American Idioms

Sample Lesson
Dialogue

Steve: I like your friend. She seems **down-to-earth**.

Lisa: Yeah, she's great. It sounds like you two really **hit it off**.

Steve: But I don't **get along with** her boyfriend. The other day, he **gave me the cold shoulder**.

Lisa: You're **kidding** me!

Steve: Nope. It really **blew me away**.

Sample Lesson   *Match the correct definition with the idiom.*
Vocabulary

___ down-to-earth	**a.** to tease or joke with someone; to pretend or exaggerate
___ hit it off	**b.** practical; sensible; realistic
___ get along with someone	**c.** to greatly surprise or please someone
___ give someone the cold shoulder	**d.** to have a friendly relationship with someone
___ kid someone	**e.** to like someone at the first meeting
___ blow someone away	**f.** to be intentionally unfriendly to someone; to ignore someone

Exercise I.   *Replace the phrases in italics, using the proper idioms.*

1.   **My boss is quite selfish, so it's difficult to *have a friendly relationship with him*.**

2.   **I like his *practical* approach to problem-solving.**

3.   **His announcement *greatly surprised me* .**

4.   **You got a perfect score on the GRE? You're *teasing me*!**

5.   **She *was intentionally unfriendly towards me* at the party.**

6.   **I just met my lab mates, and we all *like each other very much*.**

Exercise II.   *Complete the sentences with the correct idiom.*

1.   **She's friendly and sensible – really _____.**

2.   **They _____ extremely well. I can see why they have been good friends for so long.**

3.   **I am so glad that our parents _____ when we introduced them at Christmas.**

4.   **My colleague _____ after our boss selected me as project manager.**

5.   **You skipped class to go fishing? You must be _____ me!**

6.   **My advisor was really pleased with my paper. His reaction _____.**