Idiom in bad shape



in bad physical condition

Examples :

- "Bill is **in bad shape**. He needs to exercise regularly and go on a diet."
- "Fred had a little accident, and he's **in bad shape**."

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Idiom skin someone alive



to punish someone severely

Examples :

- "My parents will **skin me alive** if they see my grades."
- "My mother will **skin me alive** for being so late home."

Idiom have bigger fish to fry



to have something more important to do

Examples :

- "I can't answer your question. I **have bigger fish to fry**."
- "I want Chris to help me with this project, but he claims he **has bigger fish to fry** right now."

Idiom

save the day



to rescue someone or a situation
from danger or failure

Examples :

- "The team seemed to be heading for disaster until a late goal **saved the day.**"
- "Peter **saved the day** by lending me his suit for the interview."

Idiom

(be) on cloud nine



to be extremely happy and excited

Examples :

- "Was Helen pleased about getting that job?" "Pleased? She **was on cloud nine**!"
- He **was on cloud nine** after he passed the exam.

Idiom as gentle as a lamb



said about kind , innocent, and gentle people

Examples :

- "Sarah is **as gentle as a lamb**. That's why everybody likes her."
- Peter may seem a bad person, but he's **as gentle as a lamb**. He's actually helped me carry my groceries many times.

Idiom

party animal



a person who loves parties

Examples :

- "Sarah is a real **party animal** - she likes to dance all night."
- "My boyfriend and I are real **party animals**."

Idiom

from A to Z



including everything, completely

Examples :

- "This book tells the story of her life **from A to Z**."
- "Peter knows London **from A to Z**.

Idiom keep a straight face



to manage to stop yourself from
smiling or laughing

Examples :

- " Barbara tried to **keep a straight face**, but in the end she just couldn't help laughing."
- "What went through Tom's mind I can't imagine, but he did manage to **keep a straight face**."

Idiom I could murder something

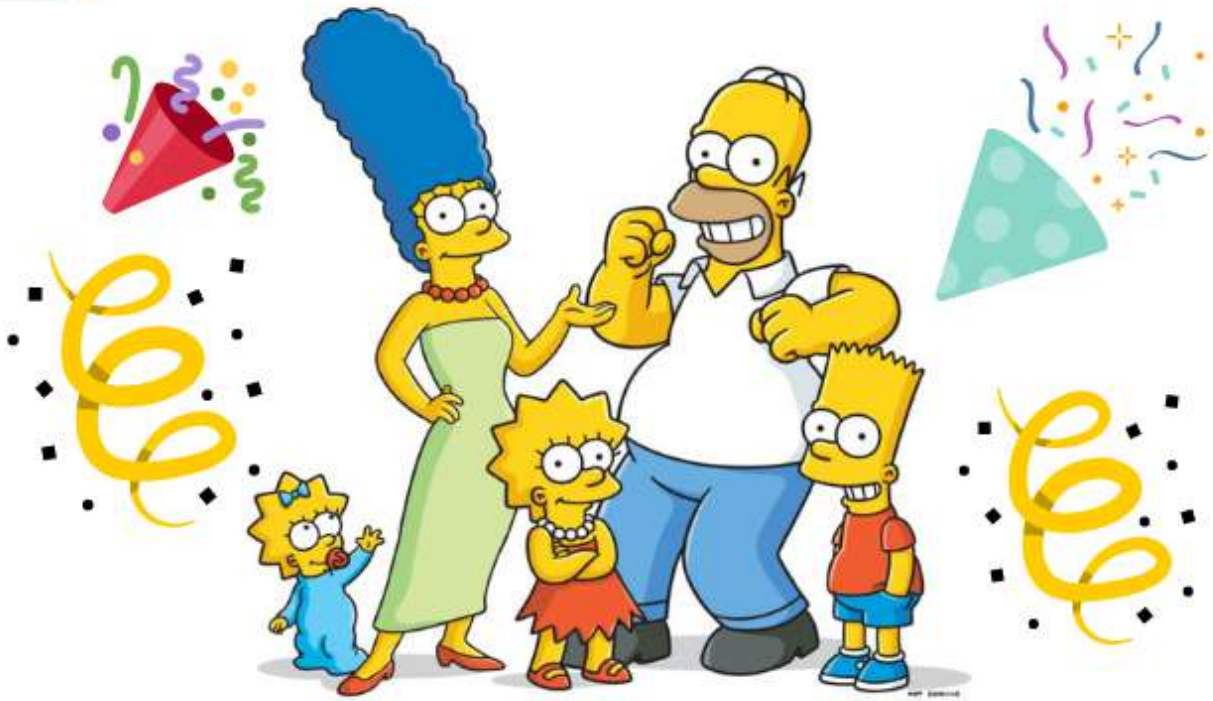


used to say that you are very hungry or thirsty and want a particular food or drink

Examples :

- "I **could murder a** cup of tea!"
- "I'm hungry after that walk. I **could murder a** hamburger right now."

Idiom throw a party



to have a party

Examples :

- "Peter **threw a party** for Brad's 18th birthday."
- "Bill **threw a party** for his sister before she went away to college."

