

**B2.3 UNIT 11**

**EXERCISE 1** Fill the gaps with one word for each.

Holy Roman Emperor Frederick I embarked (1) \_\_\_ the 3rd Crusade (2) \_\_\_ recapture the Holy Land (3) \_\_\_ the twelfth century. (4) \_\_\_ spending days trudging (5)\_\_\_ the dry summer desert, his army came (6) \_\_\_ the River Saleph. (7) \_\_\_ his parched state, Frederick threw caution (8) \_\_\_ the wind and plunged (9) \_\_\_ the river -- still (10) \_\_\_ his heavy armor, whereupon he sank (11) \_\_\_ the bottom and drowned.

Attila the Hun was one (12) \_\_\_ the most notorious villains (13) \_\_\_ history. He conquered all ( 14) \_\_\_ Asia (15) \_\_\_ 450 A.D. (16) \_\_\_ destroying villages and pillaging the countryside. This bloodthirsty man died (17) \_\_\_ a nosebleed ( 18 ) \_\_\_ his wedding night. (19) \_\_\_ feasting and toasting his own good fortune, he was too drunk (20) \_\_\_ notice his nose, and he drowned (21) \_\_\_ a snoutful of his own blood.

Tycho Brahe, a sixteenth-century Danish astronomer whose research helped Sir Isaac Newton devise the theory (22) \_\_\_ gravity, died because he didn't make it (23) \_\_\_ the bathroom (24) \_\_\_ time. (25) \_\_\_ that society it was considered an insult (26) \_\_\_ leave the table (27) \_\_\_ the banquet was (28) \_\_\_. Brahe forgot (29) \_\_\_ relieve himself (30) \_\_\_ the banquet began, (31)\_\_\_ exacerbated matters (32) \_\_\_ imbibing too much alcohol (33)\_\_\_ dinner. Too polite (34) \_\_\_ ask (35) \_\_\_ be excused, he instead allowed his bladder (36) \_\_\_ burst, which killed him slowly and painfully (37) \_\_\_ the next eleven days.

**EXERCISE 2** Complete the following sentences with the corresponding idiom.

As blind as a bat	Like chalk and cheese	As cool as a cucumber
Like two peas in a pod	As fresh as a daisy	As free as a bird
As light as a feather	As dead as a dodo	Working like a dog
		Like a fish out of water

1. After a year of .....I really need a holiday.
2. When the earthquake started, everyone in the office began to panic, but Mike remained.....
3. I'm, really worried about Ann: she's hardly eating anything lately and she's .....
4. Bryan and Mary are ..... They are together 24 hours a day!
5. I think we need a new phone. This one is .....
6. When I found myself in that dinner with all religious people who didn't say a word in my language, I really felt .....
7. After this long shower and a nice rest on the sofa, I feel .....
8. Without his glasses Frankie can't study at all. He's .....
9. Now finally John is alone and he feels ..... That relationship was really oppressing him.
10. John and Lisa are ..... They are so different that I don't understand how they can be together!

**EXERCISE 3** Choose the best option to fill the gaps

Why 1).....I bother using humor in my public speaking? Can't I just deliver my information and sit down? You sure can and that's what most people do. The problem is that most people are not effective public speakers. They might be experts in their field and be 2).....to recite hours and hours of information on their topic, but is that effective?

3)..... to Bob Orben, Special Assistant to President Gerald Ford and Former Director of the White House Speech writing Department, 'Business executives and political leaders have 4) .....humor because humor works. Humor has gone from being an admirable part of a leader's character to a mandatory one.'

A survey of top executives who earned more than \$250,000 per year was 5) ..... by a large executive search firm. The survey found that these executives believed their communication skills were the number one factor that carried them to the top. Mastering the use of humor and other high-explosion techniques puts a fine polish on your public speaking 6) .....which can help propel you to the top of the speaking profession.

There are many benefits you can derive from using humor when speaking. 7) .....in mind that these benefits only help you reach your ultimate purpose for making the presentation. They are not purposes themselves 8) ....., of course, you are only interested in entertaining.

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| 1) A Could      | B May       | C Should    | D Ought     |
| 2) A Capable    | B Able      | C Good      | D Expert    |
| 3) A Thanks     | B According | C Regarding | D Owing     |
| 4) A Considered | B Included  | C Embraced  | D Accepted  |
| 5) A Conducted  | B Organized | C Led       | D Carried   |
| 6) A Qualities  | B Abilities | C Skills    | D Talent    |
| 7) A Hold       | B Have      | C Put       | D Keep      |
| 8) A Unless     | B If        | C Except    | D Otherwise |