

IDIOMS LECTURE – 12

A cakewalk	An easy task /achievement
Weal and woe	Good and bad days
All eyes	Watching eagerly
A green horn	A inexperienced man
Bag and baggage	With all one's belongings
In cold blood	in a cruel calm way, without showing any emotion
A skeleton in the cupboard	An embarrassing fact to be kept secret
Fly into a rage	To become extremely angry
Break the ice	Initiate something / to start a conversation
Beat around the bush:	Avoiding the main topic
To smell a rat	to have reason to suspect
To be fair and square	To be honest
Keep at arm's length	Avoid becoming too friendly
Cut a poor/sorry figure	To put a bad impression
Bear the palm	To be a winner
Bob's your uncle!	It becomes easily and quickly achievable
To hit below the belt	to be mean and unfair in a fight.
Himalayan blunder	grave error
Donkey's years	A long time.
In hot waters	To be in trouble
Quicken the pulse	made someone excited or interested
Latin and greek	Incomprehensible
Elbow room	space or freedom to work
On the ball	To be alert
Yellow bellies	Cowards
A rolling stone gathers no MOSS	an aimless person cannot succeed.
Born with a silver spoon in his mouth	born to riches and luxury

an olive branch	gesture of peace
Cock and bull story	An implausible story used as an explanation or excuse
In full swing	very active / fully functional
Aladdin's cave	a place that contains many interesting objects
take something at face value	as true or genuine without being questioned or doubted
Turn over a new leaf	To begin again
Fair weather friend	Friends in good time
To cudgel one's brain	think hard to solve a problem
Come in handy	be useful
Play it by ear	To do something without special preparation
To be on cloud nine	To be extremely happy
heart in the right place	Someone is good even
Down the tubes	Failing completely
Put one's foot down	refuse very firmly to do something
With a pinch of salt	Doubt the truth or value of something
To get cold feet	Fear
Achilles's heel	A weakness or vulnerable point
Escaped by the skin of his teeth	Barely managed to escape
Lose your marbles	To go insane
A stone's throw away	At a short distance Eg:- The high school is just a stone's throw from his house.
Take with a grain of salt	Doubt the truth or value of something
To and fro	Forward and backward
Run around in circles	to keep doing something without achieving much.
By leaps and bounds	Very quickly / rapidly

Red tape	Official rules and bureaucracy that make it difficult to do something
In black and white	in writing
Catch 22 situation	difficult situation in which the solution to a problem is impossible

Hold water	Appear to be valid or reasonable
Slow and steady	make consistent progress for success
Ins and out	full detail
Went pear – shaped	Went terribly wrong