

## IDIOMS LECTURE – 04

<b>Rise to the occasion/challenge</b>	to show that you can deal with a difficult situation successfully
<b>A lean patch</b>	A period of poor performance
<b>Wipe the floor with someone</b>	To defeat someone
<b>Come about</b>	To happen
<b>Sum and substance</b>	Essence / basic element
<b>Under duress</b>	under threats or force to do something
<b>make someone's flesh crawl/creep</b>	to make someone feel disgusted, afraid, frightened
<b>Start from scratch</b>	Start entirely from the beginning
<b>Man of letters</b>	Scholar / professional writer
<b>In your birthday suit</b>	Not wearing any clothes
<b>Twist someone's arm</b>	To try to force someone to do something
<b>Cast aside</b>	To get rid of somebody
<b>Tick all the boxes</b>	To fulfil the required conditions
<b>Pocket an insult</b>	Tolerate insult without protest
<b>In queer street</b>	In debt / bankrupt
<b>Little by little</b>	gradually / step by step
<b>A dry run</b>	a rehearsal before the actual performance
<b>call on</b>	to visit someone for a short while
<b>Look out</b>	to watch what is happening and be careful:
<b>Grin/smile from ear to ear</b>	to look extremely happy
<b>Know something like the back of your hand</b>	to have very good and detailed knowledge of something
<b>Sword of Damocles</b>	a constant threat / something bad seems very likely to happen to you

<b>Bear the brunt of</b>	to suffer most as a result of a problem or difficult situation
<b>Kick up a fuss/row/stink</b>	make a noise or commotion
<b>Through and through</b>	thoroughly or completely; in every way, manner, or aspect.
<b>Get your money's worth</b>	to receive good value from something you have paid for
<b>It's high time</b>	the appropriate or right time to do something
<b>Take stock</b>	to think carefully about a situation in order to make a decision
<b>Sitting on a gold mine</b>	to own something very valuable, especially without realizing it.
<b>As phony as a three-dollar bill</b>	Something that is fake
<b>whole nine yards</b>	Everything, all the way
<b>turn a blind eye</b>	to intentionally ignore something
<b>stick to your guns</b>	To stand firm on your belief or decision
<b>cross swords</b>	to fight with another person physically or verbally.
<b>Have to bone to pick with someone</b>	something to argue about, a matter to discuss.
<b>when pigs fly</b>	Something that is impossible
<b>quacking in shoes</b>	you feel extremely nervous or afraid.
<b>the sweat of his brow</b>	by one's hard work or effort
<b>Beauty of it</b>	a quality that makes something especially good
<b>hard to swallow</b>	difficult to believe
<b>All of a sudden:</b>	suddenly, without advance warning.