Idiom

BARK UP THE WRONG TREE



Making a mistake or a false assumption in something you are trying to achieve.

Examples :

- The police spent three months **barking up the wrong tree** on the murder investigation.
- You're **barking up the wrong tree** if you think Sam can help you.

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Idiom

(as) clear as mud

غير واضح

- very difficult to understand



Examples :

- His instructions were **as clear as mud**.
- The computer manual was **as clear as mud**, so we stopped reading it.

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Idiom

it's not brain surgery

الامر لا يحتاج الكثير من الذكاء



- something is not that difficult to do

Examples :

- Just keep calm and do it. **It's not brain surgery**.
- Come on! it's just an easy math problem, **it's not brain surgery**.

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Idiom

worried sick

قلق جدا



- extremely worried

Examples :

- The next time you're going to be this late getting home, please call me, because I was **worried sick**!
- Your father and I are **worried sick** about you.

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Idiom

dog eat dog

(صراع قاس)



used to describe a situation in which people compete with each other for success in a cruel and selfish way

Examples :

- It's **dog eat dog** in the television industry.
- It is very much **dog eat dog** out there.

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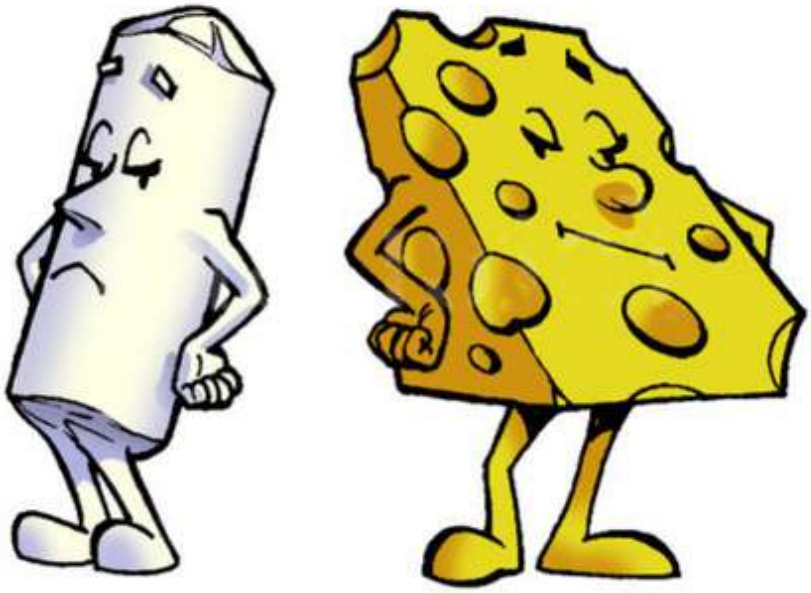
Idiom like chalk and cheese

(مختلفان تماما)



completely different from each other

Examples :

- My brother and I are **like chalk and cheese**.
- His two sons are **like chalk and cheese**.

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Idiom water under the bridge

(ما حصل حصل / أصبح في الماضي)



something that happened in the past and cannot now be changed

Examples :

- Yes, we did have our disagreements but that's **water under the bridge now**.
- George and I were friends once, but that's **all water under the bridge now**.

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Idiom

in my book

(فى رايى / في تقديري)



in my opinion

Examples :

- **In my book**, the Dark Knight is the best film ever made.
- Well, **in my book**, if you steal, you deserve to get caught.

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Idiom

clear the air

(أزال سوء الفهم أو الخلافات)



to discuss a problem or difficult situation with someone in order to make it better

Examples :

- All right, let's discuss this frankly. It'll be better if we **clear the air**.
- In an attempt to **clear the air**, Peter has planned a meeting with employees to discuss the issue.

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Idiom pay through the nose

(دفع ثمنا باهظا)



to pay too much money for something

Examples :

- We **paid through the nose** to get the car fixed.
- Universities are actually free for citizens in this country, but because I immigrated here I have to **pay through the nose** for my degree.

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Idiom

make a killing

(كسب مالا وفيرا في وقت قصير)



to make a lot of money in a short time

Examples :

- They **made a killing** with the sale of their London house.
- He **made a killing** on the stock exchange.

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Idiom a shot in the dark

(مجرد تخمين)



a guess that you make without having any facts or ideas to support it

Examples :

- My answer to the last question was **a** complete **shot in the dark**.
- It was **a shot in the dark**, but it turned out to be exactly right.

