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| **Idiom** | **Meaning** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Give it a shot** | To try |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Speak your mind** | Say what you really feel |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **A piece of cake** | Very easy |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Slipped my mind** | I forgot  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Cross your fingers**  | For good luck  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Be in hot water** | Be in trouble  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **It cost an arm and a leg** | It was expensive  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **It’s in the bag** | It’s certainty |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Get cold feet** | Be nervous |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **A rip off** | Too expensive |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Get a kick out of it** | Enjoy  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Get your act together** | Behave properly |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Play it by ear** | Go with the flow |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Have second thoughts** | Have doubts |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **A basket case** | A crazy person |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Have a shot at** | Have a chance |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Be in the same boat** | Be in the same situation |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Out of the blue** | With no warning/ random |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **A grey area** | Something unclear |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Give someone the cold shoulder** | Ignoring someone |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **I’m all ears** | You have my undivided attention |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **See eye to eye** | Agree |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Call it a day** | Time to quit/ finished |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **The icing on the cake** | Something additional is great |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Fish out of water** | Being somewhere you don’t belong |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Get off your high horse** | Quit thinking you are better |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Hold your horses** | Wait; hold on |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Horse of a different color** | Something that is different |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Let the cat out of the bag** | Tell a secret |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Curiosity killed the cat** | Asking may get you in trouble |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Cat got your tongue** | Why aren’t you talking? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Raining cats and dogs** | Raining heavily |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **You can’t teach a dog new tricks** | It’s hard to learn when you get older |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Hot dog** | A person who is doing dangerous tricks |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Doggie bag** | Left overs from a restaurant |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **A little birdie told me** | Someone told me a secret |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **For the birds** | Something that is not worth anything |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Birdbrain**  | Someone who is not very smart |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Put a bug in his ear** | Make a suggestion |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Bull in a china shop** | Someone who is very clumsy/ someone who is out of control  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Pig out** | To eat a lot |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Wolf in sheep’s clothing** | A person who pretends to be nice but isn’t  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Cry crocodile tears** | To pretend to be upset/ GIANT tears |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Make a mountain out of a mole hill** | Make something that is not important |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Cry over spilled milk** | Crying over something that isn’t a big deal |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Actions speak louder than words** | People can be judged better by what they do rather than what they say |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **At the drop of a hat** | Without hesitation; instantly |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Back to the drawing board** | When attempts fail; start over fresh |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Ball is in your court** | It is up to you to make the next decision or step |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Barking up the wrong tree** | Looking in the wrong place; accusing the wrong person |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Beat around the bush** | Avoiding the main topic; not speaking directly about the issue |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Best of both worlds** | All the advantages |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Best thing since sliced bread** | A good invention; a good idea or plan |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Bite off more than you can chew** | Take on a task that is way too big |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Blessing in disguise** | Something that isn’t recognized at first as good |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Burn the midnight oil** | To work late into the night |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Can’t judge a book by it’s cover** | Don’t judge before you get to know  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Cut corners** | When something is done badly to save time or money |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Devil’s advocate** | To present the opposite side of an argument |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Don’t give up your day job** | You are not very good at something and you should not do it professionally |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Don’t count your chickens before the eggs have hatched** | Don’t make plans for something that might not happen |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Feel a bit under the weather** | Slightly ill/sick |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Hear it through the grapevine** | To hear rumors |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Hit the nail on the head** | Do or say something exactly right |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Hit the sack/hay** | Go to bed |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **It takes two to tango** | Actions or communication take more than 1 person |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Jump on the bandwagon**  | Join a popular trend |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Keep something at bay** | Keep something away |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Kill two birds with one stone** | To accomplish two different things at the same time |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Last straw** | The final problem in a series of problems |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Let sleeping dogs lie** | Do not disturb a situation because it might result in trouble |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Miss the boat** | Missed his or her chance |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Method to my madness** | Despite one’s approach seeming random, there is actually is a structure to it.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Once in a blue moon** | Happens very rarely |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Picture is worth a thousand words** | A visual presentation is far more descriptive than words |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **On the fence** | When someone doesn’t know which decision to go with  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Speak of the devil** | When the person you have just been talking about arrives |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Steal someone’s thunder** | Take credit for something someone else did |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Take it with a grain of salt** | To not take what someone says too seriously |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Taste of your own medicine** | You do something bad to someone that they have done to you to teach them a lesson |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Hear something straight from the horse’s mouth** | Hear the fact from the source |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Whole nine yards** | ALL of it |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Wouldn’t be caught dead** | Would never do something |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Your guess is as good as mine** | To have no idea as a result of another person not knowing |  |  |  |  |  |  |