



Read and match the expressions and idioms with the meanings.

- Use a dictionary.

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| 1. Work the system | ___ | a. to take advantage of the system, often in an unethical way, to get what you want |
| 2. In the works | ___ | b. to put a lot of effort into something, to work hard enough to start to sweat |
| 3. Work(s) like a charm | ___ | c. to not put any effort in completing a task – very frequent negative attitude towards doing some work |
| 4. Work wonders | ___ | d. when an item or project is currently being produced or developed |
| 5. Put to work | ___ | e. to be unemployed, or to not have a job - when one previously had a job |
| 6. Out of work | ___ | f. used to express that something is very routine - anything out of the ordinary |
| 7. All in a day's work | ___ | g. when one is working so hard that they don't have the time to enjoy life or cultivate joy for living |
| 8. All work and no play | ___ | h. when something functions perfectly |
| 9. Piece of work | ___ | i. the work nobody else wants to do |
| 10. Dirty work | ___ | j. to put lots of effort to complete as many tasks as possible |
| 11. Work up a sweat | ___ | k. to have a very positive effect to solve a problem |
| 12. Working hard | ___ | l. an expression meaning that somebody is difficult to get along with in a complex way |
| 13. Hardly working | ___ | m. to assign a job or to make somebody work – someone who was previously inactive |

Write the expressions and idioms on the lines.

1. He soon discovered that listening to the radio and watching TV in English every day _____ for his listening comprehension.
2. Can't talk now, sorry man. I am an _____ guy.
3. After losing his job last year, he was _____ for 6 months.
4. His school vacation didn't last long, as his parents soon _____ him _____ in the family business.
5. Once elected, the corrupt politician began to use his power to _____ and increase his personal fortune.
6. I just had to say the boss I wouldn't accept taking care of the _____ – he wants to get people working extra hours with half-pay, he is the one who's gotta tell them.
7. Considering the outcome I may get, to _____ won't matter at all.
8. After his friend fixed his computer, it _____ for the rest of the year.
9. I don't understand why he became such a _____ guy - last time I saw him, he was very responsible, he was even doing two jobs.
10. Have you met the new staff members? I am afraid they will be a _____.
11. While the band was touring for their newest album, they revealed that their next album was _____ and would soon be available.
12. Hey, that car you bought is so cool! Now I understand why you had been _____.
13. Finally, another hard day is off. It was just an _____ again.