

Idioms: School and study (answers)

#	Idiom	Freq ¹	Def ²	Int ³	Ex
1	brush up	0.5	Study or practice something again, especially something that you used to know but haven't used for a long time.	X	Before going back to live in Spain, Paul decided to _____ on his Spanish.
2	make sense	16.1	Have a meaning that you can clearly understand	O	This sentence doesn't _____ to me. I don't understand what the writer means.
3	long-winded	0.5	Talking (or writing) about something for too long so it becomes boring	X	Many students fell asleep during the presentation. The speaker's explanations were _____ and difficult to understand.
4	carry on	7.6	Continue to do something, even after the usual period of time has finished	X	I would like to _____ studying even after I find a job.
5	freak out	3.8	Panic or lose emotional control. Usually because you are very stressed, angry, or surprised	O	It's important not to _____ before presenting in front of many people. Try to control your breathing and relax.
6	a breeze	0.6	Very easy, not difficult to do	X	Jack studied hard during the course and knew the content well, so the test was _____ for him.
7	pick on	1.8	Tease or bully someone; treat someone unfairly by criticizing, blaming or punishing them	X	You shouldn't _____ people just because they're different. Everyone should be treated equally and respectfully.
8	throw in the towel	0.5	Quit or stop trying to do something because it is too difficult	X	I'm not going to _____ just because I failed one test. It's too soon to quit.

9	pros and cons	1.6	Good and bad points, advantages and disadvantages	X	Ok everybody, today we're going to discuss the _____ of living outside large cities.
10	second wind	0.2	New energy that lets you continue with something that had made you tired	X	Heather was very after studying for many hours. But she got her _____ after taking a long break and having a meal.

¹ Frequency per million words (in 621 million word COCA Corpus) of this meaning sense

For reference *a piece of cake* =0.4

² Definition - meaning sense in this context only – potentially has other meaning senses eg. carry on – carry on your back

³ Phrase can potentially take intervening words eg. *freak someone out*