

English

Most Repeated Idioms

S.No.	Idiom/Phrase	Meaning	Example Sentence
1	A blessing in disguise	A good thing that seemed bad at first	Losing that job was a blessing in disguise.
2	Beat around the bush	Avoid saying something directly	Stop beating around the bush and tell me the truth.
3	Burn the midnight oil	Work late into the night	He burnt the midnight oil to prepare for the exam.
4	Bite the bullet	To face something difficult bravely	I had to bite the bullet and admit my mistake.
5	Cry over spilt milk	Worrying about something that cannot be changed	Don't cry over spilt milk, move on.
6	Hit the nail on the head	Do or say something exactly right	She hit the nail on the head with her analysis.
7	Let the cat out of the bag	Reveal a secret by mistake	He let the cat out of the bag about the surprise party.
8	Once in a blue moon	Happens very rarely	I go to the cinema once in a blue moon.
9	Under the weather	Feeling ill or sick	I'm feeling a bit under the weather today.
10	The ball is in your court	It's your decision or responsibility now	I've done my part, now the ball is in your court.
11	To call a spade a spade	To speak the truth bluntly	He always calls a spade a spade, even if it offends.
12	Add fuel to the fire	Worsen an already bad situation	His comments only added fuel to the fire.
13	Break the ice	To initiate a conversation in a social setting	He told a joke to break the ice at the party.
14	By leaps and bounds	Very quickly or significantly	Her English has improved by leaps and bounds.
15	Cost an arm and a leg	Very expensive	That luxury car costs an arm and a leg.
16	Hit the sack	Go to bed or sleep	I'm tired, going to hit the sack early tonight.
17	Kick the bucket	To die	Sadly, the old man kicked the bucket last week.
18	In hot water	In trouble	He found himself in hot water after the mistake.
19	On cloud nine	Extremely happy	She was on cloud nine after winning the competition.
20	Make a mountain out of a molehill	Exaggerate a minor issue	Don't make a mountain out of a molehill.
21	Throw in the towel	To give up or quit	After several failed attempts, he threw in the towel.
22	Take with a grain of salt	Not take something too seriously	Take his advice with a grain of salt.
23	Spill the beans	Reveal secret information	She spilled the beans about the wedding surprise.
24	Go the extra mile	Do more than what is required	She always goes the extra mile for her students.
25	Barking up the wrong tree	Accusing the wrong person	You're barking up the wrong tree by blaming me.

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1	Throw cold water on	To discourage or reduce enthusiasm	किसी उत्साह को हतोत्साहित करना	She threw cold water on my plans.
2	Cut the Gordian knot	Solve a complex problem simply	जटिल समस्या को सरलता से सुलझाना	He cut the Gordian knot with a brilliant idea.
3	Play second fiddle	To be in a subordinate position	अधीनस्थ स्थिति में होना	He always plays second fiddle to his boss.
4	Bury the hatchet	To end a conflict and make peace	दुश्मनी को भुला कर मेल करना	They decided to bury the hatchet and be friends again.
5	Keep the wolf from the door	Barely manage to survive financially	मुश्किल से गुज़ारा करना	He's barely keeping the wolf from the door.
6	Take the bull by the horns	Face a problem directly	समस्या का डटकर सामना करना	She took the bull by the horns and tackled the issue.
7	Jump on the bandwagon	Follow a trend or join a growing movement	लोकप्रिय प्रवृत्ति में शामिल होना	He jumped on the bandwagon of the fitness trend.
8	Burn one's fingers	Suffer due to one's own actions	अपने ही कर्मों से नुकसान उठाना	He burned his fingers in the stock market.
9	Hit below the belt	Act unfairly or dishonorably	अनुचित या अपमानजनक तरीके से वार करना	He hit below the belt during the argument.
10	Pull the wool over someone's eyes	To deceive someone	किसी को धोखा देना	He pulled the wool over everyone's eyes.
11	Throw down the gauntlet	To challenge someone	चुनौती देना	He threw down the gauntlet and challenged me.
12	A storm in a teacup	A big fuss over a small matter	तिल का ताड़ बनाना	It's just a storm in a teacup.
13	Put the cart before the horse	Do things in the wrong order	उल्टे क्रम में काम करना	You're putting the cart before the horse.
14	Call it a day	Stop working for the day	दिन का काम समाप्त करना	Let's call it a day.
15	Eat humble pie	Admit one's mistake and apologize	गलती स्वीकार कर माफ़ी माँगना	He had to eat humble pie after the mistake.

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1	The lion's share	The largest portion	सबसे बड़ा हिस्सा	He took the lion's share of the inheritance.
2	Fools rush in	Inexperienced people take rash actions	मूर्ख जल्दबाज़ी में काम करते हैं	Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.
3	Carry the day	To win or succeed	सफलता प्राप्त करना	Her strong argument carried the day.
4	In the doldrums	In a depressed or inactive state	सुस्ती या निराशा की स्थिति में	Sales have been in the doldrums lately.
5	Throw up the sponge	To surrender or quit	हार मान लेना	He threw up the sponge after failing thrice.
6	Eat someone out of house and home	To consume someone's resources completely	पूरी संपत्ति खा जाना	The guests ate them out of house and home.
7	A feather in one's cap	An achievement to be proud of	गर्व करने योग्य उपलब्धि	Winning the award was a feather in her cap.
8	Bite the dust	To fail or die	असफल होना / मर जाना	Many small businesses bit the dust in recession.
9	Cut no ice	Have no effect	कोई असर न होना	His excuses cut no ice with the manager.

10	A bolt from the blue	A sudden and unexpected event	अचानक और अप्रत्याशित घटना	His resignation was a bolt from the blue.
11	Rest on one's laurels	To stop trying after achieving success	सफलता के बाद प्रयास न करना	Don't rest on your laurels — keep working.
12	Castles in the air	Unrealistic plans or dreams	हवा में महल बनाना	Stop building castles in the air; be practical.
13	Have an axe to grind	Have a personal interest or selfish motive	स्वार्थपूर्ण उद्देश्य होना	He supported the plan because he had an axe to grind.
14	Weather the storm	Survive a difficult situation	मुश्किल समय से गुजरना	The company weathered the storm of recession.
15	Go the whole hog	Do something thoroughly or completely	पूरी तरह करना	If we're redecorating, let's go the whole hog.
16	Turn the tables	Reverse the situation to one's advantage	स्थिति पलट देना	She turned the tables by exposing their lie.
17	Jump the gun	Act too soon without preparation	जल्दबाजी करना	He jumped the gun by releasing the product early.
18	Toe the line	Follow the rules or authority	नियमों का पालन करना	Employees must toe the company line.
19	Ride roughshod over	Treat without care or respect	बेखुशी से व्यवहार करना	He rode roughshod over everyone's opinions.
20	On tenterhooks	In a state of suspense or anxiety	बेचैनी की स्थिति में	She was on tenterhooks awaiting her results.

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