

Name _____

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1 Match the two halves of the idioms.

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| 1 it's not | ☐ | a in a blue moon |
| 2 once | ☐ | b eyed |
| 3 starry- | ☐ | c the moon |
| 4 over | ☐ | d to earth |
| 5 down | ☐ | e rocket science |

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2 Complete the sentences with idioms from Exercise 1.

- We only go out to see a play _____.
- Although he was a famous star, he was really _____ and friendly when we met him.
- She gets quite _____ whenever she meets a celebrity.
- Why don't you fix your own bicycle? _____!
- He was _____ when he heard the news that he'd got into the university of his choice.

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3 Complete the sentences with the words in the list.

forget | exciting | action | beautiful | difficult

- The best thing was the photography, which was really _____.
- In spite of the story being full of _____, with lots of explosions and car chases, the film was rather dull.
- I thought the film would be boring, but it was actually really _____.
- The fight scene in the church is something you won't _____.
- Although it was a true story, some aspects were _____ to believe.

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4 Circle the correct words.

- That was a nasty-looking crash. You *may* / *could* have been seriously hurt.
- You *can't* / *must* still be thirsty – you've just drunk a whole litre of water.
- It *must* / *can't* have rained this afternoon because the streets are wet.
- The weather is *likely* / *possible* to be much nicer tomorrow.
- I'm not sure where Mark is. He *must* / *may* be at the football match.

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5 Choose the correct answer to complete the sentences.

- I'm _____ to be at the gym tomorrow morning – I always am.
A likely B bound C probable
- I don't believe you. You _____ be serious!
A must B could C can't
- Steve still isn't here – he _____ have forgotten about us.
A can't B must C mustn't
- I'm not sure, but I think I _____ be going to see a movie tonight.
A must B might C can't
- Greg is quite _____ to have read this book – he reads a lot!
A bound B certain C likely

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6 Complete the second sentence of each pair using the word in brackets, so that it means the same as the first sentence.

- 1 It's possible that you forgot to lock the door.
You _____ to lock the door. (might)
- 2 I'm certain that Mark will be late for the meeting.
Mark _____ for the meeting. (bound)
- 3 It's impossible that the shops are closed this early.
The shops _____ this early. (can't)
- 4 There's a very good chance Stella will win this race.
Stella _____ this race. (likely)
- 5 I'm certain that I've seen this film before.
I _____ this film before. (must)

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7 Complete the mini-dialogues with *may, might, could, must* and *can't* and the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 A Sorry to hear about your exam results. You _____ (be) very disappointed.
B Not really. It _____ (be) much worse!
- 2 A I think I _____ (see) your girlfriend in the shopping centre yesterday. I'm not sure though.
B No, you _____ (see) her. She was with me all day.
- 3 A Susan _____ (return) from her trip to the USA but I'm not certain.
B Yes, she _____ (be) back. My brother saw her yesterday.
- 4 A Dan told me he ran the marathon in under two hours.
B He _____ (lie) to you. He _____ (finish) so quickly. It's not possible.
- 5 A Sam and Rosie are late. Do you think they _____ (miss) the train?
B No, they _____ (miss) the train. They called me an hour ago to say that they were at the station.

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8 Use the word in brackets to combine the two sentences into one.

- 1 They cancelled the event. The weather was bad. (due)

- 2 He had a broken leg. He cancelled his holiday. (because)

- 3 We were all exhausted. We had been walking for eight hours. (result)

- 4 The train is late. There was a lorry on the line. (due)

- 5 She had a car accident. She doesn't drive now. (result)

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9 Complete the conversation with the words in the list.

annoyed | poor | how | must | painful

- A Have you heard the news? Dan crashed his car.
B Oh dear! Is he okay?
A Not really. He broke his wrist.
B Ouch. That must have been ¹_____.
A He had to go to hospital.
B ²_____ him!
A It gets worse. He ³_____ have been going too fast because he was arrested by the police, too!
B ⁴_____ terrible!
A It's his own fault, really. He must have been really ⁵_____ with himself.

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10 Use your own words to sympathise about these situations.

- 1 I left my school bag on the bus.

- 2 Your brother failed his driving test.

- 3 All the tickets had sold out by the time I got there.

- 4 My dad broke his favourite glass.

- 5 We went camping and it rained all weekend.

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TOTAL SCORE 80