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# 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.

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



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

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