

To Pass With Flying Colours

Idiom of the month

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1. Write five more 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).

a. Mike didn't *make the grade*- he wasn't selected for the football team

1.... excelled in...

b. Nick *aced* the maths test-he got 100%.

2.... perform well...

c. Marie has no problem learning Spanish- her dad is from Madrid so it's *as easy as ABC* for her.

3.... passed with a high score...

d. I *passed* my science test *with flying colours*, 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 *teach an old dog new tricks*.

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. What can you do to make sure you pass your English exams with flying colours ?

Work with a partner and write down six study tips.



Teacher's Notes

1. Suggested answers:

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

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.

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

5. Suggested answers:

1. Study for 15 minutes EVERY day.
2. Do practice exercises on recommended websites like the British Council.
3. Read a novel in English.
4. Watch DVDs in English.
5. Underline or highlight all the key information in your class notes.
6. Ask your teacher for help if there's something you don't understand.