

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

LESSON **8** **AT SCHOOL**

**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. **(14 pts)** *May the force be with you!\**



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1. **to cut class**
2. **psych**
3. **to ace**
4. **to pull an all-nighter**
5. **pop quiz**
6. **to drop a class**
7. **straight A's**
8. **a final**
9. **to bomb**
10. **killer**
11. **to flunk**
12. **a make-up**
13. **to cram**
14. **a mid-term**



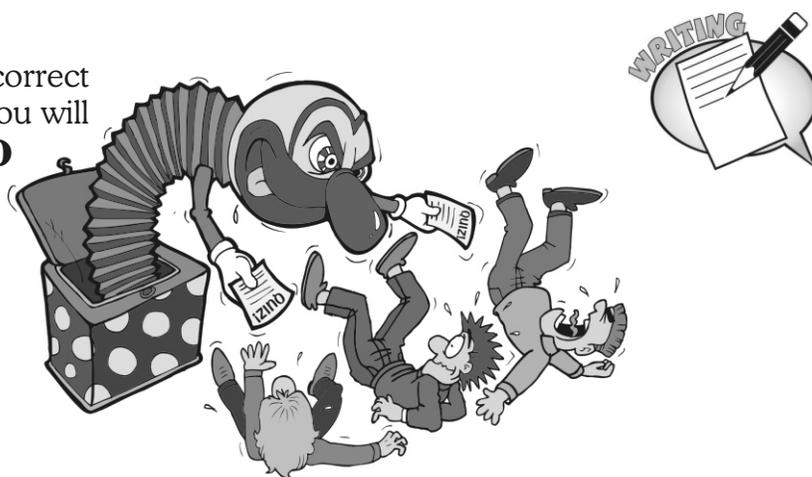
- A. to study hard in a short period of time
- B. psychology
- C. to do extremely poorly
- D. to stay up all night
- E. to fail
- F. very difficult
- G. a middle-of-term examination
- H. an end-of-term examination
- I. to do extremely well on
- J. perfect grades
- K. not to attend class
- L. surprise test
- M. a second chance at taking a test
- N. to remove the class from a schedule



*\*May the force be with you!* = May you have the support of the supernatural (which is a famous phrase from the movie *Star Wars*)

**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. **(7 pts)**



<b>cutting class</b>	<b>straight A's</b>	<b>cram</b>
<b>aced</b>	<b>bombed</b>	
<b>pop quiz</b>	<b>flunk</b>	

- Person A:* What's your goal for the semester?  
*Person B:* I want to get \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Person A:* You're going to have to study really hard!
- Person A:* Do you want to hang out tonight?  
*Person B:* I can't! I have to \_\_\_\_\_ for my test. I have it first thing tomorrow morning.
- Person A:* I'm in trouble with my mom.  
*Person B:* Why, what happened?  
*Person A:* I've been \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Person B:* Why haven't you been going to school?
- Person A:* How did you do on the quiz?  
*Person B:* Really well! I \_\_\_\_\_ it!  
*Person A:* Wow! That's great! I \_\_\_\_\_ it. I'm so upset!
- Person A:* I don't want to take chemistry this semester.  
*Person B:* Why not?  
*Person A:* Because I know I'm going to \_\_\_\_\_ it.  
*Person B:* If you study hard, you won't fail.
- Person A:* Hey, make sure you review your notes for English class.  
*Person B:* Why?  
*Person A:* Because the teacher surprised us with a \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Person B:* Thanks for letting me know!

**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:** Are you taking **psych** class this semester?

**Person B:** No, I'm taking creative writing instead.

*Person B is learning about psychology this semester.*

True       False

2. **Person A:** Do you wanna go hit the town tonight?

**Person B:** No, I can't! I have so much homework. I'm going to have to **pull an all-nighter**.

*Person B is going to relax tonight.*

True       False

3. **Person A:** How is your math class going?

**Person B:** I decided to **drop it**.

**Person A:** Why?

**Person B:** I'll take it when I have more time to focus on it.

*Person B is going to take math in a future semester.*

True       False

4. **Person A:** What's on **the final**?

**Person B:** Everything that we learned for **the midterm** as well everything after that.

*The final contains everything that students learned during the whole semester.*

True       False

5. **Person A:** That pop quiz was a **killer**!

**Person B:** Really?! I thought it was pretty easy.

*Person A probably got a good grade on the quiz.*

True       False

6. **Person A:** I missed **the final** last week because I was sick.

**Person B:** No, way! Did you fail the class?

**Person A:** No, the teacher gave me **a make-up**.

*Person A was given the opportunity to take the final exam at a later date.*

True       False

**4. YOU'RE THE AUTHOR!**



Finish the conversation using the idioms and slang words in the box. We'll start the dialogue for you based on the situation below.

Note: You may need to change the form of the words to be grammatically correct in your conversation. It should be a complete conversation and it should include *all* of the words in the box. You will be graded on whether or not the idioms and slang words are used correctly. **(15 pts)**



Situation: Andrew and Cassandra are friends in their first semester of college. They are meeting each other for lunch in the dining hall to talk about their classes and schedules. Andrew is having a great experience in school, but Cassandra is finding it really difficult.

<p><b>psych</b></p> <p><b>to pull an all-nighter</b></p> <p><b>to ace</b></p>	<p><b>to cram</b></p> <p><b>to bomb</b></p>
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Andrew: How are your classes?

Cassandra: They're really hard!

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