Idiom

cold fish

(غير ودي / شخص جامد العواطف)



someone who seems unfriendly and who does not share their feelings

Examples :

- They think we are **cold fish** and sloppy in our appearance.
- When I first met him, he seemed rather a **cold fish**, but actually he's quite passionate.

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Idiom

Let the cat out of the bag

أفشى السر دون قصد





- To accidentally reveal a secret.

Examples :

English For Arabs

- I was trying to keep the party a secret, but Peter went and let the cat out of the bag.
- He let the cat out of the bag and now everybody knows the story.

Idiom

have a bone to pick with someone



to want to talk to someone about something annoying they have done

Examples :

- I've got a bone to pick with you - you've been using my shaver again.
- Hey, Bill. I've got a bone to pick with you. Where is the money you owe me?

Expression

Be full of beans

يفيض حيوية ونشاطا
بصحة جيدة



- To have a lot of energy and enthusiasm.

Examples :

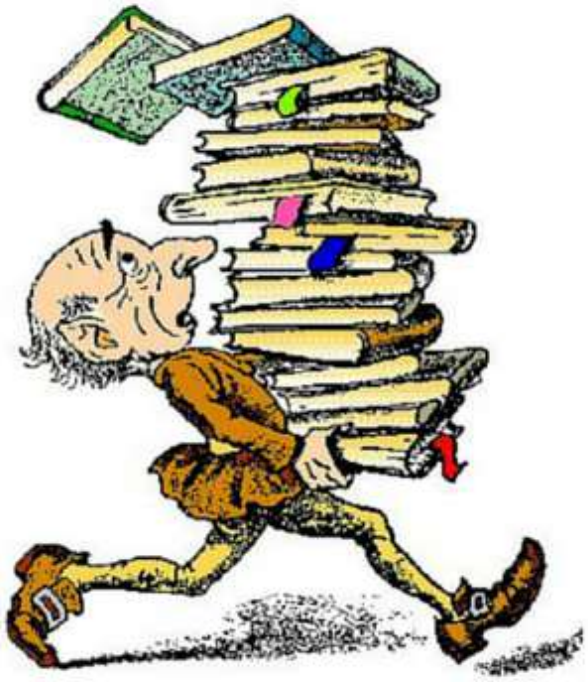
English For Arabs

- I'm full of beans after that lovely cup of coffee and croissant.
- Our teacher was full of beans in our lesson this morning but I was half asleep.

Idiom

Hit the books

بمعنى ان تدرس بجد



- To hit the books means to study hard.

Examples :

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- I have to hit the books this weekend.I have two exams next week.
- I can't go out tonight. I need to hit the books.

Expression

" Shake a leg "

" أسرع - بسرعة "

=> Used to tell someone to hurry or act more quickly.

=> Shake a leg Peter ! the train leaves in 20 minutes !



English For Arabs

Idiom

Make a killing

كسب مالا وفيرا في وقت قصير



- To earn a lot of money in a short time and with little effort.

Examples :

English For Arabs

- They made a killing with the sale of their London house.
- They should make a killing today.

Idiom

English For Arabs

"Out of the question"

لن يحدث أبدا / مُسْتَحِيل



Definition :

- Not allowed.Impossible

Example :

- You want to borrow my new car and drive it across the country ?I'm sorry,but that's out of the question.

Expression

English For Arabs

" Hold your horses "

" تمهل/ على رسلك "

- Used to tell someone to wait and be patient.
- Where do you think you are going ?

  Hold your horses. I need to speak with you.



Expression

a piece of cake

أمرهين أو بسيط



- Something very easy to do.

Examples :

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- The exam was a piece of cake.
- I learned to play the guitar in one year. It was a piece of cake for me.

Idiom

So far so good



الامور تمام أو على ما يرام حتى الان

- Everything has gone well until now.

Examples :

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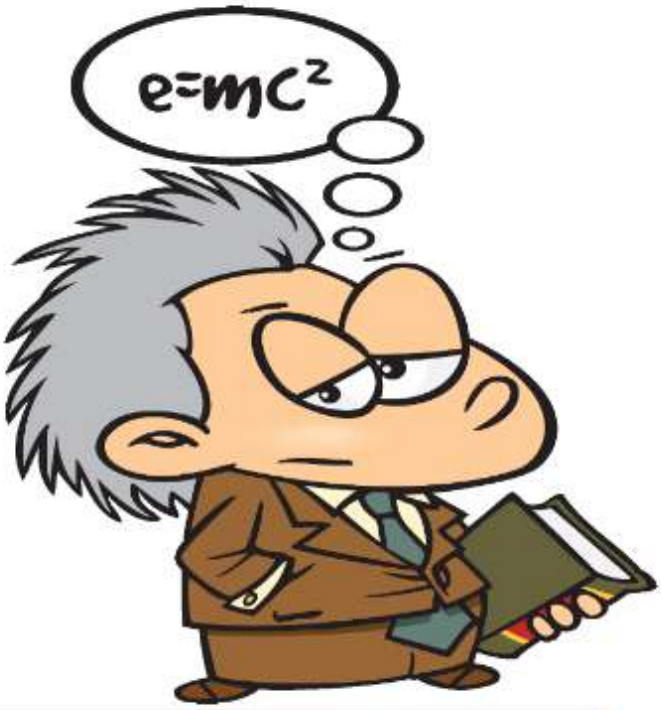
- "How's your new job?" "So far so good."
- Are you enjoying your English lessons ?
  Yes, so far so good.

