

IDIOMS LECTURE – 05

Raise the bar	To set higher goals
Bang for the buck	More value for money
To take a chill pill	To calm down; to stop being angry, anxious, fearful, etc.
Want to curl up and die	to feel very ashamed and sorry
Be at a loss for words	Not know what to say
To cut a long story short	Tell something briefly
Full of beans	having a lot of energy
To the nines	To the greatest degree or extent; to a point of perfection.
Go easy on something	Use only a small amount of
Pat on the back	Praise or approval for doing something good
A stumbling block	An obstacle to progress
A live wire	Lively and active/energetic
Tide someone over	to supply someone for a short time with something that is lacking usually money
A bad egg	Someone who is dishonest and unreliable
To get the ball rolling	To begin a process
On the horizon	An event that is likely to happen soon
Draw a line	To fix a limit
To be light years away:	an extremely long time from now in the past or future
On edge	Nervous and unable to relax
A square deal	A fair agreement
To fight tooth and nail	To fight or compete with great ferocity and intensity
To fan the flames	To make a bad situation worse

To go red in the face	to suffer embarrassment or shame.
Butterfingers:	a person who frequently drops things; clumsy person
Know inside out	to know something completely
Off and on	Occasionally
Hard of hearing	Not able to listen properly
Draw a blank	To be unsuccessful / find no favour
Give me a hand with	Help me with
Strike while the iron is hot	to take advantage of the opportunity when it arises.
Under wraps	Secretly
On tenterhooks	Very tense
fell flat	failed to have an effect
Pull something off	succeed in doing something
Large-hearted	Generous / forgiving
To poke one's nose into	To take interest in others' affairs
To make up with	to settle their differences
without rhyme or reason	without a reasonable explanation
To add insult to injury	to make something worse
In vogue	In fashion
Cook the books	To falsify financial records
To falsify financial records	Something impossible to find
For good	Forever
To come round	To become conscious again
To come round	be converted to another person's opinion.