## ENGLISH PLUS WITH ANSWER KEY PRACTICE WORKSHEETS



# **IDIOMS**



#### 1. Complete each of these idioms.

Ethan has had it up to (A)	with his work.			
It's horrible living with two people who are not on speaking (B)				
It'll really put the <u>(C)</u> am	ong the pigeons if you try to bring t	hat up at the		
meeting.				
My sister (D) spare wh	en she found out I'd burnt her new t	op.		
Joel is <u>(E)</u> your blood nov	w he knows it was you who told the	police.		
The demonstrators are furious and (F)	for blood.			
Your father will throw a <u>(G)</u>	if you go out dressed like that.			
The baby hardly sleeps at night and her mother is at her <u>(н)</u> end.				

### 2. Correct eight mistakes in this paragraph.

Yesterday I had terrible toothache. It hurt a lot and I guess that's why I was in a bad temper all day. Everything anyone said seemed to put the back up and, in the end, I threw a fuse with the person I share my office with. Even when I'm in a good mood, she send me up the twist with her constant chatter and yesterday I had had it off to here with her after only ten minutes. I really gave her an eyeful and the result is that we are no longer in speaking terms. I know I'll have to apologize for doing my nuts like that, but perhaps I'll wait a while. It's much easier to work when she isn't talking to me! Perhaps I should give her a peace of my mind more often.

- 3. Answer these questions based on your own experiences. (Answers will vary)
  - A. Name one thing that drives you up the wall.
  - B. Can you remember a teacher ever going off the deep end? If so, what caused it?
  - C. Has anyone recently rubbed you up the wrong way? If so, how did they do this?
  - D. Have you ever given someone a piece of your mind? If so, what about?

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Ethan has had it up to (A) here with his work.				
It's horrible living with two people who are not on speaking (B) terms.				
It'll really put the (c) cat among the pigeons if you try to bring t	hat up at the			
meeting.				
My sister (D) went spare when she found out I'd burnt her new t	.op.			
Joel is <u>(E) after</u> your blood now he knows it was you who told the	police.			
The demonstrators are furious and <u>(F) out</u> for blood.				
Your father will throw a (G) fit if you go out dressed like that.				
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with her constant chatter and yesterday I had had it **up** to here with her after only ten minutes.

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	G. <u>fit</u> H. <u>wits'</u>				
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