*A List of the most commonly used English idioms*

*1. A hot potato*

Speak of an issue which many people are talking about and which is usually disputed

*2. A penny for your thoughts*

A way of asking what someone is thinking

*3. Actions speak louder than words*

People's intentions can be judged better by what they do than what they say.

*4. Add insult to injury*

To worsen an unfavorable situation.

*5. An arm and a leg*

Very expensive or costly. A large amount of money.

*6. At the drop of a hat*

Without any hesitation; instantly.

*7. Back to the drawing board*

When an attempt fails and it's time to start all over.

*8. Ball is in your court*

It is up to you to make the next decision or step

*9. Barking up the wrong tree*

Looking in the wrong place. Accusing the wrong person

*10. Be glad to see the back of*

Be happy when a person leaves.

*11. Beat around the bush*

Avoiding the main topic. Not speaking directly about the issue.

*12. Best of both worlds*

An ideal situation

*13. Best thing since sliced bread*

A good invention or innovation. A good idea or plan.

*14. Bite off more than you can chew*

More than it should be.

*15. Blessing in disguise*

Something good that isn't recognized at first.

*16. Burn the midnight oil*

To work late into the night

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17. *Can't judge a book by its cover*

Cannot judge something primarily on appearance.

18. *Caught between two stools*

When someone finds it difficult to choose between two alternatives.

19. *Costs an arm and a leg*

This idiom is used when something is very expensive.

20. *Cross that bridge when you come to it*

Deal with a problem when it becomes necessary, not before.

21. *Cry over spilt milk*

When you complain about a loss from the past.

22. *Curiosity killed the cat*

Being Inquisitive can lead you into an unpleasant situation.

23. *Cut corners*

When something is done badly to save money.

24. *Cut the mustard*

To succeed; to come up to expectations; enough to compete or participate

25. *Devil's Advocate*

To present a counter argument

26. *Don't count your chickens before the eggs have hatched*

This idiom is used to express "Don't make plans for something that might not happen".

27. *Don't give up the day job*

You are not very good at something. You could definitely not do it professionally.

28. *Don't put all your eggs in one basket*

Do not put all your resources in one possibility.

29. *Drastic times call for drastic measures*

When you are extremely desperate you need to take drastic actions.

30. *Every cloud has a silver lining*

Be optimistic, even difficult times will lead to better days. Far cry from very different from.

31. *Feel a bit under the weather*

Feeling slightly ill.

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*32. Give the benefit of the doubt*

Believe someone's statement, without proof

*30. Go back to the drawing board*

Don't disparate and start over

*31. Hear it on the grapevine*

This idiom means 'to hear rumors' about something or someone.

*32. Hit the nail on the head*

Do or say something exactly right

*33. Hit the sack / sheets / hay*

To go to bed.

*34. In the heat of the moment*

Overwhelmed by what is happening in the moment.

*35. It takes two to tango*

Actions or communications need more than one person

*36. Jump on the bandwagon*

Join a popular trend or activity.

*37. Keep something at bay*

Keep something away.

*38. Kill two birds with one stone*

This idiom means, to accomplish two different things at the same time.

*39. Last straw*

The final problem in a series of problems.

*40. Let sleeping dogs lie*

Do not disturb a situation as it is - since it would result in trouble or complications.

*41. Let the cat out of the bag*

To share information that was previously concealed

*42. Make a long story short*

Come to the point - leave out details

*43. Method to my madness*

An assertion that, despite one's approach seeming random, there actually is structure to it.

*44. Miss the boat*

This idiom is used to say that someone missed his or her chance

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*45. Not a spark of decency*

No manners

*46. Not playing with a full deck*

Someone who lacks intelligence.

*47. Off one's rocker*

Crazy, demented, out of one's mind, in a confused or befuddled state of mind, senile.

*48. On the ball*

When someone understands the situation well.

*49. Once in a blue moon*

Happens very rarely.

*50. Picture paints a thousand words*

A visual presentation is far more descriptive than words.

*51. Piece of cake*

A job, task or other activity that is easy or simple.

*52. Put wool over other people's eyes*

This means to deceive someone into thinking well of them.

*53. See eye to eye*

It is used to say that two or more agree on something.

*54. Sit on the fence*

When someone does not want to choose or decide.

*55. Speak of the devil!*

This expression is used when the person you have just been talking about arrives.

*56. Steal someone's thunder*

To take the credit for something someone else did.

*57. Take with a grain of salt*

Take what someone says too seriously.

*58. Taste of your own medicine*

Something happens to you, or is done to you, that you have done to someone else

*59. To hear something straight from the horse's mouth*

To hear something from the authoritative source.

*60. Turn a blind eye on*

To ignore undesirable information.

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*61.* *Whole nine yards*

Everything. All of it.

*62.* *Wouldn't be caught dead*

Would never like to do something

*63.* *Your guess is as good as mine*

To have no idea, do not know the answer to a question.

*64.* *Bite the bullet*

To get something over with because it is inevitable.

*65.* *Break a leg*

Good luck

*66.* *It's not rocket science*

It's not complicated.

*67.* *Call it a day*

Stop working on something.

*68.* *On the tip of my tongue*

When sb is trying to remember sth

*69.* *Make a long story short*

Provide just the basic facts rather than giving a lengthy explanation for something

*70.* *Face the music*

To accept responsibility for something you have done

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