**Metaphor**

When you´re using a metaphor, you can describe something using indirect comparison to something different but with similar characteristic. For example comparing the snow to a white blanket.

**Idiom**

Idiom is basically a metaphor that lost its original comparison and people no longer picture the mental image of this comparison. For example you can say “break a leg” to an actor when he is going to audition for a role because you want him to “get a cast” in the show/movie but people don´t picture the actor with a broken leg.

**Examples**

A recent study **shed a light** **on** long-term side effects of covid-19.

**In the light of** recent events, children are now prohibited from leaving the house after 9pm.

The author of a popular fantasy book is being **bombarded with** requests of further expanding his universe and releasing new books.

People need to **maintain a united** front with the war raging in the east.

Scientists in a research center are now being verbally **attacked** for their recent findings in a study they conducted.

**Idiom examples**

The school board is trying to rush this major change through the **back door**.

The **dark web** can provide a haven for extremist groups to exchange ideas.

She's planning to **pull the plug** on the cable company and watch TV online instead.

Jane and I have been working together in the office for so long, we're like a **well-oiled machine** at this point.

You need to learn how to change a tire, **it´s not rocket science**.

**Find the figurative meaning of the following idioms in Slovak language:**

It´s raining cat and dogs. - raining very hard

I smell a rat. – something feels wrong

Prší, akoby zo džbera vylieval. / Ide dážď ako stena

It was just a red herring. – a distraction from relevant or important matter

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He was caught red-handed. – Caught doing something wrong

Prichytiť koho pri čine.

He took French leave. – go away without telling anyone

Odišiel bez telefónu.

It is going to the dogs. – becoming worse in quality

He took it in his stride. – not allow something to interrupt or disturb someone´s routine

It is a hard nut to crack. – an individual difficult to deal with / difficult problem

It added fuel to the flames. – when you do or say something that makes a bad situation worse