

Idioms & Phrases

150+ Important Idioms | Meanings | Examples

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1. Most Important Idioms (A–E)

A blessing in disguise

Meaning: Something that seems bad at first but turns out good

Example: Losing that job was a blessing in disguise — he found a better one

A piece of cake

Meaning: Something very easy

Example: The exam was a piece of cake for her

Beat around the bush

Meaning: Avoid the main topic

Example: Stop beating around the bush and tell me the truth

Bite the bullet

Meaning: Endure a painful situation bravely

Example: He bit the bullet and went through the surgery

Break the ice

Meaning: Start a conversation in awkward situation

Example: She told a joke to break the ice

Burn the midnight oil

Meaning: Work or study late into the night

Example: He burned the midnight oil to finish the project

Cost an arm and a leg

Meaning: Very expensive

Example: That car costs an arm and a leg

Cut corners

Meaning: Do something the easy/cheap way

Example: Never cut corners when it comes to safety

Every cloud has a silver lining

Meaning: Every bad situation has something positive

Example: Don't worry, every cloud has a silver lining

2. Most Important Idioms (F–Z)

Hit the nail on the head

Meaning: Say something exactly right

Example: Your analysis hit the nail on the head

Hit the sack

Meaning: Go to bed

Example: I'm tired, time to hit the sack

Kill two birds with one stone

Meaning: Accomplish two things with one action

Example: By studying in library, I kill two birds with one stone

Let the cat out of the bag

Meaning: Reveal a secret accidentally

Example: She let the cat out of the bag about the surprise party

Once in a blue moon

Meaning: Very rarely

Example: He visits his parents once in a blue moon

Pull someone's leg

Meaning: Joke/tease someone

Example: Don't worry, I was just pulling your leg

Spill the beans

Meaning: Reveal secret information

Example: Who spilled the beans about the merger?

The ball is in your court

Meaning: It's your turn to take action

Example: I've done my part, now the ball is in your court

Under the weather

Meaning: Feeling ill

Example: She's a bit under the weather today

3. MCQ Practice

Q. "Bite the bullet" means:

- (a) Be aggressive
- (b) Endure pain bravely
- (c) Eat quickly
- (d) Avoid problems

Answer: (b) Endure pain bravely

Q. "Beat around the bush" means:

- (a) Exercise in garden
- (b) Avoid main topic
- (c) Hit something
- (d) Work hard

Answer: (b) Avoid main topic

Q. "A blessing in disguise" means:

- (a) A fake blessing
- (b) Something bad at first but good later
- (c) A hidden gift
- (d) An obvious advantage

Answer: (b) Something bad at first but good later

Q. "Spill the beans" means:

- (a) Make a mess
- (b) Cook food
- (c) Reveal a secret
- (d) Work in kitchen

Answer: (c) Reveal a secret

Q. "Once in a blue moon" means:

- (a) Every month
- (b) Very rarely

- (c) During full moon
- (d) On special occasions

Answer: (b) Very rarely