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Idiom with open arms

(بترحاب شديد / بذراعين مفتوحين)



in a very friendly way

Examples :

- He greeted Peter **with open arms**.
- Don't expect her to welcome you **with open arms**. She's still very angry with you.

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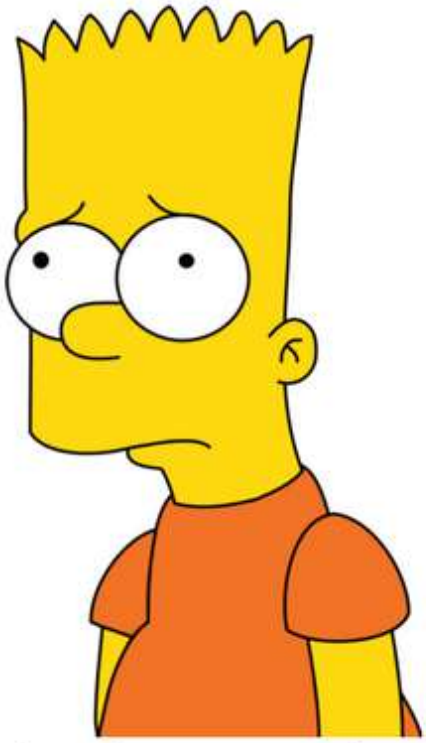
Idiom

down in the dumps

(مكتئب / تعيس)



very sad and without much interest in life

Examples :

- Sarah is a bit **down in the dumps** because she failed one of her exams.
- Peter is feeling a bit **down in the dumps**.

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Idiom

all talk and no trousers

(كثير الكلام قليل الفعل)



Someone who talks about doing important things, but doesn't take any action.

Examples :

- Politicians are known to be **all talk and no trousers**.
- He says he's going to do something about it but he never will. He's **all talk and no trousers**.

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Idiom

no sweat

(دون اي صعوبة أو مشكلة)



with no difficulty or problem

Examples :

- "Can you fix my car for me?" "**No sweat**!"
- "Will you be able to fix the light?" "Yeah, **no sweat**."

Like

English With Karim

Idiom

it's all go

(مشغول جدا)



it is very busy

Examples :

- **It's all go** in the commercial property market.
- **It's all go** in town today.

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Idiom

have a sharp tongue

(سليط اللسان)



to be someone who often criticizes and speaks in a severe way

Examples :

- She **has a sharp tongue**, so be warned.
- He **has** quite a **sharp tongue**. Don't be totally upset by what he says or the way he says it.

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Idiom

a long face

(شخص مكتئب او حزين)



if you have a long face, you look sad

Examples :

- Sarah had such **a long face** yesterday after she learned that she failed her exam.
- Why do you have such **a long face**?Is something bothering you?

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Idiom

it's early days

ما زال الوقت مبكرا (حتى نحكم)



it is too soon to be sure how a situation will develop

Examples :

- Our progress has been fairly slow so far, but **it's early days**.
- My new business is doing pretty well in terms of profit, but **it's early days**.

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Idiom

on the dot

(في الوقت المحدد)



exactly on time or at a particular time

Examples :

- The plane landed at two o'clock **on the dot**.
- I'll be there **on the dot**.

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Idiom

go halves

(قاسم مناصفة)



to divide the cost of something
with someone

Examples :

- Shall we **go halves** on a present for Sarah?
- We decided to **go halves** on the expenses.

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Idiom

rack your brains

(بذل جهدا للتفكير او تذكر شيء)



to think very hard

Examples :

- I've been **racking my brains** all day but I can't remember her name.
- She **racked her brains**, trying to remember what David had said.

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Idiom skin and bones

(نحيف جدا)



to be extremely thin

Examples :

- A lot of these fashion models are all **skin and bones.**
- Your brother is just **skin and bones** - has he been sick?

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Idiom a mind like a sieve

(ذاكرته ضعيفة جدا)



If you have a mind like a sieve, you forget things very easily

Examples :

- John has **a mind like a sieve** - had to leave him three separate reminders about the play tomorrow night!
- He has lost his keys again- he has **a mind like a sieve**.

