**Idioms Story**

**Read the story below and write the meaning of the idioms in the space provided.**

Jooheon was **feeling under the weather** and his classmate Sean was getting worried. Even though they didn’t always **see eye to eye**, Sean knew Jooheon had missed a lot of work while he was away, and he didn’t want Jooheon’s ELL grades **to go down in flames.** With his friend’s best interest in mind,Sean **called it a day**, and headed home to get hold of his ailing friend.

On the way home, he ran into Olivia and Tommy who were playing Basketball in the park, despite the fact it was **raining cats and dogs**. While in class Sean overheard Tommy inviting Che to join him and Olivia after school, but Che was nowhere to be found.

“Hey Tommy!” yelled Sean, “I thought Che was supposed to be playing basketball with you guys?”

“**Cut him some slack**” replied Tommy, “he has a big test to study for and he decided to **take a rain check**.”

“I think he was going to meet up with Sylvia, Jiwoo and Annie at the coffee shop to study for tomorrow’s big exam. “said Olivia.

“Oh. I guess needing to study is **a blessing in disguise**. I know Che loves basketball, but I’m sure being inside the nice, warm, dry coffee shop is better than being out here.” Sean remarked as he crossed the street to his home.

“Hey?!” Sean was surprised to see Uijun and Y.U. on the steps of his house. “*What’s up guys*?”

“Uijin is really *down*.” Replied Y.U.

“Is it about that girl he met on holidays?” asked Sean.

“Yup. He really needs **to live and learn** and **throw caution to the wind** and *ask her out*.” insisted Y.U. looking right at Uijun.

“**There are other fish in the sea**.” Sean said as he sat down next to his friends.

“You guys don’t understand. Meeting a girl like her is a **once in a blue moon** opportunity.”

“Well, if that’s really how you feel, then you **need to bite the bullet** and give her a call.” replied Y.U.

“I don’t know how to **break the ice**. What do I say? Talking to someone you like that much isn't **a piece of cake** you know.”

“**Hang in there,** Uijun. It’s **better to be late than never**. Just start with “How are you?” That should g**et the ball rolling**.” suggested Y.U. noticing Uijun’s frown had turned into a smile.

“You’re right. **I need to stop beating around the bush.** **Come rain or shine**, I will call her tonight.”

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