

COLLOQUIAL EXPRESSIONS

Try to guess the meaning of the underlined expressions:

- 1. "<u>A penny for your thoughts</u>," he said, fixing his dark bedroom eyes on her.
- 2. Then, to add insult to injury, in attempting to notify the paper, I wasted 20 minutes and was then disconnected.
- I have to say this is one of those <u>once in a blue moon</u> days when I agree with the far lefties.
- 4. <u>Hear any more on the grapevine</u> about who he is?
- 5. I think that you've got to <u>be on the ball</u>. You're in charge of your people.
- 6. Many students say they have to cut corners to win a spot at the right university.
- 7. Dinner and a show can <u>cost an arm and a leg</u> these days.
- Last year I spent \$9,000 on minivan repairs. That was the last straw: I sold the van and cut my losses.
- Rumour had it that she was twenty-seven, but Kathy said you had to <u>take</u> this <u>with a</u> <u>pinch of salt</u> because most actresses spent several years being twenty-seven.
- Men who clocked in despite <u>feeling under the weather</u> had double the heart-attack risk of guys who stayed in bed.

The answers will be uploaded next Friday