SPEAK ENGLISH LIKE AN AMERICAN

Speak English Like an American Lesson 24: Idioms and Expressions Test

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1. I thought I'd lost my keys, but they were in my coat pocket all ___.
A) across **B)** ahead **C)** along **D)** aside

2. Here's a plaster for your knee. There, all ___ now!
A) nicer **B)** better
C) higher **D)** sweeter

3. I don't mind helping with the move; as a matter of ___, I've already booked the van.
A) fact **B)** time **C)** luck **D)** taste

4. When the teacher asked a question, Ana repeated it slowly to ___ some time while she thought.
A) buy **B)** sell **C)** lend **D)** rent

5. You've been revising all day, so put your books away and ___ out for a bit.
A) heat **B)** boil **C)** melt **D)** chill

6. My little brother is ___ about dinosaurs and knows the name of every one in the museum.
A) heavy **B)** lucky **C)** crazy **D)** empty

7. "Cut it ___, you two! Stop throwing peas at each other."
A) over **B)** out **C)** under **D)** across

8. "Shall we choose the curtains for the new flat?" "First ___ first: we need to sign the contract."
A) words **B)** times **C)** things **D)** names

9. I can't say for ___, but I think the shop opens at nine on Sundays.
A) true **B)** sure **C)** safe **D)** clear

10. Mrs Patel is in ___ of the school library, so ask her about borrowing books in the holidays.
A) change **B)** chance **C)** charge **D)** choice

11. "Please be quiet in the corridor: exams are in progress." What does "in progress" mean here?
A) about to start **B)** taking place now
C) already finished **D)** cancelled today

12. "Her grandfather made a fortune selling ice cream at the beach every summer." What does "made a fortune" mean here?
A) lost everything
B) became well known
C) worked long hours
D) earned a lot of money

13. "My parents are sick and tired of the noise from the building site next door." What does "sick and tired of" mean here?
A) made ill by **B)** very fed up with
C) slightly worried by **D)** quite used to

14. "My sister freaked out when a spider ran across her pillow." What does "freaked out" mean here?
A) became very frightened
B) laughed loudly
C) stayed calm
D) fell asleep

15. "Jo pretended to be surprised by the party, but she had known about it all along." What does "all along" mean here?
A) at the last minute **B)** for a moment
C) only afterwards **D)** the whole time

16. "My daughter had a cold last week, but she's all better now and back at school." What does "all better" mean here?
A) slightly better **B)** much worse
C) still in bed **D)** fully recovered

17. "'Have you ever been to Scotland?' 'As a matter of fact, I lived in Edinburgh for two years.'" What does "As a matter of fact" mean here?
A) probably **B)** unfortunately
C) actually **D)** finally

18. "The restaurant was short of staff, so the manager offered free drinks to buy some time while the food was being cooked." What does "buy some time" mean here?
A) delay things a little **B)** save some money
C) pay for extra help **D)** speed things up

19. "After a busy week, we just want to stay at home on Saturday and chill out." What does "chill out" mean here?
A) work **B)** tidy
C) exercise **D)** relax

20. "My grandmother is crazy about gardening and spends hours with her roses." What does "crazy about" mean here?
A) very keen on **B)** tired of
C) bored by **D)** new to