

# Common Idiomatic Expressions

Fill in the blanks.

1. 'OK everybody, lunch break is over. Now get back to the .....

hearth  
mill  
grind

2. 'Did you get that job?' 'No mate, I ..... it.'

cracked  
blew  
burst

3. Her dreams of becoming a famous actor ended up just being a ..... in the sky.

speck  
pie  
star

4. It was a ..... plan, so nobody was surprised when it failed.

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raw

half-baked

half-ripe

5. .... in there. Things should get better soon.

Hang

Slide

Stand

6. Writers of his caliber are hard to ..... by.

get

come

meet

7. She was hot under the ..... when she heard that they had lost that contract.

head

coat

sleeves

collar

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8. I'm ..... and tired of eating the same thing for dinner every day.

- ill
- sick
- angry

9. Your radio is starting to get on my ..... You had better it turn it down.

- spine
- nerves
- spirits

10. It is a small job but I am going to accept it. At least, I'll have my ..... in the door.

- foot
- leg
- ankle

11. You don't have to pay for my drinks. Let's go .....

- French
- Spanish

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Dutch

12. He tends to sell himself ..... and that is his main fault.

short  
low  
less

## Answers

1. 'OK everybody, lunch break is over. Now get back to the grind.'
2. 'Did you get that job?' 'No mate, I blew it.'
3. Her dreams of becoming a famous actor ended up just being a pie in the sky.
4. It was a half-baked plan, so nobody was surprised when it failed.
5. Hang in there. Things should get better soon.
6. Writers of his caliber are hard to come by.
7. She was hot under the collar when she heard that they had lost that contract.
8. I'm sick and tired of eating the same thing for dinner every day.
9. Your radio is starting to get on my nerves. You had better it turn it down.

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10. It is a small job but I am going to accept it. At least, I'll have my foot in the door.

11. You don't have to pay for my drinks. Let's go Dutch. 12. He tends to sell himself short and that is his main fault.