

## **Idioms and Expressions for Review**

This book uses a number of slang expressions that may be unfamiliar to students. Some of these “idioms” and expressions may need some discussion. The teacher may wish to review them prior to reading the story.

**Column 1** lists the idiomatic phrase or expression.

**Column 2** gives a short definition of the phrase.

**Underneath** each phrase is a sentence or short paragraph using it in context.



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### Chapter 1: Matthew is Surprised

1. *His head was full of worries.* He was very worried.  
He couldn't sleep because his head was full of worries.
2. *In charge.* If you are in charge of something, you are the boss.  
The man in charge of the train station said that he hadn't seen any boys.
3. *Set out.* Start to go somewhere.  
Mathew said goodbye to his sister and set out for the train station.
4. *Working yourself to death.* Working too hard.  
You need to take a rest. You're working yourself to death.

### Chapter 2: Marilla is Surprised

5. *Burst into tears* Suddenly started to cry very hard.  
When Anne heard the bad news, she burst into tears.
6. *Can't wait.* Be very excited about something that is going to happen.  
I can't wait to meet your sister!

### Chapter 3: Marilla Makes Up Her Mind

7. *A hard life* If you have had a hard life, then a lot of bad things have happened to you.  
She was only 11, but she had had a hard life. Her parents had died when she was very young.
8. *A lump in my throat* When you're very sad, sometimes it feels like there's a lump in your throat.  
I was so sad that I had a lump in my throat, and I couldn't eat.

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### Chapter 3: Marilla Makes Up Her Mind (Continued)

9. *In a row.* One right after another.  
They had three sets of twins in a row.
10. *Sets of twins.* A set of twins is two people who are born together.  
They had two sets of twins. There were two boys in the first set and a boy and a girl in the second set.
11. *Stick to the facts.* Tell the things that really happened.  
Anne wanted to tell Marilla all about her dreams, but Marilla told her to stick to the facts.
12. *Cry tears of happiness.* Cry because you are happy.  
When Marilla told Anne that she could stay, Anne cried tears of happiness.