**Idioms**

1. **blow your own trumpet** *(especially British English)*

*(North American English usually***blow/toot your own horn***)*

*(informal)* *to praise your own abilities and achievements.*

*to talk about oneself or one's achievements especially in a way that shows that one is proud or too proud*

* *I don’t*[*want*](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/want_1)*to*[***blow***](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/blow_1)***my own***[***trumpet***](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/trumpet_1)*, but I*[*think*](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/think_1)*it’s*[*pretty*](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/pretty_1)[*good*](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/good_1)*.*
* *The crew tried to****blow their own trumpet****but the manager did not buy their story.*
* *I hate people who are always****blowing their own trumpet****.*
* *You have to be humble in your behaviour and for that, the first thing to do is to stop****blowing your own trumpet****.*
* *I don’t think****blowing your own trumpet****will get you this job.*
* *She got into the political party just by****blowing her own trumpet****. She is not capable of running it.*
* *Do you mind not****blowing your own trumpet****all the time?*
* *He had a very successful year and has every right to* ***blow his own trumpet****.*

1. **play it by ear**

*(informal)* *to decide how to deal with a situation as it develops rather than by having a plan to follow.*

*to decide what to do as a situation develops rather than planning what you will do before you start.*

*to do something without special preparation.*

* + *I’m not sure how many people are expected—we’ll just have to* ***play it by ear****.*
  + *We don’t know how many people are going to come, so we’ll* ***play it by ear****.*
  + *Rather than adopting a new academic strategy, the principal decided to* ***play it by ear.***
  + *I don't know how they'll react to our proposal, so we'll just have to* ***play it by ear*** *and hope for the best.*

1. **play (something) by ear**

*to play music by remembering how it sounds rather than by reading it.*

*learn music by ear.*

* + *She usually* ***plays the guitar by ear****, rather than reading the music.*
  + *My sister learned to* ***play the piano by ear*** *when she was a child.*

1. cross that bridge when one comes to it.

* *to worry about a problem when it actually happens and not before.*
* *to deal with something when it happens, and not worry about it before.*
* *to not worry about a possible problem until it actually happens.*
* I don't know how we'll pay the bills if you quit your job, but we'll **cross that bridge when we come to it**.
* *We think that there may be too many people to fit into the hall, but we will* ***cross that bridge when we come to it****.*

1. to be tone-deaf.

* *unable to hear the difference between musical notes.*
* *unable to sing a tune correctly because you cannot hear the difference between musical notes*
* *insensitive to the nuances or sensitivities of a situation or issue.*
* *having or showing an obtuse insensitivity or lack of perception particularly in matters of public sentiment, opinion, or taste.*
* *The White House long ago concluded that she is aloof and politically* ***tone-deaf.***
* *At the time, I wondered how such an intelligent man could be so* ***tone-deaf*** *to the harsh realities facing the nation.*
* *She was making a lot of jokes at the funeral - I don’t think she meant to be hurtful but it was a bit* ***tone-deaf****.*

1. hit/strike the right/wrong note.

* *(especially British English)* *to do, say or write something that is suitable/not suitable for a particular occasion*
* *It is a bizarre tale and the author* ***hits just the right note*** *of horror and disbelief.*
* *Unfortunately, the president* ***struck the wrong note*** *in his speech, ignoring the public mood.*

1. music to your ears

* *news or information that you are very pleased to hear.*