

Idiomatic Expressions:

Break a leg

- *Meaning:* Good luck.
- *Sentence:* "You've got a big performance tonight—break a leg!"

Hit the hay

- *Meaning:* Go to bed.
- *Sentence:* "I'm exhausted; I'm going to hit the hay."

Piece of cake

- *Meaning:* Something very easy.
- *Sentence:* "Solving that math problem was a piece of cake."

Costs an arm and a leg

- *Meaning:* Very expensive.
- *Sentence:* "The new smartphone costs an arm and a leg."

Under the weather

- *Meaning:* Feeling ill.
- *Sentence:* "I'm feeling a bit under the weather today."

Once in a blue moon

- *Meaning:* Rarely happens.
- *Sentence:* "He visits us once in a blue moon."

Let the cat out of the bag

- *Meaning:* Reveal a secret.
- *Sentence:* "She let the cat out of the bag about the surprise party."

Speak of the devil

- *Meaning:* The person you're talking about appears.
- *Sentence:* "Speak of the devil—here comes John now!"

Bite the bullet

- *Meaning:* Face a difficult situation bravely.

- *Sentence:* "I decided to bite the bullet and accept the job offer abroad."

Best of both worlds

- *Meaning:* An ideal situation.
- *Sentence:* "Working from home and in the office gives me the best of both worlds."

Cut corners

- *Meaning:* Do something the easiest or cheapest way.
- *Sentence:* "We can't cut corners on this project."

Hit the nail on the head

- *Meaning:* Get something exactly right.
- *Sentence:* "You hit the nail on the head with your analysis."

Kill two birds with one stone

- *Meaning:* Accomplish two things at once.
- *Sentence:* "By cycling to work, I kill two birds with one stone."

On the ball

- *Meaning:* Alert and competent.
- *Sentence:* "She's really on the ball with her new project."

Barking up the wrong tree

- *Meaning:* Pursuing the wrong course.
- *Sentence:* "If you think I'm guilty, you're barking up the wrong tree."

Add fuel to the fire

- *Meaning:* Worsen a situation.
- *Sentence:* "His comments only added fuel to the fire."

The last straw

- *Meaning:* Final problem that makes a situation unbearable.
- *Sentence:* "His lateness was the last straw."

Break the ice

- *Meaning:* Ease the tension.
- *Sentence:* "He told a joke to break the ice."

A dime a dozen

- *Meaning:* Very common.
- *Sentence:* "Such gadgets are a dime a dozen these days."

Beat around the bush

- *Meaning:* Avoid the main point.
- *Sentence:* "Stop beating around the bush and tell me."

Burn the midnight oil

- *Meaning:* Work late into the night.
- *Sentence:* "She burned the midnight oil to finish her essay."

Hit the sack

- *Meaning:* Go to bed.
- *Sentence:* "I'm tired; I'm going to hit the sack."

Let sleeping dogs lie

- *Meaning:* Avoid interfering in a situation.
- *Sentence:* "Don't bring up old issues; let sleeping dogs lie."

Pull someone's leg

- *Meaning:* Tease someone.
- *Sentence:* "Are you serious or just pulling my leg?"

See eye to eye

- *Meaning:* Agree fully.
- *Sentence:* "We finally saw eye to eye on the plan."

Sit on the fence

- *Meaning:* Be undecided.
- *Sentence:* "You can't sit on the fence any longer."

Through thick and thin

- *Meaning:* Through good and bad times.
- *Sentence:* "They remained friends through thick and thin."

Under someone's thumb

- *Meaning:* Under someone's control.
- *Sentence:* "He's completely under his boss's thumb."

When pigs fly

- *Meaning:* Never.
- *Sentence:* "He'll clean his room when pigs fly."

You can't judge a book by its cover

- *Meaning:* Can't judge based on appearance.
- *Sentence:* "She seems unfriendly, but you can't judge a book by its cover."

Actions speak louder than words

- *Meaning:* What you do matters more than what you say.
- *Sentence:* "He always promises but never delivers—actions speak louder than words."

All ears

- *Meaning:* Fully listening.
- *Sentence:* "Tell me about your trip; I'm all ears."

At the drop of a hat

- *Meaning:* Immediately.
- *Sentence:* "She would help you at the drop of a hat."

Back to the drawing board

- *Meaning:* Start over.
- *Sentence:* "Our plan didn't work; back to the drawing board."

Bite off more than you can chew

- *Meaning:* Take on too much.
- *Sentence:* "He bit off more than he could chew with this project."

Blessing in disguise

- *Meaning:* Something good that isn't recognized at first.
- *Sentence:* "Losing that job was a blessing in disguise."

Blow off steam

- *Meaning:* Release tension.
- *Sentence:* "He went for a run to blow off steam."

By the skin of your teeth

- *Meaning:* Just barely.

- *Sentence:* "She passed the exam by the skin of her teeth."

Call it a day

- *Meaning:* Stop working.
- *Sentence:* "I'm tired; let's call it a day."

Cut to the chase

- *Meaning:* Get to the point.
- *Sentence:* "I'll cut to the chase—you got the job."

Get out of hand

- *Meaning:* Become uncontrolled.
- *Sentence:* "The party got out of hand quickly."

Go the extra mile

- *Meaning:* Make extra effort.
- *Sentence:* "She's willing to go the extra mile for her clients."

Hit the books

- *Meaning:* Study hard.
- *Sentence:* "I need to hit the books for my exams."

In the same boat

- *Meaning:* In the same situation.
- *Sentence:* "We're all in the same boat after the layoffs."

Miss the boat

- *Meaning:* Miss an opportunity.
- *Sentence:* "He missed the boat by not applying early."

Pull yourself together

- *Meaning:* Calm down.
- *Sentence:* "You need to pull yourself together before the meeting."

Rain on someone's parade

- *Meaning:* Spoil someone's plans.
- *Sentence:* "I hate to rain on your parade, but the trip is canceled."

Spill the beans

- *Meaning:* Reveal a secret.
- *Sentence:* "Who spilled the beans about the surprise?"

Take it with a grain of salt

- *Meaning:* Don't take it too seriously.
- *Sentence:* "I heard rumors, but I take them with a grain of salt."

Time flies

- *Meaning:* Time passes quickly.
- *Sentence:* "Time flies when you're having fun."

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