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Conversation for Idioms



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Example Sentences



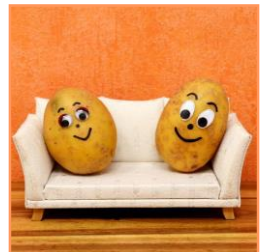
It won't be too hard for a **smart cookie** like you to learn English well.

Baby Lucy is the **apple of her mom's eye**.



Jack is the **big cheese** of the latest musical and he plays the lead.

My son is a **couch potato**. He just lies around eating chips and watching TV all day long.



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Key Idioms

FOOD

1. **smart cookie**

a smart person

2. **the apple of one's eye**

a person or thing that someone loves very much

3. **big cheese**

an important or influential person

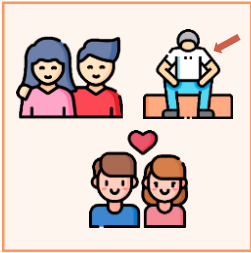
4. **couch potato**

a lazy and inactive person



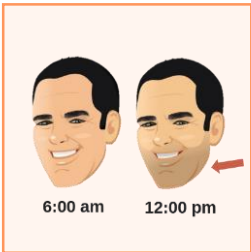
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He didn't realize that the party was for couples only, so when he showed up, he felt like a **fifth wheel**.

I was in control of myself for most of the evening but after drinking a lot of beer, I'm **one over the eight**.



I shave every morning but I get a **5 o'clock shadow** by lunchtime.

She was **at sixes and sevens** after cramming for her final exams.



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NUMBERS

1. fifth wheel

an extra and unnecessary person or thing

2. one over the eight

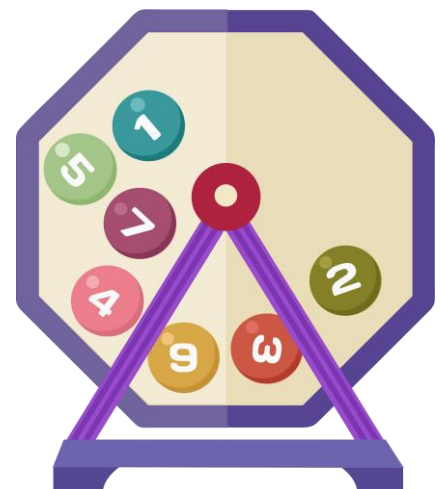
one drink too many

3. 5 o'clock shadow

a short beard on a man's face that has grown since the morning shave

4. at sixes and sevens

to be in a confused or badly organized situation



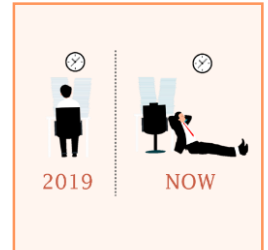
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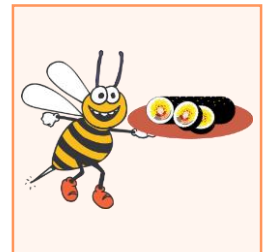
Her child is a **copycat**. She always imitates what her mother does and wears.

Thomas was an **eager beaver** when he started working here, but now he only does what is expected of him.



Simon speaks soft, but don't be fooled. He is **a wolf in sheep's clothing** pretending not to be evil.

We went to the new Korean restaurant and tried their rice rolls. It was truly **the bee's knees**!



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Key Idioms

ANIMALS (1)

1. copycat

a person who does the same thing as someone else

2. eager beaver

a person who is excessively diligent

3. a wolf in sheep's clothing

someone who appears harmless but is really dangerous

4. the bee's knees

an excellent or high-quality person or thing



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He is known as the family's **black sheep** because he is the only one who doesn't have a job.

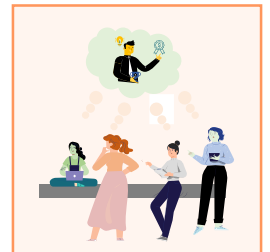
Mae is carrying on the **blue blood** lineage because her mother was a duchess and her father was a duke.



I've never been able to grow a plant, but my sister is the complete opposite because she has a **green thumb**.



Being a **golden boy** earned him the admiration of many ladies.