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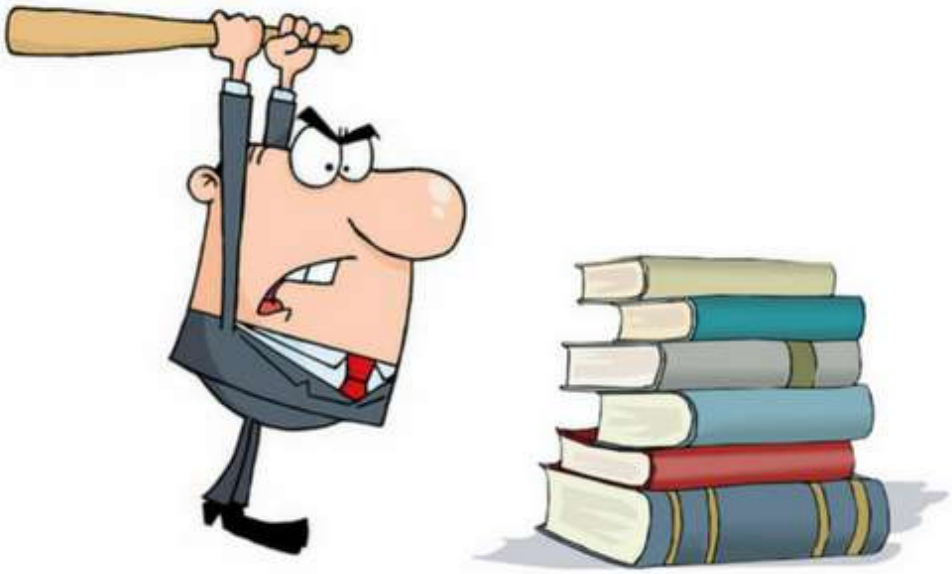
Idiom

hit the books

(ان تراجع و تدرس بجد)



to study hard

Examples :

- You better **hit the books** if you want to pass your exam on Monday.
- I can't go out tonight. I need to **hit the books**.

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Idiom

go bananas

(فقد اعصابه / جن جنونه)



to become extremely angry
or excited

Examples :

- She'll **go bananas** when you tell her the news.
- Dad will **go bananas** when he sees this mess.

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Idiom brain-dead



If someone is brain-dead, their mind is not working effectively, usually because they are very tired or very bored

Examples :

- By the time I leave work I'm completely **brain-dead**.
- What's the matter with you? Are you **brain-dead** or something?

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Idiom

child's play

(عمل في منتهى السهولة / سهل جدا)



something that is very easy to do

Examples :

- Oh please, I've been playing guitar for 20 years—that song is **child's play**.
- For her, computer programming is **child's play**.

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Idiom one of those days



a bad day, full of problems

Examples :

- It's been **one of those days**. I lost my keys and then I fell over running for the bus.
- I forgot to call her again - it's just been **one of those days**.

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Idiom think on your feet



be able to think and react to
things very quickly

Examples :

- When you're called on in class, you have to be able to **think on your feet**.
- He can **think on his feet** quicker than anyone I've ever met.

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Idiom let your hair down



to enjoy yourself and start to relax,
especially after working very hard

Examples :

- The party gave us all a chance to really **let our hair down.**
- We need a place where young folk can **let their hair down** and enjoy themselves.

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Idiom

like a dog with two tails



very happy and excited

Examples :

- Mary's been **like a dog with two tails** ever since she got her promotion.
- I was **like a dog with two tails** when they told me that I passed the exam.

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Idiom get out of bed on the wrong side



used to say that somebody
is in a bad mood

Examples :

- I think Ann **got out of bed on the wrong side** this morning.
- Why is Peter so irritable this morning? Did he **get out of bed on the wrong side** again?

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Idiom pull someone's leg



to tell someone something that is not true, as a joke

Examples :

- Is it really your car or are you **pulling my leg**?
- Stop **pulling my leg** – you didn't have lunch with Bono!

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Idiom storm in a teacup



a lot of unnecessary anger and worry about a matter that is not important

Examples :

- My brother and sister had a big argument about the television yesterday, but it was just a **storm in a teacup**.
- I really think you're making a **storm in a teacup** over this. It's just a tiny scratch on the car!

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Idiom

not be on speaking terms



be so angry with each other that they refuse to speak to each other

Examples :

- They had an argument last night and now they'**re not on speaking terms**.
- He **was not on speaking terms** with his brother or sisters.

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Idiom bite the bullet



force yourself to do something
difficult or unpleasant

Examples :

- I hate going to the dentist, but I'll just have to **bite the bullet.**
- If you no longer want to marry Sarah, you need to **bite the bullet** and tell her.

