



**The Write Tribe**

# 100 ESSENTIAL IDIOMS

Covers 100 essential  
idioms to ace primary  
school compositions

Exercises + answers  
included



## About this book

Based on the Ultimate PSLE Composition Cheat Sheet, this book aims to expose students to over 100 essential idioms to ace primary school compositions. We created these books specifically for our students to prepare them for PSLE Composition Writing. By the end of the book, students will not only learn the meanings but also learn how to use them in sentences. The worksheets are printable and suitable for home use.

Idioms are a wonderful way to boost scores for language. Answer sheets can be found behind. Students who re-attempted the exercises multiple times have shown great improvement.

Our students get the interactive versions of these books absolutely free. These interactive books are 'side missions' or extra assignments done by them apart from weekly classes. We believe both language and content are important in preparing for PSLE COMPOSITION. Students can start as early as Primary 1. Our interactive books are auto-marked and students immediately know how they have done. Furthermore, our reward system allocates points so our students can redeem attractive prizes. We believe this system will motivate our students to complete as many extra assignments as possible.

We have released the e-book version to the public as we have received feedback that have been useful to prepare students for examinations. We strongly suggest downloading the Ultimate PSLE Composition Cheat Sheet as it serves as a blueprint to everything a student needs to know to prepare for PSLE COMPOSITION. We wish you all the best in your learning journey.

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## Idiom 65

### A change of heart

Meaning



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*The teacher was going to give a test on Friday afternoon but had a change of heart and decided to show a movie instead.*

Drag the meanings

1. Changing your mind about something

2. Liking something very much

3. Being generous

## Idiom 66

### A diamond in the rough

Meaning



*John is a diamond in the rough. With enough practice, John has the potential to become the best singer in the country.*



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Drag the meanings

1. someone who takes unnecessary risks

2. someone who has the potential to become excellent

3. someone who is rash in behaviour



## Idiom 67

A dog's age

Meaning

*It has been a dog's age since I had a vacation!*



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Drag the meanings

1. short amount of sleep

2. hard work

3. a long time

## Idiom 68

A drag

Meaning



*The lesson was such a drag that I would have been more entertained watching paint dry!*



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Drag the meanings

1. lots of fun

2. To have big dreams

3. not much fun

## Idiom 69

### A fair shake

#### Meaning



Mary was a much faster runner than Sue so Mary said, "I'll give you a fair shake. You can start running and then I will count to 5 before I start."



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#### Drag the meanings

1. escape from punishment

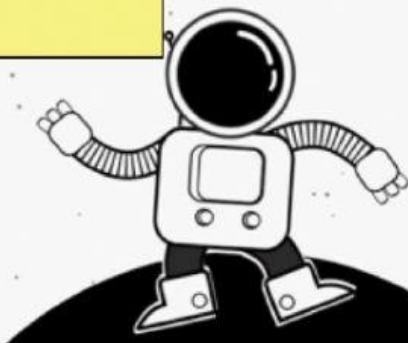
2. make it fair or equal for all

3. to be unfair

#### Meaning

## Idiom 70

### A far cry



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He is a great player, but it is time for him to retire. His recent performances are **a far cry** from what they used to be during his peak years.

#### Drag the meanings

1. very different in comparison

2. to travel

3. cry from a distance

## Idiom 71

### A free hand

#### Meaning



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*The teacher gave the students a free hand to decorate the classroom for the party.*

#### Drag the meanings

1. someone coming to your help

2. freedom to do whatever you want

3. to leave a place

## Idiom 73

### A good head

#### Meaning



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*Mary had a good head for numbers. No wonder she is always first in class for math!*

#### Drag the meanings

1. insane person

2. beautiful or handsome person

3. a good person or a smart person

## Idiom 74

**A handful**

**Meaning**



- There were only a handful of people at the party.
- Maggie was such a menace that she was a real handful, always getting into trouble.

**Drag the meanings**

1. a few, not very many or be difficult person to deal with

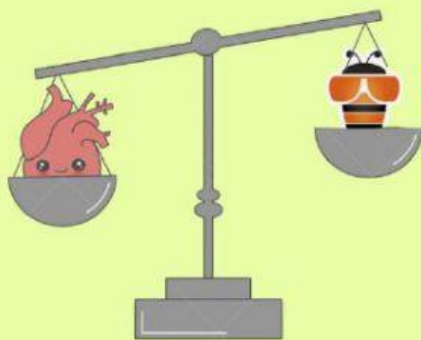
2. lots of things to carry or a heavy person

3. crowded place or noisy place

## Idiom 75

**A heavy heart**

**Meaning**



He left her with a **heavy heart**.

**Drag the meanings**

1. a fat person

2. sad

3. happy or contented



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