

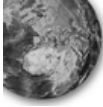
Unit 22 Shaking hands

Expressions with the word *hand*

Learn the expressions

1 This unit was about international business practices, such as shaking hands. Here are some expressions with the word *hand*. Read the sentences, paying close attention to the boldfaced expressions. Choose the correct ending to each sentence. Circle *a*, *b*, or *c*.

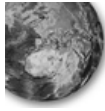
- Someone who expects to receive a **a big hand** would be _____.
 - a person who has a big problem
 - a talented performer
 - a lazy student
- The best example of a situation that could **get out of hand** is _____.
 - a political demonstration
 - a science class
 - an art exhibition
- When two or more things **go hand in hand**, they are _____.
 - between someone's hands
 - closely related
 - exactly the same
- When you ask a friend why she **is sitting on her hands**, you want to know why she _____.
 - doesn't want to shake your hand
 - isn't doing anything
 - looks so sad
- You ask someone to **lend you a hand** when you _____.
 - need help from him or her
 - want to greet him or her
 - want to congratulate him or her
- If you **have your hands full**, you are _____.
 - very unhappy
 - totally bored
 - extremely busy
- Something that you **keep on hand** is _____.
 - ready to be used when you need it
 - in your hand at all times
 - something you can control
- When you **have a hand in** something, you _____.
 - give it to someone
 - are involved in it
 - need to deal with it right away



9. If you are trying to **get your hands on** something, you really want to _____.
a. have it
b. lose it
c. touch it
10. When a problem or a situation is **in your hands**, you _____.
a. are afraid of it
b. think it will bring you good luck
c. are responsible for it

Answer Key

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| 1. b | 2. a | 3. b | 4. b | 5. a |
| 6. c | 7. a | 8. b | 9. a | 10. c |



Use the expressions

2 Complete the conversations with the appropriate form of the expressions in the box.

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| get (one's) hands on | get out of hand | go hand in hand | have a hand in |
| keep (something) on hand | in (someone's) hands | have (one's) hands full | |
| give (someone) a hand | sit on (one's) hands | give (someone) a big hand | |

- A: I really _____ with my job and school work. I really don't have time to cook and do the housework.
 B: You definitely need someone to _____ at home.
- A: Did you hear that the national soccer match _____? The police had to be called to try to control the crowds.
 B: Yes, I heard. A few people got hurt, I think.
- A: Where did you get this book? I've been trying to _____ a copy for over a month, but the bookstore is always out of them.
 B: My brother gave it to me. He got it as soon as it came out.
- A: Inflation and interest rates _____. When one goes up, the other follows.
 B: Really? So how come prices keep going up and my bank still continues to pay the same low interest rates? It doesn't make sense to me.
- A: That's a nasty cut. Here. I always _____ antibiotic cream _____ in case someone gets hurt. Let me put a little on that finger.
 B: Thanks.
- A: When the plane landed in Miami during the storm, all the passengers _____ the pilot _____. Isn't that funny? I've never been on a flight where people clapped!
 B: But it's a natural reaction, when you think about it. After all, on an airplane, the passengers' lives are _____ the pilot's _____.
- A: In the aftermath of the hurricane, thousands of people donated food, clothing, and money to help the victims.
 B. I know! It was very gratifying to know that people don't _____ when there are natural disasters.
- A: Did you hear that Victoria's painting is going to be part of a young artists' exhibit at the museum?
 B. Is that so? I'll bet her parents _____ it. They're very friendly with the museum director.

Make the expressions your own

3 Answer one of these questions about yourself. Use at least one expression from Exercise 2 in your answer. Provide additional details and explanations.

- Have you ever tried to get your hands on something, and found that it wasn't easy? Explain.
- Have you ever been in a situation that got out of hand? What happened?
- When was the last time someone asked you to lend them a hand? What happened? Were you able to help?