

IDIOMS LECTURE – 03

Rift in the lute	small problem or flaw in something that jeopardizes the whole.
Best thing since sliced bread	something that is too fine
Bells and whistles	Attractive but unnecessary features added to products
Take a rain check	declining an offer that might be taken up later.
Keep your pants on	to be patient or to relax
Elephant in the room	an obvious problem or difficult situation that people do not want to talk about
Walk the tight rope	to be in a difficult situation that demands careful and considered behaviour
At one's fingertips	To have complete knowledge
Blowing smoke	to intentionally misinform or deceive
Lose heart	To stop believing that you can succeed
Fall out	to disagree with someone about something
Last resort	last course of action
Round the clock	Something that goes on day and night
Vicious cycle	a continuing unpleasant situation, created when one problem causes another problem that then makes the first problem worse
Bread and butter	a person's livelihood or main source of income.
Jack of all trades	a person who can easily handle a variety of challenges and tasks.
Yeoman's service	very good, hard, and valuable work that someone does especially to support a cause, to help a team, etc.
At one's wits end	to be completely puzzled, confused, or at a loss about what to do next.
At the drop of a hat	to do something immediately, without any hesitation or delay.
Go down in flames	to fail spectacularly and disastrously, often in a dramatic and noticeable way.

down to earth	to someone who is practical, realistic, and humble.
up in a creek without a paddle	to be in a difficult or troublesome situation without any means of resolving it.
tighten one's belt	to use less of something
Sacred cow	something that people believe or accept as true without questioning it.
Get itchy feet	To start to want to travel or do something different
keep up appearances	to pretend to be happier, less poor, etc. than you really are, because you do not want people to know how bad your situation is:
From cradle to grave	to something that lasts or is relevant throughout a person's entire life, from birth to death.
hand to mouth	living with just enough money to meet immediate needs without any savings.
thinks outside the box	think differently
Make waves	to cause trouble; disturb the status quo
Up the ante	to increase the stakes or demands in a situation, making it more challenging or risky.
Eat like a bird	to always eat a small amount of food
cut no ice with someone	to not cause someone to change their opinion or decision
make ends meet	To live within one's income
pie in the sky	to a promise or plan that seems unrealistic or unlikely to be achieved.
have a bee in bonnet	An obsession
deep water	in trouble
Put in mind	to remind
Time after time	Repeatedly
See eye to eye	To agree with someone
Back to back	Something follows immediately after something else.