Idiom



Once and for all

مرة واحدة و بصورة نهائية / الي الأبد

- completely and finally

Examples :

- I wish we could settle the matter **once and for all**.
- Jim said he's decided **once and for all** that he's going to stay single and never get married again.

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Idiom

Deep pockets

لديك الكثير من المال



- to have a lot of money or wealth

Examples :

- Let's make a list of everyone we know with **deep pockets**, and see if any of them want to invest in our company.

- The politicians with the **deepest pockets** usually win the election.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

Wet blanket

شخص مفسد للمتعة
يعكر بكآبته سرور أو أفراح الأخرين

- someone who prevents other people from having fun



Examples :

- Don't invite Peter to your party, he's only going to be a **wet blanket** and take the fun out of everything.

- Oh, Sarah! Why do you have to be such a **wet blanket**?

Like English With Karim

Idiom

the salt of the earth

أخيار الناس / شخص نزيه



- a good, reliable, honest person

Examples :

- Peter is **the salt of the earth**. He is the first to help anyone in trouble.
- Mrs Andrews runs the business and people think she's **the salt of the earth**.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

full of hot air

يتكلم كثيرا
معظم كلامه فارغ



- full of nonsense
  talking nonsense

Examples :

- Oh, shut up, Peter. You're **full of hot air**.

- Did the salesman tell you anything new, or was he just **full of hot air**?

Idiom



Dead in the water

مشروع فاشل / شيء لا يتوقع نجاحه

- If something is dead in the water, it has no chance of succeeding or of making any progress.

Examples :

- I'm sure that Perter's new company is **dead in the water**. Nobody's interested in buying his product.
- I guess our plans for summer vacation are **dead in the water**.

Like English With Karim

Idiom



Smart cookie

شخص نكي

- an intelligent person who is able to handle difficult situations

Examples :

- If anyone can make this company succeed, it's Peter - he's one **smart cookie**.
- Our English teacher is a **smart cookie**.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

Nothing doing

مستحيل أن أفعل ذلك



- not a chance

Examples :

- We asked if she'd come over and help us, but she said, "**Nothing doing**".
- You want me to buy that broken car from you for a million bucks? **Nothing doing**!

Like English With Karim

Idiom

like two peas in a pod



منشابه جدا

- very similar

Examples :

- We were **like two peas in a pod** – we liked all the same things, and we did everything together.
- The twins are **like two peas in a pod**.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

Second to none

بلا منافس / الأفضل



- as good as or better than all others

Examples :

- This is an excellent car—**second to none**.
- The hotel's restaurant is **second to none**.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

In any case

على أي حال / مهما يكن



- whatever happens or happened

Examples :

- You should be able to catch a bus, but **in any case** you can always take a taxi home.
- we can either go to the new Batman movie or see a play tonight. **In any case**,you will need to be at my house by seven o'clock.

Like English With Karim

Idiom



keep a low profile

تجنب لفت الانظار اليه

- to avoid attracting attention to yourself

Examples :

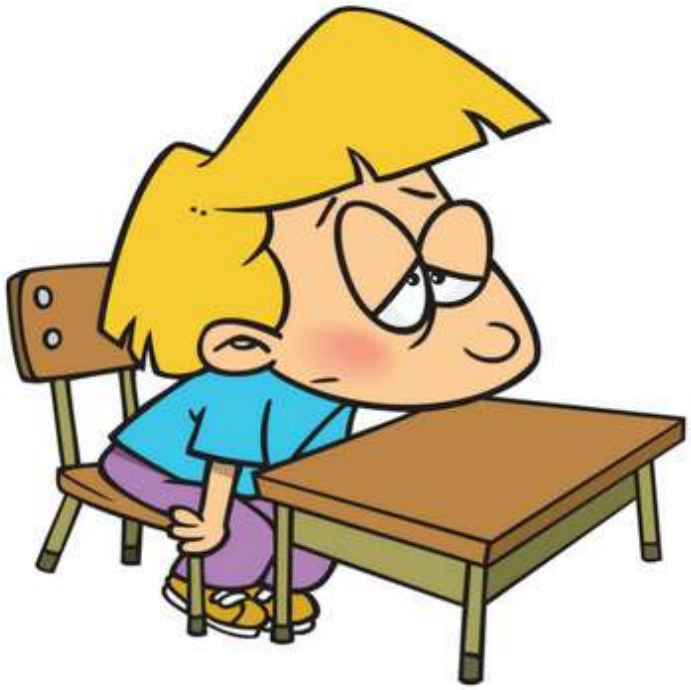
- He's been in a little trouble recently so he's trying to **keep a low profile**.
- He's been **keeping a low profile** at work ever since his argument with Peter.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

Day in day out

يوم بعد يوم / كل يوم



- done or happening every day for a long period of time

Examples :

- I have to do the same boring jobs **day in day out**.
- I am so bored! I do the same thing **day in day out**.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

Bigwig

شخصية هامة / سيد عظيم



- an important or powerful person

Examples :

- We were invited to a lunch with local **bigwigs**.
- A few of the company **bigwigs** have their own jets.

