Idiom of the Month: JAZZ SOMETHING UP

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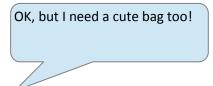
- I. Tick the five adjectives you can use to describe something you like:
- a. beautiful
- b. nice
- c. horrible
- d. pretty
- e. cute
- f. gorgeous

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a. Read

I can't wear this dress to the party. It's horrible

> Don't worry, we can jazz it up with a pretty belt and this gorgeous necklace.



b. Complete:

Sarah didn't like the boring black dress her mum bought her. She decided to

____ with a gold belt and a pretty scarf.

3. Read these music idioms and match each one to the correct meaning.

- a. It was **music to their ears** when the teacher announced that there was no test.
- b. James decided to **face the music** and tell his mum he failed his exam.
- c. John is very old but he is **as fit as a fiddle**. He runs 10km every day.
- d. Denise wanted to **jazz up** the living room with some new curtains and new sofa cushions.
- e. Ben hit the right note when he made cheesecake for dessert - all his friends love Ben's cheesecake.

- I. in good physical form
- 2. made a good decision
- 3. great news
- 4. make something more attractive
- 5. accept the consequences

4. Complete using music idioms from exercise 3:

- a. Julia went to ______ and tell her dad about the crystal vase she broke yesterday.
- b. Jeremy decided to ______ his old car with some new paint.
- c. Kim goes swimming every day and is ______.
- d. Florence ______ when she gave all her friends a handmade candle for Christmas.
- e. The price of the video game was_____ David's_____; he had enough money to buy two!

Teacher's Notes

I. Tick the adjectives: a, b, d, f, but not c.

2b. Complete

Sarah didn't like the boring black dress her mum bought her. She decided to **jazz it up** with a gold belt and a pretty scarf.

3. Match the music idioms to their correct meaning.

a. 3 b. 5 c. 1 d. 4 e. 2

- 4. Complete using idioms from exercise 3.
- a. Julia went to face the music and tell her dad about the crystal vase she broke yesterday.
- b. Jeremy decided to **jazz up** his old car with some new paint.
- c. Kim goes swimming every day and is as fit as a fiddle.
- d. Florence hit the right note when she gave all her friends a handmade candle for Christmas.
- e. The price of the video game was music to David's ears; he had enough money to buy two!

Ask the students some questions to elicit use of the idioms after they have completed the sentences to enable freer practice. For example:

Tell your partner about a time that you decided to jazz something up.