

# Can You Believe It?

*Stories and Idioms from Real Life*



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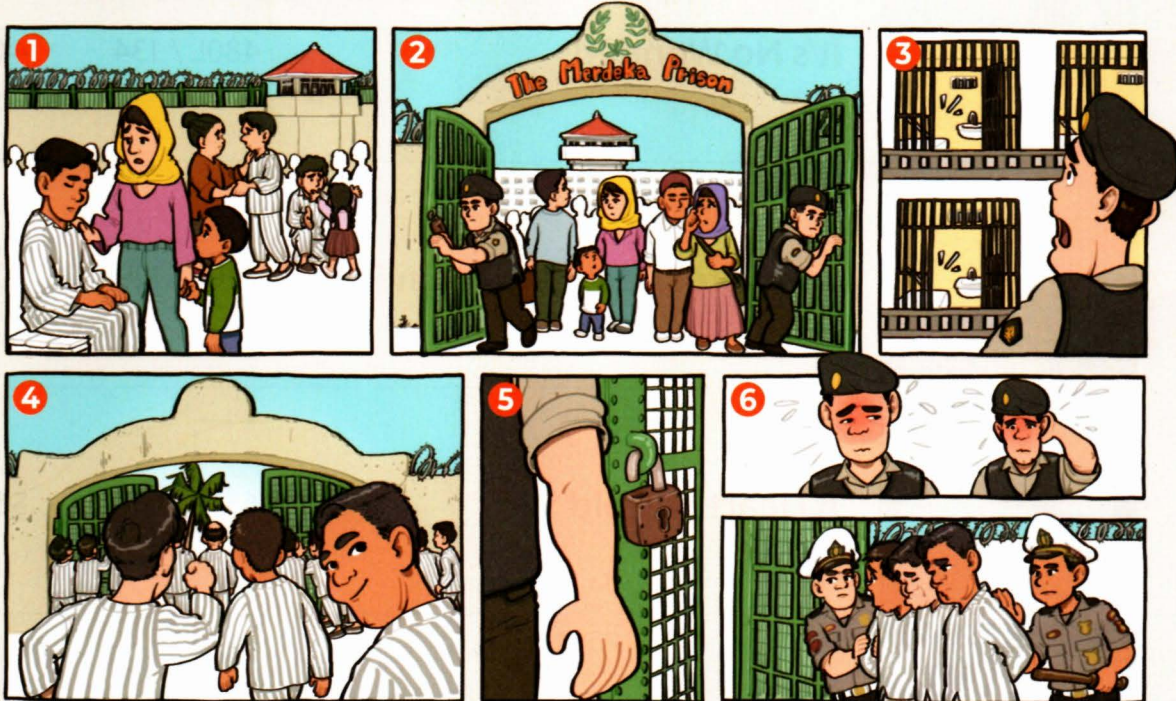


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## 02 Listen

Look at the pictures below and listen to the story.



## 03 New Idioms & Expressions

- spend time (with someone) ..... use time (with someone)
- be over ..... be finished; end
- let someone out ..... allow someone to leave
- later on ..... later; at some time in the future
- (as) easy as pie ..... very simple and easy
- make a mistake ..... do something incorrectly
- so far ..... until now; up to the present time

Words in parentheses ( ) can be used with the idiom, but aren't necessary.



## 04 Read the Story

Now, read the story carefully. Pay special attention to the idioms and expressions.

\* Lexile: 530L \* Words: 86

# Prison Escape Is Easy as Pie



## SUMATRA ISLAND, PALEMBANG, INDONESIA

<sup>1</sup> It was Sunday, visiting day, at Merdeka Prison. Families were **spending time with** the prisoners. <sup>2</sup> When visiting hours **were over**, security guards opened the front gate for the visitors and **let them out**.

<sup>3</sup> **Later on** that day, 106 prisoners escaped. <sup>4</sup> How? It was **as easy as pie**. They walked out the front gate! <sup>5</sup> The guards had **made a mistake** and forgotten to lock it. <sup>6</sup> Prison officials are red in the face. Police are looking for the escaped prisoners, but **so far**, they have caught only three.

## Reading Comprehension

Read and write the answers.

1 Why were families spending time with the prisoners?

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2 What happened when visiting hours were over?

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3 When did the prisoners escape?

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4 Why was the prisoners' escape as easy as pie?

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5 How do prison officials feel now?

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6 How many prisoners have the police caught so far?

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### About You

Read and answer the questions.

1 Talk about a time you made a big mistake.

2 What things are easy as pie for you?

3 How do you spend your free time? Who do you like to spend it with?

4 Do you have a pet? If so, do you let it out of the house alone?

5 What time is your English class over?



## Match

Draw a line from the first part of each idiom or expression to the second. Then, write the numbers to match them to the definitions.

- |   |            |   |   |         |
|---|------------|---|---|---------|
| 1 | later      | • | • | pie     |
| 2 | make a     | • | • | out     |
| 3 | as easy as | • | • | over    |
| 4 | be         | • | • | on      |
| 5 | let        | • | • | mistake |
| 6 | spend      | • | • | time    |

- |       |   |                            |
|-------|---|----------------------------|
| _____ | a | end                        |
| _____ | b | use time                   |
| _____ | c | very simple and easy       |
| _____ | d | allow to leave             |
| _____ | e | at some time in the future |
| _____ | f | do something incorrectly   |

## Tell the Story

Look at the pictures below. Tell the story using as many idioms as you can.

- 1 First, work with the whole class to retell the story.
- 2 Then, tell the story to a partner or a small group in your own words.



## Paraphrase

### A Read and fill in the blanks.

It was Sunday at Merdeka Prison. Families were ① \_\_\_\_\_ the prisoners. When visiting hours ② \_\_\_\_\_, security guards opened the front gate and ③ \_\_\_\_\_ the visitors. ④ \_\_\_\_\_ that day, more than 100 prisoners escaped. How? It was ⑤ \_\_\_\_\_. They walked out the front gate! The guards had ⑥ \_\_\_\_\_ and forgotten to lock it. Prison officials are red in the face. Police are looking for the escaped prisoners, but they've caught only three ⑦ \_\_\_\_\_.

later on                      as easy as pie                      were over  
so far                      spending time with                      let out                      made a mistake

### B Listen and check your answers.

### Write About Yourself

Complete the sentences. Write something true about yourself.

- 1 Yesterday, I spent time with \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 When school or work is over, I usually \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Later on, I plan to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 So far in this book, I have learned \_\_\_\_\_.



## Complete the Story

### A Read the true story and fill in the blanks.

was over    later on    easy as pie    made a mistake    spend time    let out

## Drama at McDonald's

**BODEGRAVEN, THE NETHERLANDS** People in Bodegraven love to

① \_\_\_\_\_ at their local McDonald's

restaurant. It's quick, and getting a meal there is

② \_\_\_\_\_.



But one day, the fast-food restaurant didn't open **on time**. Customers wanted their Big Macs.

They called the police, and the police were worried. "McDonald's always opens on time!" they said. The police were afraid there was a hostage situation inside the restaurant. Soon, there were more than 30 police cars around the restaurant.

③ \_\_\_\_\_, police called a special team to storm into the

building. It was time to ④ \_\_\_\_\_ the hostages. Just

then, the manager of the restaurant arrived. "I'm sorry. I thought I was working the late shift," he said. The drama ⑤ \_\_\_\_\_.

⑥ \_\_\_\_\_, and they are red in the face.

\* on time: at the correct time

\* be red in the face: be embarrassed

### B Read or tell the story to a partner.