Emotions (Part 1)

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1 What are idioms

Idioms are phrases that have a *figurative meaning* that is different from the *literal meaning* of the individual words. All languages have their own idioms to express a situation.

- Literal meaning: The actual, dictionary definition of each word.
- Figurative meaning: The implied or metaphorical meaning of the phrase as a whole.

"lt's raining cats and dogs"

- Literal meaning: Animals are falling from the sky! (Obviously not true)
- Figurative meaning: It's raining very heavily or in certain scenarios raining all day.

2 The difference between slang and idioms

- **Slang:** Informal words or phrases used by a specific group (teenagers, gamers, etc.). Cool words that change a lot, used bycertain groups.
 - Examples: Chill, lit, bruh
 - **Key:** Often changes quickly and is specific to a certain group.
- Idioms: Phrases with hidden meanings, like puzzles you have to figure out.

3 Common idioms in English



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ID	Idiom	Meaning	Example
1	A blessing in disguise	Something good that seemed bad at first.	Losing my job turned out to be a blessing in disguise. It forced me to pursue my passion for photography.
2	Beat around the bush	To avoid saying what you mean directly.	Stop beating around the bush and tell me what you want.
3	Better late than never	It's better to arrive or do something late than not at all.	I know I'm late, but better late than never.
4	Break a leg	Good luck (especially to actors before a performance).	Break a leg tonight!
5	Call it a day	To stop working on something for the day.	I'm tired. Let's <i>call it a day</i> and go home."
6	Cutting corners	Doing something poorly in order to save time or money.	The contractor <i>cut corners</i> on the construction, and now the house is falling.
7	Easy does it	Slow down.	Easy does it! You're going too fast.
8	Get out of hand	To get out of control.	The party got out of hand and the neighbors complained.
9	Get something out of your system	To do the thing you've been wanting to do so you can move on.	I finally got skydiving out of my system.
10	Get your act together	To work better or leave.	You need to get your act together if you want to keep this job.
11	Give someone the benefit of the doubt	To trust what someone says.	I'm going to give him the benefit of the doubt and believe his explanation.
12	Hit the sack	To go to sleep.	I'm tired. I'm going to hit the sack.
13	It's not rocket science	It's not complicated.	It's not rocket science, just follow the instructions.
14	Let someone off the hook	To not hold someone responsible for something.	I'll let you off the hook this time, but don't let it happen again.
15	Pull yourself together	Calm down.	Pull yourself together! There's no need to cry.
16	So far so good	Things are going well so far.	So far so good, but I'm not sure how the rest of the day will go.
17	Speak of the devil	The person we were just talking about showed up!	Speak of the devil, here she is now.





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18	That's the last straw	My patience has run out.	That's the last straw. I'm not putting up with this anymore.
19	The best of both worlds	An ideal situation.	Working from home gives me <i>the</i> best of both worlds: flexibility and a quiet workspace.
20	Time flies when you're having fun	You don't notice how long something lasts when it's fun.	Time flies when you're having fun, I can't believe it's already midnight.
21	Under the weather	Sick.	I'm feeling a bit under the weather today.
22	You can say that again	That's true, I agree.	You can say that again! This is the best ice cream I've ever had.



