**Idioms and Phrases**

**Every cloud has a silver lining – finding good in every bad situation**

**Ex: Don’t worry. Every cloud has a silver lining. You will get a better job**

**Spill the Beans/Let the cat out of the bag – to reveal a secret**

**Ex: I wanted to surprise him with birthday cake but you have spilled the beans**

**Easier said than done – Easy to say but hard to do**

**Ex: I will wake up early morning. I think it’s easier said than done**

**Come rain or shine – no matter what**

**Ex: Come rain or shine I’ll attend the birthday party.**

**Finding a needle in a haystack – almost impossible to find**

**Ex: Getting a job is like finding a needle in a haystack**

**Under the weather – to feel ill**

**Ex: I feel under the weather**

**Miss the boat – miss the chance/an opportunity**

**Ex: I forgot to submit the application. I’ve missed the boat.**

**Biting more than what one can chew – Taking more responsibilities that you cannot handle**

**Ex: He accepted more projects. I think he is bitten off more what he could chew.**

**The ball is in your court – It is up to you/you take decision**

**Ex: I’ve done my part. The ball is in your court now.**

**A piece of cake – easy**

**Ex: It’s piece of cake. You can finish it in no minute.**

**To a T – perfectly, exactly**

**Ex: He resembles his father to a T.**

**Tip of the iceberg – small part of a larger issue**

**Ex: The criminal charge against him is the tip of the iceberg for his scandal.**

**To cost an arm and a leg – very expensive**

**Ex: I can’t buy this phone for you. It costs an arm and a leg.**

**Out of the question – impossible**

**Ex: Buying a diamond necklace is out of the question because I don’t have enough money.**

**Out of the world – top notch, fantastic**

**Ex: My mother’s cooking is out of the world.**

**Hit the books – to study**

**Ex: I’ve exams tomorrow. I’m going to hit the books.**

**Hit the sack – to sleep**

**Ex: I’m dead tired so I’m going to hit the sack/hit the bed.**

**Midas touch – Ability to make money in everything**

**Ex: She has the Midas touch. She is successful in everything.**

**Animals Idioms**

**At a snail’s pace – very slowly**

**Ex: The traffic is moving at a snail’s pace**

**The lion’s share – the biggest part**

**Ex: His elder brother took the lion’s share of his father‘s property.**

**Watch like a hawk – watching carefully**

**Ex: Mother is watching her child like a hawk**

**Fish out of the water – uncomfortable**

**Ex: The newly joined associate felt like fish out of the water.**

**Mad as a hornet – extremely anger**

**The father became mad as a hornet when the son not obeys his words.**