Idiom

a bad hair day



يوم تحدث فيه أمور سيئة كثيرة
يوم سيء

- a bad day in general

Examples :

- Poor Peter is in a terrible mood. I think he is having **a bad hair day**.
- I'm sorry I am so sad. This has been **a bad hair day**.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

fuddy-duddy

شخص قديم

- a person who has old-fashioned ideas and opinions



Examples :

- That dress makes you look like such a **fuddy-duddy**.
- You are such an old **fuddy-duddy** !

Like English With Karim

Idiom



Be my guest

رد على طلب لاخذ او فعل شيء
(تفضل)

- something you say when you give someone permission to do or use something

Examples :

- "Can I try out your new bicycle?" "**Be my guest.**"
- "Do you mind if I sit here?" "**Be my guest.**"

Like English With Karim

Idiom

speak ill of

ذكر بسوء



- to say something bad about someone

Examples :

- It's wrong to **speak ill of** the dead.
- The candidates clearly did not want to **speak ill of** each other during the campaign.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

Speak for yourself

هذا رأيك و انا لا اوافق عليه



- I disagree with what you have just said

Examples :

- "We had a really boring trip." "**Speak for yourself**! I had a wonderful time!"
- None of us like the hotel." "**Speak for yourself** – I think it's OK."

Like English With Karim

Idiom

please yourself

افعل ما بدا لك / كما تريد



- used is speech to tell someone he or she can do what he or she wants to do

Examples :

- "I can't stand this place - I'm going home." "Please yourself."
- “I'm going to skip the party tonight.” “OK, please yourself.”

Like English With Karim

Idiom

I'll eat my hat

مستحيل ان يحدث

- used to say that you are sure something will not happen



Examples :

- If she actually marries him, **I'll eat my hat**.
- If Peter really joins the army, **I'll eat my hat**.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

crash and burn

فشل فشلا ذريعا

- to fail completely



Examples :

- The company **crashed and burned** after only two years in business.
- She watched her parents' marriage **crash and burn**.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

go ape

ثار غضبه



- to become extremely angry

Examples :

- She **went ape** because I was half an hour late.
- Sarah will **go ape** when she sees this mess.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

cost an arm and a leg

باهظ التكلفة / مكلف جد

- to be extremely expensive



Examples :

- I would love to buy a Porsche, but they **cost an arm and a leg**.
- These opera tickets **cost us an arm and a leg**!

Like English With Karim

Idiom

like pulling teeth

في غاية الصعوبة

- extremely difficult



Examples :

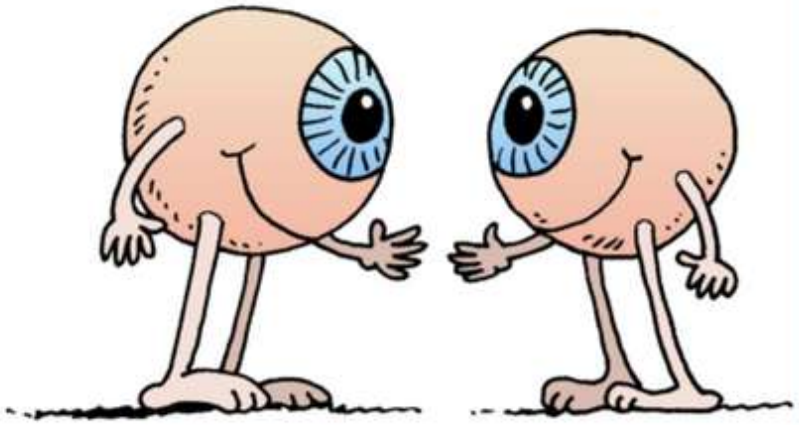
- Getting Sarah to tell me about her childhood was **like pulling teeth**.
- It's **like pulling teeth** to get a straight answer from him.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

see eye to eye

اتفقا في الرأي أو وجهة النظر



- to agree with someone

Examples :

- My father and I **see eye to eye** on most things.
- My sisters don't **see eye to eye** with me about the arrangements.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

do the trick

حقق الغرض أو المطلوب



- to achieve the desired result

Examples :

- I need something to put these papers in – this folder should **do the trick**.
- This sauce needs more flavour - I know, some lemon juice should **do the trick**.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