Idiom

(as) sharp as a tack

حاد الذكاء



- Very intelligent.

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Examples :

- He may be old in years, but he's still as sharp as a tack
- Peter scored 100% on his science test. He is as sharp as a tack.

Idiom

(be) green with envy



أكلته الغيرة /أكل الحسد قلبه

- To be very unhappy because someone has something that you want.

Examples :

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- Peter is going to Spain next week, and I'm green with envy.
- Peter bought a new car, and I'm green with envy.

Idiom

Once in a blue moon

نـادِراً



- Not very often.
  Very rarely.

Examples :

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- My sister lives in Alaska, so I only see her once in a blue moon.
- We go out to eat once in a blue moon.

Idiom

Crocodile tears



حُزْنٌ كاذِب؛ دموع التماسيح

- Tears that you cry when you are not really sad or sorry.

Examples :

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- I don't believe Peter really hurt himself when he fell. I think he's crying crocodile tears just to get attention.
- Political leaders shed crocodile tears while allowing the war to continue.

Idiom

(To)stab someone in the back

طعن في الظهر او ان تخون شخص يثق بك



- To betray someone.

Examples :

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- He had been lied to and stabbed in the back by people that he thought were his friends.
- He seems friendly, but he wouldn't hesitate to stab you in the back if he thought it would help him get your job.

Idiom

In the pink

في أتم صحة/ في أحسن حال



- In very good health.

Examples :

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- She was lively and active and in the pink of condition.
- Sarah looked so well, she was in the pink.

Idiom

Eat like a bird

أكله قليل

- To always eat a small amount of food.



Eat like a bird

Examples :

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- Jane is very slim because she eats like a bird.

- You eat like a bird .I don't know how you stay healthy.

Idiom

Speak your mind



أن تدلي برأيك بصراحة

- To say what you think about something very directly.

Examples :

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- He's certainly not afraid to speak his mind.
- Sam has never been shy about speaking his mind.

Idiom

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Hats off to



- Said to praise and thank someone for doing something helpful.

Examples :

- **Hats off to** Peter , without him we'd have never finished this project on time.
- This new car has the most unusual design on the road, and for that I say **hats off to** the designers.

Idiom

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Fair and square

بعدل وانصاف



- In an honest way and without any doubt.

Examples :

- He won the game fair and square.
- The division of the money should be fair and square.

Expression

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a whale of a time

استمتع بوقته



- To enjoy yourself very much.

Examples :

- We had a **whale of a time** on holiday.
- We had **a whale of a time** at Sally's birthday party.

Expression

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You bet!

بالتأكيد / طبعا



- Used to emphasize a statement or to mean "certainly".

Examples :

- "Are you coming to the party?" "**You bet**!"
- Did you like the party?
  You bet! It was great.

Expression

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Not to mention



بِالإِضَافَةِ إِلى (ذَلِك)

- Used when you want to emphasize something that you are adding to a list.

Examples :

- He's one of the kindest and most intelligent, **not to mention** handsome, men I know.
- He's got fast cars, great clothes, a helicopter, **Not to mention** the houses in New York and the California.

Phrase Of The Day

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Not likely!

غير ممكن مطلقاً / لاأبداً



We use this expression to say that we don't want or wouldn't like to do something.

Examples :

- "Do you want to come running with me?" "**Not likely!**"
- 'He said you'd be giving them a lift.' **'Not likely!'**

Expression

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I'm off

أنا مغادر



- An expression said by someone who is just leaving.

Examples :

- Sue: Well, it's been a great party. Good-bye.
  Mary: **I'm off** too. Bye.

- Peter : **I'm off**.
  Sarah : OK, see you tomorrow.

Phrases for Agreeing

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Expressing agreement



- Exactly.
- Absolutely.
- That's for sure.
- No doubt about it.
- (informal) I'll say!
- I couldn't agree more.
- I was just going to say that.
- (informal) Tell me about it! / You're telling me!
- That's exactly what I think. / That's exactly how I feel.
- (weak) I suppose so./I guess so.

