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Conversation for Idioms



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Example Sentences



My teacher hasn't decided whether to give an exam or not. His decision is still **up in the air**.

I'm still **on the fence**, trying to decide which school I want to study at.



You promised to help me with my homework, but I've been waiting for hours. Now, it's time to **fish or cut bait**.

I've **made up my mind** that I would become an astronaut when I grow up.



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Key Idioms

DECISION

- 1. up in the air**
not yet decided
- 2. on the fence**
to be undecided between 2 options
- 3. fish or cut bait**
to either proceed with an activity or abandon it completely
- 4. make up one's mind**
to decide what to do or choose



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Example Sentences



The report we gave to the police is turning into a **hot potato**. They don't want to talk about it.

Johnny was told to keep everything a secret but he **spilled the beans**.



Even though he has got loads of work to do, he is still as **cool as a cucumber**.

I still cannot identify the twins. They are totally like **two peas in a pod**.



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Key Idioms

VEGETABLES

1. hot potato

a topic no one wants to deal with

2. spill the beans

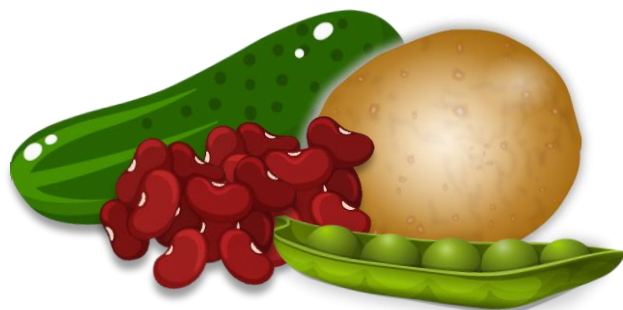
to let secret information be known

3. cool as a cucumber

very calm and relaxed

4. two peas in a pod

very similar, especially in appearance



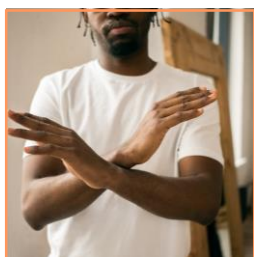
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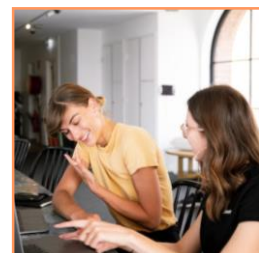


I am determined to travel next year. I will go to Norway, **come rain or shine**.

Mila talks a lot without coming to a point.
She always **beats around the bush**.



Edison is such a **stick-in-the-mud**.
He avoids trying new hobbies.



I plan to immediately **hit the hay** when I get home. I feel so exhausted today.

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Key Idioms

NATURE

1. **come rain or shine**

whatever happens

2. **beats around the bush**

to talk around a subject without getting to the point

3. **stick-in-the-mud**

someone unwilling to try new things

4. **hit the hay**

to go to bed



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Example Sentences



He's **skating on thin ice** by cheating on the exam.

Let's **get the ball rolling** by doing some warm-up exercises before we begin dancing.



I know you're all nervous, but just **give it your best shot** at the game tomorrow.

What food should we serve at the party?
The **ball is in your court**.



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Key Idioms

SPORTS

1. skate on thin ice

to do something that is dangerous or involves risks

2. get the ball rolling

to begin an activity or process

3. give it your best shot

to do the best that one can or give one's best effort

4. the ball is in one's court

being responsible to take the next action or decision in a situation



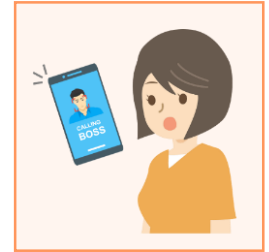
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She was **tickled pink** when she discovered she had won the Bingo game.

Kiara was surprised when her boss called **out of the blue** on the weekend.



Every time Carl wants to leave the house, he still needs to ask his mother **to give the green light**.

He was already **black and blue** when he escaped the fierce big dog.



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Key Idioms

COLORS

1. tickled pink

very happy or amused

2. out of blue

completely unexpected

3. to give the green light

to give permission for something to start

4. black and blue

badly bruised



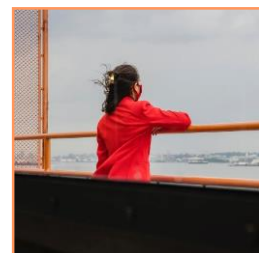
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Fiona is still tactless, but I hope she won't **rock the boat** once again.

