

# **ADVANCED**

100 IDIOMS & PHRASES WITH EXPLANATIONS & EXAMPLES

## **IDIOMS**

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**A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO  
ADVANCED IDIOMS AND THEIR USES**

**ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY & WORKBOOK**

# THE 15 FUNNIEST IDIOMS

## VOCABULARY LESSON

Learning English should be fun, so why not have some fun with these 15 unique idioms? In this lesson, you will learn 15 of the funniest idioms that will help to keep your conversations light and engaging.

No.	Idiom	Meaning	Example
1	A storm in a teacup (a tempest in a teapot - US English)	a lot of unnecessary anger and worry about a matter that is not important	She's made an official complaint to the CEO about the type of cheese in the cheese sandwiches at the canteen. This seems to me to be <u>a storm in a teacup</u> .
2	Bob's your uncle!	"and there it is" or "and there you have it"	To make a cup of mint tea; boil a kettle, add a tea bag, wait 2 minutes and <u>Bob's your uncle!</u>
3	As dead as a doornail	very dead	I tried to save the mouse that my cat brought in, but it was <u>as dead as a doornail</u> .
4	To kick the bucket	to die	Unfortunately, our favourite neighbour <u>kicked the bucket</u> 3 years ago, but we still feel her presence in the neighbourhood.
5	Everything but the kitchen sink	everything imaginable	Will packs lightly for travel, but I throw <u>everything but the kitchen sink</u> into my suitcase.
6	The lights are on, but nobody's home	used to say that somebody is stupid, even though they look normal	Jennifer has a degree in interior design, but <u>the lights are on and nobody's home</u> .
7	Donkey's years	used to describe an action that has continued for a very long time	Will's lived in the countryside for <u>donkey's years</u> - he wouldn't survive in a city!

8	To do a runner	to leave a place in order to avoid a difficult or unpleasant situation or to avoid paying for something	They ordered the caviar, but when the bill arrived they <u>did a runner!</u>
9	Nothing to write home about	not very exciting or special	I met a boy at the ice rink, but he's <u>nothing to write home about</u> .  The meal was nice, but it was <u>nothing to write home about</u> .
10	Keep your eyes peeled!	keep your eyes open or be vigilant	<u>Keep your eyes peeled</u> for green scarves.  <u>Keep your eyes peeled</u> for any calendars with chickens on them.
11	To pick someone's brain	obtain information by questioning someone who is well informed on that particular subject	Colin! I need <u>to pick your brain</u> about the new project.
12	To put (the) feelers out	to make informal suggestions as a way of testing other people's opinions on something before any decisions are made	Can I suggest that we <u>put feelers out</u> to see if the employees actually want an office party on zoom this year?
13	The best thing since sliced bread!	that something is the best and most useful innovation of recent times	When flip phones came out I thought they were the <u>best thing since sliced bread</u> ! I miss hanging up so sassily!
14	Take a chill pill!	Calm down! Relax!	At the picnic, I told Mary to <u>take a chill pill</u> as she was freaking out about a wasp.
15	I'll show myself out.	Used when you have disgraced yourself, to save someone else from having to 'show you the door'	What's the difference between snowmen and snowwomen? Snowballs! <u>I'll see myself out</u> .

# Activity

**Choose the correct idiom to replace the underlined portion of the sentence.**

- 1) I left my money at home. Let's leave quickly to avoid paying the bill!
  - a. kick the bucket
  - b. do a runner
  - c. keep our eyes peeled
  
- 2) He has been working at the factory for a very long time!
  - a. donkey's years
  - b. a chill pill
  - c. as dead as a doornail
  
- 3) If you want to know the answer, look at paragraph two, and there you have it!
  - a. tempest in a teacup
  - b. Bob's your uncle!
  - c. put the feelers out
  
- 4) I think I am going to go ask Ron and obtain some information about this proposal.
  - a. take a chill pill
  - b. show myself out
  - c. pick Ron's brain

