

# IDIOMS

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IDIOMS :- An idiom (also called idiomatic expression) is an expression, word, or phrase that has a figurative meaning conventionally understood by native speakers. This meaning is different from the literal meaning of the idiom's individual elements. In other words, idioms don't mean exactly what the words say. They have, however, a hidden meaning.

Examples :-

- Every cloud has a silver lining.
- Break a leg.
- Sat on the fence., etc.

## IDIOMS WITH THEIR MEANINGS & USAGE

IDIOMS	MEANING	USAGE
In for a penny, in for a pound	That someone is intentionally investing his time or money for a particular project or task.	When Athlead was booming, Jim was in for a penny and in for a pound, that's how much dedicated he was.
A bird in the hand is better than two in the bush	An opportunity In hand, currently, is better than a prospect in the future, because time never repeats itself.	When Athlead was booming, Jim was in for a penny and in for a pound, that's how much dedicated he was.
Chip off the old block	That a person is similar in behaviour or actions like his parents.	When grandmother saw her grandson collecting coins like her son used to do, she knew he was a Chip off the old block.
Do unto others as you would have them do unto you	Treat people the same way you want to be treated.	felt Peter was a little cold today towards that homeless man, he should do unto others as he would have them do unto him, because who knows

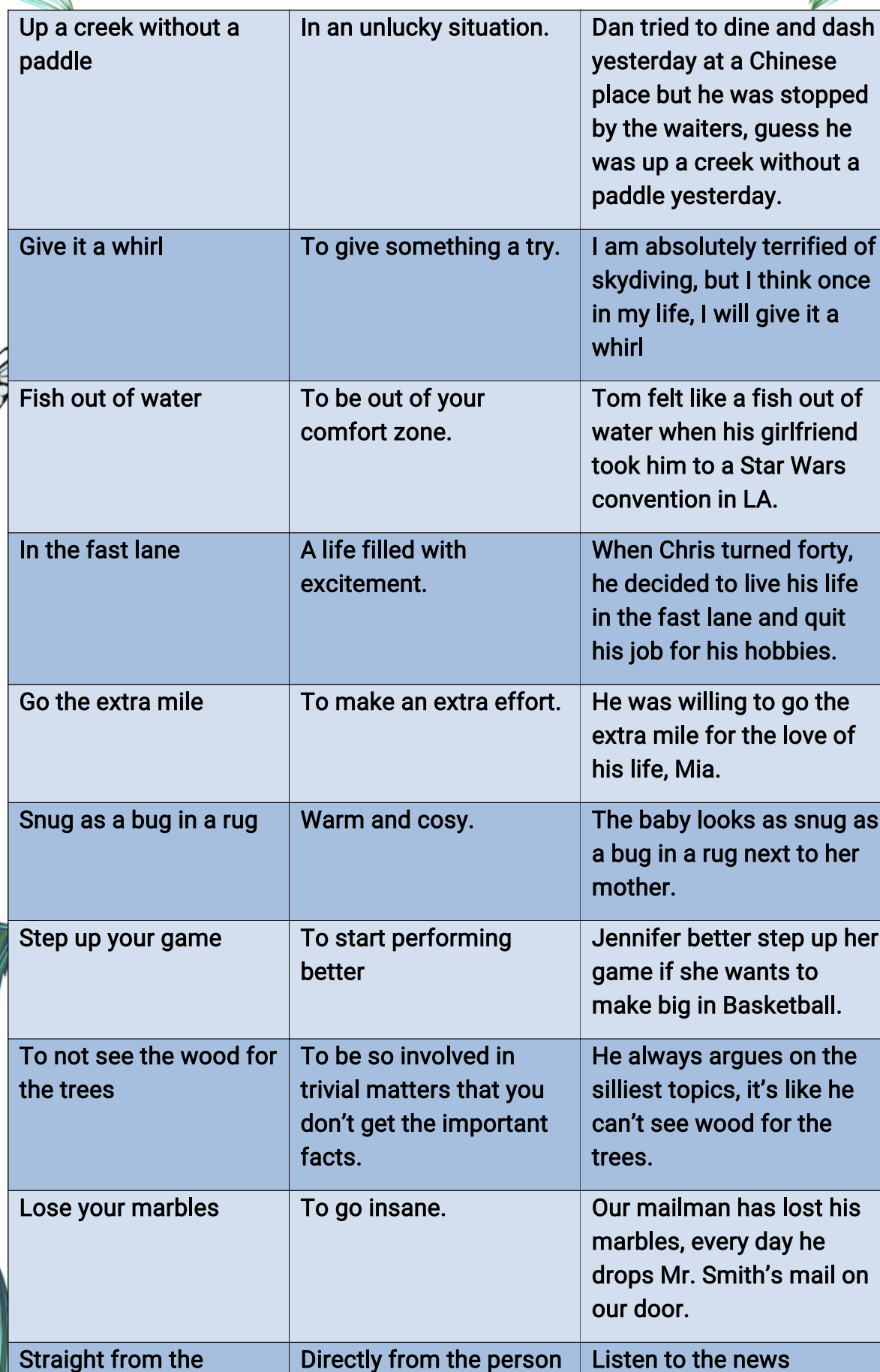


		about time.
Don't cry over spilt milk	Don't cry over what has happened as it can not be fixed.	Walter failed his examination but his dad came and said just one thing, "Son, Don't cry over spilt milk."
Every cloud has a silver lining	Bad things one day eventually lead to good things.	See, yesterday you were so morose as your phone was stolen but look at you today, you got a promotion. Is it rightly said that every cloud has a silver lining.
Beside yourself with joy	To be extremely happy.	I can see that you are beside yourself with joy on being selected for the job, congratulations.
Fair and square	Being direct or fair.	To tell you fair and square, I did everything that I was meant to do, but I still feel unfulfilled.
Having an Ace up the sleeve	Have an advantage that is currently being withheld for future purposes.	Brian kept quiet at the board meeting, who knew he had an Ace hidden up his sleeve the whole time.
A black sheep	Being a disgrace for the family.	They don't talk about Olive anymore, turns out he was the Black sheep for the family, he married someone else while he was still arranged to his





		fiancé.
Hook, line and sinker	Doing something or trying to achieve something with thoroughness and passion.	I have set my mind to go through the spreadsheets by Monday and I am working for it Hook, line and sinker.
Looking to your laurels	Not be lost in your achievements and losing the sight of what is supposed to happen.	Look to your laurels but do not rest on it.
