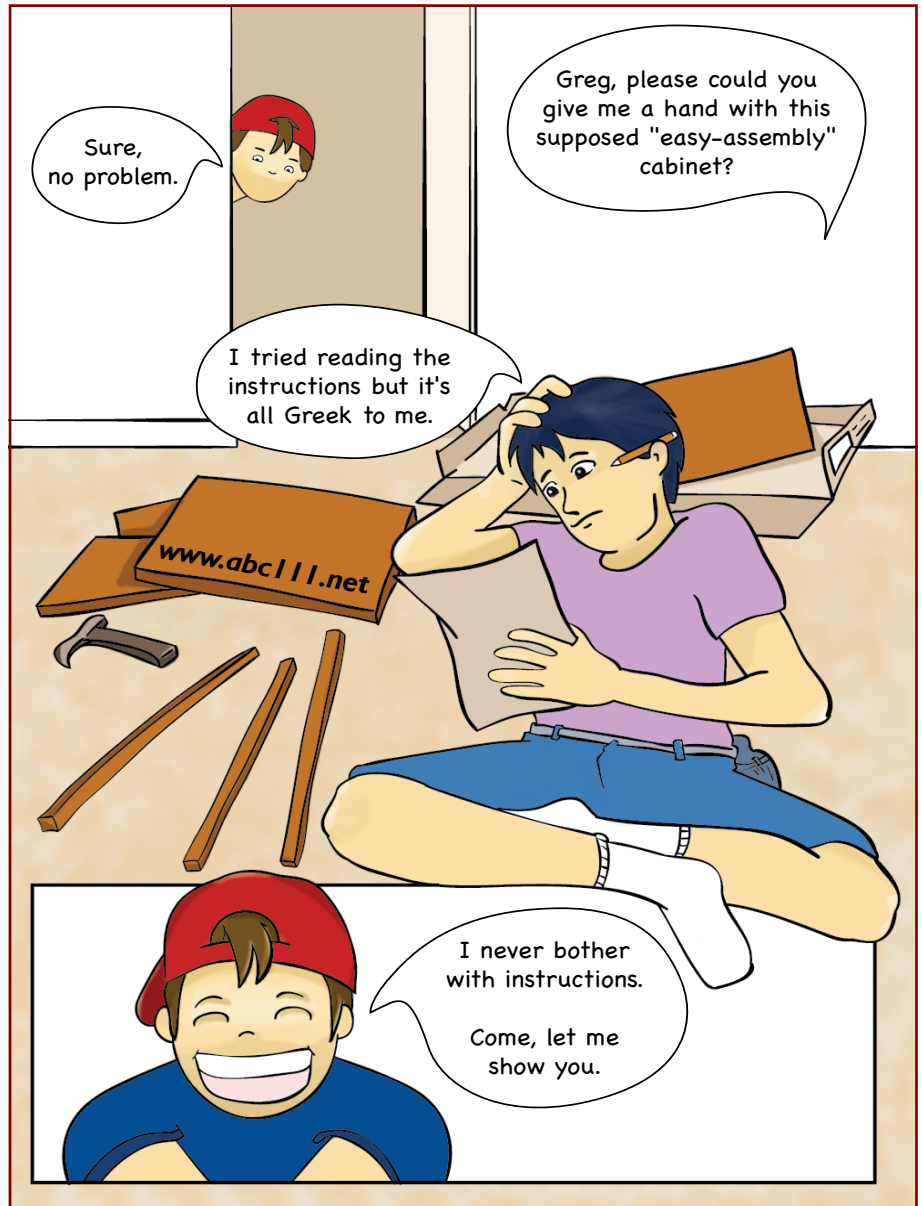


GREEK TO ME



Choose which answer defines how the idiom is used in everyday language.

Greek to me

- A. in the language of Greece or another language that I do not understand
- B. the writing is too small for me to see clearly
- C. you do not understand the diagrams
- D. you do not understand something that is written or said

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JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND HILLS

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REFUGEES - THE CAMP



The most profound and emotional experience for me so far has been to visit the refugee camp. Up to twelve thousand refugees over the last five years have been placed in a UNHCR* camp on a hill ("that nobody wants") in the middle of the rural interior. The camp now holds around five thousand refugees.



Throughout Rwanda, houses in the rural areas are set apart from each other because they usually come with land on which to grow crops for the family. The UN camps, however, have row upon row of small, mud-brick huts (with UNHCR sheeting for a roof) huddled together with no land and only narrow corridors between each one. Each hut is the same size regardless of the number of family members.

Initially families are put into a 'holding' tent (that is, twelve families to a dormitory-style tent) before they are allocated a hut. As refugees, they are offered only shelter (the hut) and food (a weekly distribution). For everything else, they have to negotiate and buy (if they have money), forage, or grow for themselves.



There is a reason why this is a hill "that nobody wants" – it is barren and rocky, and very little will grow there. It is a hard and difficult life. With peace in Congo unlikely in the near future, it would seem the refugees are going to be there for some time.

* UNHCR = United Nations High Commission for Refugees

Please complete the following sentences by choosing from the options.

1. The huts in the refugee camp are different from normal houses in rural Rwanda in that they are:
 - a. for one family only.
 - b. made of mud.
 - c. built close together and do not have any land around them for growing crops.

2. The hill where the refugee camp is situated is one "that nobody wants" because:
 - a. it does not have good soil for farming, and is suitable for nearly nothing else.
 - b. it is rocky and the rocks are used to build huts for the refugees.
 - c. nobody wants to be near or in the refugee camp.

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