

## IDIOMS LECTURE – 15

<b>Lily-livered</b>	(बहुत डरपोक या बुजदिल) weak and cowardly	<b>Back against the wall</b>	(कठिन परिस्थिति में फँसना) Be in a difficult situation from where escape is difficult
<b>To kick the bucket</b>	(मृत्यु हो जाना, मरना) to die	<b>To walk on the air</b>	(अत्यधिक खुश होना) to feel extremely excited or happy
<b>Miss the boat:-</b>	(अवसर या मौका गँवाना) to miss an opportunity	<b>Bad iron</b>	(किस्मत खराब होना) Bad luck
<b>To bell the cat</b>	(जोखिम भरा काम करना) To face risk	<b>By the skin of your teeth</b>	(बहुत ही मामूली अंतर से) Just barely/ by a very narrow margin; only just.
<b>A storm in a teacup</b>	(छोटी बात का बतंगड़) A situation in which people are very angry or upset about something that is not important.	<b>Through thick and thin</b>	(हर अच्छे-बुरे समय में) under all circumstances, no matter how difficult.
<b>Sharp practice</b>	(बेईमानी भरा व्यवहार) Crafty or deceitful dealings, especially in business.	<b>Blessing in disguise</b>	(आफत में छिपी खुशी) Something that seems bad or unlucky at first but causes something good to happen later
<b>Rule to roost</b>	(पूरा नियंत्रण या अधिकार) To dominate	<b>To be in two minds</b>	(दुविधा या उलझन में होना) To be uncertain
<b>Keep someone at arm's length</b>	(दूरी बनाए रखना, बचना) to not allow someone to become too friendly with you.	<b>Fall foul of</b>	(झगड़ा या विवाद होना) to get into trouble because of failing to do what is required by (the law, a rule, etc.
<b>To tie someone (up) in knots</b>	(पूरी तरह उलझा देना) to confuse someone and make them unable to explain something clearly	<b>Gift of the gab</b>	(बोलने की बेहतरीन कला) the ability to speak with eloquence and fluency
<b>Scrape the barrel</b>	(सबसे घटिया विकल्प चुनना) To do something that you do not want to do because you have no other option.	<b>Get into a scrape</b>	(मुश्किल या फजीहत में फँसना) Involved in a problem
<b>A dime a dozen</b>	(बहुत ही आम या साधारण) Very common and of no particular value	<b>A bolt from the blue</b>	(अचानक आई बड़ी मुसीबत) A complete surprise /an unexpected disaster.
<b>Beat about the bush</b>	(घुमा-फिराकर बातें करना) To avoid getting to the point of an issue.	<b>Blow something out of proportion</b>	(बात को बहुत बढ़ा देना) to treat a particular event or problem far too seriously:
<b>To prime the pump</b>	(सफलता हेतु निवेश करना) stimulate the growth or success of something by doing something, usually, supplying it with money.	<b>To go to the dogs</b>	(पूरी तरह बर्बाद होना) To become worse
		<b>Up the creek</b>	(बड़ी मुसीबत में होना) In trouble, in a serious predicament.
		<b>Back to the drawing board</b>	(शुरू से नई योजना बनाना) to plan it all over again
		<b>Jumped the gun</b>	(बिना सोचे जल्दबाजी करना) to do something too soon,

	especially without thinking carefully about it:
<b>Be on the ball</b>	(सतर्क और जानकार होना) to be quick to understand and react to things./ be alert to new ideas, methods, and trends.
<b>Stir up a hornets' nest</b>	(मुसीबत या विवाद मोल लेना) To make trouble, cause a commotion
<b>Face the music</b>	(क्रिए का परिणाम भुगतना) Get reprimanded / be punished
<b>To rain cats and dogs</b>	(मूसलाधार या तेज बारिश) raining very heavily
<b>To take a bull by the horns</b>	(मुसीबत का डटकर सामना) To deal with a difficult situation in a very direct or confident way
<b>Call it a day</b>	(काम बंद करना, छुट्टी करना) stop working
<b>Once in a blue moon</b>	(कभी-कभार होने वाली घटना) Very rare
<b>Under the cloud</b>	(शक के घेरे में होना) Viewed with suspicion, distrust, or disapproval.
<b>A perfect storm</b>	(एक साथ कई मुसीबतें) The worst possible situation
<b>Bad blood</b>	(पुरानी दुश्मनी या नफरत) Enmity/angry feeling
<b>As dead as a doornail</b>	(पूरी तरह निर्जीव या खत्म) completely obsolete/ Totally or assuredly dead
<b>Catch a tarter</b>	(जबरदस्त विरोधी से टकराना) to encounter with someone that proves more powerful or troublesome
<b>Cut corners</b>	(वैसे/समय बचाने हेतु लापरवाही) to do something in the easiest, cheapest, or fastest way
<b>Hit the jackpot</b>	(बड़ी सफलता या लाभ पाना) to win the largest prize in a competition or game./ to achieve great success

<b>True colours</b>	(असली चेहरा या स्वभाव) true personality./ the kind of person someone really is rather than what the person seems to be:
<b>Bird's eye view</b>	(ऊपर से सरसरी नज़ारा) the ability to look at something from a very high place so that you see a large area below you
<b>Take something with a grain of salt</b>	(संदेह के साथ मानना) to understand that something is likely to be untrue or incorrect.
<b>Get up on the wrong side of the bed</b>	(चिड़चिड़े मूड में होना) start the day in a bad mood, which continues all day long.
<b>Speak one's mind</b>	(मन की बात साफ कहना) to say what you think about something very directly:
<b>Pass the buck</b>	(अपनी जिम्मेदारी दूसरों पर डालना) shift the responsibility for something to someone else
<b>Chew the cud</b>	(गहराई से विचार करना) to think slowly and carefully about something:
<b>Apple pie order</b>	(बिल्कुल व्यवस्थित ढंग से) In perfect order
<b>Pipe dream</b>	(असंभव या काल्पनिक योजना) an idea or plan that is impossible or very unlikely to happen
<b>At cross purposes:</b>	(विरोधी लक्ष्यों के साथ काम) Disagreeing with each other's ideas
<b>Play/Do something by the ear</b>	(परिस्थिति अनुसार काम करना) to decide what to do when you know what is happening, rather than planning in advance
<b>You snooze, you lose</b>	(सावधानी हटी, दुर्घटना घटी) If you are not alert, you are likely to miss opportunities
<b>Out of the blue</b>	(एकाएक या अचानक होना) Unexpectedly

<b>Tread/Skate on thin ice</b>	(खतरे मोल लेना) To be in a dangerous risky position
<b>No smoke without fire/where there's smoke there's fire:</b>	(बिना कारण चर्चा नहीं होती) there is always some truth behind a rumour or bad thing
<b>In a soup</b>	(पेशानी या संकट में होना) In trouble
<b>Familiarity breeds contempt</b>	(ज्यादा निकटता से सम्मान कम) used to say that if you know someone very well you stop respecting them because you have seen all of their bad qualities

<b>To throw/pour cold water on</b>	(उत्साह पर पानी फेरना) To criticize someone's opinions or ideas and stop people believing them or being excited about them
<b>First and foremost</b>	(सबसे पहले और महत्वपूर्ण) most importantly; more than anything else.
<b>A hard nut to crack</b>	(कठिन समस्या या व्यक्ति) a problem that is difficult to solve
<b>Dance attendance</b>	(चापलूसी या सेवा में रहना) to do everything that someone asks you to and treat them in a special way

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