**Choose the correct idiom to complete the sentence.**

- 5) She is a nice girl, but she's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. nothing to write home about
  - b. taking a chill pill
  - c. putting the feelers out
  
- 6) I love my new computer! It is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. as dead as a doornail
  - b. everything but the kitchen sink
  - c. the best thing since sliced bread
  
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_! The restaurant should be around here somewhere.
  - a. Take a chill pill
  - b. Keep your eyes peeled
  - c. I'll show myself out
  
- 8) \_\_\_\_\_! Everything will be fine in the end.
  - a. Take a chill pill
  - b. Put the feelers out
  - c. Kick the bucket

1) b (2) a (3) b (4) c (5) a (6) c (7) b (8) a

# The End

# 7 'POLITE' BRITISH INSULTS

## VOCABULARY LESSON

Have you ever been in a situation where you felt the urge to call somebody out on their stupidity but realized that you are way too polite for that? Well, today's lesson is for you! We will be learning 7 'polite' British idioms that you can use to call a person that lacks a certain amount of intelligence... or, to put it bluntly - a baffoon. You can throw these idioms into your conversations when you want to call someone out under the table.

No.	Idiom	Example
1	Not the sharpest tool in the shed or Not the brightest bulb in the box	I thought the electricity was out, but really I had forgotten to put the keycard in the door. I guess I am <u>not the sharpest tool in the shed</u> .
2	One sandwich short of a picnic or One fry short of a happy meal (US English)	I texted the plumber a picture of a mousetrap instead of the pipe he was asking about. Somedays, I am <u>one sandwich short of a picnic</u> .
3	To not be the full ticket	My mom thought that I was <u>not the full ticket</u> when I walked through the mosquito net three times.
4	There's not much between the ears.	She accidentally broke her finger trying to get out of going to violin camp. You could say <u>she doesn't have much between the ears</u> .
5	The lights are on, but nobody is home.	He jumped off the top of a wooden castle and his jumper got stuck on a spike. He was left dangling there for 15 minutes. It seems <u>the lights are on, but nobody is home</u> ...

6	<p>Someone's village is missing their idiot.</p> <p>Comes from the term: the village idiot someone known locally for their stupidity</p>	<p>The <u>village was surely missing their idiot</u> the day I backed up my brand new car at full force into the car behind me.</p>
7	<p>As thick as a plank</p>	<p>I was just trying to pull a prank on my friend, but the police didn't have any sense of humour. They thought I was just <u>as thick as a plank</u>.</p>

## NOTE from Lucy

Throw in: transitive phrasal verb  
to add a remark or question in a conversation

Under the table: adjective

if something is done under the table, it is a secret,  
hidden action

Baffoon: noun

an ill-educated or stupid person

# Activity

**Choose the correct word(s) to complete each sentence.**

1) He is one \_\_\_\_\_ short of a \_\_\_\_\_. I can't believe he locked his keys in his car again!

- a. picnic; sandwich
- b. sandwich; parade
- c. sandwich; picnic

2) She broke the door because she pushed it when it clearly said pull! There isn't much between the \_\_\_\_\_, is there?

- a. hair
- b. ears
- c. eyes

3) Do you understand or the \_\_\_\_\_ are on, but \_\_\_\_\_ is home?

- a. lights; nobody
- b. lights; somebody
- c. light; nobody

4) Jeff really isn't the full \_\_\_\_\_. He put the dirty laundry in the refrigerator instead of the washing machine.

- a. basket
- b. thicket
- c. ticket

5) You are as \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_. Why would you put something metal in the microwave?!

- a. thick; plank
- b. tick; rank
- c. thick; flank

6) Did you turn off the oven or is a \_\_\_\_\_ missing their \_\_\_\_\_?

