

25 MUST-KNOW ENGLISH IDIOMS FOR FLUENT CONVERSATION

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Let's start with idiom number one and that is burn the midnight oil burn the midnight oil does it mean to burn something no has it ever happen to you that you have an exam or a submission and the night before you stay awake and you work on what you have to do that is called burning the midnight oil it basically means to stay up late and work on something she burned the Midnight Oil to finish her project that means she stayed up late working on her project to finish it idiom number two Spill the Beans

Spill the Beans what does that mean why would you spill the beans what wait this is an idiom Spill the Beans means to reveal a secret you say something which you shouldn't have said you reveal a secret by accident you spill the beans Tom accidentally spilled the beans about the surprise birthday party Tom accidentally spilled the beans he didn't want to reveal the secret but oopsie he revealed it he spilled the beans the third one I think it's time to hit the sack hit the sack what does that mean to hit the sack

means to go to bed when you're tired and it's the end of the day and you want to go to bed you can say hey let's hit the sack I'm exhausted I'm going to hit the sack bye oh no wait we still have to continue this lesson idiom number four is to jump on the bandwagon jump on the bandwagon why would you do that has it ever happened to you that all the people around you your friends your family members are doing something that has recently become popular and then you say hm maybe I should do

that too maybe I should join
them in doing that may maybe
I should jump on the
bandwagon to jump on the
bandwagon means to do
something that is trendy to do
something that has become
popular and others are doing
so basically you join others in
doing something trendy
jumping on the bandwagon
everyone's joining the new
gym so I decided to jump on
the bandwagon everyone's
joining the new gym so I
decided to jump on the
bandwagon I decided to join
the new gym too because

everyone else is doing it hey
you're quiet a penny for your
thoughts a penny for your
thoughts a penny penny is
money right a penny for your
thoughts that means I'm
willing to give you money to
hear what you're thinking
about you use this idiom
when you want to ask others
what they're thinking about
you see your friend sitting
there like this H thinking
about something and then
you're curious and you say
hey a penny for your thoughts
that means I want to know
what you're thinking about

you've been quiet today a
penny for your thoughts too
much dust in the air let's bite
it why would you bite the dust
is it's not possible how can
you bite the dust to bite the
dust means to be defeated or
to fail by the dust the past
form of bite is bit look at this
example the old computer
finally bit the dust the old
computer finally bit the dust it
means the old computer
finally failed the old computer
finally was destroyed it's not
working anymore have you
ever been so stressed out or so
angry that you wanted to blow

off some steam to blow off
steam means to release your
anger to release your stress he
went for a run to blow off
some steam he was so
stressed out he was so
nervous he was so anxious he
was so angry that he went for
a run to blow off some steam
now when you are angry at
somewhat what do you do to
blow off some steam in my
case I would like to scream
into a pillow see I just blew
off some steam also pay
attention to the past form of
blow blue a couple of days
ago at University I heard

something very interesting
one of our professors said it's
time to hit the ground running
hit the ground running what
does that mean hit the ground
running means to start
something with energy and
enthusiasm to start the project
in an energetic way yes let's
go let's hit the ground running
she hit the ground running on
her first day at the new job
she hit the ground running on
her first day at the new job
that means she started her
new job with enthusiasm and
with energy hit the ground
running what's the past of hit

hit hit hit hit next idiom is
about an animal dogs now
sometimes dogs are sleeping
and you don't want to wake
them up because they cause
problem problem so you say
hey let's let sleeping dogs lie
let sleeping dogs lie what
does that mean it means don't
wake them up because if you
wake them up they may end
up causing more problems H
that's the meaning of this
ideot to let sleeping dogs lie
means to ignore the problem
that you're dealing with
because if you try to address
the problem you may end up

making the situation even worse so just ignore it hey I think we should let sleeping lie I think we should just ignore this problem because if you try to solve it you may make it worse don't bring up old arguments let sleeping dogs lie that means just ignore the old arguments forget about them because if you bring them up it's going to make the situation worse so let's Sleeping Dogs Li now idiom number 10 great job guys you've made it so far this is the 10th idiom the ball is in your court the ball is in your

court are we playing football or tennis or basketball it's not about a game when you tell someone the ball is in your court that means it is your turn to make a decision or take an action the ball is in your court now so it's your turn not mine I have given you all the information the ball is in your cord now I've given you all the information and the ball is in your cord now it means I've done my part now it's your turn to do something I hope you're enjoying this lesson we have 15 more idioms to learn but

let's have a break here and
and let me tell you something
do you want to have the list of
all of these idioms with their
meanings and example
sentences and some beautiful
pictures in one PDF file or
better yet do you want to have
the summary of all of my
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summaries in one PDF file
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and your country and click
download you will receive the
link in your inbox all right
time to get back to the lesson
and idiom number 11 break
the bank break the bank are
we talking about what
rubbing the bank no to break
the bank means to spend all of
your money yeah give me that
give me that one too and that
one too break the bank we
should be careful buying the

new car will break the bank
buying the new car will break
the bank that means we will
go broke we will end up
spending all of our money
where's my pen have you seen
it oh it's here right under my
nose if something is under
your nose that means it's right
in front of you it's right there
but you cannot see it it's under
your nose the keys were right
under your nose the whole
time that means the keys were
right in front of you but you
didn't see them they were
right under your nose have
you ever tried to wrap your

