

NAUTICAL IDIOMS-ONE

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EXERCISE ONE

Complete IDIOMS 1- 12 with the words below. If you're not sure, just guess!

close to the wind – high and dry – the boat – or swim – and the deep blue sea – board
– the hatches – deep water – doldrums – on deck – a wide berth – something on board

1. all hands _____
2. sink _____
3. between the Devil _____
4. rock _____
5. left _____
6. batten down _____
7. on _____
8. down in the _____
9. give someone _____
10. sailing _____
11. in _____
12. take _____

EXERCISE TWO Match the idioms with their meanings.

IDIOMS	MEANINGS
1. all hands _____ 2. sink _____ 3. caught between _____ 4. rock _____ 5. left _____ 6. batten down _____ 7. on _____ 8. in _____ 9. give someone _____ 10. sailing _____ 11. down in _____ 12. take _____	a) avoid or go around someone or something. b) prepare for trouble. c) fully understand what's being said. d) taking unnecessary risks. e) a call to action: everyone needs to help. f) in trouble g) to have two choices, both of which are equally difficult or unpleasant. h) to be part of a crew or team. i) left by someone in a difficult situation. j) either fail or succeed at a task. k) do something to make the situation worse. l) not making any progress

EXERCISE THREE Complete the sentences below with the correct idiom from the table above. In *some* sentences you'll need to change the **verb tense** of the idioms, for example: 'When our accountant quit his job, all the accounts in a real mess; we were left high and dry.'

- 1) The tramp (Landstreicher) was smelling very badly, we _____ him a _____.
- 2) Simon's _____; he's crashed his father's new car!
- 3) Things are going to get a lot worse; we have to _____ right now!
- 4) Peter seemed to be in a day dream, I don't think he _____ what we were telling him.
- 5) I was interviewed for the job in Spanish, which I don't speak very well; it was for me a _____ situation!
- 6) Peter's caught _____; the only vaccine that can cure his disease (krankheit) is very dangerous.
- 7) Our business is _____ now, thanks to Covid 19!
- 8) Tim's now _____; he's just joined our team.
- 9) It was _____; everyone had to help save the documents from the fire!
- 10) The new director tried to make many unnecessary changes; he was just _____.

EXERCISE FOUR

Write three sentences of your own sentences using one of the idioms above in each one.