

I D I O M S

PART 6

the rat race

🎯 A fierce, exhausting, and endless competition for success, wealth, or power, especially in modern work and city life.

Ex: He quit his corporate job to escape the rat race and move to the countryside.



cut corners

🎯 Cut corners means to do something in the easiest, cheapest, or fastest way possible, often by ignoring rules, skipping steps, or lowering standards.

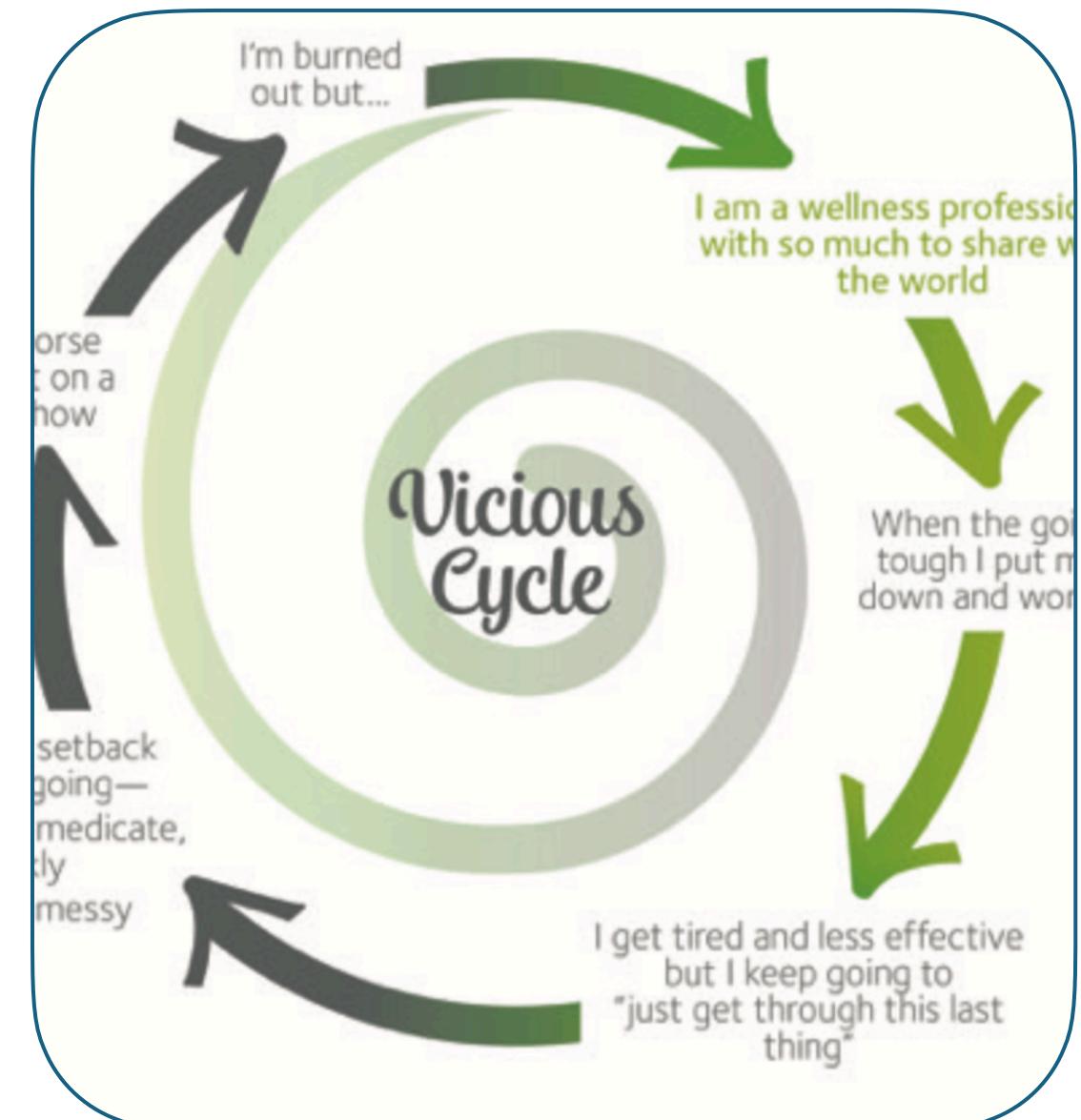
Ex: The builders cut corners when constructing the house, and now there are cracks in the walls.



a vicious circle

🎯 A vicious circle is a situation in which one problem causes another problem, which then makes the first problem worse. It's a self-reinforcing cycle that is hard to escape.

Ex: Poverty can create a vicious circle of poor education, limited job opportunities, and continued poverty.



splash out (on sth)

🎯 **splash out (on something)**
means to spend a lot of money on something, especially something special, enjoyable, or luxurious that you don't usually buy. It often implies treating yourself or others

Ex: She splashed out on a designer handbag for her birthday.



ROUND THE CORNER

Literal: very near, just around the street corner.
Figurative: something that is about to happen soon.

Ex: The exam is just round the corner.



all of a sudden

🎯 All of a sudden means very quickly and unexpectedly, without any warning. It's similar to "suddenly."

Ex: All of a sudden, it started raining heavily.



up and running

🎯 something (a system, machine, project, or business) is **working properly, fully operational, or has started successfully** after being set up, fixed, or restarted.

Ex: The new computer system is finally up and running.



hand in your notice

🎯 to formally tell your employer that you are going to leave your job, usually by giving a written resignation letter. It's a common phrase in British English (in American English, people often say "give notice" or simply "quit")

Ex: She handed in her notice yesterday because she found a new job.



give sb the sack

🎯 dismiss or fire someone from their job. It's an informal British English phrase. In American English, the equivalent would be "fire somebody" or "let somebody go."

Ex: The company gave him the sack for being late too often.



next to nothing

🎯 very little, almost nothing, or a very small amount. It can refer to money, effort, knowledge, or quantity.

Ex: He bought the car for next to nothing because it was so old.