head around something what
what does that mean to wrap
your head around something
means to try to understand
something which is
complicated something which
is difficult to understand so
you're trying to understand it
you're trying to wrap your
head around it I can't wrap my
head around this math
problem I can't wrap my head
around this math problem it
means this math problem is so
complicated that I cannot
understand it no matter how
hard I try I just can't wrap my
head around it can you throw

in the towel thank you throw
in the towel what does that
mean to throw in the towel
means to give up to admit that
you're defeated I'm done I
can't do this anymore I'm
throwing in the towel I am
throwing in the towel that
means I'm giving up I'm
defeated I accept defeat after
trying for hours he finally
threw in the towel after trying
for hours he finally threw in
the towel that means he
finally gave up because he
realized he cannot pull it off
he cannot do it he threw in the
towel have you ever done

something by the skin of your teeth this is a tooth and these are your teeth now what is the skin of your teeth is it the the part that covers your teeth no if you do something by the skin of your teeth you barely succeeded doing it it means you managed to do it but just barely you were so close to not succeed but you succeeded you did it but barely let's say there is an exam and the highest Mark is 100 and the lowest Mark with which you can pass the exam is 70 now if you get 71 you've passed the exam by the skin

of your teeth that means
you've passed but barely
because if you've gotten 70
you would have failed but 71
means you've passed by the
skin of your teeth he passed
the exam by the skin of his
teeth we talked about teeth
hm another body part oh eyes

let's talk about eyes
sometimes you need to keep
your eyes peeled what to peel
your eyes to remove the skin
off your eyes no to keep your
eyes peeled means to stay
alert to carefully keep your
eyes peeled imagine you're
driving you want to park your

car but you need to find a parking spot how can you find one you should keep your eyes peeled to see if any spots open up so keep your eyes peeled for a good parking spot oh right there teeth eyes oh let's talk about legs have you ever pulled someone's leg pull someone's leg why would you do that to pull someone's leg is to tell someone something that is not true but as a way of joking with them you're trying to mess with them you're trying to tease them so you tell them something that's not true and you try to persuade

them to believe what you just said because you want to have some fun you're joking with them imagine you tell your friend that you won the lottery even though you haven't then you can say something like this hey I was just pulling your leg I didn't win the lottery I was just pulling your leg I didn't mean it I was just joking with you let's go back to the eyes so when you're really sad what do you do sometimes you may cry have you ever cried over spilled milk so you spill some milk and then you start crying well

is that going to help you will
you be able to put the milk
back in the jug no it cannot be
undone you've already spilled
the milk so there is no point in
crying over spilled milk this
idiom means to be upset about
something that cannot be
undone it has happened there
is nothing you can do you
cannot fix it you can't go back
in time and fix it so don't cry
over spilled milk it's no use
crying over spilled milk we
can't change what happened
it's no use crying over spilled
milk we can't change what
happened imagine you're

looking for your keys and the keys are under a stone outside because maybe your mom or your wife or your husband or your partner left the house earlier and left the keys under a stone outside and you're trying to find them so what should you do you should turn the stones to see if you can find your keys and if you cannot find them make sure you leave no stone unturned leave no stone unturned what does that mean that means to try every possible way to achieve something try everything leave no stone on

turned they left no stone
unturned in their search for
the missing ring they left no
stone unturned in their search
for the missing ring it means
they tried everything they
looked everywhere have you
ever heard the phrase to be in
the same boat does that mean
to be in the same boat literally
well not necessarily this is an
idiom if you are in the same
boat as someone else that
means you're experiencing the
exact same difficult situation
for example you've lost your
job I've lost my job both of us
are unemployed now and so

we are in the same boat that is
we're experiencing the exact
same difficult situation we are
all in the same boat after
losing our jobs that means
we're all experiencing the
same difficult situation next
idiom to go down in flames
that means to fall down while
you're burning kind of to go
down in flames means to fail
miserably terribly there was a
rest here but they didn't have
a lot of customers and they
had to close down they went
down in flames what does it
mean it means they failed
terribly because people did

not like their food the
business went down in flames
because they didn't have
customers it means the
business failed terribly if it
ever happens to you that you
go down in flames or your
business goes down in flames
there is one thing you should
do in my opinion and that is
to keep your chin up keep
your chin up what does it
mean it means to stay positive
even though you're
experiencing something
negative you're in a difficult
situation but you're trying to
stay positive you're trying to

keep your chin up keep your
chin up things will get better
soon it means stay positive in
this difficult situation keep
your chin up now when you
fail you have two options
option one is to throw in the
towel remember this idiom to
give up to admit that you're
defeated and you don't want
to continue option two is to to
go back to the drawing board
back to the drawing board
what does that mean that
means to start over to start
again the plan didn't work so
it's back to the drawing board
the plan didn't work the plan

failed we w't successful so it's
back to the drawing board we
have to start again next idiom
to be on the same page if a
group of people are on the
same page or if two people
are on the same page that
means they have a shared
understanding of that situation
and they are in agreement
they agree with each other
they are on the same page let's
make sure we're all on the
same page before we continue
let's make sure we're all on
the same page let's make sure
we all see the situation in the
same way we're all in

agreement with each other we
have a mutual understanding
we are on the same page.

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