

## IDIOMS LECTURE – 14

<b>Half a loaf is better than none</b>	Something is better than nothing, even if it is less than one wanted.
<b>To add fuel to the fire:</b>	making things worse/worsened the difficult situation
<b>Cost an arm and a leg</b>	to be very Expensive. If/when it comes to the crunch:
<b>Play it by ear</b>	to decide how to deal with a situation as it develops, rather than acting according to plans made earlier:
<b>Go the Extra mile</b>	to make more effort than is Expected of you:
<b>Give someone the benefit of the doubt</b>	to decide that you will believe someone, even though you are not sure that what the person is saying is true:
<b>memory/mind like a sieve</b>	to have a very bad memory : to be unable to remember things.
<b>Bite the bullet</b>	to force yourself to do something unpleasant
<b>Catch a tartar</b>	to deal with a person who is more than one's match
<b>Be all ears</b>	very attentive
<b>To end in smoke</b>	something usually a plan that failed or ended unexpectedly
<b>To make up one's mind</b>	to decide what to do.
<b>Out of the blue</b>	completely unexpectedly
<b>Hit the sack/hay</b>	went to sleep
<b>The early bird catches the worm</b>	a saying that means someone will have an advantage if they do something immediately, or before other people do it:
<b>Worth its weight in gold</b>	very valuable
<b>A close shave</b>	a narrow escape
<b>A fish out of water</b>	an uncomfortable position

<b>Cut corners</b>	to do something in a cheap and easy way
<b>Chapter and verse</b>	provided minute details
<b>Forty winks</b>	a short nap during the day
<b>Cut to the chase</b>	come to the point
<b>Pay lip service</b>	to publicly support or approve of something, while actually taking no action to produce it
<b>Like a cat on a hot bricks/ tin roof</b>	in a state of agitation
<b>Head in the clouds</b>	to daydream/cut off from reality
<b>Green with envy</b>	Extremely jealous of another person
<b>Devil's advocate</b>	one who presents a counter argument
<b>Spill the beans</b>	to leak the secret
<b>Straight from the horse's mouth</b>	from a dependable or reliable source
<b>A hard nut to crack</b>	a problem that is difficult to solve
<b>Few and far between</b>	very rare or do not happen very often
<b>Ins and outs</b>	full details
<b>An odd/queer fish</b>	a strange person
<b>Fall flat</b>	fail completely to produce the intended or expected effect.
<b>Have a bash</b>	to try to do something you have not done before:
<b>Gift of the gab</b>	ability to speak eloquently
<b>Rub the wrong way</b>	to annoy someone without intending TO
<b>Haste make waste</b>	if you do things too quickly, you can make mistakes
<b>A quick buck</b>	to make money quickly.
<b>To heart's content</b>	to gain full satisfaction

<b>High and mighty</b>	behaving as if you are much more important than other people
<b>Queer pitch</b>	spoil somebody's chance of doing something.
<b>To have eggs on one's face</b>	to be embarrassed because of one's action.
<b>Chip on shoulder</b>	holding a grudge or grievance.
<b>A green horn</b>	A inexperienced man
<b>Throw cold water</b>	Discourage
<b>Cry for the moon</b>	to desire the unattainable
<b>A narrow escape</b>	a situation in which you avoid danger although you very nearly do not

<b>Halcyon days</b>	a very happy or successful period in the past
<b>Add fuel to the fire</b>	Make a bad situation worse
<b>Bring someone to book</b>	to punish someone and make that person explain their behaviour
<b>Whistle in the dark</b>	pretend to be unafraid
<b>Pell-mell</b>	very fast and not organized
<b>On the cards</b>	Something very likely to happen, occur or take place.
<b>Break a leg</b>	good luck