Idiom

have butterflies (in your stomach)



to feel very nervous, usually about something you are going to do

Examples :

- "I always **have butterflies in my stomach** before an exam."
- "I almost didn't go on stage and perform tonight because I **had butterflies in my stomach**."

Idiom cry your eyes out



to cry a lot

Examples :

- "I was so upset that day, I **cried my eyes out**."
- "She **cried her eyes out** when he left her for another girl."

Idiom

blow your top



to become extremely angry

Examples :

- "My father **will blow his top** when he sees what happened to the car."
- "My mother **blew her top** when I told her I was quitting medical school."

Idiom pat someone on the back



to praise someone for doing something good

Examples :

- "My teacher **patted me on the back** for my good marks in the maths test."
- "The coach **patted each player on the back** after the game."

Idiom have the last laugh



to succeed when others thought you would not

Examples :

- "She was fired from the company last year, but she **had the last laugh** when she was hired by their main rival at twice the salary. "
- " After so many people dismissed her, Lisa **had the last laugh** by moving to Hollywood and becoming a well-known character actress."

Idiom be at death's door



to be very sick

Examples :

- "Most of the survivors of the airplane crash are still **at death's door.** "
- "His skin was so pale, he looked like he was **at death's door.**"

Idiom

walk on air

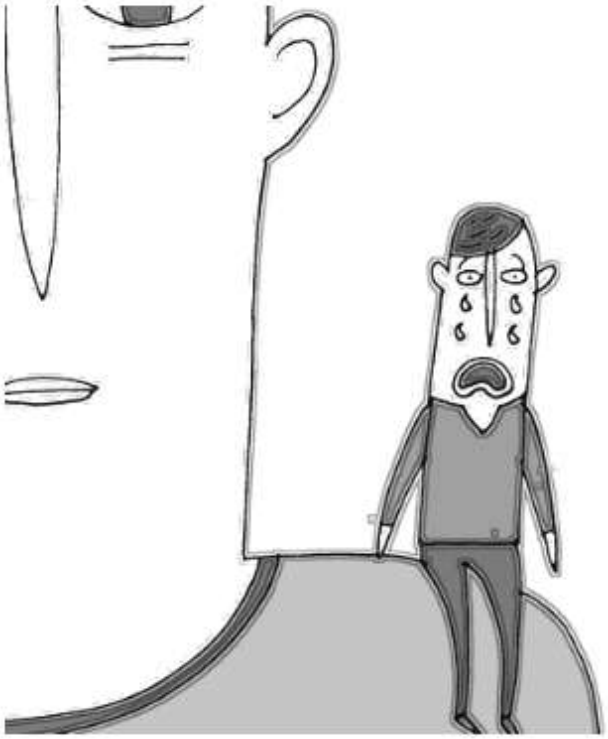


to feel extremely excited or happy

Examples :

- "After the delivery of her baby, she was **walking on air.**"
- "Since their engagement, he's been **walking on air.**"

Idiom a shoulder to cry on



someone who listens to you with sympathy
when you talk about your problems

Examples :

- "She was always **a shoulder to cry on** for her friends."
- "Janine needed **a shoulder to cry on** after she lost her job, so she came over to my apartment."

idiom

(be) back on your feet



to be healthy again after a period of illness

"Jim's hoping he'll be back on his feet by next week."

"Sarah is happy to be back on her feet again after her hospital stay."

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idiom

get hitched



to get married

"Did you hear? Sarah and David **got hitched** last week!"

"They **got hitched** last year without telling anybody about it."

English With Karim

idiom

go Dutch



to agree to share the cost of something, especially a meal

"I don't want you to pay for my ticket. Let's **go Dutch**."

"We **went Dutch** on a meal in the new restaurant in Shaftesbury Avenue."

English With Karim

idiom

live from hand to mouth



to live without a lot of money

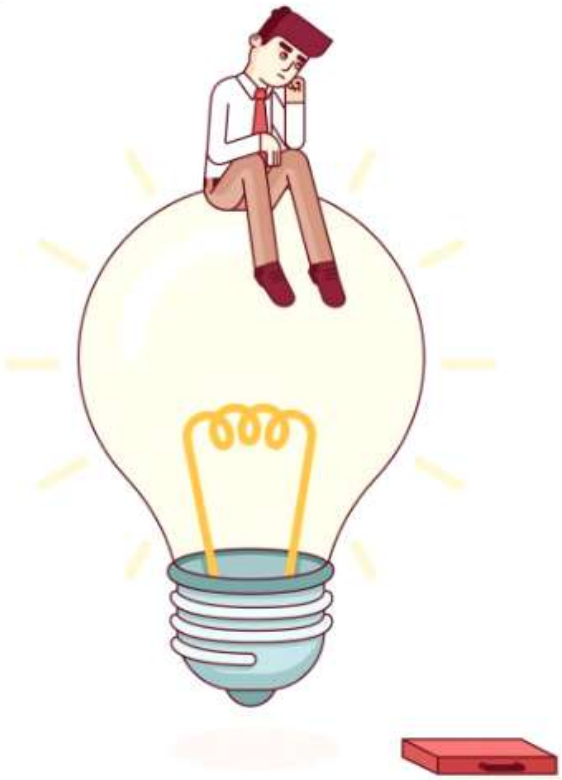
"My father earned very little and there were four kids, so we lived from hand to mouth."

