













Idioms









Idioms are word combinations that have a different figurative meaning than the literal meanings of each word or phrase. They can be confusing for children or people learning a language as they don't mean what they say.

Below are some examples:















Everyday Idioms

-  A rip-off – Too expensive
-  Add fuel to the fire – To add more to an existing problem
-  Call it a day – Time to quit
-  Cool as a cucumber – To be very calm under stress
-  Get a kick out of it – Really enjoy/like something
-  Get your act together – Behave properly
-  Give it a shot – To try to do something
-  In hot water – Be in trouble
-  It's in the bag – It's a certainty
-  Out of the blue – With no warning
-  Piece of cake – Something very easy
-  Read between the lines – Find the hidden meaning

Body Part Idioms

-  Get cold feet – Be nervous
-  Giving the cold shoulder – Ignore someone
-  Have a change of heart – Changed your mind
-  I'm all ears – You have my full attention
-  It cost an arm and a leg – It was expensive
-  See eye to eye – Agree
-  Slipped my mind – I forgot
-  Speak your mind – Say what you really feel

Animal Idioms

-  A bull in a china shop - Someone who is very clumsy
-  Bee in her bonnet - She is upset
-  Cry crocodile tears - To pretend to be upset
-  Fish out of water - Being somewhere you don't belong
-  Hold your horses - Wait a minute
-  Horse of a different color - Something that is quite different, a separate issue
-  Let the cat out of the bag - Tell a secret
-  Make a mountain out of a molehill - Make something unimportant into a big deal
-  Pig out - To eat a lot
-  Raining cats and dogs - It is raining very hard
-  Snail's pace – To move extremely slow
-  The world is your oyster – You can achieve whatever/go wherever you want
-  When pigs fly - To say something is impossible
-  Wolf in sheep's clothing - A person who pretends to be nice but is not