I should not **miss the boat** this time.
I must reserve a seat at the concert.



He always complains about being so tired, but we are all **in the same boat**.

She knew she would be **burning her boats** when she left her job.

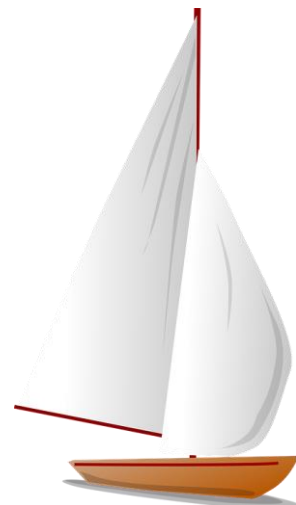


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BOAT

- 1. rock the boat**
to make trouble and upset everyone
- 2. miss the boat**
fail to take advantage of an opportunity
- 3. in the same boat**
in the same difficult situation
- 4. burn one's boats**
destroy all possible ways of going back to a situation



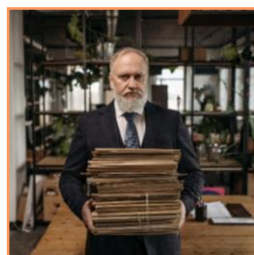
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It **melts my heart** when I see poor children on the street.

It made my opponents **eat their hearts out** when I hit the bullseye in the archery contest.



My boss **has a heart of stone**. He gives so much workload even on the weekends.

Joy always volunteers at the charity events. She **has a heart of gold**.



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Key Idioms

HEART

1. have a heart of gold

to be very kind and generous

2. eat one's heart out

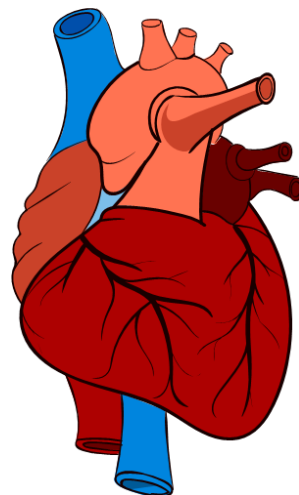
to be jealous of someone's accomplishments

3. have a heart of stone

inflexible and unfriendly or unkind disposition

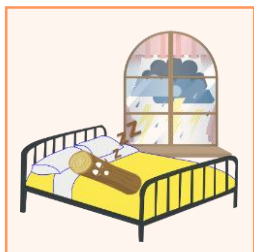
4. melt one's heart

to fill someone with compassion, sympathy, etc.



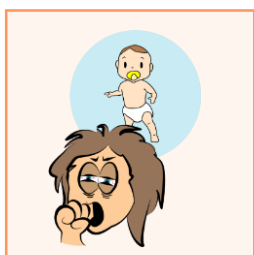
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My brother **slept like a log**. He didn't even hear the thunderstorm.

I'm unsure if I can join the trip. I'll **sleep on it** and tell you my decision tomorrow.



Jackie **couldn't get a wink of sleep** last night because she took care of her baby.



Don't tell Mom and Dad that I broke the window. **Let sleeping dogs lie**.



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Key Idioms

SLEEP

1. sleep like a log

to sleep very well

2. sleep on it

to delay making a decision until the next day

3. not get a wink of sleep

to not sleep at all

4. let sleeping dogs lie

to ignore a problem because dealing with it could cause a more difficult situation



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Example Sentences



Our teacher always goes **by the book** and lets us submit the paper at the exact time.

Harry's coworker was disrespectful, so he was glad to **close the book** on that job.



I've **used every trick in the book**, but I still can't get my hair to look nice.



I should **take a leaf out of Leo's book** and start exercising if I want to lose weight.



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Key Idioms

BOOKS

1. **by the book**

to do something strictly according to the rules

2. **close the book**

to conclude or end a situation

3. **use every trick in the book**

to do everything one can to achieve something

4. **take a leaf out of someone's book**

to do the same thing as someone did



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Example Sentences



They said that the test was difficult, but I think it was just **a piece of cake**.

Jimmy always makes excuses for being late, but this one **takes the cake**.



I received a lot of gifts on my birthday, but the party my friends organized was truly **the icing on the cake**.

Noah wants to save money to buy a car yet keeps on buying expensive appliances. He can't **have his cake and eat it too**.



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Key Idioms

CAKE

1. a piece of cake

a task that is easily accomplished

2. take the cake

to be the best or worst of something

3. the icing on the cake

something that makes a good situation or activity even better

4. have one's cake and eat it too

to have two desired things at the same time