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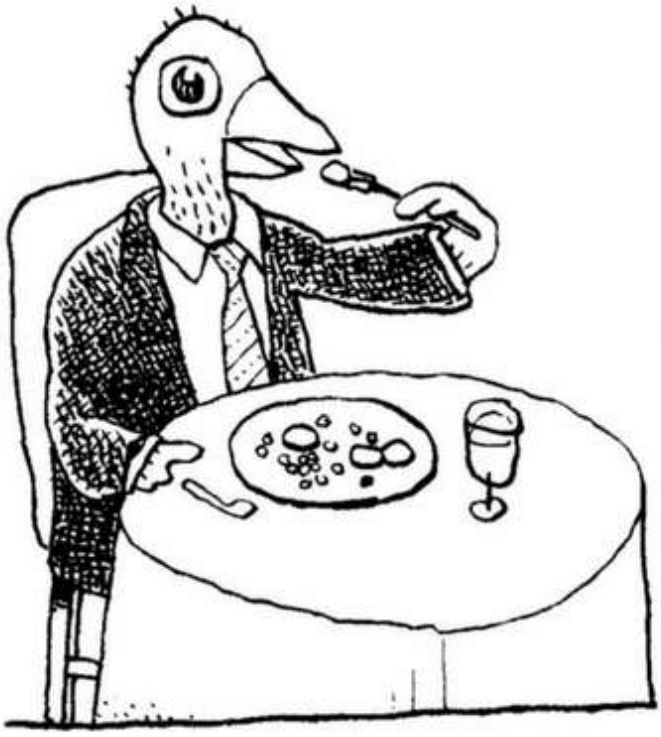
Idiom eat like a bird



to eat very little

Examples :

- Don't worry about making extra food for Kim, she **eats like a bird**.
- You **eat like a bird** – I don't know how you stay healthy.

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Idiom a world of difference



used for emphasizing the difference
between two people or things

Examples :

- There's **a world of difference** between the service in the two hotels.
- There's **a world of difference** between high school classes and college classes.

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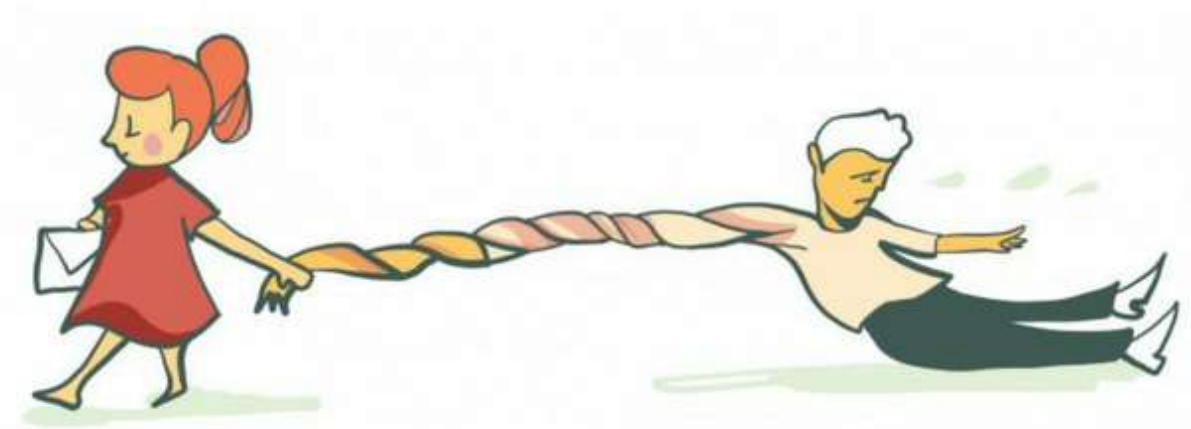
Idiom twist someone's arm



to persuade someone to do something
that they do not want to do

Examples :

- I didn't want to go to the exhibition, but Linda **twisted my arm.**
- I wasn't going to come, but George **twisted my arm.**

