

Idioms Examples Sentences	
Idiom	Meaning
Break the ice	Sarah told a funny story to break the ice at the meeting.
A piece of cake	The English test was a piece of cake for Maria.
Hit the nail on the head	You hit the nail on the head when you said we need better planning.
Under the weather	I stayed home because I was feeling under the weather .
Spill the beans	Tom accidentally spilled the beans about the surprise party.
Once in a blue moon	We eat at that expensive restaurant once in a blue moon .
Cost an arm and a leg	Buying a new car can cost an arm and a leg these days.
Bite the bullet	I decided to bite the bullet and finish the difficult assignment.
Let the cat out of the bag	Emma let the cat out of the bag about our holiday plans.
Burn the midnight oil	Jack burned the midnight oil to prepare for his final exam.
On cloud nine	She was on cloud nine after winning the competition.
Add fuel to the fire	His rude comment only added fuel to the fire during the argument.
Call it a day	We finished the main tasks and decided to call it a day .
Go the extra mile	Our teacher always goes the extra mile to help struggling students.
Through thick and thin	My best friend has supported me through thick and thin .

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Back to square one	When our first plan failed, we went back to square one .
Bark up the wrong tree	If you think I broke the window, you are barking up the wrong tree .
Get cold feet	Daniel got cold feet just before giving his speech.
Hit the sack	I am exhausted, so I am going to hit the sack early tonight.
In hot water	He was in hot water after missing an important deadline.
Jump the gun	Do not jump the gun before you receive all the information.
Kill two birds with one stone	I killed two birds with one stone by exercising while walking to work.
Make ends meet	They work hard every month to make ends meet .
Out of the blue	My childhood friend called me out of the blue yesterday.
Put all your eggs in one basket	You should not put all your eggs in one basket when investing money.
See eye to eye	My brother and I do not always see eye to eye on important matters.
Cross your fingers	Cross your fingers and hope that I pass my driving test.
Easy does it	Easy does it when you carry that glass table downstairs.
Face the music	He had to face the music after lying to his parents.
Get out of hand	The celebration got out of hand when too many people arrived.

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Hang in there	Hang in there ; you only have one more week of exams.
In the same boat	We are in the same boat because neither of us has finished the project.
Keep your chin up	Keep your chin up ; another opportunity will come soon.
Leave no stone unturned	The police left no stone unturned in their search for the missing documents.
Make a long story short	To make a long story short , we missed the train and took a bus instead.
No pain no gain	He exercises every morning because he believes in no pain no gain .
On the same page	We held a short meeting to make sure everyone was on the same page .
Play it by ear	We have no fixed plan for Saturday, so we will play it by ear .
Blow off steam	I went for a long walk to blow off steam after a stressful day.
Cut corners	The builder cut corners , so the repairs did not last very long.
Get the ball rolling	Let us get the ball rolling by discussing the first question.
Have bigger fish to fry	I cannot worry about that small problem because I have bigger fish to fry .
In the nick of time	We reached the airport in the nick of time and caught our flight.
Learn the ropes	It took Mia a few weeks to learn the ropes at her new job.
Off the hook	My brother washed the dishes, so I was off the hook .

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Put your foot in your mouth	I put my foot in my mouth when I asked about a party she had not been invited to.
Speak of the devil	Speak of the devil ; we were just talking about you.
Take a rain check	I cannot have lunch today, but I would like to take a rain check .
Throw in the towel	Despite several difficulties, she refused to throw in the towel .
Walk on eggshells	Everyone was walking on eggshells around the angry manager.
A dime a dozen	Cheap phone cases are a dime a dozen at this market.
Burn bridges	Try not to burn bridges when you leave your current job.
Cut to the chase	We only have ten minutes, so let us cut to the chase .
Hit the road	We should hit the road early if we want to avoid traffic.
In a nutshell	In a nutshell , the plan is to reduce costs and improve service.
Lose your touch	I have not played tennis for years, so I may have lost my touch .
On thin ice	You are on thin ice after being late three times this week.
The tip of the iceberg	These small errors are only the tip of the iceberg .
Turn a blind eye	The manager refused to turn a blind eye to repeated rule violations.
Time flies	Time flies when you are enjoying yourself with good friends.

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A drop in the ocean	Our small donation is a drop in the ocean , but every contribution helps.
By the skin of your teeth	He passed the final exam by the skin of his teeth .
Cry over spilled milk	There is no point crying over spilled milk ; we need to solve the problem.
Down to earth	Despite her success, Anna remains friendly and down to earth .
Every cloud has a silver lining	Losing the match was disappointing, but every cloud has a silver lining because we learned from our mistakes.
Hit the books	I have an important test tomorrow, so I need to hit the books tonight.
In black and white	The rules are written in black and white in the student handbook.
Live and learn	I forgot to save my work and lost everything, but you live and learn .
Ring a bell	Her name rings a bell , but I cannot remember where we met.
Take the plunge	After months of planning, they finally took the plunge and opened their own shop.
The last straw	His rude behavior at dinner was the last straw for his parents.
Turn over a new leaf	After failing the exam, Sam decided to turn over a new leaf and study regularly.
When pigs fly	My brother says he will clean his room every day, but that will happen when pigs fly .
You can say that again	This has been a difficult week. You can say that again!
Zip your lip	Zip your lip about the surprise until Sarah arrives.