- a. town; mayor
- b. village; idiot
- c. village; friend

7) He wore his winter jacket all day in the hot sun because he didn't want to put it in the car. He's not the sharpest \_\_\_\_\_ in the shed.

- a. pool
- b. fool
- c. tool

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# The End

# 5 HAPPY EXPRESSIONS & IDIOMS

## VOCABULARY LESSON

There are many ways to express feelings of happiness in English. In this lesson, you will learn 5 idioms and expressions that you can use to express your feelings in a more interesting way.

No.	Idiom	Meaning	Example
1	To be over the moon	to be really, really happy	Last Thursday, I passed my driving test, and I was <u>over the moon</u> because I had to try three times!
2	To have a whale of a time	to have a fantastic time	I went to a ball on Saturday with a group of friends, and I <u>had a whale of a time</u> .
3	To be buzzing	to be enthusiastic, happy, excited, etc.	I've just booked my tickets to Spain and I <u>am positively buzzing</u> !
4	To be happy as Larry	to be really, really happy	A: Does John like his new job? B: Yes, he <u>is as happy as Larry</u> !
5	To be on top of the world	to be really happy, elated, delighted	I <u>was on top of the world</u> when I found I had graduated from university with a first-class degree.



### Stop and think!

Have you been in a situation recently where you felt overwhelmingly happy? Try to use one or more of the idioms you just learned to describe this time.

# Activity

**Choose the correct idioms to complete the email below. Use the idioms in the box.**

on top of the world	whale of a time	am still buzzing	over the moon	as happy as Larry
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jack@idiomsaresofun.com

**Back from vacation!**

Hey there, Bob!

I hope you are doing well! The wife and I just got back from vacation, and I \_\_\_\_\_. We were in Bali for the past few weeks. We had such a \_\_\_\_\_. We arrived at the hotel early, and our room wasn't ready, but they promised to make it up to us. I was \_\_\_\_\_ when I found that they had upgraded us to the presidential suite. When we walked into the room, they had put roses and wine on the table! I was \_\_\_\_\_ the entire trip. Even on the plane ride home I couldn't help but feel \_\_\_\_\_.

Let's go have some lunch soon.

-Jack



Send

1) am still buzzing 2) whale of a time 3) over the moon 4) on top of the world 5) as happy as Larry

# The End

# 13 IDIOMS FOR SICKNESS, ILLNESS & HEALTH

## VOCABULARY LESSON

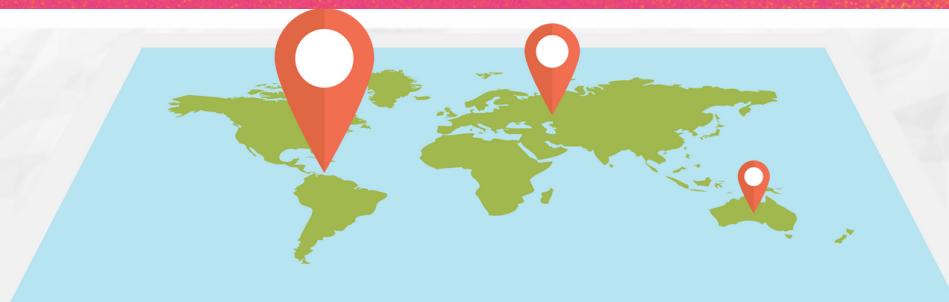
In this lesson, you will learn 13 idioms related to sickness, illness and health. It is not always easy to talk about these topics, but these idioms will help you feel more comfortable and natural in your daily conversations.

