

## Shakespeare's idioms 1 Situations for Task 4 – idioms in context

### Situation A



Jose arrives to pick his girlfriend up from her house. They are planning to see a film together tonight. 'I'll be ready in a minute,' she calls from her bedroom. Jose switches on the television and waits. Five minutes pass, then ten. 'Are you nearly ready?' he calls up the stairs. 'Yes, I'm just coming,' she shouts over the sound of a hairdryer. Another ten minutes pass and Jose is becoming anxious that they will miss the start of the film. She's taking ages! He moves to the bottom of the stairs. 'What are you doing up there?'

### Situation B



Hana has joined a new reading group at a local coffee shop. When she arrives, she feels a little nervous. *I don't know anyone*, she thinks. *What if I don't know what to say?* She spots a small group of people sitting at a table. She takes a deep breath and walks over. 'Hi,' she says, smiling. 'Is this the book group?' She pulls up a chair. They all look at each other shyly for a minute. No one speaks. 'Would anyone like a drink?' Hana offers. 'I'd love one,' says the man opposite her, smiling.

'I'll help you,' offers a girl. 'I can recommend the hot chocolate,' says another man, pulling up a chair. 'I order it every time I come here. The staff don't even have to ask any more ...'

Idiom:			



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### Situation C



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Idiom:

Mariella Montague, acclaimed actress and model, features regularly in
the tabloids. People love to read about her latest exploits, from her nev
clothing line to her love life. The paparazzi follow her everywhere. One
morning Mariella is horrified to discover that an extremely embarrassin
video of her has been leaked on YouTube. It shows her doing a head-
lice commercial before she was famous. It has already had over two
million views. The paparazzi are waiting outside her house, demanding
interviews. 'My reputation is ruined!' she wails. She orders her private
et to take her to her secret holiday home in the mountains, where the
paparazzi can't follow. Her publicist advises her to stay there until the

### Situation D



When Zahra started at a new school, she was soon befriended by a lively, confident girl called Lin. She was grateful that she didn't have to eat lunch on her own and that she had someone to sit with in class. One day, Lin tells her that she hasn't done her history homework as she doesn't understand the questions. Zahra is happy to help and lends Lin her book. The next day, Lin asks to see Zahra's maths homework. She copies a few answers. By the following week, Lin is copying nearly all of Zahra's homework. She has also stopped sitting with her at lunch and talks to her only when she needs her help. Zahra is

miserable. She so desperately wants to have friends at her new school. *But this isn't how friends treat each other*, she thinks. *Maybe it's time to make some real friends*. So Zahra stops looking for Lin at lunchtime and sits with a new group of students, who seem friendly. When Lin asks to look at her Spanish homework, Zahra refuses. She tells her to go and find her own answers.

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