

#	Idiom	Meaning
1	A blessing in disguise	A good thing that seemed bad at first
2	A dime a dozen	Something common and easy to get
3	Beat around the bush	Avoid saying what you mean directly
4	Better late than never	Better to arrive late than not at all
5	Bite the bullet	To force yourself to do something unpleasant
6	Break a leg	Good luck!
7	Call it a day	Stop working on something
8	Cut corners	To do something badly or cheaply to save time/money

9	Get out of hand	Get out of control
10	Hang in there	Don't give up
11	Hit the sack	Go to sleep
12	It's not rocket science	It's not complicated
13	Let someone off the hook	To not hold someone responsible for something
14	Make a long story short	Tell something briefly
15	Miss the boat	It's too late
16	No pain, no gain	You have to work hard for what you want
17	On the ball	Doing a good job; being alert
18	Pull someone's leg	To joke with someone

19	So far so good	Things are going well so far
20	Speak of the devil	The person we were just talking about showed up

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21	Burn the midnight oil	To stay up late studying or working
22	Go the extra mile	Make an extra effort
23	Keep your chin up	Remain cheerful in a difficult situation
24	Let the cat out of the bag	Reveal a secret
25	Piece of cake	A task that is very easy
26	Spill the beans	Reveal secret information

27	Take it with a grain of salt	Don't take it too seriously
28	Under the weather	Feeling ill
29	A penny for your thoughts	Tell me what you're thinking
30	Add insult to injury	To make a bad situation worse
31	Barking up the wrong tree	Looking in the wrong place or accusing the wrong person
32	Bite off more than you can chew	Take on a task that is way too big
33	Costs an arm and a leg	Very expensive
34	Cry over spilled milk	Complain about a loss from the past
35	Don't put all your eggs in one basket	Don't risk everything on one venture

36	Every cloud has a silver lining	Good things come after bad things
37	Give the benefit of the doubt	Believe someone's statement without proof
38	Hit the nail on the head	Describe exactly what is causing a situation
39	Jump on the bandwagon	Follow a trend
40	Kill two birds with one stone	Solve two problems at once

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41	Once in a blue moon	An event that happens infrequently
42	See eye to eye	Agreeing with someone
43	Steal someone's thunder	Take the attention away from someone else

44	Taste of your own medicine	Being treated the same bad way you treat others
45	The whole nine yards	Everything; all of it
46	Wild goose chase	A hopeless pursuit
47	You can't judge a book by its cover	Don't judge based primarily on appearance
48	A drop in the ocean	A very small part of something much bigger
49	Actions speak louder than words	What you do is more important than what you say
50	Add fuel to the fire	Make a conflict worse
51	The ball is in your court	It's your decision now
52	Bite the dust	To die or fail

53	Break the ice	Make people feel more comfortable
54	By the skin of your teeth	Just barely
55	Close, but no cigar	Almost successful, but not quite
56	Cross that bridge when you come to it	Deal with a problem if and when it becomes necessary
57	Cry wolf	Call for help when it's not needed
58	Curiosity killed the cat	Being inquisitive can lead you into an unpleasant situation
59	Cut to the chase	Get to the point
60	Down in the dumps	Sad or depressed

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61	Elephant in the room	An obvious problem that people avoid discussing
62	Fit as a fiddle	In very good health
63	Go down in flames	Fail spectacularly
64	Good things come to those who wait	Be patient
65	Have your cake and eat it too	Have it both ways (usually impossible)
66	Ignorance is bliss	You're better off not knowing
67	It takes two to tango	Actions or communications need more than one person
68	Keep your friends close and your enemies closer	Watch your enemies carefully
69	Let sleeping dogs lie	Stop discussing an issue that is already resolved

70	Look before you leap	Calculate the risks before acting
71	Not playing with a full deck	Someone who lacks intelligence
72	Out of the blue	Completely unexpected
73	Out of the frying pan and into the fire	Going from a bad situation to a worse one
74	Play devil's advocate	To argue the opposite side just to test an idea
75	Put your best foot forward	Try your absolute best
76	Rain on someone's parade	To spoil a moment
77	Read between the lines	Find the hidden meaning
78	Rule of thumb	A general, unwritten rule

79	Saved by the bell	Rescued from difficulty at the last moment
80	Sick as a dog	Very physically ill

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81	Sit on the fence	Cannot make up your mind
82	Snowball effect	Events have momentum and build upon each other
83	Step up your game	Start performing better
84	Straight from the horse's mouth	Hearing something directly from the source
85	Take a rain check	Postpone a plan
86	The best of both worlds	An ideal situation combining two good things

87	The early bird catches the worm	The first people to arrive will get the best stuff
88	The tip of the iceberg	A small, visible part of a much larger problem
89	Through thick and thin	Being loyal no matter what
90	Throw caution to the wind	Take a risk
91	Time flies when you're having fun	You don't notice how long something lasts when it's fun
92	To get cold feet	To become too scared to do something
93	Up in the air	Uncertain or undecided
94	Wear your heart on your sleeve	Express your emotions freely
95	Weather the storm	Survive a difficult situation

96	When pigs fly	Something that will never happen
97	Wrap your head around something	Understand something complicated
98	You scratch my back, I'll scratch yours	If you help me, I'll help you
99	Zip your lip	To stop talking
100	A picture is worth a thousand words	Visuals explain things better than text