

Idioms – F

(a) Face only a mother could love

- This is a funny way to say that a person is very ugly.

Failure is the mother of success

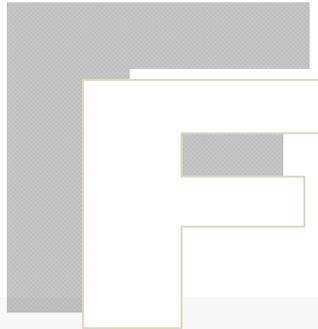
- People must fail before they can reach success. Failure leads to success.

Few and far between

- If something is “few and far between” this means that it happens only occasionally and not often.

First come, first served

- This means that the first people to arrive are the first people who get to eat (or participate in something).



For kicks

- Just for fun (“I’m not a professional basketball player. I just play for kicks.”)

From rags to riches

- If someone goes “from rags to riches,” this means that they start life poor and become rich.

Full of hot air

- If you say someone is “full of hot air” this means that you don’t believe them.

Advice and Answers

Using the idioms, give advice or answers to these people:

Frank: I taught my dog how to talk, and I have conversations with it all the time.

Answer: _____

Fiona: Oh no! I didn't get into a good school! Now I'll never be able to be a doctor!

Advice: _____

Fred: Hey! I'm older than him! I should get to eat first!

Answer: _____

Now, fill in the blanks with suitable idioms:

When Phil was young, his friends liked to tease him because he looked different and was poor. They said he had a _____ and they hit him every day just _____. Not many people liked Phil, and his friends were _____. All of that changed when Phil got older. His mother taught him that _____, so he worked hard and went _____. Now, he is wealthy and successful, and no one picks on him anymore!