

Vocabulary_Word knowledge_basic nouns_idiomatic verbs

There are many basic nouns that can also be used as a verb. As a verb they often have more idiomatic meanings. For questions 1–15, use the verbs below in the correct form to complete the sentences. They are all regular verbs.

inch **cap** **tail** **belt** **chip** **butter** **bank** **branch**
milk **bag** **foot** **pen** **toy** **rope** **beef**

1

I've managed to _____ us two seats near the stage.

2

'Look! I'm sure she'll be here on time.' 'I wouldn't _____ on it.'

3

Security has been _____ up at the border in response to new terror threats.

4

The singer _____ out a few tunes from her latest album.

5

I worked for a company for a few years and then decided to _____ out on my own.

6

My daughter always tries to _____ me up when she wants something expensive.

7

It was an appalling day. And then, to _____ it all, I missed the last train home.

8

I _____ in with my brother and got her a really special present.

9

The scheme was abandoned, leaving the taxpayer to _____ the bill for the clean-up.

10

He _____ his way towards the edge, trembling in fear.

11

She fled the country having _____ the company for all it was worth.

12

The documentary focuses on the fascinating story of Mary Shelley, who at the age of eighteen, _____ *Frankenstein*.

13

I sneaked out of the room before I could be _____ into tidying up.

14

When I was younger, I _____ with the idea of setting up my own company.

15

The book starts well, but my interest was _____ off by the end.