**Common English Idioms**

1. **Under the weather:** To feel ill. *I’m not going to do my homework because* ***I’m feeling under the weather.***
2. **The ball is in your court:** It’s up to you. *He hadn’t made a decision and t****he ball was in his court.***
3. **Spill the beans:** To give away a secret. *Even though the robber threatened Ted, he would not* ***spill the beans*** *and tell him where the jewellery was.*
4. **To sit on the fence**:To be undecided. *Has Uijun decided on a restaurant yet, or is* ***still sitting on the fence?***
5. **It’s the best thing since sliced bread:** It’s exceptionally good. *Che was really enjoying his Subway sandwich,* ***it was the best thing since sliced bread****.*
6. **Take it with a grain of salt:** Don’t take something too seriously. *Don’t be so serious, you should* ***take it with a grain of salt****.*
7. **Come rain or shine:** No matter what. *You need to be at school,* ***come rain or shine.***
8. **Go down in flames:** To fail spectacularly. *Tommy entered the slam dunk contest, but tripped on his way to the hoop, and* ***went down in flames****.*
9. **To see eye to eye:** To agree completely. *Jiwoo and Seowoo didn’t* ***see eye to eye*** *about which movie to watch on Netflix.*
10. **As right as rain:** To be in perfect health and fit. *You will be* ***as right as rain*** *after the holiday break.*
11. **Better late than never:** Better to arrive late or to do something than to never arrive or try at all. *Even though Sean was a few minutes late to the meeting,* ***it was better late than never*** *that he showed up.*
12. **Bite the bullet**: To get something over with because it is inevitable. *The deadline for the essay was quickly approaching and* ***Annie bit the bullet*** *and got her essay finished a minute before the deadline.*
13. **Break a leg:** To wish someone good luck before something they are about to do. *Jooheon shouted “****Break a leg****” to his friend Max as he headed into his job interview.*
14. **Call it a day:** Stop working on something. *After 12 hours of driving from Vancouver to Edmonton, Keith* ***called it a day*** *and got himself a hotel for the night.*
15. **A blessing in disguise:** A good thing that seemed bad at first. *Missing the bus turned out to be a* ***blessing in disguise*** *for Mika, as her usual bus broke down, and she would have missed getting to the airport on time.*
16. **A dime a dozen:** Something very common. *White or black Teslas are* ***a dime a dozen,*** *but seeing a bright green one is a rare sight*.
17. **Beat around the bush:** Avoid saying what you mean, usually because it is uncomfortable. *The teacher told Mason to stop* ***beating around the bush*** *and to get his work done.*
18. **Don’t judge a book by its cover:** Don’t judge something by its appearance alone. *Despite appearing out of shape, Tim proved to be an excellent tennis player, which goes to show you, you should* ***never judge a book by its cover****.*
19. **Hang in there:** Don’t give up. “***Hang in there*** *Nancy, it will get easier the more you practice*.”
20. **Cut somebody some slack:** Don’t be so critical of someone. ***Cut him some slack Roger****, it’s Greg’s first day on the job*.
21. **Raining cats and dogs:** raining very hard. *Patricia forgot her umbrella on the bus and arrived soaking wet to work because it was* ***raining cats and dogs*** *outside.*
22. **Piece of cake:** an easy thing to do. *Making her university soccer team was* ***a piece of cake*** *for Andrea, after she’d spent the summer practicing in Brazil.*
23. **Break the ice:** make people feel more comfortable. *Damien* ***broke the ice*** *with a funny story about him and his dad fishing in the Yukon.*
24. **Every cloud has a silver lining:** good things come after bad things. *Even though breaking up with his girlfriend seemed terrible, it turned out that* ***every cloud has a silver lining****, and without the breakup he would have never travelled to India and met his wife.*
25. **Scratch someone’s back:** if someone helps you, you will help him/her too. *Karl was willing* ***to scratch his neighbour’s back****, knowing that he would need his neighbour’s help next week with fixing the fence.*
26. **Get the ball rolling:** set an activity in motion, make a start. *Karen* ***got the ball rolling*** *by being the first to sing at the Karaoke bar.*
27. **Tongue in cheek:** without really meaning what one is saying or writing. *The comment about his brown shirt was made* ***tongue in cheek****, but Eddie didn’t think it was funny.*
28. **Shake a leg:** to start something or to tell someone to hurry up. “*Hey Gary,* ***shake a leg****! We need to get going or we’ll be late.*”
29. **Takes two to tango:** both parties involved in a situation or argument are responsible for it. *Shelly was always arguing with Denise. Denise would blame Shelly for always wanting to fight, and Shelly reminded her that it* ***takes two to tango.***
30. **To kill two birds with one stone:** achieve two aims at once. *Daryl wanted* ***to kill two birds with one stone****, so he ordered pizza while picking up his dry-cleaning at the shop next door.*
31. **Live and learn:** To learn from a mistake. *Mary put her hand in the rabbit’s cage and it bit her. Her dad reminded her that she will* ***live and learn*** *from the experience.*
32. ***Once in a blue moon:*** *Something that happens rarely. Glenn’s hockey team rarely won.* ***Once in a blue moon****, they we pull out an unexpected victory.*
33. **Take a rain check:** Postpone a plan. *Naomi wasn’t feeling well so she* ***took a rain check*** *and rescheduled her lunch date with Steve.*
34. **The devil is in the details:** something might seem simple at a first look but will take more time and effort to complete than expected. *While fixing the old car seemed like a good idea when he bought it, Vince soon found out that* ***the devil was in details****.*
35. **The elephant in the room:** The big issue, the problem people are avoiding. *Both Sammy and Earl did not want to discuss their argument from the day before, and avoiding the topic was the* ***elephant in the room****.*
36. **The whole nine yards:**  Everything possible or available. *When Tiffany remodeled her kitchen she got new counter tops, cabinets, appliance,* ***the whole nine yards***.
37. **The early bird gets the worm:** The first people who arrive will get the best stuff. *Doug and Murray knew there were only two PS5s available at each Best Buy, so they lined up at 4am, knowing that* ***the early bird gets the worm****.*
38. **Throw caution to the wind:** Take a risk. *While he’d never imagined he’d go bungee jumping, Thomas* ***threw caution to the wind*** *and jumped.*
39. **There are other fish in the sea:** It’s ok to miss this opportunity, others will arise. *Leo was devastated about breaking up with Amy, but Justin reminded him* ***there are other fish in the sea.***
40. **To be over the moon:** To be extremely happy. *Sylvia was* ***over the moon*** *about getting a puppy on her birthday.*