No.	Idiom	Meaning	Example
1	to feel/be as fit as a fiddle	to feel/be very healthy	I feel <u>as fit as a fiddle!</u> I might go for a jog later.
2	To be a picture of health	to be a great example of good health	My friend was struggling with an illness, but now she <u>is a picture of health.</u>
3	To have a splitting headache	to have a really bad headache	I <u>had a splitting headache</u> for two days when I was suffering from a migraine.
4	To be/look/feel under the weather	to be/look/feel unwell	A: You <u>look a bit under the weather.</u> B: I <u>feel a bit under the weather</u> at the moment.
5	To take a turn for the worse	to be more ill or sick than one was previously	I had a cold, but then I <u>took a turn for the worse</u> , and I had to go to hospital.
6	To take a turn for the better	to improve in condition	The doctor said my grandmother would be in hospital for 3 months, but she <u>took a turn for the better</u> and returned home the next day.
7	To be black and blue	to have quite a few bruises (the marks you get after being hit)	He <u>was black and blue</u> when he returned home from the fight.

8	To take a tumble	to have fallen over	I've <u>taken a tumble</u> , and now I <u>am black and blue</u> !
9	To go under the knife	to have an operation; undergo cosmetic surgery	I had a really sore leg, but I <u>went under the knife</u> .  She's <u>gone under the knife</u> quite a bit in the past few years.
10	To be on one's last legs	somebody is very close to exhaustion, collapsing or even death	He has been sick for a while. I think he <u>is on his last legs</u> .
11	To pop one's clogs	to die	He <u>popped his clogs</u> halfway through the marathon.
12	To be hanging by a thread	close to a situation becoming very serious or death	She <u>is hanging on by a thread</u> . There is still hope, but it is not looking very good.
13	To feel/look like death warmed up	to look extremely unwell	Wow! You <u>look like death warmed up</u> with that pale skin and those dark bags under your eyes. Go have a rest!

## CULTURE SHOCK!

It is not always easy to talk about illness, and it is even more difficult to talk about death. Therefore, it is common in Britain and the USA to hear people use idiomatic expressions to discuss these situations. It is a way to make a difficult situation a bit lighter and easier to talk about.



# Activity

**Choose the correct idioms to complete the doctor's note below. Use the idioms in the box.**

under the weather	took a turn for the worse	took a tumble	splitting headache	black and blue	picture of health
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## FIRST NATIONAL HOSPITAL



Doctor: James M. Smith, M.D.

### Statement of Health

To whom it may concern,

Mr. Jones came in to the office today because he (1) \_\_\_\_\_ . His face was (2) \_\_\_\_\_. He was complaining of a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ which was preventing him from seeing properly. Mr. Jones stated that he had been feeling a bit better, but this morning, things (4) \_\_\_\_\_. If he continues to feel (5) \_\_\_\_\_, I recommend that he take time off of work. If he continues to rest for the coming days, he will be a (6) \_\_\_\_\_. Mr. Jones should be able to return to work in one week.

If you have any questions, please call me.

1) took a tumble 2) black and blue 3) splitting headache 4) took a turn for the worse 5) under the weather 6) picture of health

# The End

# 25 ENGLISH BODY IDIOMS

## VOCABULARY LESSON

In this lesson, you will learn 25 idioms that are related to body parts. These are very common idioms that you will encounter in your daily English listening, reading, speaking life.

No.	Idiom	Meaning	Example
1	All ears	fully listening	Let me finish hanging out the washing and then I'll be <u>all ears!</u>
2	Break a leg	good luck	I forgot you were on stage tonight! <u>Break a leg!</u>
3	By the skin of one's teeth	only just; barely	I passed my driving test <u>by the skin of my teeth!</u>
4	Cold feet	(to suddenly feel) nervous about doing something that you had planned to do	I hope he doesn't get <u>cold feet</u> before the wedding!
5	Cost an arm and a leg	very expensive	I bet that coat <u>cost her an arm and a leg!</u>
6	Cry your eyes/heart out	to cry a lot	She <u>cried her eyes out</u> when she lost her cat.
7	Get something off your chest	to tell someone what's been on your mind	I need to <u>get it off my chest</u> and tell my boss I am unhappy.
8	Give/lend a hand	to help	If you need any help moving I can <u>lend you a hand.</u>
9	To have one's head in the clouds	be unaware or unrealistic about something	He has <u>his head in the clouds</u> if he thinks he will get a pay rise in this economy!
10	Head over heels	deeply or completely in love	She is <u>head over heels</u> with her new puppy!

