

## IDIOMS LECTURE – 07

<b>Be out for the count</b>	Sleeping deeply/unconscious
<b>Go by the book</b>	To follow rules exactly
<b>Double-talk</b>	Speaking with double meaning
<b>Feet of clay</b>	Hidden faults
<b>Treading on eggshells</b>	To be careful in speech and actions
<b>Laughing stock</b>	someone who does something very stupid and is made fun of
<b>Pay over the odds</b>	to pay more for something than it is worth
<b>Play to the gallery</b>	to say things that will make people admire you
<b>A turn of the screw</b>	an action which makes a bad situation worse
<b>A hot potato</b>	something that is difficult to deal with
<b>Another kettle of fish</b>	Completely different matter
<b>changed hands</b>	Change of ownership
<b>too many irons in the fire</b>	Having multiple tasks to complete
<b>the brain drain</b>	Movement of professionals to another country for better prospect
<b>as right as rain</b>	To be in a good mental and physical state
<b>all Greek to me`</b>	Something which I don't understand
<b>Cook someone's goose</b>	spoil someone's plans; cause someone's downfall.
<b>Disappear into thin air</b>	Disappear suddenly
<b>Put the screws on</b>	Forcing someone to do what you want
<b>Be as sharp as a tack</b>	A clever person
<b>From pillar to post</b>	Keep moving from one place to another

<b>Heath Robinson</b>	Very complicated system or machine for doing a simple task
<b>As thick as thieves</b>	Very close friends who are looked upon with suspicion
<b>Call upon</b>	to visit / to make of something or someone as a source of help
<b>Lose your touch</b>	Not being as successful as previously
<b>At one's elbow</b>	Next to someone
<b>Blow up :-</b>	To destroy by an explosion
<b>A fly on the wall</b>	An unnoticed observer of a situation
<b>In the same boat</b>	To be in the same difficult situation as someone else
<b>Hair's breadth</b>	narrow margin
<b>Grease the palm</b>	Bribe
<b>Tell upon</b>	to inform the authority about someone's fault or bad action /have bad effect on someone's health
<b>Tit for tat</b>	Counter attack
<b>Win laurels</b>	To gain honour
<b>Safe pair of hands</b>	A person who can be trusted to do something efficiently
<b>Let down</b>	To fail
<b>Hard and fast</b>	That cannot be altered/strict
<b>Knock down</b>	To demolish
<b>A kick in the teeth</b>	A grave setback/disappointment.
<b>To go to the wall</b>	fail or go out of bussiness