

100 Idioms And Their Meanings

1. **At a crossroads** – Needing to make an important decision
2. **Bad apple** – Bad person
3. **Barking up the wrong tree** – Pursuing the wrong course
4. **Be closefisted** – Stingy
5. **Be cold-hearted** – Uncaring
6. **Be on solid ground** – Confident
7. **Beat around the bush** – Avoid saying
8. **Behind you** – Supportive
9. **Between a rock and a hard place** – Facing difficulties
10. **Blow off steam** – Try to relax
11. **Born with a silver spoon in their mouth** – Born wealthy
12. **Break the bank** – Spend a lot
13. **Bright spark** – Smart
14. **Build a case** – Argue your point
15. **Build castles in the sky** – Daydream
16. **Burn your bridges** – End a relationship
17. **Butter up** – Flatter
18. **Bought a lemon** – Bad bargain
19. **Break the ice** – Start a conversation
20. **Calm before the storm** – Peaceful
21. **Chasing rainbows** – Pursuing dreams
22. **Clear as mud** – Hard to understand
23. **Cool as a cucumber** – Calm
24. **Couch potato** – Lazy
25. **Cross that bridge when we get to it** – Think about it later
26. **Chew it over** – Think had about something
28. **Cut back on** – Reduce
29. **Cut to the chase** – Speak concisely

- 30. Crystal clear – Easy to understand**
31. Dead-end job – No more opportunities

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- 32. Dig deep – Strive**
33. Digging into – Looking closer
34. Don't run before you can walk – Don't assume something is easy
35. Down to earth – Practical
36. Eat like a bird – Small appetite
37. Eat like a horse – Eat a lot
38. Eat your words – Admit you were wrong
39. Every cloud has a silver lining – Things will get better
40. Face the music – Face the consequences
41. Find your feet – Adapt
42. Follow in their footsteps – Imitate
43. Food for thought – Something to think about
44. A frosty reception – To be unwelcome
45. Fly off the handle – Rages
46. Get on with your life – Continue on after a setback
47. Give them a run for their money – Compete
48. Go Dutch – Split the bill
49. Go with the flow – Relax and get along
50. Got off scot-free – Escaped
51. Hard to swallow – Unbelievable
52. Have your whole life in front of you – Young
53. Hold out an olive branch – Apologize
54. In hot water – In trouble
55. Inching forward - Making slow progress
56. Keep on the straight and narrow – Keep out of trouble
57. Keep your chin up – Stay positive

- 58. Kicked the bucket – Died**
- 59. Let the cat out of the bag – Spoiled the secret**
- 60. Look up to – Respect**
- 61. Loaded – Rich**
- 62. Lost at sea – Confused**

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- 63. Making ends meet – Careful budgeting**
- 64. Make a mountain out of a molehill –Exaggerate**
- 65. Make waves – Change things**
- 66. Nip in the bud – Stop**
- 67. No sweat – Easy**
- 68. Not your cup of tea – Not something you like**
- 69. Once in a blue moon – Rare**
- 70. Out in the open – Public knowledge**
- 71. Over the moon – Very happy**
- 72. On cloud nine – Very happy**
- 73. Packed like sardines – Crowded**
- 74. Piece of cake –Easy**
- 75. Pitch in - Contribute**
- 76. Point of view – An opinion**
- 77. Pony up – Pay**
- 78. Pour oil on troubled waters – Calm things down**
- 79. Put your head in the sand – Deny something unpleasant**
- 80. Rags to riches – Became rich**
- 81. Rain or shine – No matter what**
- 82. Reap the rewards – Received the benefits**
- 83. Rings a bell – Sounds familiar**
- 84. Rule of thumb – General practice**
- 85. Separate the wheat from the chaff – Decide what is valuable**

- 86. Shell out money – Pay**
- 87. Sitting on the fence – Neutral**
- 88. Smart cookie – Smart person**
- 89. Spice things up – Make things interesting**
- 90. Spill the beans – Tell**
- 91. Sticky fingers – Thief**
- 92. Take a side – Choose who to support**
- 93. Throw light on – Explain something**

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- 94. To move at a snail's pace – Move slowly**
- 95. Tread carefully – Be cautious**
- 96. Under the table – Secretive**
- 97. Undermine your position – Act unconvincingly**
- 98. Up in the air – Uncertain**
- 99. Weather the storm – Survive**
- 100. When it rains, it pours – Trouble comes**