1. Warm Up ★

Answer and discuss these questions in pairs or as a class.

1. Have you ever broken up with somebody?
2. Why did you end the relationship?
3. How did you feel after the break up?
4. What are good reasons to break up with someone?
5. What are bad reasons to break up with someone?

2. Dialogue Building ✎

The dialogue below is not in the right order. Your teacher will provide you with cut up dialogue strips. Work alone or with a partner to put the dialogue in the right order.

___ **Amy:** I don't think so, Jon. We're through for now.
___ **Jon:** Okay. What's up?
___ **Amy:** Jon, we need to have a heart-to-heart.
___ **Amy:** I think we need to break up.
___ **Jon:** Do I still have a slim chance of winning you back?
___ **Jon:** What? Why?
___ **Amy:** I'm really hurt you forgot our anniversary.
___ **Jon:** Please don't do this. Will you have a change of heart?
___ **Jon:** Come on, Amy. It's not that big a deal. I had a lot on my mind and just forgot.
___ **Jon:** Are you serious?
___ **Amy:** It's a big deal to me. I can't put it out of my mind.
___ **Amy:** Yeah. It's over Jon. I'm sorry.
___ **Amy:** I don't know. I'm really hurt.

3. Find the idioms ✓

There are several idioms in this dialogue. Circle any phrase you think is an idiom from Task 2. With your class, go over your circled answers and then write the idioms into the table below.

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4. Match these idioms to their correct definitions.

1. heart-to-heart
2. break up
3. What’s up?
4. not that big a deal
5. have a lot on one’s mind
6. put it out of one’s mind
7. have a change of heart
8. slim chance
9. win back
10. be through
11. it’s over

☐ a. to end a relationship
☐ b. to be thinking or worrying about many things
☐ c. to change your mind; to change your decision
☐ d. to reunite with someone after making a great effort
☐ e. What is happening? or What’s new?
☐ f. to forget about
☐ g. a serious talk
☐ h. to be finished
☐ i. it has ended
☐ j. not important
☐ k. a very small possibility

5. Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms from above.

1. When Joseph was failing school, he had a ____________ with his parents.
2. Andrea was sad when she ________________ with her boyfriend.
3. My brother wanted to know ____________ with my sad face.
4. She said she ________________ with her boyfriend and is looking for a new one.
5. Kate said she was fine and that her problem was ________________.
6. Jennifer broke up with Michael yesterday, so Michael sent her flowers to ________________.
7. He only had a ________________ of getting her forgiveness.

6. Dialogue Practice

Practice the dialogue with your partner a few times. Take turns being each character. Then try having the conversation without looking at the sheet.

Amy: Jon, we need to have a heart-to-heart.
Jon: Okay. What’s up?
Amy: I think we need to break up.
Jon: What? Why?
Amy: I’m really hurt you forgot our anniversary.
Jon: Come on, Amy. It’s not that big a deal. I had a lot on my mind and just forgot.
Amy: It’s a big deal to me. I can’t put it out of my mind.
Jon: Please don’t do this. Will you have a change of heart?
Amy: I don’t know. I’m really hurt.
Jon: Do I still have a slim chance of winning you back?
Amy: I don’t think so, Jon. We’re through for now.
Jon: Are you serious?
Amy: Yeah. It’s over Jon. I’m sorry.

7. Comprehension questions.

1. What type of conversation did Amy have with Jon?
2. Why does Amy want to break up?
3. Will Amy have a change of heart?
4. Why did Jon forget about anniversary?

8. Write your own sentence examples for each idiom from today’s lesson in your notebook.

9. Write your own dialogue. Work alone or with a partner. Write your own conversation using at least four idioms from today’s lesson. Practice and memorize the dialogue, then present it in front of your class.
In Task 2, your students are required to put the dialogue in the correct order. It’s more fun for students to put the dialogue in order by physically rearranging dialogue strips. Below are two shuffled copies of the dialogue. Give each student or pair a shuffled dialogue. Have them cut each into strips and rearrange them until they have put them in the correct order.

Note: Two copies of the dialogue are provided to minimize photocopying and paper usage.

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Jon: Are you serious?
Amy: It’s a big deal to me. I can’t put it out of my mind.
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Jon: What? Why?
Amy: I’m really hurt you forgot our anniversary.
Jon: Come on, Amy. It’s not that big a deal. I had a lot on my mind and just forgot.
Amy: I don’t think so, Jon. We’re through for now.
Jon: Do I still have a slim chance of winning you back?
Amy: Jon, we need to have a heart-to-heart.
Teachers’ Answer Key

2. Dialogue Building

11. Amy: I don’t think so, Jon. We’re through for now.
2. Jon: Okay. What’s up?
1. Amy: Jon, we need to have a heart-to-heart.
3. Amy: I think we need to break up.
10. Jon: Do I still have a slim chance of winning you back?
5. Amy: I’m really hurt you forgot our anniversary.
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6. Jon: Come on, Amy. It’s not that big a deal. I had a lot on my mind and just forgot.
12. Jon: Are you serious?
7. Amy: It’s a big deal to me. I can’t put it out of my mind.
9. Amy: I don’t know. I’m really hurt.

4. Matching

1. g 2. a 3. e 4. j 5. b 6. f 7. c 8. k 9. d 10. h 11. i

5. Fill in the blanks

1. When Joseph was failing school, he had a _heart-to-heart_ with his parents.
2. Andrea was sad when she _broke up_ with her boyfriend.
3. My brother wanted to know _what’s up_ with my sad face.
4. She said she _is through_ with her boyfriend and is looking for a new one.
5. Kate said she was fine and that her problem was _not that big a deal_.
6. Jennifer broke up with Michael yesterday, so Michael sent her flowers to _win her back_.
7. He only had a _slim chance_ of getting her forgiveness.

7. Comprehension

1. a heart-to-heart
2. She is hurt Jon forgot about their anniversary.
3. She’s not sure yet.
4. He had a lot on his mind.