

C2.2 UNIT 6

Exercise 1. Complete the sentence with the appropriate idiom.

too clever by half	laughing stock	yes-man	hopping mad	hard as nails
high-handed	two-faced	class act	barefaced liar	sharp as a tack

1. The headmaster of the school is _____. He is fair as long as you do not break any rules.
2. She had the audacity to tell me she was ill at home when I saw her at the cinema later that night... what a _____!
3. David is now the _____ of the town thanks to some unflattering photos that came to light.
4. Not only is he handsome but he's as _____. He just got admitted to a PhD program!
5. That tennis player is such a _____. Not only did he win the competition but he did so with grace and humility.
6. The teacher was rather tired of the student's sarcastic answers. That boy is _____, he thought.
7. Americans tend to have a _____ attitude when abroad, expecting everyone to be able to speak English.
8. Some people think that being a _____ will help them progress in their career.
9. My mother was _____ when she found out I got a tattoo.
10. I'm never going to believe anything that guy says again, he's so _____.

Exercise 2. Use an appropriate adverbial of manner or contrast clause to fill in the blank.

(1) _____ the acoustic guitar and the classical Spanish guitar look alike at first glance; they have one important distinction (2) _____ sharing many similarities. The Spanish guitar is strung with nylon (3) _____ the acoustic has steel strings. Apart from the strings, the (4) _____ in which they are played also differs. The classical is typically played by with a combination of flesh and nail of the fingertips (5) _____ some schools of thought argue that the classical should be played without fingernails. In contrast, the strings of the acoustic are usually struck with a plectrum to produce sound (6) _____ steel stings can sometimes be rough on the player's fingertips. Some would say the classical sounds sweeter, (7) _____ a voice, but that's not to say that the acoustic guitar cannot be played as (8) _____ it were a Spanish guitar!

Exercise 3. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and eight words, including the word given.

1. The moment Dave received a promotion his co-worker wanted to see him fail.

HAD

Dave's co-worker _____ Dave got promoted.

2. It's incredible to not have to work Fridays anymore with this new schedule.

HAVING

_____ with my new 4-day work week is amazing.

3. As soon as you master this concept, we can start on a more complex topic.

HAVE

We'll move onto a more advanced lesson once _____.

4. Let's invite the new neighbors to dinner at our house.

HAVE

Why don't _____ for dinner.

5. My neighbor and I got in a huge argument last night about his noisy music.

HAD

Last night _____ for playing his music so loud.

6. I cannot believe she's right-wing, her appearance convinced me that she was very liberal.

HAD

She's a conservative? Really? I _____ progressive by the way she dresses.