

Talking Sport

Week - 11
Shawn Johnson
Make it



1) Idioms with 'make'

In the video Shawn said the hardest part about her training was not knowing if she was going to 'make it'.

"...if I am going to make it or not."

Below are some idioms with the word 'make'.

make a meal out of something:	to spend more time or effort doing something than is needed
make light work of something:	to do something easily and very quickly
make up your mind:	to decide something, make a decision
make yourself at home:	to feel and behave very relaxed somewhere – just as you would in your own home

Now complete the sentences with the correct idiom. The form of the idiom may need to be changed.

1. I will get you a cup of tea. Please relax and _____.
2. You are taking ages to build that table! There is no need to _____!
3. I need to know what is happening this weekend. You need to _____ about where you want to go.
4. John is _____ building that wall. He is nearly finished already.

2) Phrasal verbs with 'out'

In the video Shawn used the phrasal verb 'hang out' meaning to spend time relaxing. This phrasal verb is used more in American English than British English.

"...hang out with friends."

Below are some phrasal verbs with 'out'.

pick out:	choose
fall out:	have an argument with someone which results in the end of your friendship
eat out:	eat a meal at a restaurant
find out:	discover something

Now complete the sentences with each example from above. You may need to change the form of the phrasal verb.

1. I don't have any food in the house. I am going to _____ tonight.
2. I still need to _____ a dress to wear to the wedding.
3. Did you _____ which class you will be in next year?
4. Claire and Matt _____ over money and haven't spoken since.

Answers

1) Idioms with 'make'

1. I will get you a cup of tea. Please relax and make yourself at home.
2. You are taking ages to build that table! There is no need to make a meal out of it!
3. I need to know what is happening this weekend. You need to make up your mind about where you want to go.
4. John is making light work building that wall. He is nearly finished already.

2) Phrasal verbs with 'out'

1. I don't have any food in the house. I am going to eat out tonight.
2. I still need to pick out a dress to wear to the wedding.
3. Did you find out which class you will be in next year?
4. Claire and Matt fell out over money and haven't spoken since.

Script

Presenter

Hi I'm Natalie and welcome to Talking Sport.

This month the World Gymnastic Championships are taking place in Tokyo.

The event is also one of the qualifying competitions for the Olympics.

Unfortunately American gymnast Shawn Johnson wasn't chosen to compete for Team USA, but she is still hoping to be selected for the Olympics in another event.

Let's hear from Shawn.

She trains most days of the week but listen out for what Shawn says is the hardest part.

Clip

Being tired or being sore or wanting to hang out with friends or just go watch TV, I can't do that. I don't know. I'd say the hardest bit is not knowing if I'm going to make it or not.

Presenter

Watch the clip again.

Clip

Being tired or being sore or wanting to hang out with friends or just go watch TV, I can't do that. I don't know. I'd say the hardest bit is not knowing if I'm going to make it or not.

Presenter

Shawn said that the hardest part is not knowing if she is going to make it or not.

The hardest bit is not knowing if I am going to make it or not.

make it

In this context Shawn uses the phrase make it to mean be successful.

When Shawn says she doesn't know if she is going to make it, she means she doesn't know if she is going to be successful.

Well Shawn finds it hard not knowing if she is going to make it to the London 2012 Olympics.

Let's hear from some people in London and listen to how they use the phrase 'make it'.

Vox pops

My son wants to make it as a teacher.

I know my friend is going to make it as an actress.

I'm playing in a band but I don't think we are going to make it in the music business.

On screen

My son wants to make it as...

I know my friend is going to make it as...

I don't think we are going to make it...

Presenter

I'm Natalie and that's all from Talking Sport.

I'll see you next time.