GA 14 Our Body – Pelmanism

| Vocabulary Item | Idioms based on parts of the body: | |
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| | Head: keep a cool head/bury one's head in the sand | |
| | Face: have a long face/lose face | |
| | Eye: catch one's eye/turn a blind eye | |
| | Ear: turn a deaf ear/lend an ear | |
| | Nose: have one's nose in the air/stick one's nose into | |
| | Mouth: have a big mouth/make one's mouth water | |
| | Hand: give (someone) a hand/go hand in hand | |
| | Feet: get cold feet/stand on one's own feet | |
| Vocabulary | Using knowledge of word combination – multi-word units and | |
| Building Strategy | idiomatic use of words | |

Activity Description

This activity aims to help students retain better the idioms based on parts of the body. Students match the idioms of parts of the body with their meanings. After they have got a correct pair, students make sentences using the idiom.

Materials for Each Pair of Students

Two sets of word cards:

- 1. Set 1 Idioms based on Parts of the Body
- 2. Set 2 Meanings

Procedures

- 1. Students play the game in pairs. Each pair is given two sets of word cards one on the idioms based on parts of the body and the other on their meanings.
- 2. Students have to put both sets of cards face down on the desks before they start.
- 3. Students take turns to turn over the cards. They can keep the cards if the two cards match and they can make a sentence using the idiom, e.g. 'Peter is getting cold feet about marrying Susan.'
- 4. The student with more cards wins.

Word Cards - Idioms based on Parts of the Body

| | keep a cool head | bury one's head in the sand | have a long face |
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| | lose face | catch one's eye | turn a blind eye |
| | turn a deaf ear | lend an ear | have one's nose in the air |
| | stick one's nose into | have a big mouth | make one's mouth water |
| • | give (someone) a hand | go hand in hand | get cold feet |
| | stand on one's own feet | | |

Word Cards - Meanings

| 2 | stay calm and think clearly in a difficult situation | ignore an unpleasant situation and escape from dealing with it | look unhappy |
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| | lose status or people's respect | attract one's attention and interest | ignore something that one knows should not be happening |
| | ignore someone when they complain or ask for something | listen to what someone is saying sympathetically | be too proud of oneself |
| | show too much interest in private matters that do not concern oneself | talk too much, especially about things that should be kept secret | make one want to eat the food |
| | help someone do something | be closely connected | suddenly feel that one is not brave enough to do something one plans to do |
| | be independent and not rely on other people | | |

(Answer Keys)

| Idioms based on | Meanings | |
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| Parts of the Body | | |
| keep a cool head | stay calm and think clearly in a difficult situation | |
| bury one's head in the sand | ignore an unpleasant situation and escape from dealing with it | |
| have a long face | look unhappy | |
| lose face | lose status or people's respect | |
| catch one's eye | attract one's attention and interest | |
| turn a blind eye | ignore something that one knows should not be happening | |
| turn a deaf ear | ignore someone when they complain or ask for something | |
| lend an ear | listen to what someone is saying sympathetically | |
| have one's nose in the air | be too proud of oneself | |
| stick one's nose into | show too much interest in private matters that do not concern oneself | |
| have a big mouth | talk too much, especially about things that should be kept secret | |
| make one's mouth water | make one want to eat the food | |
| give (someone) a hand | help someone do something | |
| go hand in hand | be closely connected | |
| get cold feet | suddenly feel that one is not brave enough to do something one plans to do | |
| stand on one's own feet | be independent and not rely on other people | |