11	In over one's head	taking on a task that one can't handle	I am completely <u>in over my head</u> in my new teaching position!
12	Keep an eye on	to watch or monitor usually in a protective manner	Can you <u>keep an eye</u> on my bike whilst I nip into the post office?   to do something quickly
13	To keep ones chin up	to try to be cheerful	<u>Keep your chin up!</u> The exam season will be over soon!
14	Learn/know (off) by heart	to memorise	I <u>know the Harry Potter books off by heart!</u>
15	To let one's hair down	to relax; to have fun	She needs to <u>let her hair down</u> ! She is always so stressed!
16	My lips are sealed	your secret is safe with me	<u>My lips are sealed!</u> I have no idea how much that dress cost...
17	Makes my blood boil	makes me very angry	The way that they have underpaid and mistreated you over the years <u>makes my blood boil!</u>
18	Over my dead body	you cannot do that until I am dead	<u>Over my dead body!</u> I will never let you drive my car.
19	Pat on the back	recognition/thank you	I think I deserve <u>a pat on the back</u> after all of my hard work today!
20	Play something by ear	do something without a plan	I don't know if the weather will be dry enough for a picnic. <u>Let's play it by ear.</u>
21	Pull one's leg	joke or tease someone	Are you <u>pulling my leg</u> ? Are you really moving away?
22	Rule of thumb	general, basic rule (not always right/followed)	As a <u>rule of thumb</u> , a cup of coffee contains about 80mg of caffeine.
23	See eye to eye	agree on something	Her parents didn't <u>see eye to eye</u> on her education.
24	Sweet tooth	a love of sweet things	My grandma once requested a dinner party of JUST puddings. She has such <u>a sweet tooth</u> !
25	Wash one's hands of something	to stop dealing with an issue or problem	<u>I'm washing my hands</u> of him. He causes too many problems.

# Activity

**Choose the correct idiom for the underlined portion of the sentence.**

1) I have to tell you something that is on my mind; it has been bothering me for quite a while.

- a. get something off my chest
- b. make my blood boil
- c. play it by ear

2) I was unaware that it was happening, but she had been cheating on me for years!

- a. keep an eye on it
- b. see eye to eye
- c. had my head in the clouds

3) You cannot do until I am dead! That is my car, and you will never drive it!

- a. I am all ears
- b. Cry your heart out
- c. Over my dead body

4) She is going through a tough time, but she is trying to be cheerful.

- a. pulling my leg
- b. keeping her chin up
- c. breaking a leg

5) I am fully listening now - please tell me about your day.

- a. all ears
- b. crying my heart out
- c. in over my head

6) I have to run to the bathroom, but I have my computer here. Can you monitor it?

- a. break a leg
- b. keep an eye on it
- c. see eye to eye

7) That cookie fell on the floor. As a general rule, don't eat that!

- a. sweet tooth
- b. rule of thumb
- c. all ears

8) They always cause problems for us. Patricia said that she is going to stop dealing with them.

- a. wash her cars
- b. wash her ears
- c. wash her hands of

1) a 2) c 3) c 4) b 5) a 6) b 7) b 8) c

# The End

# 10 BEAUTIFUL FLOWER IDIOMS

## VOCABULARY LESSON

In this lesson, you will learn 10 beautiful floral expressions used in British English. Even if it is not spring, you can still use these expressions to help add some colour to your conversations.