(be)dead meat



في مأزق حرج أو ورطة

- to be in serious trouble

Examples :

- He is **dead meat** if they catch him.
- He will be **dead meat** if his father finds out.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

sit on the fence

بقي محايدا

- not to take sides in a dispute



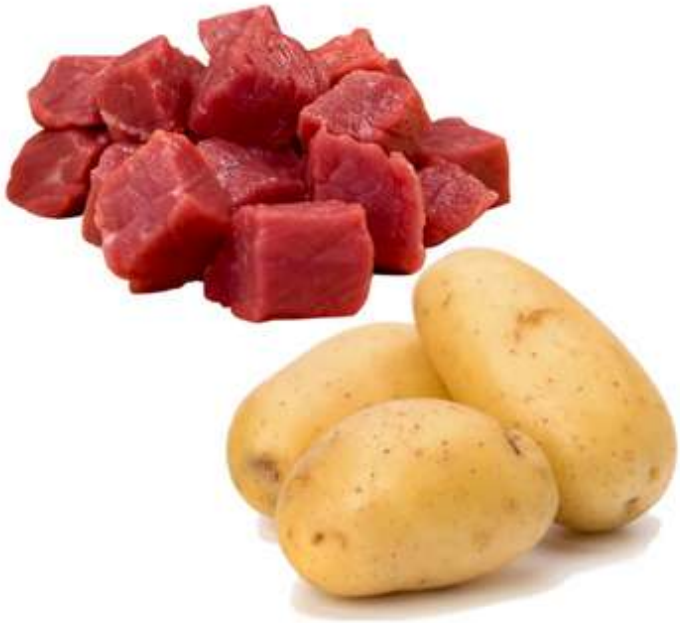
Examples :

- When Jane and Tom argue, it is best to **sit on the fence** and not make either of them angry.
- You have to choose whether you support the candidate or not. You can't **sit on the fence** right now, you must vote!

Like English With Karim

Idiom

meat and potatoes



شيء أساسي

- the most important or basic parts of something

Examples :

- Let's get down to the **meat and potatoes**. How much are you going to pay me for this?
- Teachers have a lot to do, but time spent in the classroom is the **meat and potatoes** of the profession.

Like English With Karim

Idiom



fight like cat and dog

تجادلا بدون توقف

- to have angry arguments all the time

Examples :

- As kids we used to **fight like cat and dog**.
- We get on very well as adults but as kids we **fought like cat and dog**.

Like English With Karim

Idiom



beat the clock

انجز العمل او الشيء قبل موعده

- to do or finish something quickly before a particular time

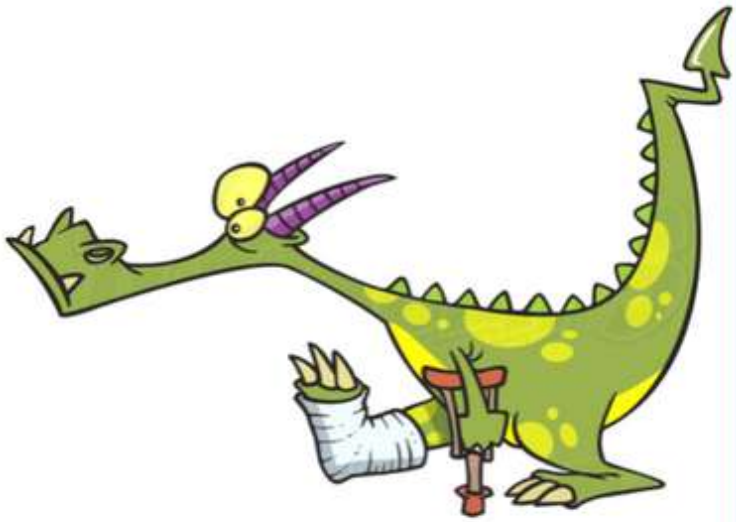
Examples :

- Peter **beat the clock**, arriving a few minutes before the doors were locked.
- They were afraid they would be late and hurried in order to **beat the clock**.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

not have a leg to stand on



حجّته باطلة

- to be in a situation in which you cannot prove something

Examples :

- If you have no witnesses, you **don't have a leg to stand on**.
- My lawyer said I **didn't have a leg to stand on**, so I shouldn't sue the company.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

scared to death

خائف للغاية



- extremely frightened

Examples :

- My dog is **scared to death** of thunder and firecrackers.
- I was **scared to death** of telling the truth about my past; I knew people would disapprove.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

go the extra mile



بذل جهدا خاصا

- to make more effort than is expected of you

Examples :

- He's a nice guy, always ready to **go the extra mile** for his friends.
- I like doing business with that company. They always **go the extra mile**.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

take the bull by the horns



تعامل مع المشكلة بصورة مباشرة

- to deal with a difficult situation in a very direct way

Examples :

- Why don't you **take the bull by the horns** and tell him to leave?
- It's time to **take the bull by the horns** and get this job done.

