

IDIOMATIC PHRASES ABOUT PLACES

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Aids: worksheet (Solution: 1b, 2b, 3a, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7a)

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Vocabulary & Speaking idiomatic phrases about places

Read the conversations. Choose a or b as the better meaning for the idiomatic phrases in **bold**.

- 1 A How's the new job? Do you **feel at home** yet?
B I'm starting to. But I'm not used to working nine to five!
a feel healthy
b feel relaxed and comfortable
- 2 A I think we need to move to a bigger office.
B I agree. We've **run out of** space here!
a We don't need more.
b We've used it all.
- 3 A What's your journey to work like?
B It's awful, we're **packed in like sardines** on the Tube.
a uncomfortably crowded
b smelling a lot
- 4 A Do you live in the city centre?
B Well, actually, we live **miles from anywhere**.
a in the suburbs
b far from other people
- 5 A Are you sure you know how to get there?
B Relax, I **know this part of town like the back of my hand**.
a be very familiar with a place
b be new to a place
- 6 A Have you lost something?
B I can't find my glasses, I've looked **all over the place**.
a everywhere in this room
b in every room
- 7 A Have you heard? Carlo's buying a house.
B Yes, he told me a while ago that he and Liza were thinking of **settling down**.
a choosing a permanent home
b buying a bigger house

Read the Vocabulary focus box.

VOCABULARY FOCUS idiomatic phrases

It is often easier to learn idioms in a topic group; for example, places.

*I **feel at home** here.*

*They're thinking of **settling down**.*

They are generally fixed phrases.

*I've looked **all over the place** NOT I've looked ~~over all the place~~.*