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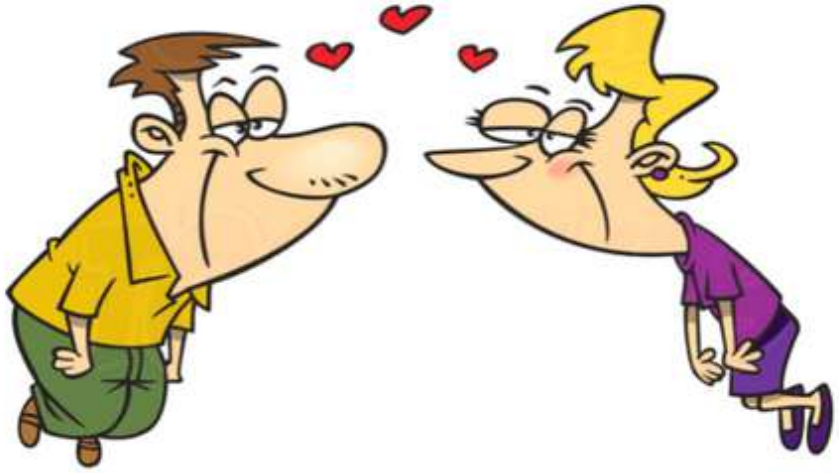
Idiom only have eyes for someone



to be interested in or attracted to only one person

Examples :

- Peter **only has eyes for** Sarah. He's not interested in other girls.
- Oh! I doubt Bella would cheat on you—she **only has eyes for** you!

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Idiom

full of yourself



to be always talking about yourself or your achievements in a way that annoys other people

Examples :

- I couldn't stand him, he was so **full of himself**.
- I doubt she even thought about what you might need, she's so **full of herself**.

Idiom

bury your head in the sand



to ignore a problem or an unpleasant situation and hope that it will disappear

Examples :

- You've got to face facts here - you can't just **bury your head in the sand**.
- You'll never solve your problems if you just **bury your head in the sand** - you have to face them.

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Idiom

packed like sardines

Idiom



crowded so tightly together in a space
that there is no room to move

Examples :

- We were **packed like sardines** in the rush-hour train.
- We were **packed like sardines** in the ship and could barely move.

English With Karim

Idiom

cost a bomb



expensive

Examples :

- A fancy car like that **costs a bomb**, so I definitely can't afford it!
- "Your watch is gorgeous."
  "I should hope so, it **cost a bomb**."

Idiom

the best thing since sliced bread



a new invention or innovation that is likely to improve people's lives significantly

Examples :

- These waterproof jeans are **the best thing since sliced bread.** I don't have to worry about getting soaked!
- The invention of the internet has changed the way we live; it is **the best thing since sliced bread.**

Idiom

pull the wool over somebody's eyes



to deceive someone by not telling the truth

Examples :

- He tried **pulling the wool over our eyes** by hiding the profits in separate accounts, but we were quick to catch onto his scheme.
- Stop trying to **pull the wool over my eyes**! What were you two fighting about just now?

Idiom

smell a rat

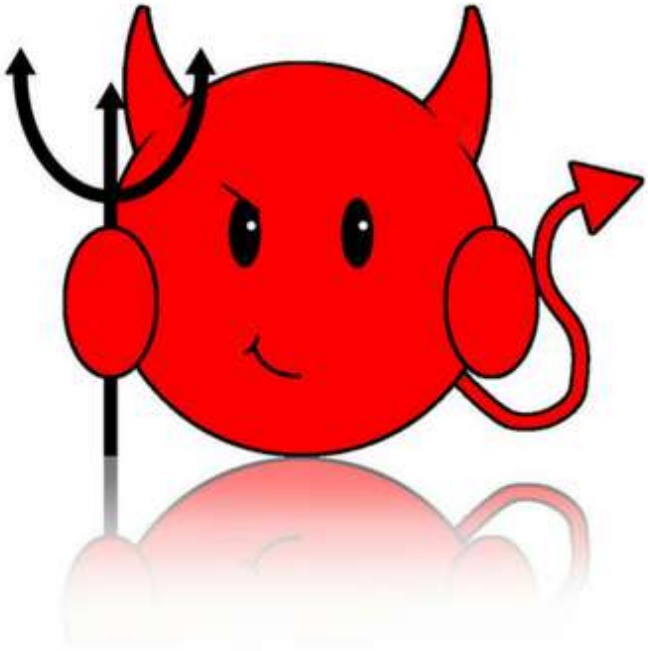


to believe something is wrong
or suspicious

Examples :

- On observing the thief's actions, the policeman **smelt a rat** and realised that the thief was lying and up to something foul.
- He's been working late with her every night this week - I **smell a rat**!

Idiom speak of the devil



something you say when the person you were talking about appears unexpectedly

Examples :

- "Did you hear what happened to Anna yesterday - oh, **speak of the devil**, here she is."
- "Well, **speak of the devil**! We were just talking about you!"