Like English With Karim

Idiom



dead duck

شيء او شخص محتمل فشله

- someone or something that is very unlikely to be successful, especially because of a mistake or bad judgment

Examples :

- They knew their plans were a **dead duck**.
- The government is a **dead duck**.

Like English With Karim

Idiom



beat around the bush

تجنب الخوض في الموضوع مباشرة

- to avoid talking about what is important

Examples :

- Don't **beat around the bush** - get to the point!
- Let's stop **beating around the bush** and discuss this matter.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

bite off more than you can chew



ان تحمل نفسك فوق طاقتها

- to try to do something that is too difficult for you

Examples :

- I think he's **bitten off more than he can chew** taking all those classes.
- Don't **bite off more than you can chew**. Let someone else organize the party.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

keep it under your hat

احتفظ بالسر



- to keep something secret

Examples :

- I've got some interesting news, but you must promise to **keep it under your hat** for the moment.
- I'll only tell you if you promise to **keep it under your hat**.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

lose your cool

تفقد أعصابك / ثار غضبه

- to suddenly become very angry



Examples :

- I try to be patient with her but she made so many irritating comments, I absolutely **lost my cool**.
- Peter completely **lost his cool** and started yelling.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

tie the knot



عقد قرانه / تزوج

- to get married

Examples :

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

Like English With Karim

Idiom

by the book

اتبع او عمل وفق قواعد



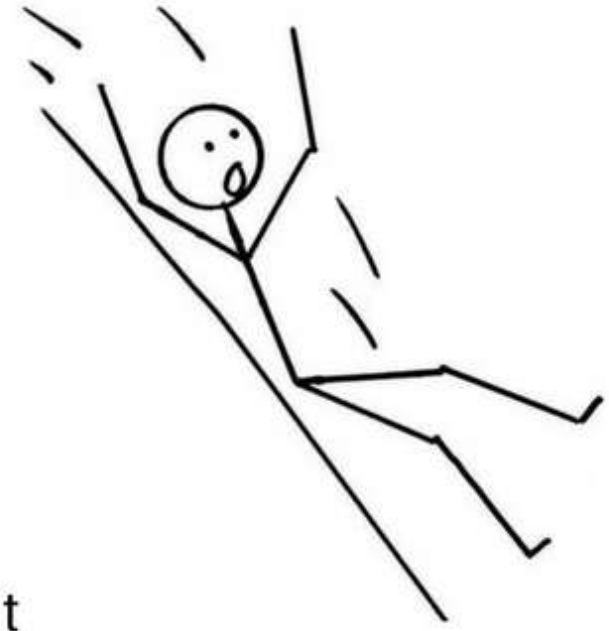
- exactly according to rules or the law

Examples :

- The lawyers want to make sure we've done everything strictly **by the book**.
- My boss insists on doing everything **by the book**.

Like English With Karim

Idiom



slippery slope

في وضع حرج / وضع خطير

- a bad situation or habit that, after it has started, is likely to get very much worse

Examples :

- You're on a **slippery slope** once you start lying about your age!
- His behavior will lead him down a **slippery slope** to ruin.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

kick the bucket

يموت



- to die

Examples :

- When I **kick the bucket** you'll be able to live on my life insurance.
- Peter **kicked the bucket** at the age of 102.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

chop-chop

أسرع



- used to tell someone to hurry

Examples :

- Come on, chop-chop, we're late!
- Let's go, chop-chop!

Like English With Karim

Idiom

(be) in two minds

غير قادر على اتخاذ قرار



- to be unable to decide about something

Examples :

- I was **in two minds** whether or not to come this morning.
- Peter is **in two minds** about what to study at university. He's interested in history, but he also likes the idea of being a lawyer.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

in no time

في لمح البصر / بسرعة



- very quickly

Examples :

- I'll be there **in no time**.
- The kids ate their dinner **in no time**.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

shoot yourself in the foot

آذى نفسه/ فعل أو قال ما يضربنفسه

- to do or say something that causes problems for you



Examples :

- Why does Sarah always **shoot herself in the foot** by saying the wrong thing?
- If we just let him keep talking, pretty soon he's going to **shoot himself in the foot**.

Like English With Karim

Idiom

FOR A CHANGE



instead of what usually happens

Examples :

- Why don't you let me drive **for a change**?
- It's nice to hear some good news **for a change**.

Like English With Karim