

## Idioms: L

### **Laughter is the best medicine**

- Laughing is good for health and healing.

### **Learn the ropes**

- When you "learn the ropes," you learn how to do a job (during your first week in a new job, for example), or you learn how something is done (in a company or organization, usually).

### **Let sleeping dogs lie**

- Don't bother/mess with a situation, because if you do, it will probably get worse or cause trouble.

### **(The) left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing**

- This is used to describe a situation in which the communication is very poor, and people (within a company, office, or government, etc.) don't know what each other are doing.

### **Let the cat out of the bag**

- to (accidentally) reveal secret information

### **Let your hair down**

- When you "let your hair down," you relax and have a good time (often after a hard or stressful day).

### **Light at the end of the tunnel**

- If there is "light at the end of the tunnel," this means that, although a situation is bad right now, there is reason to hope that it will get better in the future.

## Give Advice with Idioms!

*Using the idioms on the previous page, give advice or responses to these people:*

**Lily:** I asked my supervisor for a raise, and he told me to ask the owner. When I asked the owner, he told me to ask my supervisor.

**Response:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke:** There's Mike! The last time I talked to Mike, we had a big fight about politics. I should go talk to him!

**Advice:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Laura:** I'm so glad I'm finally off work! I had so much stress today at my job!

**Advice:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Now, fill in the blanks with suitable idioms:*

Lyle is still \_\_\_\_\_ at his new job, but I heard that his boss already wants to fire him. Last night we went out to dinner and let our hair down, and I accidentally \_\_\_\_\_. At first, he was very angry. After awhile, we talked about it and he felt better. I suggested that we go see a new comedy movie.

"\_\_\_\_\_!" I told him.

Lyle can get a job in his brother's company, so even though he is getting fired, there is a \_\_\_\_\_.