

Lesson 2: American Slang

Exercise 1: Match the slang / informal expression with its meaning

Column A (Expression)

1. that's fire
2. hit the ground running
3. spill the beans
4. cut corners
5. swamped
6. push something back
7. figure out
8. carry out

Column B (Meaning)

- A. to reveal a secret
- B. extremely good, impressive
- C. to understand or solve something
- D. to postpone
- E. very busy
- F. to start something with energy and enthusiasm
- G. to do something in a cheaper/easier way (often lowering quality)
- H. to complete or execute a task

Exercise 2: Match the phrasal verb with its meaning

Column A

1. figure out
2. carry out
3. push back (something)

Column B

- A. to execute or complete
- B. to understand
- C. to postpone

Exercise 3: Match the idiom with its definition

Column A

- 1. spill the beans
- 2. cut corners
- 3. get the hang of it

Column B

- A. to learn how to do something properly
- B. to reveal a secret
- C. to do something poorly to save time/money

Exercise 4: Match the regional / conversational expression with its standard equivalent

Column A (Informal / Regional)

- 1. y'all
- 2. you guys
- 3. I'm swamped
- 4. Let's push it back

Column B (Standard)

- A. I am very busy
- B. Let's postpone it
- C. you (plural) – used in some regions
- D. you (plural) – used in other regions

Exercise 5: Match the example sentence with the correct expression

Column A (Sentence)

1. "That presentation was ____." (meaning: excellent)
2. "We need someone who can ____." (meaning: start working effectively immediately)
3. "We can't afford to ____ on this project." (meaning: lower quality to save effort)
4. "I'm ____ with work today." (meaning: very busy)
5. "We need to ____ a better strategy." (meaning: understand/find)

Column B (Expression)

- A. hit the ground running
- B. swamped
- C. fire
- D. cut corners
- E. figure out

Answers

Exercise 1

- 1 – B
- 2 – F
- 3 – A
- 4 – G
- 5 – E
- 6 – D
- 7 – C
- 8 – H

Exercise 2

- 1 – B
- 2 – A
- 3 – C

Exercise 3

1 – B

2 – C

3 – A

Exercise 4

1 – C

2 – D

3 – A

4 – B

Exercise 5

1 – C

2 – A

3 – D

4 – B

5 – E