

SCRIPT – “A Big Head”

Idioms: ***a big head***
 fix someone up with someone
 hit the books
 to be swamped

Salah: hi. Yuri. How is it going?

Yuri: Hi. Salah. It’s going bad.

Salah: Why?

Yuri: I just didn’t do well on the test this morning because yesterday I went out for dinner, and called up my brother Tom to **fix him up** with Jessy.

Salah: What? You said “fix him up.” Did he break something?

Yuri: No No, fix him up means arrange a date for him with somebody he doesn’t know. What about you?

Salah: I did pretty well on the test because I **hit the books** yesterday.

Yuri: Wait a second. You hit the books? Are you crazy? You mean you felt pain? should I call 911?

Salah: No no no, hit the books means to study. Also, I am very happy. The teacher said that I got a perfect grade and now my classmates say I’m getting **a big head**.

Yuri: You have a big head? Your head looks normal to me.

Salah: No no no, this means, I feel too self important.

Yuri: huh! I still don’t understand.

Salah: I am very happy about myself because the teacher said that I am the best student in my class. I think I’m so great!

Yuri: Wow! I'm jealous. I will go to the teacher's office and ask him to let me take the test again.

Salah: You can't because the teacher said that he is **swamped** and has a lot to do today.

Yuri: The teacher is swamped! did the teacher fall down in a swamp?

Salah: No, you really need to learn more English idioms!

Yuri: Ok!

Salah: Swamped means to be very busy and have a lot of work or homework.

Yuri: I get it!

Salah: Anyway, I advise you to hit the books and you will do well on the next test.

Yuri: I'm very disappointed. Oh, it's time to catch my bus, so I have to go.

Salah: Take it easy. See you tomorrow.

Yuri: See you.

Salah: Let's review. We used 3 idioms and 1 phrasal verb.

Yuri: First, "Hit the book" means to study hard before the test. We use it about studying for the school or university, not for reading other books like a story or a novel.

Yuri: Second, "Fix up" means when someone arranges a date between a man and a woman who hadn't known each other before.

Salah: Third, "A big head" means a person who did something to make him feel self important, like when someone met a famous person and took a picture with him.

Salah: Finally, "Be swamped" means someone has a lot of work to do or is very busy.