

## IDIOMS LECTURE – 13

<b>Left out in the cold</b>	ignore someone
<b>Started/get off on the wrong foot</b>	begin something incorrectly
<b>A leopard can't change his spots</b>	one cannot change who they are
<b>Be on breadline</b>	to be extremely poor
<b>Dodged a bullet</b>	barely escaped from a dangerous /disaster situation
<b>The best of both worlds</b>	all the advantages
<b>Birds of a feather</b>	people with the same characteristics
<b>Burn the midnight oil</b>	to be working until late in the night
<b>Bend over backwards</b>	extremely hard to help or to please someone:
<b>It's a small world</b>	meeting someone not expected to be at a certain place
<b>Back to square one</b>	to return to the starting point
<b>Stab in the back</b>	to deceive someone's faith
<b>Set your sights on something</b>	to decide to achieve something
<b>Hold your horses</b>	Wait a moment or be patient (often because you are moving too quickly or thoughtlessly)
<b>As keen as mustard</b>	Very excited and enthusiastic.
<b>Crack up/Crack someone up</b>	make someone laugh loudly
<b>Slip someone's memory/mind</b>	to be forgotten
<b>Face the music</b>	Get reprimanded / be punished
<b>Keep count of</b>	to remember or keep a record of a number or total
<b>Throw dust in eyes</b>	to mislead somebody
<b>A plum job</b>	an easy and high paying job

<b>Keep a straight face</b>	to stop yourself from smiling or laughing
<b>Grasp at straws</b>	to make a desperate attempt to salvage a bad situation.
<b>Made a pig's ear</b>	to do something badly, wrongly, or awkwardly
<b>Take notice</b>	Consider
<b>Pros and cons</b>	good points and bad points
<b>Second wind</b>	another burst of energy when you had been too tired to finish
<b>Wear your heart on your sleeve</b>	display your emotions openly
<b>Fly in the ointment</b>	something that spoils a pleasant or enjoyable experience.
<b>Burn one's bridges</b>	destroy all possible ways of going back to that situation.
<b>My hands are full</b>	be very busy
<b>Boil the ocean</b>	try to do something impossible
<b>You've made your bed, now lie in it</b>	to make a decision and to accept the consequences of those decisions
<b>Get act together</b>	get organized and on schedule
<b>Bid defiance to</b>	to ignore someone
<b>Stand a chance</b>	to have a possibility or a hope of success
<b>Part and parcel</b>	basic or essential element
<b>Midas touch</b>	financially successful
<b>Hit the books</b>	to study very hard
<b>Snowball effect</b>	an accelerating growth of magnitude
<b>In dire straits or need</b>	in a very bad situation
<b>Step up to the plate</b>	take control of a situation
<b>Under the weather</b>	to be ill or feel ill
<b>Water under the bridge</b>	something that happened in the past

	and cannot now be changed
<b>Steer clear of</b>	avoid someone or something because it is dangerous for you
<b>Eat humble pie</b>	to feel sorry and apologies for a mistake
<b>Let bygones be bygones</b>	what's done is done
<b>Herculean TASK</b>	a task requiring huge amounts of physical strength
<b>Grist to the mill</b>	something that gives a useful advantage.
<b>A dime a dozen</b>	something very common and not having much value
<b>Once in a blue moon</b>	Rarely
<b>Keep your chin up</b>	remain cheerful in difficult circumstances.
<b>Fit as a fiddle</b>	A very healthy person
<b>Hit the nail on the head</b>	be accurately right about something
<b>Apple of discord</b>	bone of contention
<b>Come what may</b>	no matter what may happen
<b>Hear someone out</b>	to listen to someone until they have said everything they want to say
<b>Hue and cry</b>	a noisy expression of public anger or disapproval

<b>Bite your tongue</b>	to keep yourself from saying something that you really want to say
<b>Let the cat out of the bag</b>	to reveal a secret by mistake.
<b>Loaves and fishes</b>	materialist wealth
<b>Pull yourself together</b>	to calm down and behave normally after an upsetting event
<b>Talk through one's hat</b>	to talk about something without understanding what you are talking about
<b>Castles in the air</b>	thinking of some impossible task
<b>Chip off the old block</b>	Someone similar in character to one's father
<b>The crux of the matter</b>	'The basic, central or critical point of an issue'.
<b>Sit on the fence</b>	delay or avoid making a decision or choice
<b>Backhanded compliment / left-handed compliment</b>	An ambiguous compliment /insulting remark appearing as praise
<b>A piece of cake</b>	a very easy task
<b>Elbow grease</b>	a lot of physical effort
<b>Carried off his feet</b>	Overwhelm someone emotionally; infatuate someone; make a very favorable impression on someone.