IDIOMS (42)

1. to be wrapped up
2. to be in the soup
3. to be up to
4. to turn up one's nose at
5. to be at the top of

A Guide to Correct English

**PERFECT TENSE**

The Progressive Past Perfect Tense is used to describe an event or action that happened before a certain time. It is formed by using the past perfect form of the verb and the word "had".

**Examples:**

- I had eaten my breakfast before I left the house.
- She had gone to the store to buy groceries.
- They had completed the project before the deadline.

LAUGHTER

George Bernard Shaw once received an invitation from a celebrity-loving hostess: "Lady X will be at home Tuesday between four and five."

The author sent back the card on which he had written: "Mr. George Bernard Shaw likewise."

JIMMY’S DAILY TALK

**About Sports**

During the interval between classes, Jimmy, Richard, and some schoolmates relax in the lounge, talking about sports.

Jimmy: Basketball, I think.

Richard: Schoolmates: A: You are crazy about basketball two years ago, weren’t you? Jimmy: Yeah, I like basketball very much, but somehow there usually aren’t enough people to play it.

Richard: Basketball, I think.

Jimmy: We can only practice throwing and catching. That’s not interesting enough.

Richard: I want to play basketball in the regular way, with two teams in the game.

Jimmy: I think it’s quite difficult to form a basketball team in our school. The big interest is in soccer and baseball.

Richard: I’m told that Americans like baseball very much.

Jimmy: Same, baseball is regarded as the national game of the United States.

Richard: A: But I think they prefer American Football to any other game.

Jimmy: Oh, I don’t like that at all. It is a little bit too violent. Don’t you think so?

Richard: Yeah, it’s quite a rough game.

Jimmy: When you are of the annual contest between Oxford and Cambridge. It is

Richard: I read in the newspaper this morning that a famous basketball team arrived from Denmark and would meet the best local team in the first match.

Jimmy: That is okay. I hope the ticket prices won’t be too high.

Richard: That’s the question. I usually go to games, but I never go to matches.

Jimmy: But you can learn a lot of tactics by watching as the well-trained teams.

Richard: In order to write good essays, you should read books of other writers, and...

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**ADVENTURES**

A very significant gentleman was caught red-handed, in New York, trying to introduce a new kind of Mexican coin into a chocolate bar.

**FASHION**

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**HUMOR**

I was eating a banana in the park when a fly landed on it.

"What do you want?" I asked.

The fly replied, "I want a banana."