

# TOPIC

## Conversation for Idioms



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## Example Sentences



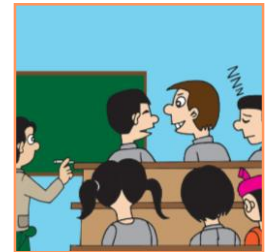
It is a three-hour drive from here to the venue.  
We should **hit the road** now.

My mother will be mad at me because I am  
moving **at a snail's pace**. I should move quicker.



We **had a whale of a time** at the party last night  
that we did not want to go home.

People are already tired of waiting.  
Let us **get the show on the road**  
before they start going home.



## 2

## Key Idioms

## TRAVEL

## 1. hit the road

to leave or begin a journey

## 2. at a snail's pace

extremely slowly

## 3. have a whale of a time

to enjoy oneself very much

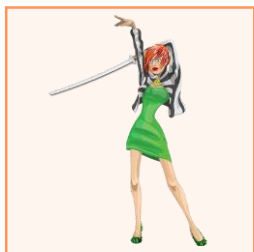
## 4. get the show on the road

to begin an activity that has been planned



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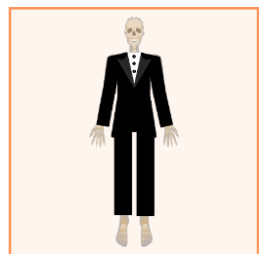
Amy was **dressed to kill** in a green dress, sparkling necklace, and heels.

Selena **cuts a dash** in her dress during the college ball. Everyone is looking at her.



Mr. Smith **looks like a million dollars** in his new tie. I guess it is quite expensive.

He was **all skin and bones** after he got sick.



## 2

## Key Idioms

## APPEARANCE

1. **dressed to kill**

dressed in fancy or stylish clothes  
to impress people

2. **cut a dash**

to look attractive, especially by wearing  
fashionable clothes

3. **look/ feel like a million dollars/ bucks**

look extremely good

4. **all skin and bones**

a condition or state of extreme thinness



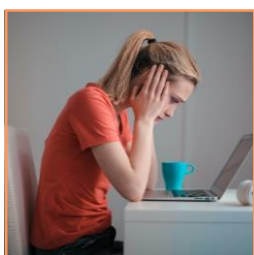
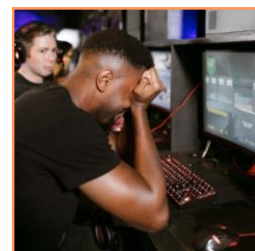
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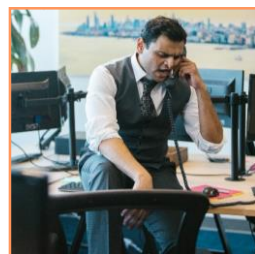
I was **on top of the world** when I received my gift.

He was a little bit **down in the dumps** when he lost the game.



Sandra was **on pins and needles** waiting for her entrance exam results.

The call from his client **makes his blood boil**.



# 2

## Key Idioms

### EMOTIONS [1]

#### 1. on top of the world

happy and elated



#### 2. down in the dumps

(of a person) depressed or unhappy



#### 3. on pins and needles

in a nervous or jumpy state of anticipation



#### 4. make one's blood boil

make someone angry



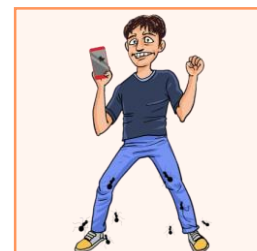
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Drew gets **butterflies in his stomach** whenever he speaks on stage in front of so many people.

I had **ants in my pants** when I accidentally broke my brother's smartphone.



I was going to go rock climbing, but I **chickened out** at the last minute.

Okay, don't **have a cow**.  
I lost your laptop, but I got you a new one.



# 2

## Key Idioms

## EMOTIONS [2]

### 1. butterflies in one's stomach

to be nervous or anxious about something



### 2. ants in your pants

unable to sit still or remain calm out of nervousness or excitement



### 3. to chicken out

to decide not to do something because of fear



### 4. (don't) have a cow

to be very upset or angry about something

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## Example Sentences



Jill always **cries her eyes out** while watching sappy movies.

It would be a huge **weight off his shoulders** if he paid all his debts.



I hope your performance goes well tonight, Linda. Go **break a leg** out there!

I **get cold feet** just looking at the roller coaster.

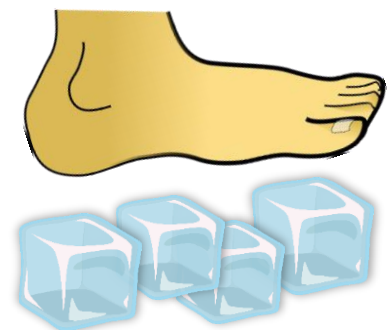


# 2

## Key Idioms

### BODY

- 1. cry one's eyes out**  
to cry a lot for a long period of time
- 2. weight off one's shoulders**  
to no longer have to worry about something
- 3. break a leg**  
to wish someone good luck, especially before a performance
- 4. get cold feet**  
to become too nervous to do something



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## Example Sentences



You have to be ready to **face the music** of your wrong actions.

