

Live Phrases C1

Advanced Expressions, 4 exercises + answer key

NAME _____

DATE _____

KEY RULE:

bite the bullet · go the extra mile · speak volumes · leave no stone unturned · raise the bar · cut corners · on balance · come to a head

1 Exercise 1 EASY Fill in with the correct expression.

1. We had to ____ and decide.

2. She always ____ for clients.

3. The silence ____, no one agreed.

4. ____, the plan worked well.

5. Don't ____ on safety.

6. That work ____ for everyone.

7. The issue ____ last week.

8. I ____ when asked the name.

9. It ____ all the evidence.

10. She ____ despite the pressure.

2 Exercise 2 MEDIUM Write the expression. Use the hint.

1. ____, endure difficulty (3 words)

2. ____, extra effort (4 words)

3. ____, indicate without words (2 words)

4. ____, try every option (5 words)

5. ____, set higher standard (3 words)

6. ____, reduce quality (2 words)

7. ____, considering all (2 words)

8. ____, reach a crisis (4 words)

9. ____, can't remember (3 words)

10. ____, openly contradict (4 words)

3 Exercise 3 MEDIUM Write the meaning of each expression.

1. bite the bullet = _____

2. go the extra mile = _____

3. speak volumes = _____

4. leave no stone unturned = ____

5. raise the bar = _____

6. cut corners = _____

7. on balance = _____

8. come to a head = _____

9. draw a blank = _____

10. fly in the face of = _____

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Exercise 4

HARD

Complete with the correct expression.

1. It was hard, but we had to ____.

3. Her silence ____, she disagreed.

5. Her result ____ for all of us.

7. ____, the benefits outweigh risks.

9. I ____ when asked the date.

2. The team ____ to find the answer.

4. They ____ to solve the problem.

6. Don't ____, quality matters.

8. The crisis ____ in the meeting.

10. The data ____ our assumption.

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 Easy, fill in the blank

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| 1 bite the bullet | 6 raised the bar |
| 2 goes the extra mile | 7 came to a head |
| 3 spoke volumes | 8 drew a blank |
| 4 On balance | 9 flies in the face of |
| 5 cut corners | 10 stood her ground |

2 Exercise 2 Medium, write the expression

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| 1 Bite the bullet | 6 Cut corners |
| 2 Go the extra mile | 7 On balance |
| 3 Speak volumes | 8 Come to a head |
| 4 Leave no stone unturned | 9 Draw a blank |
| 5 Raise the bar | 10 Fly in the face of |

3 Exercise 3 Medium, write the meaning

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| 1 endure a difficult situation | 6 do cheaply, reducing quality |
| 2 make special effort beyond expectations | 7 taking everything into account |
| 3 indicate clearly without words | 8 reach a crisis or turning point |
| 4 try every possible option | 9 be unable to remember |
| 5 set a higher standard | 10 openly contradict or oppose |

4 Exercise 4 Hard, mixed practice

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| 1 bite the bullet | 6 cut corners |
| 2 tried every option / left no stone unturned | 7 On balance |
| 3 spoke volumes | 8 came to a head |
| 4 left no stone unturned | 9 drew a blank |
| 5 raised the bar | 10 flies in the face of |