

## AMERICAN SPEECHSOUNDS PROFESSIONAL VERSION AUTHORING SENTENCES

### Slang and Idioms

#### screen 1

(line 1) 24-7

(line 2) Isn't that store open 24-7?

(line 3) meaning: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

#### screen 2

(line 1) awesome

(line 2) Your shoes are awesome!

(line 3) meaning: nice, attractive

#### screen 3

(line 1) be beat

(line 2) I'm beat. I was awake until 2 a.m.

(line 3) meaning: tired

(See below for additional expressions.)

### **To Add Idioms and Slang to American Speechsounds:**

1. Click AUTHOR on the Main Menu, and then click START.
2. Enter your password, if you have one, and then click OK.
3. Click AUTHOR SENTENCES.
4. Click ADD.
5. Select EXERCISE, and then click OK.
6. Click the EXERCISE box, **type Slang & Idioms** and click OK.
7. Click the WORDS box and **type** the first expression: "24-7"
8. **Record this expression** using the RECORD and STOP buttons to the right.
9. Click the SENTENCE box and type: "That store is open 24-7."
10. **Record this sentence** as in step 8, using the buttons to the right.
11. Click in the AS PHONETICS box and type: meaning: **24 hours a day, 7 days a week**
12. For each of the next pages, click ADD PAGE, save the changes and repeat steps 7-11.
13. When you complete this exercise, click BACK and save the changes.
14. Click NO to add information to the Key Information or click YES and add helpful instructions.
15. Click BACK to return to the Author Main Menu.
16. Click EXIT to return to the American Speechsounds Main Menu.

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4. The bottom line is you must sign the consent form. (most important)
5. Do you brown bag or buy your lunch? (bring your lunch)
6. We'll need to buckle down to get this done. (work harder)
7. Don't worry. She's bucks up and can pay for it. (has a lot of money)
8. That guy sure bugs her. (bothers, irritates)
9. Guess who I bumped into outside? (saw, met)
10. Let's not get too excited. Just chill for a minute. (relax, slow down)
11. What a cool thing to say. (good, nice)
12. I am going to crash for a few hours. (sleep)
13. This traffic is a drag. (an irritation, disappointment)
14. He's an early bird; his roommate is a night owl. (wakes early, stays up late)
15. He's not flaky at all—he's very dependable. (irresponsible)
16. Could you please say that again? I don't get it. (understand)
17. Let me give it a shot. I think I can do it. (try)
18. Is there a glitch in the computer application? (problem, bug)
19. Hang on. I need my phone. (wait a little)
20. Caffeine may make you hyper or shaky. (anxious)
21. Are you in over your head with statistics? (above your competence)
22. Let's not knock that approach until we try it. (criticize)
23. He's not Type A—he's really laid back. (easy going, relaxed)
24. Being tired is a lame excuse for missing the meeting. (poor, weak)
25. What a lucky break! You got an interview. (good fortune)
26. It's no sweat. I'll help him. (not a problem)
27. I'm leaving now. Peace out (goodbye)
28. The first level is a piece of cake. (very easy)
29. It's tempting to stuff your face in that restaurant. (eat a lot)
30. Is there much red tape getting a green card?
31. We're rolling. See you later. (leaving)
32. Don't be such a slacker. (lazy person)
33. I got steamed when I heard that. (angry)
34. It suits me (fine) to reschedule our appointment. (is agreeable to me)
35. Let's not waste time—let's take it easy (not rush)
36. That's so whack. She shouldn't treat us that way. (crazy, weird)
37. You got the top score! That's tight. (very good)
38. They're up in the air about their trip. (uncertain, undecided)
39. She said she's going to veg (out) this weekend. (relax, not do much)
40. We passed our review with flying colors. (with high scores/very well)

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