My teacher's compliments were **music to my ears**.



I used to hate banana cakes when I was young, but now I **sing a different tune**.

Jeremy **blows his own trumpet** by showing off his money to us.



# 2

## Key Idioms

## MUSIC

1. **face the music**  
to accept unpleasant consequences
2. **music to one's ears**  
something that is pleasant to hear
3. **sing a different tune**  
change one's opinion
4. **blow one's own trumpet**  
to boast about oneself



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## Example Sentences



I tried to **break the ice** by talking to him.

It was **raining cats and dogs** yesterday.



The whole idea is just a **storm in a teacup**.  
The argument is nothing.

I consider my friends as my **ray of sunshine**.



## 2

## Key Idioms

## WEATHER

1. **break the ice**

to ease the nervousness in a situation

2. **rain cats and dogs**

to rain very hard

3. **storm in a teacup**

to get angry about something unimportant

4. **ray of sunshine**

a cheerful person who makes you feel happy





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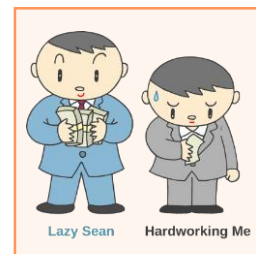
Before we begin our project, we must **get our ducks in a row**.

Fiona **took the bull by the horns** and told her noisy roommate to move out of her apartment.



Joe's issue was supposed to be a secret, but she **let the cat out of the bag**.

Sean is lazy and doesn't do much at work, but he **gets the lion's share** of the profit.



# 2

## Key Idioms

## ANIMALS (2)

### 1. get one's ducks in a row

to make all the necessary preparations for doing something

### 2. take the bull by the horns

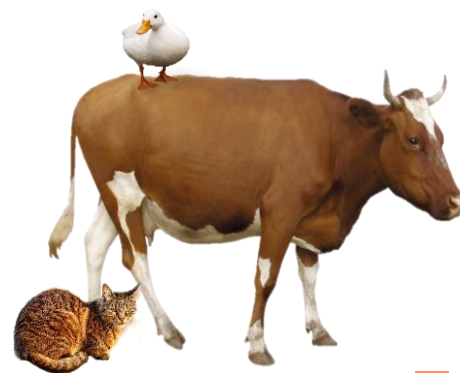
to deal with a difficult, dangerous, or unpleasant situation bravely

### 3. let the cat out of the bag

to unintentionally or accidentally reveal a secret

### 4. to have/get the lion's share

to have the largest part or share, especially a disproportionate portion



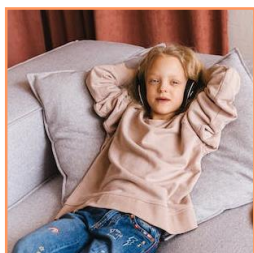
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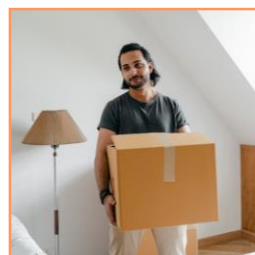
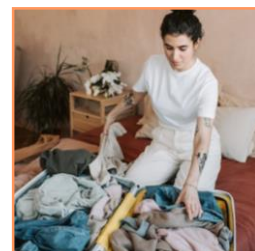


Ben wanted to buy my house, but **the ship has sailed**. Lara already bought it.

I did not know that our trip was canceled. I was just **spinning my wheels** packing my things all this time.



Tom should be busy doing his homework, but it seems like he is just **sleeping at the wheel**.



I should **paddle my own canoe** now that I have moved out of my parents' house.

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## Key Idioms

## TRANSPORTATION

### 1. the ship has sailed

an opportunity has already passed

### 2. spin one's wheel

to waste time and effort doing things that achieve nothing

### 3. sleep at the wheel

not paying attention to problems or important things

### 4. paddle one's own canoe

to be independent and self-sufficient



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## Example Sentences



The dress her mom gave her  
**fits like a glove.**

Winning as the best actor was a  
**feather in his cap.**



Luke is **in the pocket of Rose.** He always  
believes and follows what she says.

Mary always **wears her heart on her sleeve**  
so that everyone knows how she feels.



# 2

## Key Idioms

## CLOTHES

### 1. fit like a glove

be the right size or to be well suited

### 2. feather in his cap

an achievement or honor that someone can be proud of

### 3. in the pocket of someone

to be completely controlled by someone

### 4. wears one's heart on one's sleeve

to show one's emotions very openly

