

Idiom of the Month: TO BREAK THE ICE

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1. Write the five things that you can do at a party:

- a. dance to my favourite music.
- b.
- c.
- e.
- f.
- g.

2.

a. Read

I don't like parties. I never know what to say to break the ice.

It is hard to break the ice with people you don't know. I usually tell a joke.

b. Complete:

I usually break the ice at parties by _____

3. Match these idioms to the correct meaning

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| a. The party is in full swing | 1. Jane is having a great time |
| b. Jane is having a ball | 2. Lucy has a lot of different friends and goes to lots of different parties |
| c. Let's paint the town red | 3. The party is a success |
| d. Sam is having a whale of a time | 4. This joke has got a really funny ending |
| e. Lucy is a social butterfly | 5. Let's go out and have a good time |
| f. This joke has got a great punchline | 6. Sam is having a great time |

4.

a. Complete these popular jokes

Doctor, doctor, I've only got 59 _____ to live.

Ok, just sit over there a _____.

Knock, Knock.

Who's there?

Mikey

_____ who?

Mikey doesn't fit in the _____.

What do you call a _____ party?

A _____

door snowball minute snowman Mikey seconds

b. Write your own joke in English. Can you translate one from Italian? Is it still funny in English?

Teacher's Notes

1. Write the five things that you can do at a party:

- a. *dance to my favourite music*
- b. listen to great music
- c. talk to my friends
- d. meet new people
- e. eat good food
- f. laugh at jokes

2. Complete

b. I usually break the ice at parties by**telling jokes or funny stories, asking lots of questions and smiling and laughing a lot.**

3. Match the idioms to the correct meaning

a3 b1 c5 d6 e2 f4

4. Jokes

British people love old-fashioned knock-knock jokes. They can be as silly as you want and are always guaranteed to get a laugh. The use of homophones (words that are spelt differently and have a different meaning but sound the same) are often key to their success.

Doctor, doctor, I've only got 59 **seconds** to live.

Ok, just sit over there a **minute**.

Knock, Knock.

Who's there?

Mikey

Mikey who?

Mikey doesn't fit in the **door**.

What do you call a **snowman** party?

A **snowball**.