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“COLORFUL” PEOPLE

1. **black sheep**

a member of a group who is not well-liked

2. **blue blood**

member of a socially prominent family

3. **green thumb**

to have a natural talent for growing plants

4. **golden boy**

unusually successful at an early age



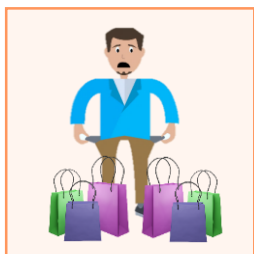
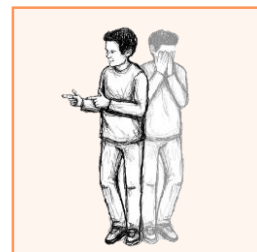
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Jane **keeps up with the Joneses** by buying expensive things even though she doesn't need them.

Despite his disappointment with his test results, he **keeps up appearances** by smiling.



Felix **lives beyond his means** so he is facing bankruptcy now.

When my father lost his job, we **lived from hand to mouth**.



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LIFESTYLE

1. keep up with the Joneses

not to be outdone with one's neighbors

2. keep up appearances

to hide something bad by pretending that nothing is wrong

3. live beyond one's means

spending more money than one can afford

4. live from hand to mouth

have hardly enough food or money to live on



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Albert always seems to be **in a fog**.
He can't focus on his work.

I was **on cloud nine** after
buying my dream car.



My daughter is absent today.
She feels **under the weather**.

He has his **head in the clouds**
whenever he thinks about becoming
an engineer. He is terrible at Math.



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Key Idioms

WEATHER (1)

1. **in a fog**
confused or unaware
2. **on cloud nine**
extremely happy and excited
3. **under the weather**
to feel ill or unwell
4. **head in the clouds**
to talk about impossible or stupid things



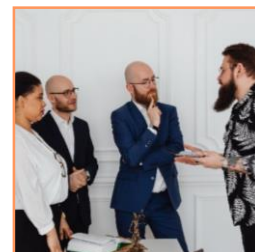
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Tessa has been **burning the candle at both ends** to finish her tasks.

The manager wants to **leave no stone unturned** in solving the company's current problem.



Most farmers in my country **go the extra mile** to support their families.

They **rolled up their sleeves** as soon as they were told that many customers would be coming.



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Key Idioms

WORK

1. burn the candle at both ends

to do too much by being active day and night

2. leave no stone unturned

to make every possible effort to find someone or something

3. go the extra mile

to do more than one is required to do

4. roll up one's sleeves

to prepare to work hard



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Everyone in the Fenty family can play a musical instrument. Music **runs in their family**.

Her parents are glad to know that they will soon be grandparents as she **has a bun in the oven**.



He's fortunate to have been **born with a silver spoon in his mouth**.

My dad is a mechanical engineer and I **followed in his footsteps**.



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FAMILY

1. runs in their family

a trait, ability, disease, or other characteristic shared by many (or all) members of a family

2. born with a silver spoon in one's mouth

someone born to wealthy parents of high social standing

3. have a bun in the oven

to be pregnant

4. follow in someone's footsteps

to do the same things that another person has done before



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When she is sad, a little **shopping therapy** is what she needs.

I'm not interested in buying anything in particular. I am just **window shopping**.



Lea is a millionaire, so **she shops till she drops** most of the time.

Jake is an efficient **bargain hunter**. He can find great deals on items fast.



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SHOPPING

1. shopping therapy

the idea that buying things can make you feel better

2. window shopping

to look at the displays in retail store windows without making purchases

3. shop till one drops

do a large amount of shopping

4. bargain hunter

one that goes shopping for bargains



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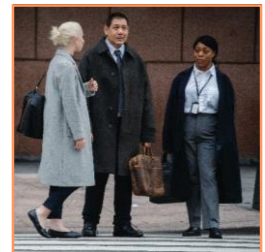
Her high school grades allow her **to get her foot in the door** for her desired college course.

His boss went on a business trip, so the assistant has to **step into his shoes** and function on his behalf.



Our teacher advised us to **think outside the box** and present our project in a unique way.

They stole money from the company and were told to **get the sack**.



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Key Idioms

JOBS

1. **get one's foot in the door**

to take the first step toward obtaining an opportunity

2. **step into someone's shoes**

to take over someone's place or job

3. **get the sack**

to be fired or dismissed from work

4. **think outside the box**

to think imaginatively using new ideas instead of traditional or expected ideas

