

THE **SLANGMAN** GUIDE TO  **STREET SPEAK 1**
POPULAR AMERICAN IDIOMS & SLANG

LESSON **3** **AT THE MOVIES**

1. MATCHING

Match the idiom or slang words with their definition by writing the correct letter in the box. You will only use each letter once. **(12 pts)** *Break a leg!**



1. **to be unable to act one's way out of a paper bag**

2. **blockbuster**

3. **premiere**

4. **bomb**

5. **to get the show on the road**

6. **write-up**

7. **to plug**

8. **sleeper**

9. **sellout**

10. **lines**

11. **red carpet event**

12. **in the limelight**



A. event where all the tickets have been sold

B. big gathering with important people and celebrities

C. to get started

D. the focus of attention

E. opening of a movie or play

F. words in a script

G. huge success

H. complete failure

I. review

J. movie that becomes a success after starting slowly

K. to promote

L. to be a terrible actor



*Break a leg! (popular in the theater) = Good luck!

2. FILL IN THE BLANKS

Fill in the conversation with the correct idiom or slang words in the box. You will only use each answer once. **(6 pts)**



blockbuster lines	red carpet event premiere	sleeper write-up
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1. *Person A:* What did you think of the movie?

Person B: I thought it was slow in the beginning, but after a while, I really loved it!

Person A: I agree. It was definitely a _____.

2. *Person A:* I heard the new action film made the most money in history last weekend.

Person B: I heard the same thing! It was a real _____.

Person A: We have to go see it!

3. *Person A:* Did you see all the celebrities at the _____ in Hollywood?

Person B: Yeah! They were there for the new movie _____.

Person A: I'm so jealous that they got to see that movie before everyone else.

4. *Person A:* Do you think it's hard to be an actor?

Person B: I can't imagine having to memorize all those _____.

Person A: Yeah, good point. That's a lot of work!

5. *Person A:* Did you read the _____ about Leonardo DiCaprio's new movie?

Person B: Yeah, it was a terrible review. Leo probably hated reading that!

3. TRUE OR FALSE

Decide if the sentence is either true or false by placing a check in the appropriate box. **(6 pts)**



1. **Person A:** I loved the new romantic comedy with Jennifer Anniston!

Person B: You're crazy! She **can't act her way out of a paper bag**.

Person A: I thought she delivered her **lines** beautifully.

Person A and Person B agree about the acting in the film.

True False

2. **Person A:** Can you go online to buy our movie tickets?

Person B: I'll try, but I think the movie is a **sellout**. I doubt there are any seats left.

The movie is not popular.

True False

3. **Person A:** Can't you just go see a movie that I want to see for once?!

Person B: I'm not going to pay money to go see that **bomb**!

Person A: Don't listen to everyone else's opinion! See for yourself!

The movie probably got very bad reviews.

True False

4. **Person A:** What's taking so long?

Person B: I don't know, but these performers better **get the show on the road!**

The show has already started.

True False

5. **Person A:** Sometimes I wish I could be in the **limelight**.

Person B: I'm not sure it's so great.

Person A: Why not?

Person B: You wouldn't have any privacy!

Person A wants to be famous.

True False

6. **Person A:** Everyone's excited to watch the new zombie movie that's coming out.

Person B: I know! They've really been **plugging** that movie all over the place!

Person A: Yeah! I see commercials for it every few minutes on TV.

The zombie movie is being advertised constantly.

True False

