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Conversation for Idioms



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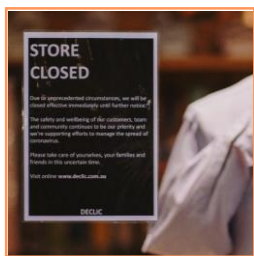
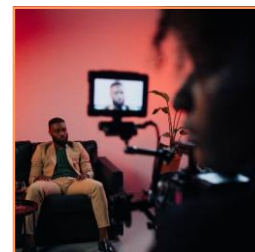
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Example Sentences



Anna **hit the jackpot** with her new job. It pays big time.

The new actor is **in the ascendant** in Hollywood. He is getting more movie projects.



My business is **on the ropes** due to the pandemic.

His plan to win the competition **bit the dust** when he met a very strong opponent.



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Key Idioms

SUCCESS AND FAILURES

1. hit the jackpot

to have a big success or make a big profit, usually through luck

2. in the ascendant

getting more power, influence, or popularity than other people or things

3. on the ropes

in a desperate position; in a state of near collapse or defeat

4. bite the dust

emphasizing that something no longer exists or that it has failed



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Example Sentences



John plans to treat me to dinner but I insisted to **go Dutch**.

Adrian **took French leave** again. The party isn't over and he's nowhere to be found.



He was explaining a complicated Math problem but I didn't get it.
It's all Greek to me.

There seems to be a **Mexican standoff** as no one was willing to listen to each others' opinions.



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Key Idioms

NATIONALITIES

1. go Dutch

each paying for his/her own bill

2. it's all Greek to me

difficult to understand

3. take French leave

to leave or go away without permission

4. Mexican standoff

a situation in which neither side can win an argument



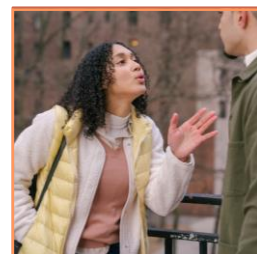
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Example Sentences



Sometimes telling **white lies** may be the only option to not offend people.

Be careful when you talk to Marie. She might **pull the wool over your eyes** so that you will give her what she wants.



Some companies are **taking their employees for a ride**; assuring them bonuses that do not happen.

I am reminding you to **take everything** Erica **says with a grain of salt**. Don't forget that she always makes things up.



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Key Idioms

TRUTH AND LIES

1. white lie

a harmless lie, especially told to avoid hurting someone

2. take someone for a ride

to deliberately deceive or cheat someone

3. pull the wool over someone's eyes

to deceive someone in hopes of taking advantage of them

4. take something with a grain of salt

to not completely believe something you are told



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Example Sentences



The latest phone **costs an arm and a leg**. I can't afford to buy it.

I am building **a nest egg** now because I want to have a new house.



I had to **tighten my belt** since I was fired from my job.

My salary is **burning a hole in my pocket**. I can't wait to spend it.



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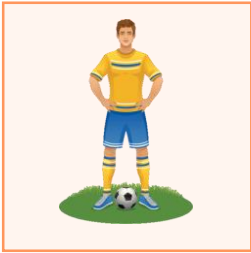
Key Idioms

MONEY

- 1. cost an arm and a leg**
to be extremely expensive
- 2. a nest egg**
a sum of money that has been kept for a special purpose
- 3. tighten one's belt**
to spend less than usual in order to save money
- 4. burn a hole in one's pocket**
in one's possession and cause an intense urge to make use of it



1 Example Sentences



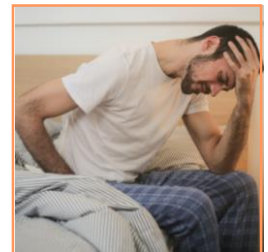
Jack is the leader of the football team.
He gets to **call the shots** on what the members should do.

My mom tried to **light a fire under me**
so I would finish my homework quickly.



I dislike it when they **put me on the spot**
to answer the teacher's questions. I'm just
as clueless as everyone else!

A: Brett missed work again.
B: **Cut him some slack.**
He has been very sick lately.



2 Key Idioms

LEADERSHIP

1. **call the shots**
to be in a position to tell others what to do
2. **light a fire under someone**
to push someone to work more efficiently
3. **put someone on the spot**
to force someone to answer a
difficult question
4. **cut someone some slack**
to treat someone in a better way



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Example Sentences



He works **around the clock** because he needs to finish the report as soon as possible.

Her doctor advised her to eat chocolate only **once in a blue moon** due to her health condition.



It's always **a race against time** for me to get to work.

There were only a few seconds left but my team scored **in the nick of time**.



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Key Idioms

TIME

1. around the clock

all day and all night without stopping

2. once in a blue moon

something extremely rare
in occurrence

3. a race against time

to do something in a hurry, as
quickly as possible

4. in the nick of time

only just in time or at the last
possible moment



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Example Sentences



Some government officials have **skeletons in their closets**. They are acting as if they have a good conscience.

I told Ricky to leave me alone.
My personal life is **none of his business**.



Mary always **sticks her nose into our business**. She couldn't stop concerning herself with things not related to her.

My secrets are safe with Hannah. She knows how to **keep my secrets under her hat**.



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Key Idioms

SECRETS

- 1. skeletons in their closets**
a secret from one's past
- 2. none of someone's business**
something that is of no concern to another
- 3. stick one's nose into something**
to discover things that are not really related to oneself
- 4. keep something under one's hat**
keep something as a secret



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Example Sentences



Peppa was **over the moon** when she received presents on her birthday.

My mom was **in seventh heaven** when I graduated from college.



Paul was **walking on air** when he was promoted at work.

She **grinned from ear to ear** when the host declared her as the winner.



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Key Idioms

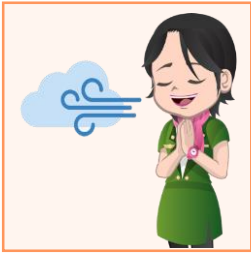
HAPPINESS

- 1. over the moon**
very pleased or delighted
- 2. in seventh heaven**
to be extremely happy
- 3. walk on air**
to feel very happy
- 4. grin from ear to ear**
smile with extreme happiness



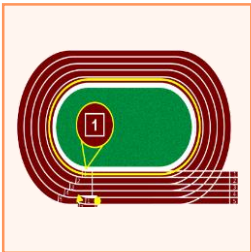
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Example Sentences



Our new teacher is **a breath of fresh air**.
She uses exciting activities to teach us.

My friend used to be so popular,
but now **the tide has turned**.



His first plan failed, so he will **go back to square one** but he will not give up.

Now that we have all the things needed for
the party, let's **set the wheels in motion**.



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Key Idioms

CHANGE

1. a breath of fresh air

an exciting change for the better

2. the tide has turned

circumstances or people's opinions are
the opposite of what they used to be

3. go back to square one

to be returned to an initial starting point.

4. set the wheels in motion

to act to cause something to begin



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Example Sentences



I lost my phone yesterday but my mom gave me a better one! **Every cloud has a silver lining.**

Thanks to her friends, Annie still has **stars in her eyes** despite her illness.



I am **keeping my fingers crossed** that the weather stays good during our picnic.

After years of studying non-stop, I can now **see the light at the end of the tunnel.**



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Key Idioms

HOPE

1. **every cloud has a silver lining**
every bad situation holds the possibility of something good
2. **stars in one's eyes**
great hope and enthusiasm about the future
3. **keep one's fingers crosses**
hope that someone or something will be successful
4. **see the light at the end of the tunnel**
the end of the difficult or unpleasant situation that you are in at the moment

