

# Idioms and Phrases With Meanings and Examples PDF

## Idioms About Human Body

### **All ears**

Fully listening

### **Keep an eye on**

Take care of, watch in order to protect

### **Joined at the hip**

To be exceptionally close to someone

### **Pat on the back**

Recognition or a thank-you

### **See eye to eye**

Agree

### **On the nose**

Precisely, at an exact time

### **A sight for sore eyes**

Someone that you're pleased to see

### **Cost an arm and a leg**

Be very expensive

## Idioms About Knowledge

### **Two heads are better than one**

My son, don't forget; Two heads are better than one

### **Learn the ropes**

It didn't take her new assistant long to learn the ropes.

### **Doing your homework**

You can't play game any more until you do your homework!

### **Under one's belt**

She has almost a year as minister under her belt.

### **Pick his brain**

You should pick Mary's brain sometime; she knows all about math.

### **Be common knowledge**

It's common knowledge that she is a beautiful girl.

**As far as anyone knows**

As far as anyone knows, this is the last of the great herds of buffalo.

**Knowledge is power**

In this situation, knowledge is power.

**Idioms About SCHOOL**

**Bookworm**

Someone who reads a lot

**Brainstorm something**

To think of new ideas

**Skip class**

To not go to school when you should

**Teacher's pet**

The teacher's favourite student

**As easy as ABC**

Very easy

**Cover a lot of ground**

Complete a lot of material in a class

**Eager beaver**

Someone who works hard and is very enthusiastic

**Copycat**

Someone who copies the work of another person

**Dropout**

To stop attending school

**Pass with flying colors**

To experience particular trouble or difficulty

**Idioms With Heart**

**Have a heart**

Be merciful

**Have your heart set on something**

To want something very much

**Eat your heart out**

We say this when we make someone jealous

<b>In a heartbeat</b>	Very quickly without any hesitation
<b>A heart of stone</b>	No feelings
<b>Lose one's heart to</b>	Fall in love
<b>Cross my heart</b>	Tell the truth
<b>Heart and soul</b>	Completely; entirely
<b>Wears heart on his sleeve</b>	Always lets feeling be known
<b>Broken heart</b>	To lose love
<b>Know by heart</b>	Memorize

### Idioms About FOOD

#### **Souped up**

*Made more powerful or stylish*

#### **Sell like hot cakes**

*Bought by many people*

#### **Big cheese**

Very important person (VIP)

#### **Cream of the crop**

The best

#### **Butter someone up**

Be extra nice to someone

#### **One smart cookie**

A very intelligent person

#### **Egg someone on**

Urge someone to do something

#### **Hard nut to crack**

Difficult to understand, often a person

#### **Cool as a cucumber**

Very relaxed

#### **Apple of one's eye**

A person that is adored by someone

### Medical and Health Idioms

#### **As fit as a fiddle**

To be healthy and physically fit

<b>At death's door</b>	Very near death
<b>As pale as a ghost</b>	Extremely pale
<b>Bitter pill to swallow</b>	An unpleasant fact that one must accept
<b>Get a charley horse</b>	To develop a cramp in the arm or the leg
<b>Have one foot in the grave</b>	To be near death
<b>Run in the family</b>	To be a common family characteristic
<b>Under the weather</b>	Not feeling well
<b>Sick and tired of</b>	Extremely annoyed by something that occurs repeatedly
<b>Go under the knife</b>	Undergo surgery

### **Idioms About FAMILY**

#### **Helicopter Parenting**

Over attentive child-raising

#### **Bob's Your Uncle**

The rest is easy; you're almost finished

#### **My Old Man, My Old Lady**

My spouse

#### **Pop the Question**

Propose marriage

#### **Up the Duff**

Pregnant

#### **Like Taking Candy from a Baby**

Very easy

#### **Accident Of Birth**

Luck in something due to family good fortune

#### **One big happy family**

A group of people who live or work together or in close proximity

#### **Family man**

A man devoted to taking care of his wife and children

#### **Spitting Image**

Have a strong resemblance, often familiar

## **Idioms About Science and Technology**

### **On another planet**

not paying attention, acting strangely

### **Bells and whistles**

extra features and trimmings

### **To blow a fuse**

to lose your temper

### **Cutting edge**

advanced and innovative

### **A shoulder to cry on**

someone who listens to your problems

### **By Hook or by Crook**

By some possibly dishonest means

### **To push someone's buttons**

to provoke someone

### **Cog in the machine**

said about one part of a large system or organization

### **Get your wires crossed**

being confused or not understanding someone

### **At boiling point**

reached one's limit in patience or temper

### **Blow a fuse**

become very angry/lose one's temper

### **Not rocket science**

easy to do or understand

### **a piece of cake**

A task that can be accomplished very easily.

### **up and running**

properly functioning

## **Idioms About FRIENDSHIP**

**like two peas in a pod**

very similar

**to be as thick as thieves**

to be very close or friendly

**to bury the hatchet**

to end a conflict

**to clear the air**

to defuse the tension

**a shoulder to cry on**

someone who listens to your problems

**strike up a friendship**

to become friends

**to see eye to eye with someone**

to agree with someone

**Friends in high places**

has friends who have important or influential positions

**to know someone inside out**

to know someone very well

**to build bridges**

to promote friendly relations between people or groups