

To Pass With Flying Colours

Idiom of the month

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1. Tick five things that students want to get good results in

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| 1. Maths tests | 4. Competitions |
| 2. English exams | 5. Food |
| 3. Sports championships | 6. Homework |

2a. Read

Are you ready for your test tomorrow, Frankie?

Yes, dad. I studied for three hours before.

Great! I'm sure you'll pass with flying colours.

Thanks, dad!



2b. Complete

Lily will get excellent results in her English exam- she'll

When someone obtains a fantastic result in a test we say that they pass with flying colours.

3. Read these idioms. Match each idiomatic phrase (a – f) to the correct definition (1 – 6).

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| a. Mike didn't <i>make the grade</i> - he wasn't selected for the football team | 1.... excelled in... |
| b. Nick <i>aced</i> the maths test-he got 100%. | 2.... perform well... |
| c. Marie has no problem learning Spanish- her dad is from Madrid so it's <i>as easy as ABC</i> for her. | 3.... passed with a high score... |
| d. I <i>passed</i> my science test <i>with flying colours</i> , I'm really happy with my result. | 4.... get older people to learn new stuff... |
| e. My granddad can't use a smart phone. He says you can't <i>teach an old dog new tricks</i> . | 5....really easy/ not difficult at all... |

4. Complete these sentences with an idiom from exercise 3.

- a. My grandma Dot loves technology. It's not true that you can't
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- b. Emma loves the water and lives by the sea. Swimming is
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- c. My older sister and got into a theatre school in London.
- d. I love science and I work hard in class. I'm sure I'll.....the test next week.
- e. Johnny's parents are really happy with his school report. Heall his subjects.....

5. Is there a school subject/sports competition that you always pass with flying colours ? Talk to a partner.



Teacher's Note

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| 1. Maths tests ✓ | 4. Competitions ✓ |
| 2. English exams ✓ | 5. Food ✓ |
| 3. Sports championships ✓ | 6. Homework ✓ |

2b. Complete

Lily will get excellent results in her English exam- she'll pass with flying colours.

3. Match each idiomatic phrase to the correct definition.

a2 b1 c5 d3 e4

4. Complete the sentences with an idiom from exercise 3.

- My grandma Dot loves technology. It's not true that you can't teach an old dog new tricks
- Emma loves the water and lives by the sea. Swimming is as easy as ABC for her.
- My older sister made the grade and got into a theatre school in London.
- I love science and I work hard in class. I'm sure I'll ace the test next week.
- Johnny's parents are really happy with his school report. He passed all his subjects with flying colours.