

# "Idioms"

"A group of words established by usage as having a meaning not deducible by the meaning of the individual words."

Plenty of fish in the sea



There's plenty of fish (in the sea) means a single person still has lots of options out there for future partners

Hit the sack



To go to bed or to sleep.

Break a leg



Used to wish someone luck.

When pigs fly



Something that will never happen.

Rain cats and dogs



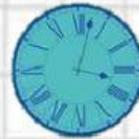
Rain very hard.

Go all out



Use a lot of energy and effort to do something.

It's early days



Means that it is too soon to know how something will turn out.

Put a sock in it



Use to tell someone to stop talking.

A far cry from



Very different from (something or someone).

Dog eat dog



Used to refer to a situation of fierce competition in which people are willing to harm each other in order to succeed.

Tickled pink



Very happy or amused.

Hush money



Money paid to someone to prevent them from disclosing embarrassing or discreditable information.

The straw that broke the camel's back



The last in a series of bad things that happen to make someone very upset, angry, etc.

To have a bigger fish to fry



To have more important or more interesting things to do or attend to.

Dark horse



The saying dark horse usually means an unexpected winner.

Over the moon



Extremely happy; delighted.

Miss the boat



Fail to take advantage of an opportunity/ It's too late.

That's how the cookie crumbles



Used when something bad has happened to say that someone must accept things the way ..

It's not rocket science



It means it's not difficult.

Speak of the devil



said when a person appears just after being mentioned.

**Choose and complete the following sentences.**

- The children were \_\_\_\_\_ when they were taken for a camping trip.
- When John broke up with Ann, I told her not to worry.  
-There are \_\_\_\_\_.
- She \_\_\_\_\_ to attain the scholarship to pursue a higher education.
- My first stage performance is scheduled for tonight.  
"Well, \_\_\_\_\_!"

- e) I've got to get up early tomorrow, so I'm going to \_\_\_\_\_.
- f) The TV business today is a \_\_\_\_\_ business.
- g) I think the chemotherapy has killed the cancer but \_\_\_\_\_ yet.
- h) I want Chris to help me with this project, but he claims he \_\_\_\_\_ right now.
- i) The attempt to abduct their son was \_\_\_\_\_ and it convinced them to put the whole family in the car and move to Jordan.
- j) I might wake up early tomorrow to clean my room.  
"Yes, you'll do that \_\_\_\_\_".
- k) Did you hear what happened to Mary today – oh, \_\_\_\_\_, there she is.
- l) I think I should be able to figure out how to fix light, \_\_\_\_\_.
- m) She got angry and asked him to \_\_\_\_\_.
- n) The movie is \_\_\_\_\_ the book.
- o) The boss paid \_\_\_\_\_ to his ex-wife. "I heard that the bank paid hush money to the newspaper."  
There are some companies that pay hush money to the government.
- p) No one knew about her earlier, but suddenly she is being seen as the \_\_\_\_\_ with such amazing display of her abilities.
- q) The buyer \_\_\_\_\_ and never got the house when he offered too low a bid.

- r) She was \_\_\_\_\_ when she found out she won first prize in the lottery.
- s) I guess \_\_\_\_\_ is as our republic slides toward empire.
- t) I think I'll stay home today. It's raining \_\_\_\_\_ and I don't want to drive.