

Idioms in Use Set Fifteen

Listen to the accompanying MP3 and read this short passage. Think about the meanings of the idioms as you listen and read. This will train your brain to master these idioms.

Situation: *A man is talking to his wife about their son's plans for university.*

Tim really wants to study photography at university. I told him that he would be **better off** studying a different subject, such as engineering or IT. He simply said to me, "Dad, I love photography, and I'm going to study it at university – **end of story**." It's true that he **knows cameras inside out**, and he's excellent at editing photos, but it's getting more difficult to make money from photography nowadays. Anyway, perhaps we should let him follow his dream and do what he enjoys rather than pushing him. **By the way**, we are invited to Mark's house later for dinner.