



Irish Idioms Exercise

A Match the idioms with their meaning and translate them.

Idiom	Meaning	Translation
1- after having a – has just ⇨
2- the cut of her / his jib b – be surprised ⇨
3- fall out of her / his standing c – a good time ⇨
4- Go away out of it d – condition ⇨
5- great craic e – I don't believe you ⇨

B Circle the word or phrase most similar to the one in italics.

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| <p>1 Sean drank too much last night. You should've seen <i>the cut of his jib</i>.</p> <p>A his haircut
B the state of him
C his angry girlfriend</p> <p>2 Patrick <i>is after having</i> a holiday in Greece.</p> <p>A has just come back from
B is going on
C wants</p> <p>3 Breda <i>fell out of her standing</i> when she saw him.</p> <p>A fell on the ground
B sat down
C was very surprised</p> <p>4 A: I've just bought a BMW.
B: <i>Go away out of it</i>.</p> <p>A I don't believe you
B Get out of here fast
C Take me out for a drive in it</p> <p>5 You should've come to the party on Saturday. We had <i>a great craic</i>.</p> <p>A There was an earthquake
B broke all the furniture
C a brilliant time</p> <p>6 They're <i>after having</i> elections in Malaysia.</p> <p>A 're going to have
B want
C 've just had</p> | <p>7 A: Thanks for the tip.
B: <i>You're grand</i>.</p> <p>A You're welcome
B You're enormous
C You're a 1000 dollars</p> <p>8 When Michael told me he was getting married, I <i>fell out of my standing</i>.</p> <p>A congratulated him heartily
B warned him against the idea
C was very surprised</p> <p>9 Fionn got back from camping this morning. You should've seen <i>the cut of her jib</i>.</p> <p>A her hair
B her clothes
C the state of her</p> <p>10 Everybody was home for Christmas. We had <i>a great craic</i>.</p> <p>A a terrible argument
B a grand time
C thunder and lightning</p> <p>11 A: Sinead wants to marry me.
B: <i>Go away out of that</i>.</p> <p>A I don't believe you
B No! I love her!
C Don't do it!</p> <p>12 A: Everybody passed the exam.
B: <i>That's grand</i>.</p> <p>A I don't believe you
B That's enormous
C That's great</p> |
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Answers

A 1A 2D 3B 4E 5C

B 1B 2A 3C 4A 5C 6C 7A 8C 9C 10B 11A 12C

