



# **2<sup>nd</sup> semester**

# **Advanced**

# **Lesson 20**



# Topic 20: Idioms with time Listening : Against all odds

**An idiom is a group of words that are used as a common expression whose meaning is not deducible from that of the literal words. Idioms are used frequently in both written and spoken English.**





## Popular idioms related to time with their meaning:



### Time flies

**Meaning:** Time passes extremely quickly

**Example:** Look how fast our children grew up, how time flies.

### It's high time

**Meaning:** It's the right time to do something

**Example:** It's high time he met with me to resolve this issue.

### Third time's a charm

**Meaning:** The third time you do something it will finally work.

**Example:** I had to ask her out three times before she said yes.

**Well you know... Third time's a charm.**

## Beat the clock

**Meaning:** Finish something before time is up, before a deadline.

**Example:** Although she was late to the exam, she managed to beat the clock and finished all of it 10 minutes before the end.



## In the long run

**Meaning:** In the long term, over a long period of time.

**Example:** I hate having so much after school activities now, but I know in the long run this will be beneficial for me.

## Around the clock

**Meaning:** for 24 hours, without stopping.

**Example:** I know it's very late, but I really feel ill. Do you know which pharmacy is open around the clock?



## In one stroke

**Meaning:** Immediately, at the same time.

**Example:** I went out to run errands and managed to do everything on one stroke.

## Call it a day

**Meaning:** To finish working on something, a day's work's been completed.

**Example:** We've been working for a long time on this with no progress. Let's call it a day and come with new ideas tomorrow.



**Time flies when you are having fun....**

## **Time Idioms!**



1) Right now I don't have money to buy a new car, so \_\_\_\_\_, I have to drive a second-hand car.

2) There is no need to hurry, so \_\_\_\_\_, relax and enjoy your breakfast.

3) I had nothing to do while waiting for my husband at the airport so I played Nintendo to \_\_\_\_\_.

4) I have no intention of getting married \_\_\_\_\_.

5) My boss \_\_\_\_\_ when I failed to finish the report yesterday.