

Common Idioms

Bad Apple	A discontented, troublemaking, or dishonest person
Go Pear-Shaped	To fail; to go wrong
Life is A Bowl of Cherries	Life is wonderful or very pleasant
Second Banana	A person in a subservient position
Snowball's Chance in Hell	No chance at all
Behind the Scenes	In a way not apparent to the public
Cooking Up a Storm	Cooking a great deal of food
Hit the Books	To study (generally said of students)
Hit the Hay	To go to bed
Change One's Tune	To alter one's opinion about something
Face The Music	Dealing with consequences of one's actions
Get the Picture	Understand what's happening
When It Rains, It Pours	Problems tend to come in groups
Behind the Times	Old-fashioned
Take Your Time	Don't hurry, work at a relaxed pace
Time is Money	Time is valuable, so don't waste it

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All Ears

Listening willingly, waiting for an explanation

Lend an Ear

Listen

Wet Behind the Ears

Inexperienced, immature, new to something

Pay an Arm and a Leg

A very high cost

Change of Heart

A change in one's opinion or outlook

Touch One's Heart

Affect someone emotionally, be touching

Get One's Hands Dirty

To do the unpleasant parts of a job

Stiff-Necked

Stubborn; excessively formal

Get in Shape

Exercise in order to improve one's physical condition

Babe In The Woods

An innocent, naïve person

Wet Behind the Ears

Inexperienced, immature, new to something

First In, Best Dressed

The first people to do something will have an advantage

Old Hat

Old-fashioned, predictable

Bad Egg

Someone who is not to be trusted

Bottom of the Barrel

Low-quality choices

Couch Potato

A lazy person who watches a great deal of television

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Fly on the Wall	To be an unnoticed observer
Ants In Your Pants	Restlessness
Bell the Cat	Take on a difficult or impossible task
Early Bird	Someone who gets up early.
Get Someone's Goat	To irritate someone deeply
Go to the Dogs	To become disordered, to decay
Beyond the Pale	Too morally or socially extreme to accept
Mother Nature	The natural world
Through the Grapevine	Via gossip
Out of the Woods	No longer in danger
All Wet	Completely mistaken
On Cloud Nine	Extremely happy
Rain Cats And Dogs	Rain heavily
Chase Rainbows	To pursue unrealistic goals
Cutting-Edge	Very novel, innovative
Once In A Blue Moon	Very rarely

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Eat Someone's Lunch	Defeat someone thoroughly
Hard Nut To Crack	A difficult problem or a difficult person
Have Egg On Your Face	They are made to look foolish or embarrassed
In a Nutshell	Expressed in a few words
Piece of Cake	Very easily done
Spill the Beans	Reveal a secret
Think Big	Consider ambitious plans
Let One's Hair Down	To relax and enjoy themselves
Take It Easy	When you relax, or do things at a comfortable pace
Blow One's Top	Lose one's temper
Go Bananas	To become irrational or crazy
Under One's Belt	Safely or satisfactorily achieved, experienced, or acquired
Hit the Roof	Explode in rage; become extremely angry
Run into a Buzz Saw	Encounter severe and unexpected problems
Cutting-Edge	Very novel, innovative
Run Out of Steam	Lose momentum, become tired

Common Idioms

Up in the Air	Still to be settled
All Things Considered	Taking all factors into consideration
On the Same Page	In general agreement (with someone)
Out of Work	Unemployed
Move Up in the World	Become more successful
Cash-Strapped	In need of money
Flat Broke	Having no money at all
Dime a Dozen	Very cheap; easily obtained
Think Outside the Box	Try to solve a problem in an original way; think creatively
Stumbling Block	An obstacle, physical or abstract
Burn the Midnight Oil	Working late into the night
Thank God It's Friday	Let's be happy that the workweek is over!
On Point	Good, well done, effective
Put One's Face On	Apply cosmetics
Catch Someone's Eye	Attract someone's attention
Cry Your Eyes Out	Cry hard for a very long time