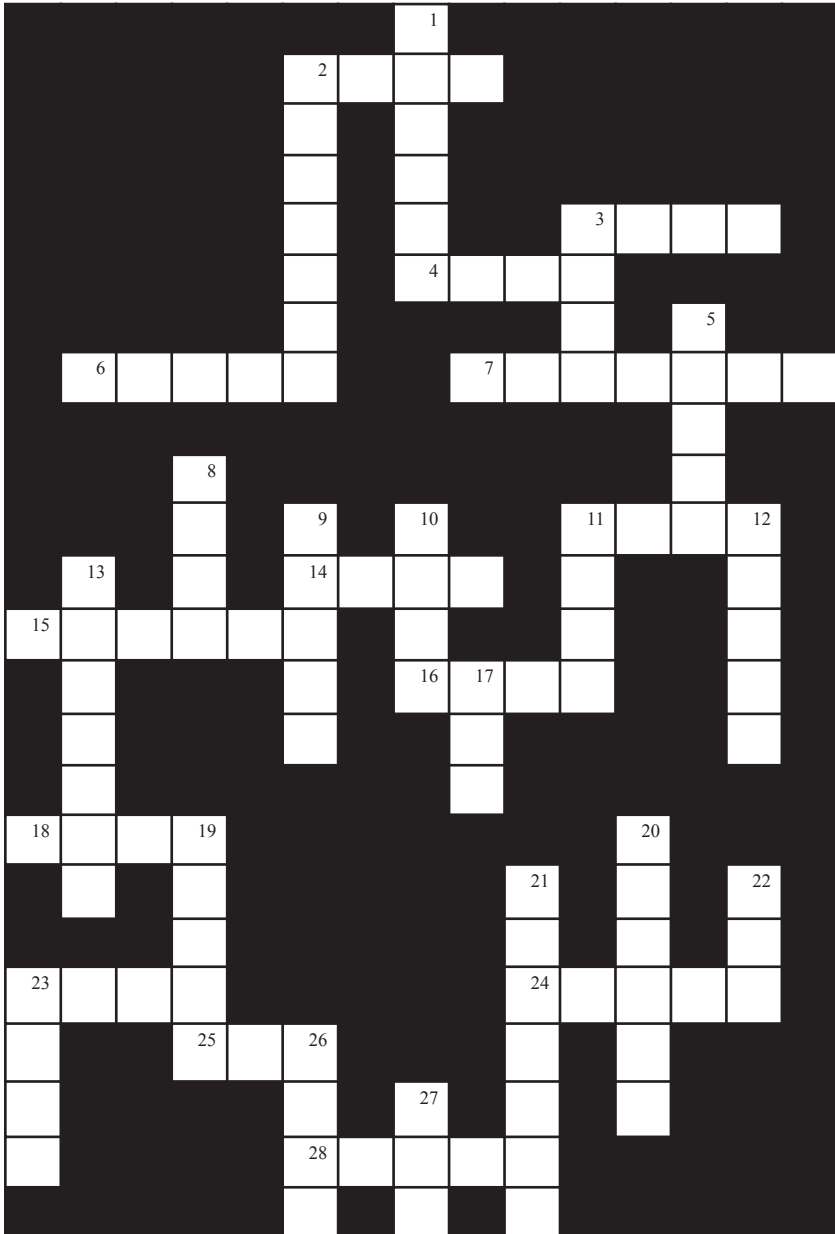


IDIOMS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Here's a great way to test your knowledge of American English idioms. This puzzle was taken from the book *Speak English Like an American*.



