I'd try *Million Dollar Baby*. A lot of people liked it. It won the Academy Award.



Sounds great. Hey, can I **give you a ring** later? I'm Jon.



Sure. I love talking about movies. My name is Amy. Here's my number.

Dialogue Building

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b  Sounds great. Hey, can I give you a ring later? I'm Jon.	j  Sure! What kind of movies are you into?
c  Great. Hey, any other recommendations? I have time for two movies and you know your stuff.	k  Excuse me, do you have a sec?
d  It was a blockbuster! It has some of everything: comedy, drama, and a lot of action.	l  There were four movies, actually. Start from scratch. Rent the first one tonight.
e  Yes?	m  How was it?
f  Sure. I love talking about movies. My name is Amy. Here's my number.	n  Well, I really liked the <i>Indiana Jones</i> movie.
g  Sounds like a winner. Wasn't there more than one <i>Indiana Jones</i> movie? Which one should I check out first?	o  Thanks. I keep up with the new movies. Do you like drama?
h  I'm not choosy.	p  I want to rent a movie for tonight. Do you have any recommendations?

Episode 2:

Amy Has a Crush

Warm-Up

A. Discussion

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

1. Who is your best friend?
2. What things do you talk about with your friends?
3. Where is a good place to meet new people?
4. What qualities do you look for in friends?
5. What famous person do you have a crush on?



B. Vocabulary Preview

Match the idioms on the left to the correct definitions on the right.

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|------------------------------------|--|
| ___ 1. have a crush | a) to hope something will be true, to wish for good luck |
| ___ 2. where on earth | b) a phrase used to attract someone (romantically) |
| ___ 3. easy on the eyes | c) to start |
| ___ 4. hot | d) very good-looking, sexy |
| ___ 5. nervous wreck | e) to be compatible |
| ___ 6. pickup line | f) a very anxious person |
| ___ 7. kick off | g) to like someone (romantically) |
| ___ 8. well-built | h) muscular |
| ___ 9. be made for each other | i) attractive, good-looking |
| ___ 10. keep one's fingers crossed | j) where (stated with surprise) |

Listening

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.



Amy



Sara

-  Sara, _____ what? I have a crush on a boy I met last night.
-  No way! Where _____ did you meet him?
-  We met at the video store.
-  The video store? Well, what's he _____ ?
-  He has brown hair and blue eyes. His name is Jon.
-  He sounds _____ on the eyes! And? What else?
-  Well, he's tall and well-built.
-  He sounds hot! Is he nice?
-  Yeah, he's really _____ .
Usually, I'm a nervous _____ , but he was easy to talk to.
-  Did he use a _____ line?
-  No, he didn't. He _____ our conversation by asking me for a movie recommendation.
-  He sure asked the right person. You're the _____ movie fan I know!
-  I was glad I had some ideas for him. I think he likes movies _____ .
-  Sounds like you were made for each other. Did he ask for your number?
-  He did. I hope he calls me soon!
-  I'll keep my fingers _____ for you!

Comprehension

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

1. Where did Amy meet Jon?

2. Describe Jon.

3. Was Amy nervous to speak with Jon?

4. What is Sara keeping her fingers crossed for?

Vocabulary Review

Complete the sentences with the correct idioms from page 1.

1. The concert is going to _____ at 8:00 pm.
2. Dave has to give a speech in front of 400 people. He's a _____ .
3. Keiko has a _____ on Mark. She thinks he's hot.
4. Keiko used a _____ when she met Mark today.
5. Hiroki goes to the gym almost every day. He's very _____ .
6. Keiko and Mark have a lot of things in common. They _____ .
7. Suzy just took a difficult test. She's hoping she'll pass. She's going to _____ .

Writing

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Answer Key

LESSON DESCRIPTION:

In this episode, Amy tells her best friend, Sara, about her new crush. Sara asks Amy to describe Jon. Students learn and review idioms and practice all four skills.

TAGS: idioms, love, dating, crush, friendship, describing people

Warm-Up

A. DISCUSSION

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Comprehension

1. Amy met Jon at the video store.
2. Jon has brown hair and blue eyes. He's tall and well-built.
3. No, she wasn't. He was easy to talk to.
4. Sara hopes Jon will call Amy.

Vocabulary Review

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|------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. kick off | 5. well-built |
| 2. nervous wreck | 6. were/are made |
| 3. crush | for each other |
| 4. pickup line | 7. keep her fingers crossed |

Writing

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Amy



Sara

-  Sara, guess what? I **have a crush** on a boy I met last night.
-  No way! **Where on earth** did you meet him?
-  We met at the video store.
-  The video store? Well, what's he like?
-  He has brown hair and blue eyes. His name is Jon.
-  He sounds **easy on the eyes!** And? What else?
-  Well, he's tall and **well-built.**
-  He sounds **hot!** Is he nice?
-  Yeah, he's really sweet. Usually, I'm **a nervous wreck**, but he was easy to talk to.
-  Did he use **a pickup line?**
-  No, he didn't. He **kicked off** our conversation by asking me for a movie recommendation.
-  He sure asked the right person. You're the biggest movie fan I know!
-  I was glad I had some ideas for him. I think he likes movies too.
-  Sounds like you were **made for each other.** Did he ask for your number?
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g 	He sure asked the right person. You're the biggest movie fan I know!
h 	I was glad I had some ideas for him. I think he likes movies too.
i 	The video store? Well, what's he like?
j 	No, he didn't. He kicked off our conversation by asking me for a movie recommendation.
k 	Sounds like you were made for each other. Did he ask for your number?
l 	He sounds easy on the eyes! And? What else?
m 	I'll keep my fingers crossed for you!
n 	We met at the video store.
o 	Yeah, he's really sweet. Usually, I'm a nervous wreck, but he was easy to talk to.
p 	He did. I hope he calls me soon!