Phrases for Disagreeing

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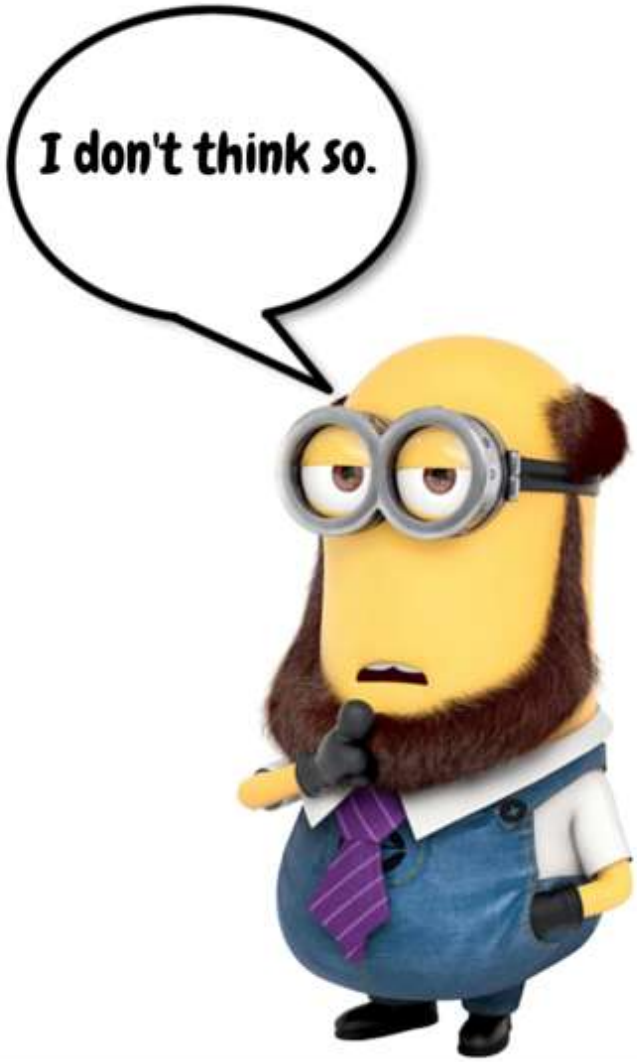
Expressing disagreement

- I beg to differ.
- I don't think so.
- (very informal) No way.
- I'm afraid I disagree.
- I totally disagree.
- Not necessarily.
- That's not always true.
- That's not always the case.
- Yes, but... [say your opinion]
- No, I'm not so sure about that.



Idiom

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Let's face it

بمعنى تقبل الحقيقة



- We should accept the truth.

Examples :

- **Let's face it**, I'm never going to be a great artist.

- **Let's face it** , if you don't have a college degree, it can be difficult to find a high-paying job.

Expression

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Give it a go



حاول / جرب

- We use this expression to say we will try something for the first time, or to encourage someone else to do something.

Examples :

- - Do you think I could ride a horse? I've never tried.
  - **Give it a go** , you might like it.

- - I don't know how to cook properly.
  - Come on, you should **give it a go**, I'm sure you'll be fine!

Expression

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Having said that

برغم من كلامي

- Used to say that something is true despite what you have just said.

Examples :

- It's an expensive restaurant. **Having said that**, the food is very good.
- He forgets most things, but **having said that**, he always remembers my birthday.

Idiom

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Ring a bell



اسم أو شيء يبدو مالوفا

- To sound familiar.

Examples :

- The name James Moss **rings a bell**, but I can't place it at the moment.
- That phrasal verb **rings a bell**. I think I came across it in a book last week.

Idiom

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An old hand



شخص ماهر وذو خبرة

- Someone who is very experienced and skilled in a particular area of activity.

Examples :

- We should be able to trust Peter to negotiate a good deal for us , he's **an old hand** at the game.
- The guide you just hired is **an old hand** at leading safaris.

Idiom

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Can't stand



لا أحتمل / اكره

- To hate someone or something

Examples :

- Aunt Sarah **can't stand** the sight of cats.
- We used to be good friends but now I **can't stand** her.

Expressions + ing

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When the following expressions are followed by a verb I the verb ends in -ing :

- **It's no use ...**

There is nothing you can do about the situation so **it's no use** worry**ing** about it. ✓

There Is nothing you can do about the situation so **it's no use to worry** about it. ✗

- **It's no good ...**

It's no good try**ing** to persuade me. You won't succeed. ✓

It's no good to try to persuade me. You won}t succeed. ✗

- **It's (not) worth ...**

I live only a short walk from here I so it's not worth taking a taxi. ✓

I live only a short walk from here I so it's not worth to take a taxi. ✗

→ You can say that a film is worth seeing / a book is worth reading

not a film is worth to see / a book is worth to read.

