

The last word

Talking in clichés

Exercise 2

A

- 1 I just came across my very first girlfriend on Facebook.
- 2 Larry's failed his exams, Amy's got the chicken pox. Whatever next?
- 3 Dad, I've been picked for the school football team, first 11!
- 4 If I offer to pay, she'll say I'm old-fashioned. If I don't, she'll say I'm mean.
- 5 I got a card from Jerry one week after my birthday.
- 6 We're having a complete break. A fortnight in the Caribbean, St Lucia.
- 7 It took me ten years to build up my business. It nearly killed me.
- 8 I just need to go back in the house and make sure I've turned off the oven.
- 9 They've got ten kids! Goodness knows what their house is like.
- 10 Bob's a weird bloke. He's going to live alone on a remote Scottish island for a year.

B

- a Poor you! You'll be damned if you do, and damned if you don't.
- b I bet that was a blast from the past.
- c Well, you know what they say, 'No pain, no gain.'



- d** Good idea. Better safe than sorry.
- e** Oh dear! Watch out! They say these things come in threes.
- f** That's my boy! Like father, like son.
- g** It takes all sorts.
- h** The mind boggles. It doesn't bear thinking about.
- i** Oh, well. Better late than never.
- j** Sounds like just what the doctor ordered.