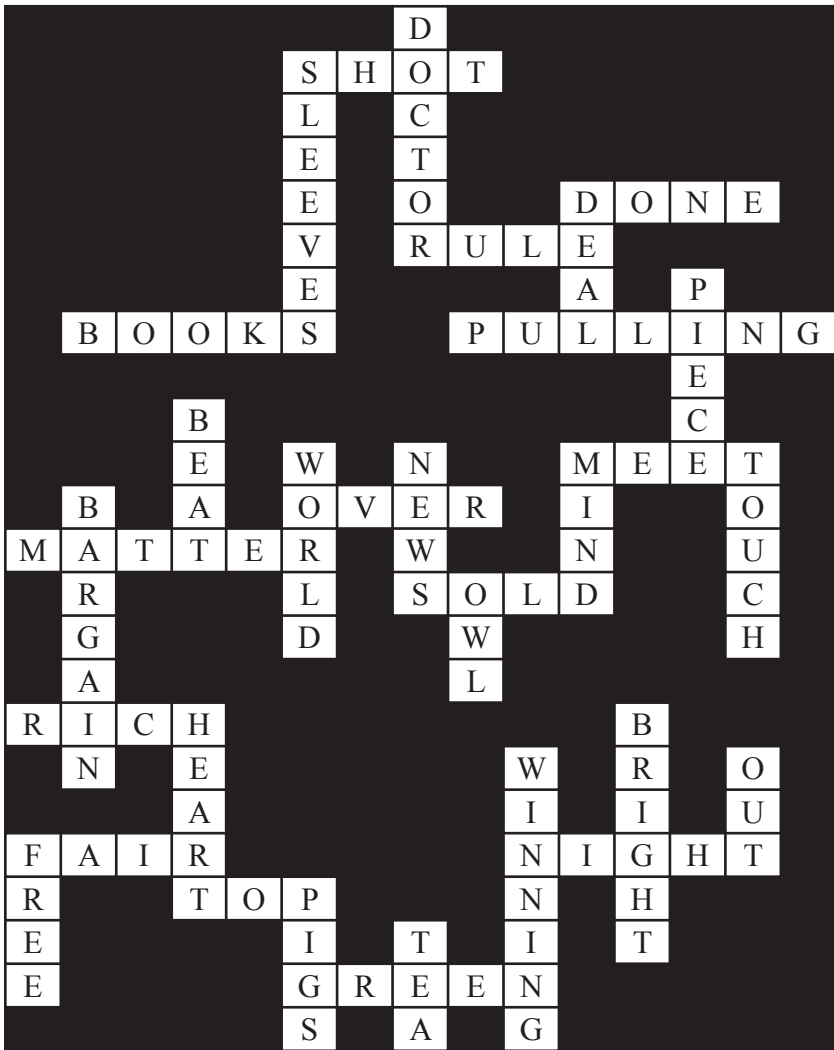
Across

2. The US team did not win the World Cup, but they gave it their best _____.
3. You think Al should tell his boss that she's wrong? Easier said than _____!
4. The English teacher gave her students a useful _____ of thumb. She told them not to repeat the same adjectives too many times in one essay.
6. You have an exam tomorrow morning? You'd better start hitting the _____!
7. Todd doesn't like reading. It's like _____ teeth to get him to read anything.
11. Julie was very upset when her landlord increased her rent by 25 percent. Now she doesn't know how she'll make ends _____.
14. Eva loves to travel. She's traveled all _____ the world.
15. Stop jumping up and down on the bed! If it breaks, it'll be no laughing _____.
16. I wanted to buy *The New York Times* this morning, but by the time I got to the store, they had already _____ out.
18. Good luck at the casino. Hopefully you'll strike it _____!
23. Jay didn't cheat during the Scrabble game. He won _____ and square.
24. You look very tired. We'd better call it a _____ and go home.
25. You paid \$900 for that cappuccino maker? That's really _____ dollar!
28. You're going on vacation to Aruba? I'm _____ with envy.

Down

1. On a hot day like today, an iced tea is just what the _____ ordered!
2. We've only got two hours to finish this project. Let's roll up our _____ and start working.
3. Pfizer really wanted to Tanya to accept their job offer, so they agreed to sweeten the _____.
5. If you studied your idioms, this crossword puzzle should be a _____ of cake.
8. Ted _____ around the bush before telling his parents that he failed his test.
9. Mmmm, this chocolate cake is out of this _____!
10. Joe wants to join the army, but he hasn't yet broken the _____ to his mom.
11. Oh, you're finally home. That's a load off my _____!
12. Frank, our best salesman, hasn't made a sale all week. I'm afraid he's lost his _____!
13. Mark drove a hard _____ and got two T-shirts for the price of one.
17. Vivian is a night _____. She never goes to sleep before midnight.
19. I know you had your _____ set on going skiing this weekend, but I'm afraid there won't be enough snow.
20. You'd better get up _____ and early to finish your homework.
21. Your team won four soccer games in a row? You're on a _____ streak.
22. All of Brianna's after-school activities cost money. Her parents are tired of shelling _____ so much money.
23. Judy made a list of books for the book club to read, but she told members to feel _____ to make other suggestions.
26. Will Democrats and Republicans every stop fighting? When _____ fly!
27. Tom doesn't want to go to the rock concert. Jazz is more his cup of _____.

ANSWER KEY



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