Vocab Toolbox: Food idioms

Exercises

***Tick the correct solution!***

John didn't prepare his presentation at all, so it's no surprise that when the questions came he….

* … was completely beefy.

🗹 **… was left with egg on his face.**

* … brought home the bacon.
* … egged them on.

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***Tick the correct solution!***

I'm sorry…. I'm just too ………………………………… to repair that leaky tap in the bathroom.

🗹… **ham-fisted**

* … hammed up
* … beefed up
* …. egged on

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***Tick the correct solution!***

I think our presentation needs a bit more to be really convincing. Couldn't you ……………………………………… with some statistics or examples?

* …. bring home our bacon
* … ham it up
* … cheese it off

**🗹 … beef it up**

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***Tick the TWO correct solutions!***

Look, if you ……………………………. with the way I'm doing things, why don't you tell me right away? (2)

🗹…. **have a beef**

* …. are left with egg on your face
* … have any bigger fish to fry

🗹… **are cheesed off**

***Tick the correct solution!***

I think he's a terrible actor. Either he doesn't show any emotion at all or he …………………………… so much that people won't believe it either.

🗹….. **hams it up**

* … cheeses it off
* … beefs it up
* … eggs it on

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***Tick the correct solution!***

I just wonder…. is it Tom who ………………………………………..………………………, or his wife?

* ….. eggs it on

🗹… **brings home the bacon**

* … beefs it up
* … cheeses it off

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***Tick the correct solution!***

Labelling these test samples is such a boring job – I'm really cheesed ……. with it.

* … up
* … on
* … in

🗹… **off**

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***Match the sentences and the correct idiom!***

1. Yes, I've got the message! I have signed up for night school classes, so there's no need to …
2. Whew, what a good thing we have this backup copy – it really ……
3. Why are they interested in our company? Normally they …..
4. No, no, no – you really have to look sad in this picture! Can't you …..

[4] ham it up a bit?

[1] egg me on!

[3] have bigger fish to fry.

[2] saved our bacon!