Idiom of the Month:
EVERY CLOUD HAS A SILVER LINING

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1. Write H (happy) or S (sad) next to each sentence.
   a. Your dog dies. ……
   b. You receive a present. ……
   c. Your best friend doesn’t invite you to her party. ……
   d. You go to a party. ……
   e. You lose your favourite book. ……
   f. You go out with friends. ……

2.
   a. Read

   What’s wrong, Sam? You look really sad.

   I am. It’s my best friend’s birthday party tomorrow and I’m not invited.

   That’s a shame! But every cloud has a silver lining! You can come to my cinema party. See you tomorrow at 8pm!

   b. Complete:

   James was really sad when his football match was cancelled, but then his dad got him tickets for the Championship Final at the stadium that same day, so ……………………………………………………………………………………

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

a. When life gives you lemons, make lemonade. 1. There are other boys and girls in the world to love.
b. There is always light at the end of the tunnel. 2. When you miss an opportunity, there is always another one.
c. When one door closes another one opens. 3. Something positive will happen soon.
d. Keep your chin up. 4. Make something good out of a bad situation.
e. There are plenty more fish in the sea. 5. There is always some good in a bad situation.
f. Every cloud has a silver lining 6. Be strong and think positive thoughts.

4. Write.

a. Gemma is heartbroken. Her boyfriend doesn’t want to see her again, but her best friend Lucy tells her ........................................................................................................

b. Marco is exhausted and stressed. He has got exams every day but .......................................................... school finishes next Friday for the summer break.

c. Justine was really sad when her grandma moved away but ..............................................................................: now she can go and stay with her at the seaside every weekend.

d. Sarah’s mum is brilliant. When she has a problem she always finds a way round it: ............................................ She never gives up.

e. Phil lost his place in the football team but then he got a place in the athletics team: you see, .......................................................... 

f. When you feel sad you should always ........................................................................................................... and do your best.
Teacher’s Notes

1. Write H (happy) or S (sad) next to each sentence.
   a. Your dog dies. S
   b. You receive a present. H
   c. Your best friend doesn’t invite you to her party. S
   d. You go to a party. H
   e. You lose your favourite book. S
   f. You go out with friends. H

2b. Complete

James was really sad when his football match was cancelled, but then his dad got him tickets for the Championship Final at the stadium that same day, so every cloud has a silver lining.

3. Match the optimism idioms to their correct meaning.
   a. 4  b.3  c.2  d. 6  e.1  f.5

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 something bad happened but then you realised that every cloud has a silver lining.

4. Complete using idioms from exercise 3.
   a. Gemma is heartbroken. Her boyfriend doesn’t want to see her again, but her best friend Lucy tells her there are plenty of fish in the sea.
   b. Marco is exhausted and stressed. He has got exams every day but there is light at the end of the tunnel: school finishes next Friday for the summer break.
   c. Justine was really sad when her grandma moved away but every cloud has a silver lining: now she can go and stay with her at the seaside every weekend.
   d. Sarah’s mum is brilliant. When she has a problem she always finds a way round it: when life gives her lemons, she makes lemonade. She never gives up.
   e. Phil lost his place in the football team but then he got a place in the athletics team: you see, when one door closes, another one opens.
   f. When you feel sad you should always keep your chin up and do your best.