"The family has been living from hand to mouth ever since their father lost his job."

English With Karim

idiom

up in the air



if a plan is up in the air, you have not yet decided what will happen

"The whole future of the project is still up in the air."

"Our trip is still very much up in the air."

English With Karim

idiom

men in blue



the police

"The **men in blue** are chasing the drug dealer."

"We caught a thief in our house, we're just waiting for the **men in blue** to come arrest him."

English With Karim

idiom

the salt of the earth



an ordinary person who is respected because they are honest and good

"My father is the salt of the earth. He works hard and always helps people who are in need."

"Mrs. Jones is the salt of the earth. She is the first to help anyone in trouble."

English With Karim

idiom

I wasn't born yesterday



used for telling someone that you are not stupid enough to believe what they are saying

"I know what's going on. I wasn't born yesterday."

"You say you would pay me back as soon as possible, but I don't believe you. I wasn't born yesterday, you know. "

English With Karim

idiom

have kittens



**to be very worried, upset,
or angry about something**

"My mother **had kittens** when I said I was going to buy a motorbike."

"My father **had kittens** when I stayed out late yesterday."

English With Karim

idiom

a little bird told me



said when you don't want to reveal the source of your information

"How did you know the news?"
"Oh, a little bird told me."

"A little bird told me that you've got engaged."

English With Karim

idiom

in high spirits



happy, enjoying things

"He seemed sad the last time I saw him, so I'm glad he's **in high spirits** tonight."

"Well, you're **in high spirits**! You must have passed that test you were worried about."

English With Karim

idiom

ring the changes



to make major changes to something

"Let's ring the changes and repaint the whole house."

"I'm not surprised that Tina showed up with purple hair today—she loves ringing the changes with her hair color."

English With Karim

idiom

get/go back to nature



to spend time living in a simple way without modern machines, electricity, etc.

"They went on a camping trip to get back to nature."

"My sister really wanted to go back to nature, but I like modern technology too much to do that."

English With Karim

idiom

(be) in the public eye



to be famous and written about in newspapers and magazines and seen on television

"Celebrities make a lot of money, but being in the public eye and getting recognized all the time has its drawbacks."

"The royal family are always in the public eye."

English With Karim

idiom

a change of heart



a situation in which you change your opinion about someone or something

"She was going to sell her house but had a change of heart at the last minute."

"The government seems to have had a change of heart about nursery education."

English With Karim

idiom

roll up your sleeves



get ready for hard work

"Well, we have a long day ahead, so let's **roll up our sleeves** and start!"

"I know you're disappointed, but you need to **roll up your sleeves** and redouble your efforts."

English With Karim

idiom

put yourself on the line



to do something that has big personal risks for you

"Look, I'm putting myself on the line for you here. I could get fired if they find out what we're up to!"

"Firefighters always put themselves on the line every working day."

English With Karim

idiom

look someone in the eye



to talk to someone in an honest way, to show that what you are saying is true

"I can't believe you can look me in the eye and lie to me like that."

"Can you look me in the eye and say that you really love him?"

English With Karim

idiom

(be) your own boss



to work for yourself and not be employed by someone else

"I'd really like to be my own boss."

"I'm very much my own boss and no one interferes with what I do."

English With Karim

idiom

(as) cool as a cucumber



very calm and relaxed, especially in a difficult situation

"Sarah felt nervous, but she acted as cool as a cucumber."

"She walked in as cool as a cucumber, as if nothing had happened."

English With Karim

idiom

old hand



someone who is very experienced and skilled in a particular area of activity

"We should be able to trust Silva to negotiate a good deal for us - he's an **old hand** at the game."

" Peter is an **old hand** at such compositions and has never had any trouble with them."

English With Karim

idiom

no-brainer



something so simple or obvious that you do not need to think much about it

"It should be illegal to drink and drive. That's a **no-brainer**."

"Taking that job over the one I had was a **no-brainer**"

English With Karim

idiom

get something off your chest



to talk to someone about something that has been worrying you, so that you feel better about it

"He came to see me because he wanted to get something off his chest."

"She felt happy when she got it off her chest. She had felt guilty for years."

English With Karim

idiom

from the word go



from the start

"The bridge-building project had problems with funding right from the word go."

"It's essential you make the right decisions from the word go."

English With Karim

idiom

spill the beans



to tell people secret information

"Does Phillip know about our plan?" "Yes, someone must have **spilled the beans**."

"We had everything organized for Bruce's surprise party, but Kate accidentally **spilled the beans** to him at work."

English With Karim

idiom

break the ice



make people feel more comfortable

"Someone suggested that we play a party game to **break the ice**."

"Peter told a few jokes to **break the ice**."

English With Karim