



IDIOMS

60. **BRAINSTORM** – very smart idea. I have got a *brainstorm*! Let's start giving out free samples of our products.
61. **BREAD AND BUTTER** - basic needs of life (food, shelter, clothing). The voters are worried about *bread and butter* issues like jobs and taxes.
62. **BREAK ONE'S NECK** – try very hard. She *broke her neck* last night trying to finalize the proposal.
63. **BREAK THE ICE** – overcome formality or shyness with others. He started the meeting by telling a joke. He was hoping the joke would *break the ice*.
64. **BREAK THE NEWS** – tell a surprising fact. She *broke the news* and told him that she was going to move to another city.
65. **BREAK UP** – separate. They needed to *break up* their engagement because she fell in love with someone else.
66. **BREAK EVEN** – have expenses equal to profits. The company did not make a profit this year. We just *broke even*.
67. **BREATHE A WORD** – tell. Please don't *breathe a word* of this to anyone.
68. **BREEZE** – easy. Last night's homework was a *breeze*.
69. **BRING HOME THE BACON** – earn the family's income. He stays home and raises the children and she *brings home the bacon*.
70. **BROKE** – having no money. I can't go to the restaurant tonight because I'm *broke*.

71. **BROWN BAG** – bring one's lunch from home. For the meeting on Friday, we've all decided to *brown bag* it.
72. **BUCK** – dollar. I'm low this week on cash. Can I borrow a few *bucks* to get me through the week?
73. **BUCKLE DOWN** – study or work very hard. Last semester his grades were very low, so this year he decided to *buckle down*.
74. **BUDDY-BUDDY** – very friendly. She's gotten to be very *buddy-buddy* with her boss.
75. **BUG** – annoy, bother. It *bugs* me every time he asks to borrow a pencil.
76. **BULLDOZE** – intimidate, coerce. I did not want to work on the fundraising committee, but I feel I was *bulldozed* into it
77. **BUM** – worthless person. As long as I have known him, he never worked and always borrowed from other people. He is such a *bum*!
78. **BURN A HOLE IN ONE'S POCKET** – money to be spent quickly. The bonus he received must have *burned a hole in his pocket*. He ended up buying a car the next day.