

# C2 Peer Teaching

## Student A

Ask your partner the first question on your list. If they don't understand, ask them the "a" question, which contains the definition of the expression in the first question.

1. Do you ever **struggle to get your message across** when you're speaking English?
  - a. Do you ever have problems being understood when you're speaking English?
2. Have you ever **been taken in** by a scammer or a friend playing a joke on you?
  - a. Have you ever been tricked by a scammer or a friend playing a joke on you?
3. When was the last time you **changed around** the furniture in your bedroom? Are you happy with the current layout?
  - a. Have you ever moved the furniture in your bedroom into different positions?
4. Do you tend to **wear out** your shoes completely before you buy a new pair?
  - a. Do you tend to wear your shoes until they break before you buy a new pair?
5. If you became famous, do you think the fame and success would **go to your head**?
  - a. If you became famous, do you think the fame and success would change your personality for the worse?
6. Have you **grown out of** any tastes/interests you had when you were younger?
  - a. Have you become too old/mature for any tastes/interests you had when you were younger?
7. Have you ever **mistaken** a stranger **for** a friend of yours? What happened?
  - a. Have you ever got confused and thought that a stranger was a friend of yours?

## Student B

Ask your partner the first question on your list. If they don't understand, ask them the "a" question, which contains the definition of the expression in the first question.

8. Do you tend to **have your wits about you** in high pressure situations or do you tend to **go to pieces**?
  - a. Do you tend to be able to think quickly and clearly in high pressure situations or do you tend to panic and have a breakdown?
9. Do you tend to be **quick or slow on the uptake**?
  - a. Do you tend to understand or realise things quickly or slowly?
10. They say that **a leopard can't change its spots**. Do you agree?
  - a. They say that people never change their behaviour or character. Do you agree?
11. Is it important for you to live in a house with **all mod cons**? Why? Why not?
  - a. Is it important for you to live in a house with all the modern conveniences (machines and appliances that make life easier)?
12. Can you think of an artist/singer/company that has really **broken the mould** in the last few years?
  - a. Can you think of an artist/singer/company that has really made a big impact by doing something fresh and new in the last few years?
13. Are you someone who tends to **stick to their guns** even if people criticise or oppose you?
  - a. Are you someone who tends to not change their behaviour or opinions even if people criticise or oppose you?
14. Have you ever decided to **turn over a new leaf**? How successful were you?
  - a. Have you ever decided to change your life and try to be a better person or stop a bad habit?

## Gap-fill

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the expression from the first exercise.

1. When the iPad was released, it really ....., now tablets are everywhere.
2. When I was 16 I was really into heavy metal but I soon ..... it, I still like a couple of metal songs though.
3. You're in the right in this dispute, you have to ....., eventually they will realise the error of their ways.
4. They used to be so down-to-earth but now they're insufferably arrogant, the fame and money really .....
5. Her husband cheated on her but now he says that he has ..... and that it won't happen again but I don't believe it! You know what they say! .....
6. When we get to the fastest part of the river you have to ..... and do exactly what I say.
7. As soon as the production of Romeo and Juliet started he ..... and forgot all his lines! It was a disaster!
8. This new property is perfect for a young family, it has sea views and .....
9. The cat ..... the cucumber ..... a snake, jumped into the air, ran away and hid under the bed.
10. I've completely ..... the tyres on my bike, I need to get new ones.
11. Have you ..... the living room .....? Wasn't the sofa over there before?
12. I was ..... in French so we switched to English halfway through the interview.
13. I love my son but he's so ..... sometimes, I have to explain everything a million times!
14. My grandma was ..... by one of those email scams, we're taking them to court to try to get the money back.

## Answer Key

1. broke the mould
2. grew out of it
3. stick to your guns
4. went to their heads
5. turned over a new leaf, a leopard can't change its spots
6. have your wits about you
7. went to pieces
8. all mod cons
9. mistook the cucumber for
10. worn out
11. changed around
12. struggling to get my message across
13. slow on the uptake
14. taken in by