**Common English Idioms**

1. Under the weather: To feel ill
2. The ball is in your court:It’s up to you
3. Spill the beans: To give away a secret
4. To sit on the fence:To be undecided
5. It’s the best thing since sliced bread: It’s really, really good
6. Take it with a grain of salt: Don’t take it too seriously
7. Come rain or shine:No matter what
8. Go down in flames: To fail spectacularly
9. See eye to eye: To agree completely
10. As right as rain: Perfect
11. Better late than never: Better to arrive late than not to come at all
12. Bite the bullets: To get something over with because it is inevitable
13. Break a leg: Good luck
14. Call it a day: Stop working on something
15. A blessing in disguise: A good thing that seemed bad at first
16. A dime a dozen: Something common
17. Beat around the bush: Avoid saying what you mean, usually because it is uncomfortable
18. Cutting corners: Doing something poorly in order to save time or money
19. Hang in there: Don’t give up
20. Cut somebody some slack: Don’t be so critical
21. Raining cats and dogs – raining really hard
22. Piece of cake – really easy thing to do
23. Break the ice – make people feel more comfortable
24. Every cloud has a silver lining – good things come after bad things
25. Scratch someone’s back – if someone helps you, you will help him/her too
26. Get the ball rolling – set an activity in motion, make a start
27. Tongue in cheek – without really meaning what one is saying or writing
28. Shake a leg – make a start / hurry up
29. Takes two to tango – both parties involved in a situation or argument are responsible for it
30. To kill two birds with one stone – achieve two aims at once
31. Live and learn – To learn from a mistake.
32. Once in a blue moon – Rarely.
33. Take a rain check – Postpone a plan.
34. The devil is in the details – It looks good from a distance, but when you look closer, there are problems.
35. The elephant in the room – The big issue, the problem people are avoiding.
36. The whole nine yards – Everything. All the way.
37. The early bird gets the worm – The first people who arrive will get the best stuff.
38. Throw caution to the wind – Take a risk.
39. There are other fish in the sea – It’s ok to miss this opportunity, others will arise.