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# Idioms (Part 2)

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## 1 Common idioms in English

ID	Idiom	Meaning	Example
1	<b>Hang in there</b>	Don't give up.	" <i>Hang in there</i> , things will get better."
2	<b>Make a long story short</b>	To tell something briefly.	" <i>Make a long story short</i> , we missed the train."
3	<b>No pain, no gain</b>	You have to work for what you want.	" <i>No pain, no gain</i> . If you want to get fit, you have to exercise."
4	<b>Pull someone's leg</b>	To joke with someone.	" <i>I was just pulling your leg</i> . I didn't really win the lottery."
5	<b>To make matters worse</b>	Make a problem worse.	" <i>To make matters worse</i> , it started to rain."
6	<b>We'll cross that bridge when we come to it</b>	Let's not talk about that problem right now.	"We'll cross that bridge when we come to it*. Let's focus on finishing this project first."
7	<b>Wrap your head around something</b>	Understand something complicated.	"I'm still trying to <i>wrap my head around this new technology</i> ."
8	<b>Actions speak louder than words</b>	What you do is more important than what you say.	"He always promises to help, but his <i>actions speak louder than words</i> ."
9	<b>Add fuel to the fire</b>	To make a situation worse.	"His criticism just <i>added fuel to the fire</i> and made her even angrier."
10	<b>All hands on deck</b>	Everyone needs to help.	" <i>It's time for all hands on deck</i> to clean up after the party."



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11	<b>Apple of my eye</b>	Someone or something that is very special and loved.	"Her little dog is the <i>apple of her eye</i> ."
12	<b>Back to square one</b>	To have to start over again.	"Our plan didn't work, so we have to <i>go back to square one</i> ."
13	<b>Barking up the wrong tree</b>	To be looking for the answer in the wrong place.	" <i>You're barking up the wrong tree</i> . He wouldn't have done that."
14	<b>Bend over backwards</b>	To try very hard to help or please someone.	" <i>I bent over backwards</i> to make sure she was happy."
15	<b>Cost an arm and a leg</b>	To be very expensive.	"That car <i>cost me an arm and a leg</i> ."
16	<b>Cry over spilled milk</b>	To worry about something that has already happened and cannot be changed.	" <i>Don't cry over spilled milk</i> . Just clean it up and move on."
17	<b>Curiosity killed the cat</b>	Being too curious can get you into trouble.	" <i>Don't be so curious</i> . <i>Curiosity killed the cat</i> ."
18	<b>Face the music</b>	To accept the consequences of your actions.	"I know I made a mistake, so I'm ready to <i>face the music</i> ."
19	<b>First come, first served</b>	The first people in line will get what they want.	"Tickets for the concert are <i>first come, first served</i> ."
20	<b>Get a taste of your own medicine</b>	To experience the same unpleasant treatment that you have given to others.	"He was always playing pranks on me, so I decided to <i>give him a taste of his own medicine</i> ."
21	<b>Give someone the cold shoulder</b>	To ignore someone deliberately.	" <i>I gave him the cold shoulder</i> after he lied to me."
22	<b>Hold your horses</b>	To wait a moment; be patient.	" <i>Hold your horses!</i> I'm not finished talking."
23	<b>In a nutshell</b>	Briefly and concisely.	" <i>In a nutshell</i> , the plan is to increase sales by 20%."
24	<b>It takes two to tango</b>	Both people involved in a situation are responsible for it.	" <i>It takes two to tango</i> . You can't blame him for the argument if you were also part of it."



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