

"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.

- a) The children were _____ when they were
taken for a camping trip.
- b) When John broke up with Ann, I told her not to worry.
-There are _____.
- c) She _____ to attain the scholarship to
pursue a higher education.
- d) 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.