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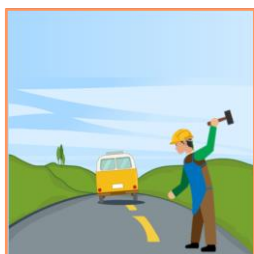
Conversation for Idioms



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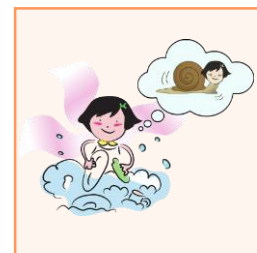
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Example Sentences



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.



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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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Example Sentences



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.



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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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Example Sentences



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**.



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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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Example Sentences



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.



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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.

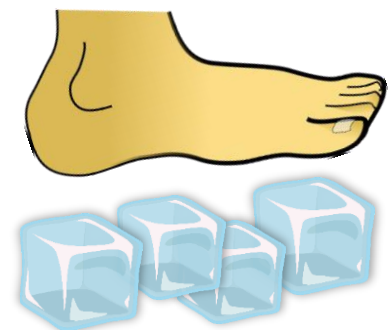


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Key Idioms

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



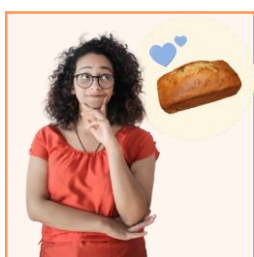
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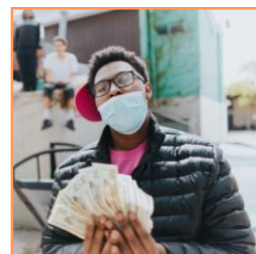
You have to be ready to **face the music** of your wrong actions.

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.



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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**.



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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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Example Sentences



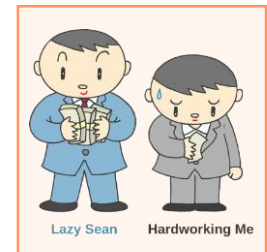
Before we begin our project, we must **get our ducks in a row**.

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.

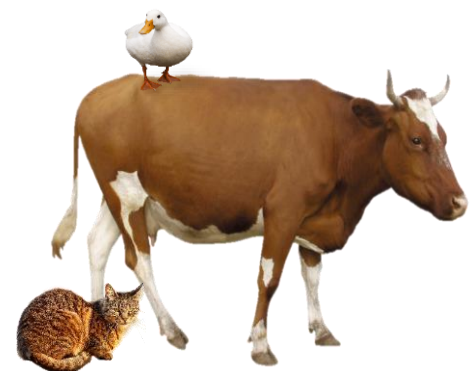


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Key Idioms

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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Example Sentences



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

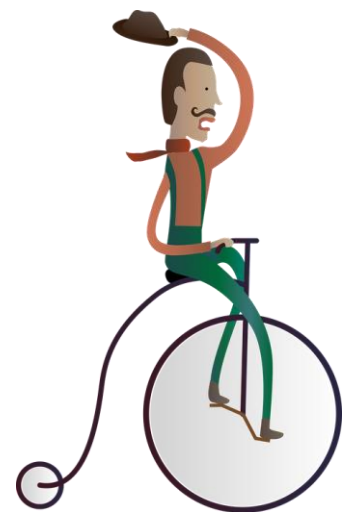


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Key Idioms

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.



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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. wear one's heart on one's sleeve

to show one's emotions very openly

