

# Idioms: Relationships & Social Life

Intermediate (B1-B2)



## WARM UP

**Part 1. Discuss the following questions.**

1. Have you ever **hit it off** with someone immediately? What made the connection so strong?
2. Do you usually **wear your heart on your sleeve**, or are you more private?
3. Have you ever **got off on the wrong foot** with someone but later became friends?
4. What do you think it means to **“bury the hatchet”** in a relationship?

## READING ACTIVITY

**Part 1. Read the following dialogue carefully.**

**Jake:** I didn't think I'd get along with Sam at all — we really **got off on the wrong foot**.

**Ava:** What happened?

**Jake:** He seemed cold at first, and I probably came off a bit arrogant. But we've **buried the hatchet** now.

**Ava:** That's good to hear. What changed?

**Jake:** We had to work together on a project and ended up **hitting it off**. We actually **see eye to eye** on a lot of things.

**Ava:** That's great. You two are totally different, but it works.

**Jake:** He's the kind of person who always **has your back**. And he says I **wear my heart on my sleeve**, so we balance each other out.

## Part 2. Answer the comprehension questions.

1. How did Jake and Sam's relationship begin?
2. What helped them change their opinion of each other?
3. What idiom shows that they became close quickly?
4. What quality does Sam admire about Jake?

## DEFINITION MATCHING

**Part 1. Match each idiom to its correct definition. Can you guess any before looking at the options?**

Hit it off

See eye to eye

Bury the hatchet

Wear your heart on your sleeve

Get off on the wrong foot

Have someone's back

1. \_\_\_\_\_ to support or defend someone
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to be open and honest about your feelings
3. \_\_\_\_\_ to get along very well from the first meeting
4. \_\_\_\_\_ to start a relationship or interaction badly
5. \_\_\_\_\_ to agree or have similar opinions
6. \_\_\_\_\_ to make peace after an argument



## TYPICAL USAGE MATCHING

**Part 1. Match the idioms with what they are typically used with.**

Hit it off

See eye to eye

Bury the hatchet

Wear your heart on your sleeve

Get off on the wrong foot

Have someone's back

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the first time we met
2. \_\_\_\_\_ through difficult times
3. \_\_\_\_\_ in a relationship
4. \_\_\_\_\_ after an argument
5. \_\_\_\_\_ about the same things
6. \_\_\_\_\_ with a new colleague

## SENTENCE TRANSFORMATION

**Part 1. Rewrite the following sentences using the target idioms so that the meaning stays the same.**

1. They became close friends as soon as they met.
2. I'm glad we ended our argument and forgave each other.
3. We had a bad start, but things improved.
4. He always agrees with me on how to handle things.
5. You always support me when I need it.
6. She shows her emotions very openly.

## SENTENCE GAP-FILL

**Part 1. Use the correct form of the idiom in brackets to complete each sentence.**

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ (get off on the wrong foot) at first, but we eventually became friends.
2. They \_\_\_\_\_ (hit it off) the moment they started talking.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ (see eye to eye) with my boss more than I expected.
4. After our argument, we finally \_\_\_\_\_ (bury the hatchet).
5. You can always count on her — she \_\_\_\_\_ (have someone's back).
6. I try not to \_\_\_\_\_ (wear your heart on your sleeve), but it's hard sometimes.

## SPEAKING

**Part 1. Use at least 5 idioms from today's lesson to talk about:**

Hit it off

See eye to eye

Bury the hatchet

Wear your heart on your sleeve

Get off on the wrong foot

Have someone's back

- A new friendship or relationship
- A disagreement or misunderstanding you resolved
- Someone who supports you no matter what
- Whether you're more open or more private in relationships

