
Idioms (Part 2)

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1 Common idioms in English

ID	Idiom	Meaning	Example
1	Hang in there	Don't give up.	" <i>Hang in there</i> , things will get better."
2	Make a long story short	To tell something briefly.	" <i>Make a long story short</i> , we missed the train."
3	No pain, no gain	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	Pull someone's leg	To joke with someone.	" <i>I was just pulling your leg</i> . I didn't really win the lottery."
5	To make matters worse	Make a problem worse.	" <i>To make matters worse</i> , it started to rain."
6	We'll cross that bridge when we come to it	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	Wrap your head around something	Understand something complicated.	"I'm still trying to <i>wrap my head around this new technology</i> ."
8	Actions speak louder than words	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	Add fuel to the fire	To make a situation worse.	"His criticism just <i>added fuel to the fire</i> and made her even angrier."
10	All hands on deck	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	Apple of my eye	Someone or something that is very special and loved.	"Her little dog is the <i>apple of her eye</i> ."
12	Back to square one	To have to start over again.	"Our plan didn't work, so we have to <i>go back to square one</i> ."
13	Barking up the wrong tree	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	Bend over backwards	To try very hard to help or please someone.	" <i>I bent over backwards</i> to make sure she was happy."
15	Cost an arm and a leg	To be very expensive.	"That car <i>cost me an arm and a leg</i> ."
16	Cry over spilled milk	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	Curiosity killed the cat	Being too curious can get you into trouble.	" <i>Don't be so curious</i> . <i>Curiosity killed the cat</i> ."
18	Face the music	To accept the consequences of your actions.	"I know I made a mistake, so I'm ready to <i>face the music</i> ."
19	First come, first served	The first people in line will get what they want.	"Tickets for the concert are <i>first come, first served</i> ."
20	Get a taste of your own medicine	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	Give someone the cold shoulder	To ignore someone deliberately.	" <i>I gave him the cold shoulder</i> after he lied to me."
22	Hold your horses	To wait a moment; be patient.	" <i>Hold your horses!</i> I'm not finished talking."
23	In a nutshell	Briefly and concisely.	" <i>In a nutshell</i> , the plan is to increase sales by 20%."
24	It takes two to tango	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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