No.	Idiom	Meaning	Example
1	To come up/out smelling of roses	to emerge from a situation with one's reputation undamaged	The scandal could have ruined her reputation, <u>but she came up smelling of roses</u> .
2	To go to seed	to decline in quality or appearance	After having children, he started <u>to go to seed</u> . He didn't look so good anymore.
3	As fresh as a daisy	healthy and full of energy	I thought I'd have a hangover, but I've woken up <u>as fresh as a daisy</u> .
4	A late bloomer	someone who develops later on in life, either physically or mentally	Colonel Sanders, the founder of KFC, was <u>a late bloomer</u> . He founded KFC at 65.
5	No bed of roses	difficult/not easy	Gaining UK citizenship is <u>no bed of roses</u> . It's very difficult.
6	Pushing up the daisies	dead	My late uncle Malcom is <u>pushing up the daisies</u> .
7	Oops a daisy!	an expression used to indicate surprise	Will: You left the front door open! Lucy: <u>Oops a daisy!</u>
8	A shrinking violet	someone who is shy and doesn't like to share their views or opinions	I am no <u>shrinking violet</u> when it comes to sharing my opinions.
9	To nip something in the bud	to stop something at an early stage	If you see yourself developing a bad habit, try and <u>nip it in the bud</u> before it becomes ingrained.
10	To smell the roses	to appreciate what is often ignored	Every morning I like to stop and <u>smell the roses</u> and take my dog for a walk.

# Activity

Select the antonym (opposite) meaning of the underlined idiom in each sentence.

1) Our building has really gone to seed ever since the groundskeeper was replaced.

- a. to be improved
- b. to lose business
- c. to decline in quality

2) The process for opening a restaurant is no bed of roses.

- a. difficult
- b. very frustrating
- c. very easy

3) You'll be pushing up the daisies if you steal my newspaper again!

- a. gardening
- b. alive and well
- c. dead

4) Relax, mate! Take a break and smell the roses; enjoy your life.

- a. work harder
- b. appreciate one's surroundings
- c. take everything for granted

**Choose the correct word(s) to complete each sentence.**

5) He didn't write his first novel until he was retired. You could describe him as a late \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. boomer
- b. bloomer
- c. groomer

6) Don't bother asking her, she is a \_\_\_\_\_ violet!

- a. shrinking
- b. shrieking
- c. shirting

7) We need to \_\_\_\_\_ this in the \_\_\_\_\_. He can't talk to us like that.

- a. nib; mud
- b. nip; bud
- c. nip; spud

8) You look as \_\_\_\_\_ as a daisy this morning! I feel rough!

- a. fresh
- b. flesh
- c. French

1) a 2) c 3) b 4) c 5) b 6) a 7) b 8) a

# The End

# 5 SPRING IDIOMS

## VOCABULARY LESSON

Are you ready to spring into some new idioms? This lesson will teach you 5 spring-related idioms to help increase your English fluency.

Idiom	Meaning	Example
No spring chicken!	no longer young	My grandfather is <u>no spring chicken</u> , but he still exercises daily.



Idiom	Meaning	Example
The grass is always greener on the other side	other people have it better than you, although that may not be true	I got a new job thinking <u>the grass would be greener</u> on the other side, but I am still not happy.

Idiom	Meaning	Example
A ray of sunshine	a person or thing that bring joy or happiness to others	My dog is a little <u>ray of sunshine</u> . I love seeing his smiling face and wagging tail in the morning.