Idiom

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Tie the knot



عقد قرانه / تزوج

- To get married.

Examples :

- They **tied the knot** last Saturday.
- She's planning to **tie the knot** with her German fiancé next June.

Expression

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Any minute now



في أي لحظة الان / قريبا

- Very soon.

Examples :

- The right man would come along **any minute now**.
- Peter is outside parking his car. He'll be here **any minute now**.

10 Ways to Encourage Someone

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- You can do it!
- You're doing great.
- Keep up the good work!
- That's a real improvement.
- You're on the right track.
- You've almost got it.
- Don't give up! / Hang in there!
  (when someone is currently having difficulties)
- Give it your best shot. (best shot = best try, best effort)
- Nice job! / You did great!
  (after the person has done something good)
- That was a nice try.
  (say this after someone made a good effort but failed)

Idiom

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Hang in there

لا تستسلم



- Do not give up.

Examples :

- **Hang in there,** Peter! Your invention will soon be a success.
- **Hang in there** .Exams are almost over.

Expression

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Laugh your head off

انفجر ضاحكا / ضَحِك



- To laugh a lot, loudly.

Examples :

- You **laughed your head off** when I fell!

- The comedy show was so funny!
  I was **laughing my head off** all night.

Expression

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On top of that



بِالإِضَافَةِ إِلى (ذَلِك)

- In addition to something, especially something unpleasant.

Examples :

- We missed our flight, and **on top of that** we had to wait seven hours for the next one.

- We missed the bus, and **on top of that** it started raining.

Expression

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For the time being



في الوَقْتِ الحاضِر/ مُؤَقّتاً

- At this time only, not forever.

Examples :

- We plan to buy a house, but **for the time being** we're living with my parents.
- I'm working as a waiter **for the time being**. But I hope to become a doctor.

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Expression

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on the tip of my tongue



- If something that you want to say is on the tip ofyour tongue, you think you know it and that you will be able to remember it very soon.

Examples :

- Her name is **on the tip of my tongue**.
- - Can you remember the name of our teacher last week?
  - I think it begins with P. Oh, it's **on the tip of my tongue.**
  - Was it Peter?
  - Yes that was it. Good teacher

Expression

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No point in



لا جدوى من / امر لا يستحق القيام به

- No purpose in doing something.
  It's not worth (doing something)

Examples :

- There is **no point in** worrying about things you can't change.
- There is **no point in** practising sport if you keep smoking and drinking alcohol.

Idiom

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a nasty piece of work



غير كريم / بغيض / خَدّاع/ غَشّاش

- a person who is unpleasant, unkind, or dishonest.

Examples :

- He's **a nasty piece of work**. I'd avoid him if I were you.
- I hate dealing with Sarah; she's **a nasty piece of work**.

Expression

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Drop it



انسى الأمر

- We use this expression to tell someone to stop talking about something that is annoying us.

Examples :

- - Show me the photo! Show me the photo!
  - Just **drop it**. I'm not going to show it to you again.

- - Mummy, please can we go to the cinema tonight?
  - No , I've told you that your aunt is coming for dinner. **Drop it**!

Expression

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Tied up



مشغول جدا

- To be very busy and unable to speak to anyone, go anywhere, etc.

Examples :

- Mrs Moran is **tied up** in a meeting at the moment but I'll ask her to call you later.
- - Can we meet today?
  - Sorry, I'll be **tied up** all day. How about tomorrow?

Idiom

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Spill the beans

أفشى السر



- To tell people secret information

Examples :

- Someone **spilled the beans** about Rick's surprise party.
- There is a surprise party for Peter on Wednesday. Please don't **spill the beans**.

Expression

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You can say that again!



أنا أتفق معك

- Used to show that you completely agree with what someone has said.

Examples :

- - I was in Poland last week.
  - I expect it was cold, wasn't it?
  - **You can say that again!** It was minus 22 degrees where I was staying!

- - That was an absolutely delicious lunch.
  - **You can say that again!**

Idiom

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Mark my words

تذكر كلامي



- Something that you say when you tell someone about something that you are certain will happen in the future.

Examples :

- He'll cause trouble, **mark my words**!
- **Mark my words**, that man is not to be trusted.

Idiom

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Take a hike

اغرب عن وجهي
انصرف من هنا



- a rude way of telling someone to leave.

Examples :

- I've had enough of you, **take a hike**!
- I don't want to hear your excuses, just **take a hike**.

Idiom

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a hard nut to crack

مشكلة او امر صعب القيام به



- a difficult problem to solve.

Examples :

- Our product sells well in the States, but the European market is **a hard nut to crack**.
- Fc Barcelona will be **a hard nut to crack** especially with Lionel Messi in good form at the moment.