



1. Choose the expression to substitute for the italicized word or words in each sentence below. Idioms from previous lessons are indicated by number.

- a. I had to use a lot of paper and matches before I was able to get the wood in the fireplace to **begin to burn**.
1. to burn down
 2. to catch fire
 3. to burn up
- b. If you stay up late every night, it **seems logical** that you'll get sick.
1. stands to reason
 2. makes good
 3. feels sorry for
- c. The coach **inflated** several of the players' soccer balls that were too soft.
1. broke out
 2. made out
 3. blew up
- d. She said I **made a mistake**, but I think I was correct.
1. All along
 2. leave out
 3. screwed up
- e. This set of books is so old that the library should buy one that is more **current**.
1. out of date
 2. first rate
 3. up to date

- f. I **pity** Marilyn because everything of value in her house was stolen by thieves.
1. tick off
 2. count on
 3. feel sorry for
- g. If you continue without taking a break this difficult work will **make you tired**.
1. burn you out
 2. burn you up
 3. burn you down
- h. Those two sisters look so much alike that I often get **confused** about their names.
1. mixed up
 2. broken out
 3. out of date
- i. **Regarding me**, I don't care where we go today. It's up to you.
1. To be about to
 2. As for
 3. To think of
- j. I'm surprised he got angry, he is always such a **relaxed** guy.
1. laid back
 2. burned out
 3. out of date

2. Fill in each blank with the appropriate form of an idiomatic expression from this unit only.

Matt: Have you heard the news? A big fire [] in the downtown area early this morning. A whole block was affected.

Lisa: Really How many buildings have [] ?

Matt: More than ten, I believe. Haven't you seen the smoke in the air?

Lisa: Yes, I wondered what that was. Doesn't the fire department have the fire under control by now?

Matt: No, it doesn't. Their equipment is so [] that it isn't effective in fighting the fire.

Lisa: Man that's [] ! I would be very angry if it was my business.

Matt: [] me, I [] all the workers who have lost their jobs because of the fire.

Lisa: It [] that the city government is going to have to buy [] equipment now.

Matt: Let's hope so.