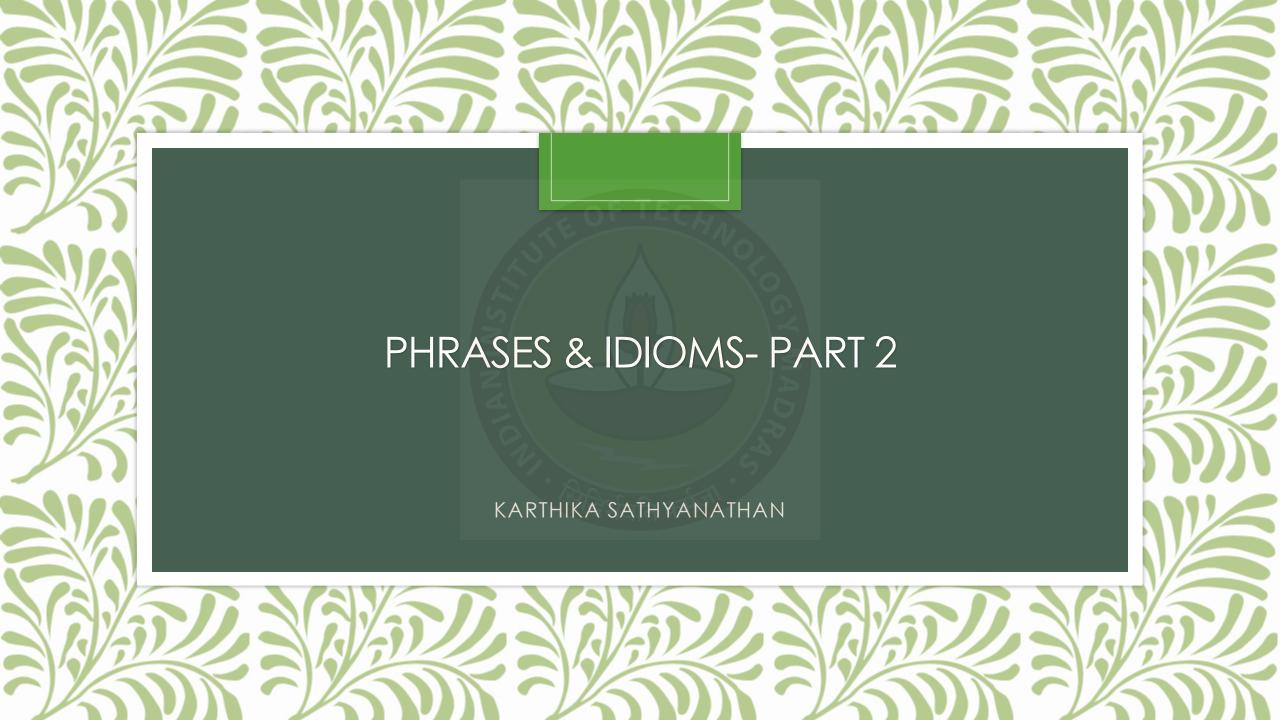


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COMMON PHRASES

- 1. Add insult to injury to act in a way that makes bad situation worse
- 2. At the eleventh hour at the last moment
- 3. Out of shape Not physically strong, not fit, not in a healthy condition
- 4. Out of the loop uninformed, not having the information that everyone else has
- 5. Apple of ones eyes lovable
- 6. Crocodile tears false tears
- 7. Hold ones tongue remain silent
- 8. White elephant A costly but useless possession
- 9. Out of touch Not communicating with each other
- 10. Barking up the wrong tree to be wrong about the way to achieve something or the reason for something

COMMON PHRASES

- 1. To call it a day to stop what you were doing because you think you have done enough or do not want to do anymore.
- 2. Take the law into ones hand to punish someone according to ones own idea of justice
- 3. Take the bull by horns to face difficulties in a direct way (difficult and dangerous situations)
- 4. Burn the candle at both ends to work extremely hard
- 5. Break the ice to make people who have not met each other before feel more relaxed and comfortable.
- 6. A nine days' wonder short-lived
- 7. The ball is in your court it is your turn to make the next step or decision
- 8. Cost an arm and a leg to be very expensive
- 9. Put the cart before the horse to do things wrongly
- 10. Get your act together to organise yourself so that you can do things in an effective way.

COMMON PHRASES

- 1. Put all your eggs in one basket to depend for success on a single person or plan
- 2. Every cloud has a silver lining every negative has a positive
- 3. To get out of hand become difficult to control
- 4. To cry wolf to call for help when you don't need it
- 5. It takes two to tango actions or communication needs more than one person
- 6. To get something out of your system to get rid of a wish or emotion especially a negative one, by allowing yourself to express it
- 7. To sit/ be on the fence undecided / taking a neutral stand / not take sides
- 8. To step up ones game to start performing better
- 9. To sell someone out to snitch on someone or let their secret out
- 10. To be all Greek be not understood