Vocab Toolbox: Food idioms

Exercises

***Tick the correct solution!***

John didn't prepare his presentation at all, so it's no surprise that when the questions came he….

* … was completely beefy.
* … was left with egg on his face.
* … brought home the bacon.
* … egged them on.

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***Tick the correct solution!***

I'm sorry…. I'm just too ………………………………… to repair that leaky tap in the bathroom.

⬜ … ham-fisted

* … hammed up
* … beefed up
* …. egged on

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***Tick the correct solution!***

I think our presentation needs a bit more to be really convincing. Couldn't you ……………………………………… with some statistics or examples?

* …. bring home our bacon
* … ham it up
* … cheese it off

⬜ … beef it up

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***Tick the TWO correct solutions!***

Look, if you ……………………………. with the way I'm doing things, why don't you tell me right away? (2)

⬜ …. have a beef

* …. are left with egg on your face
* … have any bigger fish to fry

⬜ … are cheesed off

***Tick the correct solution!***

I think he's a terrible actor. Either he doesn't show any emotion at all or he …………………………… so much that people won't believe it either.

* ….. hams it up
* … cheeses it off
* … beefs it up
* … eggs it on

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***Tick the correct solution!***

I just wonder…. is it Tom who ………………………………………..………………………, or his wife?

* ….. eggs it on
* … brings home the bacon
* … beefs it up
* … cheeses it off

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***Tick the correct solution!***

Labelling these test samples is such a boring job – I'm really cheesed ……. with it.

* … up
* … on
* … in
* … off

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***Match the sentences and the correct idiom endings!***

1. Yes, I've got the message! I have signed up for night school classes, so there's no need to …
2. Whew, what a good thing we have this backup copy – it really ……
3. Why are they interested in our company? Normally they …..
4. No, no, no – you really have to look sad in this picture! Can't you …..

⬜ ham it up a bit?

⬜ egg me on!

⬜ have bigger fish to fry.

⬜ saved our bacon!