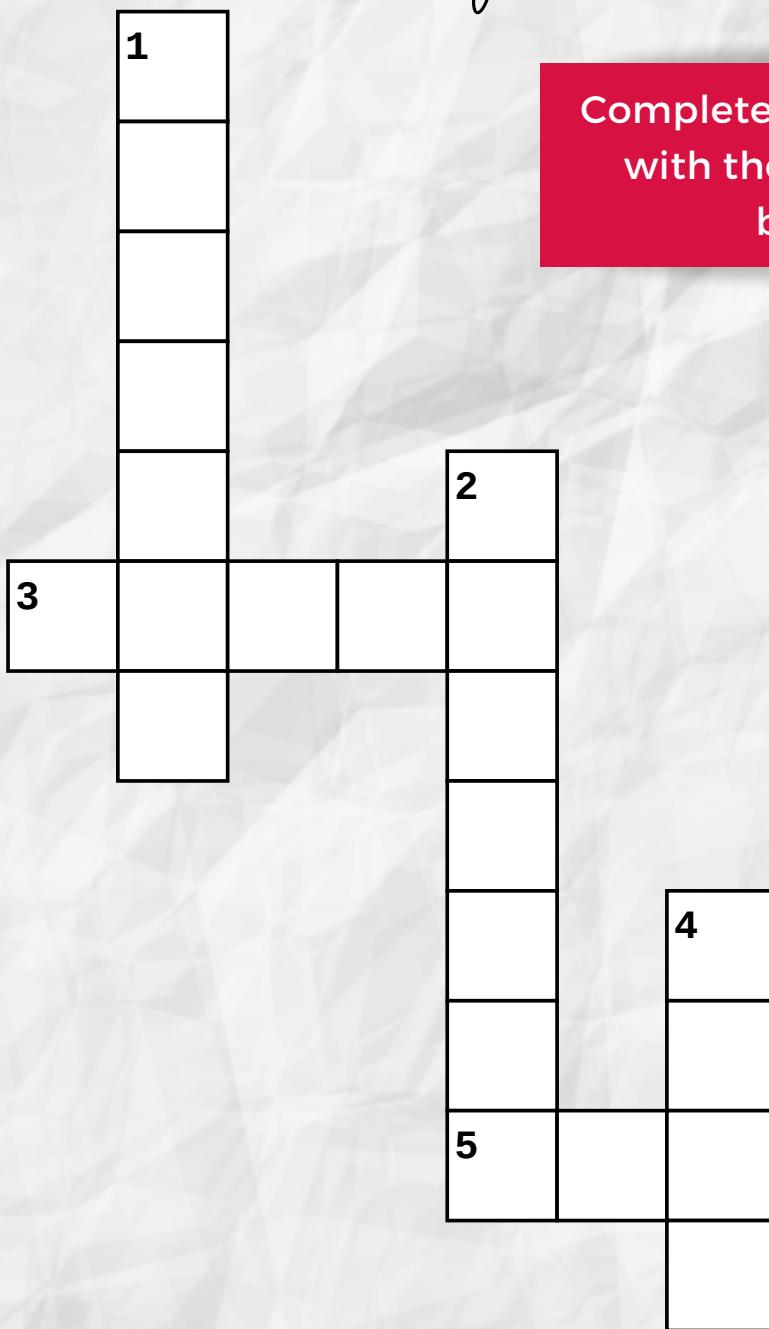


Idiom	Meaning	Example
Spring fever	the feeling of restlessness just before summer; wanting to be active	The weather is getting so nice! I am getting <u>spring fever</u> - who wants to have a picnic?

Idiom	Meaning	Example
To be full of the joys of spring	feeling very happy or enthusiastic	I am <u>full of the joys of spring</u> . Things are going so well in my life!



# Activity



Complete the crossword  
with the clues given  
below.

## Across

3. Spring \_\_\_\_\_: wanting to be active before summer
5. A \_\_\_\_\_ of sunshine:a person or thing that bring joy or happiness to others

## Down

1. No spring \_\_\_\_\_: no longer young
2. The grass is always \_\_\_\_\_ on the other side: to think other people have it better than you
4. To be full of the \_\_\_\_\_ of spring:feeling very happy or enthusiastic

1) chicken 2) greener 3) fever 4) joys 5) sunshine

The End

# 20 ENGLISH IDIOMS TO SOUND NATIVE

## VOCABULARY LESSON

This lesson will introduce you to 20 idioms that are commonly used by native English speakers. If you want to sound more native, this is the lesson for you!

