

IDIOMS LECTURE – 10

Throw caution to the wind	take risk
Blue blooded	of noble birth
Cry wolf	to raise a false alarm
Belly laugh	A loud and unrestrained laugh
A mare's nest	A complex situation / Imaginary situation
Beside oneself	Almost out of one's senses
cool as a cucumber	very calm and relaxed
Butterflies in his stomach	a nervous feeling
The salt of the earth	A good , reliable , honest person
An eagle eye	a careful or close watch
rained on the new bride's parade	to spoil a moment
At the drop of a dime /hat	Something that can happen very fast without hesitation
To pull someone's leg	To joke with someone
Snowed under	Busy
Beaming from ear to ear	Smiling broadly
All at sea	completely confused (about a subject or some task at hand)
To stand one's ground	To maintain one's position
A lot on one's plate	A lot to do
A lame excuse	Unsatisfactory explanation
Hearts go out to	To feel sympathy for someone when they are distressed
Toffee-nosed	A person who thinks he is of a high social class and looks down on people of lower class
In high spirits	Joyful
Bear up	to deal with a very sad or difficult situation in a brave and determined way

Black sheep:	Person with bad reputation
the calm before the storm	a period of quiet that comes before a time of activity, excitement, violence, etc.
A wild goose chase	Unprofitable adventure /futile search
Have an axe to grind	To have one's own interests to serve
By hook or by crook	Using whatever methods are necessary
Hand and glove	Very intimate terms
Point blank	close enough to hit the center of the target
Bear garden	A place of noise and disturbance
Get on like a house on fire	Get on extremely well with someone
Against the clock	In a great hurry, as fast as possible
So far so good	Things are going well so far
Hang in there	To persist in a difficult situation
Left, right and centre	Happening in a lot of places or to a lot of people
Nine times out of ten	In most cases
Be hard hit	Severely affected by something unpleasant
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To put in a nut shell	to indicate that you are saying something in a very brief way, using few words.
A flying visit	A very short visit
In seventh heaven	Extremely happy
As good as gold	A person who is obedient and well-behaved
Don't judge a book by its cover	outward appearance cannot be an indicator of someone or something s value or worth
Wet blanket	One who spoils other people's fun

A carrot and stick approach	Rewards and punishments that influence someone's behavior.
At the eleventh hour	At the very last moment.
The devil is beating his wife	The sun is shining while it rains
That's all	there is nothing more to be said

Caught red handed	To catch someone doing something illegal
Fly off the handle	lose one's temper suddenly and unexpectedly
Chew the fat	to gossip or chat casually
In light of	because of
To crow over something	To brag or boast about something
look to	rely on