Bear a grudge	To continue to feel angry or unfriendly for someone or something because of a particular past incident.	I Bear a grudge against him for not taking me into confidence.
By the skin of your teeth	To just barely get by or make it.	Lester made the dance team By the skin of his teeth, you see the audition gates were about to get closed.
Down for the count	Tired; giving up.	My pet dog is down for the count after playing the whole day with the frisbee.
Draw the line	To stop before a point where something okay gets not okay.	Hey buddy, that's enough, Draw the line before someone comes and beats you to a pulp.
Easier said than done	Not as easy as it appears to be.	Listen, losing weight is easier said than done, many people lack commitment.
Break a leg	Saying good luck to someone.	Hey Barry, it's time for you to get on the stage and present your monologue, break a leg.



Up a creek without a paddle	In an unlucky situation.	Dan tried to dine and dash yesterday at a Chinese place but he was stopped by the waiters, guess he was up a creek without a paddle yesterday.
Give it a whirl	To give something a try.	I am absolutely terrified of skydiving, but I think once in my life, I will give it a whirl
Fish out of water	To be out of your comfort zone.	Tom felt like a fish out of water when his girlfriend took him to a Star Wars convention in LA.
In the fast lane	A life filled with excitement.	When Chris turned forty, he decided to live his life in the fast lane and quit his job for his hobbies.
Go the extra mile	To make an extra effort.	He was willing to go the extra mile for the love of his life, Mia.
Snug as a bug in a rug	Warm and cosy.	The baby looks as snug as a bug in a rug next to her mother.
Step up your game	To start performing better	Jennifer better step up her game if she wants to make big in Basketball.
To not see the wood for the trees	To be so involved in trivial matters that you don't get the important facts.	He always argues on the silliest topics, it's like he can't see wood for the trees.
Lose your marbles	To go insane.	Our mailman has lost his marbles, every day he drops Mr. Smith's mail on our door.
Straight from the	Directly from the person	Listen to the news



Horse's mouth	involved.	straight from the horse's mouth, his factory burned down right in front of his eyes.
Crying Wolf	To ask for help when you don't need it.	You have cried Wolf so many times that no one believes you now.
Palm off	Pass off something as genuine when it is spurious.	This shopkeeper always palms off old stock to the customers.
Has bigger fish to fry	Has more important work to do.	Please don't bother me today with any calls, I have bigger fish to fry.
Look before you leap	Calculate the risks before advancing towards a possibility.	You can't just sell all of your shares when the market is low, look before you leap, Trump is coming tomorrow, it is possible the shares will grow.
On thin ice	In a precarious or risky situation.	Andy played hooky from work for a week saying he was sick, now his boss said that he is on very thin ice.
Play dev il's advocate	To argue, just for the sake of it.	He was not agreeing to back off, as if he was playing devil's advocate.



Thank you!