No.	Idiom	Meaning	Example
1	A drop in the ocean	a very small part or insignificant amount of something big	The government's pledge to increase health funding by £100m is <u>just a drop in the ocean</u> compared to the billions that need to be spent.
2	Actions speak louder than words	It's better to actually do something rather than just talk about it.	Stop apologising and prove to me that I can trust you - <u>actions speak louder than words</u> .
3	To add fuel to the fire	to make a problem worse	Don't tell her about the delays - you'll just be <u>adding fuel to the fire</u> .
4	The ball is in your court	it's up to you to make the next step or decision	I've done all I can do - <u>the ball is in your court</u> .
5	To bend over backwards	to do whatever it takes to help someone	Our company is <u>bending over backwards</u> to satisfy our customers.
6	To bite off more than you can chew	to take on a task that is too big	I think I've <u>bitten off more than I can chew</u> with this project.
7	By the skin of one's teeth	to only just succeed at something by a narrow margin	I think I might have passed that exam <u>by the skin of my teeth</u> !
8	To cry wolf	call for help when you don't need it	My new flatmate is constantly <u>crying wolf</u> .

9	To cut somebody some slack	to give somebody a break	You need <u>to cut the intern some slack</u> - they are still learning.
10	To cut to the chase	leave out all the unnecessary details and just get to the point	<u>To cut to the chase</u> - I'm not comfortable working alongside John anymore.
11	To get one's head around something	to come to understand something	I'm going to spend tonight trying to <u>get my head around this new legislation</u> .
12	To hear on the grapevine	to hear a rumour or unconfirmed story	I <u>heard on the grapevine</u> that our receptionist will be leaving us soon.
13	It takes two to tango	actions or communications need more than one person	Don't just blame him for the affair - <u>it takes two to tango</u> !
14	To miss the boat	To miss the opportunity to do something	I think you've <u>missed the boat</u> on that application - they've already started interviewing candidates..
15	A piece of cake	really easy	That pop quiz was <u>a piece of cake</u> !
16	Pull yourself together!	calm down and act normally	I think you need to <u>pull yourself together</u> and stop stressing about the presentation.
17	To sit/to be on the fence	to stay neutral and not take sides	I'm <u>sitting on the fence</u> on this one - I don't want to offend anyone.
18	To step up one's game	start performing better	If you really want to get this promotion, you'll have <u>to seriously step up your game</u> .
19	To sell somebody out	to snitch on someone or let their secret out	I asked you to keep this information to yourself. I can't believe you <u>sold me out</u> like that!
20	Your guess is as good as mine	to not know something	We don't have enough data. <u>Your guess is as good as mine</u> .

# Activity

Complete each sentence with the correct idiom.

1) We appreciate all of the hard work you have been doing with the fundraiser, but the money earned was only a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. ball in your court
- b. a drop in the ocean
- c. skin of my teeth

2) It's too late for you to get the discount, you've missed \_\_\_\_\_ for this sale.

- a. the boat
- b. the wagon
- c. the ship

3) How did you do on the entrance exam? I thought it was \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. a piece of cake
- b. a piece of bread
- c. a piece of cupcake

4) Spare me the details and \_\_\_\_\_. What are you going to do about this huge error?

- a. cut to the words
- b. tell me the truth
- c. cut to the chase

5) She was simply adding \_\_\_\_\_ when she brought up the fact that 500 pounds were missing.

- a. wood to the fire
- b. flames to the fire
- c. fuel to the fire

6) We had to \_\_\_\_\_ to get it done in time, but we hope you like your birthday cake!

- a. bend over the sofa
- b. bend over backwards
- c. bend it out

7) He made it to the meeting by the skin \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. of his teeth
- b. of her teeth
- c. of my teeth

8) Don't drag me into this; I am staying right here \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. on the bench
- b. on the fence
- c. on the sofa

1) b 2) a 3) c 4) d 5) e 6) f 7) g 8) h

# The End