
Idioms (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	A blessing in disguise	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	Beat around the bush	To avoid saying what you mean directly.	Stop <i>beating around the bush</i> 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 <i>better late than never</i> .
4	Break a leg	Good luck (especially to actors before a performance).	<i>Break a leg</i> 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.	<i>Easy does it!</i> You're going too fast.
8	Get out of hand	To get out of control.	The party <i>got out of hand</i> 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 <i>got skydiving out of my system</i> .
10	Get your act together	To work better or leave.	You need to <i>get your act together</i> if you want to keep this job.
11	Give someone the benefit of the doubt	To trust what someone says.	I'm going to <i>give him the benefit of the doubt</i> and believe his explanation.
12	Hit the sack	To go to sleep.	I'm tired. I'm going to <i>hit the sack</i> .
13	It's not rocket science	It's not complicated.	<i>It's not rocket science</i> , just follow the instructions.
14	Let someone off the hook	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	Pull yourself together	Calm down.	<i>Pull yourself together!</i> There's no need to cry.
16	So far so good	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	Speak of the devil	The person we were just talking about showed up!	<i>Speak of the devil</i> , here she is now.



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18	That's the last straw	My patience has run out.	<i>That's the last straw.</i> I'm not putting up with this anymore.
19	The best of both worlds	An ideal situation.	Working from home gives me <i>the best of both worlds</i> : 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.	<i>Time flies when you're having fun</i> , I can't believe it's already midnight.
21	Under the weather	Sick.	I'm feeling a bit <i>under the weather</i> today.
22	You can say that again	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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