



# Idioms 29

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## Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

<b>cool cat</b>	A stylish or admirable person.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Brad Pitt is such a <b>cool cat</b>!</i>

<b>fat cat</b>	A person who is very rich and powerful, especially in the business world.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: The President criticized huge bonuses for Wall Street <b>fat cats</b>.</i>

<b>cat got one's tongue</b>	Used when someone is unusually quiet or has nothing to say.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: You are usually very talkative. What happened today? Did the <b>cat</b> get your tongue?</i>

<b>play cat and mouse</b>	To use strategy against one's opponent; to tease, fool or trick someone.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: He has <b>played cat and mouse</b> with the law for a long time.</i>

<b>raining cats and dogs</b>	Rain very heavily.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: I'm not going out today; it's <b>raining cats and dogs</b>.</i>



## Exercise 2 – Reading

*Read the text aloud with your tutor.*

### An Infamous Criminal

Once upon a time, there was a criminal named Greg. He thought that he was a **cool cat** and would constantly **play cat and mouse** with the police. Everyone in town knew about him and they all hated him, however, all of them were scared to say it out loud. The word on the street was that he was a **fat cat** and that whoever opposed him would end up in big trouble. However, one day his friend Mark turned against him and decided to tell everything about Greg's shady deals to the police. Needless to say, the police quickly devised a strategy to capture Greg and bring him to justice. It was **raining cats and dogs** when they launched the arrest operation and Greg was finally put in cuffs. Even though his former friend Mark had betrayed him, Greg still kept his mouth shut. It was as if the **cat got his tongue!**



## Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

*Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms.*

1. Banking \_\_\_\_\_ always receive huge bonuses, whether they have done a good job or not.
2. I really admire my cousin; he's a real \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Did the \_\_\_\_\_ or do you really not know the correct answer?
4. Take an umbrella if you're going out. It's \_\_\_\_\_ out there!
5. Being a good military strategist means that you have to know how to \_\_\_\_\_.
6. When the teacher asked him a question, it was as if the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Ever since he bought his Ferrari, he thinks he's such a \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The weatherman said that it will be \_\_\_\_\_ next week.



## Exercise 4 – Sentence Construction

*Create sentences using the following idioms.*

**Example:** cool cat → He was such a cool cat back in the day.

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