

English Idiom #1

DON'T GIVE UP THE DAY JOB

Explanation of English Idiom #1

YOU ARE NOT VERY GOOD AT THAT. YOU COULD DEFINITELY NOT DO IT PROFESSIONALLY.

Example of English Idiom #1

"I REALLY LIKE THE WAY YOU SING BUT DON'T GIVE UP YOUR DAY JOB."

English Idiom #2

A CASH COW

Explanation of English Idiom #2

AN EASY WAY TO EARN MONEY REGULARLY.

Example of English Idiom #2

"INCOME TAX IS A REAL CASH COW FOR THE GOVERNMENT."

English Idiom #3

BITE OFF MORE THAN YOU CAN CHEW

Explanation of English Idiom #3

TRYING TO DO SOMETHING THAT IS TOO DIFFICULT OR TIME CONSUMING TO FINISH.

Example of English Idiom #3

"I'M GLAD YOU WANT TO PREPARE THE REPORT BY YOURSELF. JUST BE SURE THAT YOU DON'T BITE OFF MORE THAN YOU CAN CHEW."

English Idiom #4

CLEAR THE AIR

Explanation of English Idiom #4

DISCUSS SOMETHING THAT WAS CAUSING PEOPLE TO FEEL UPSET.

Example of English Idiom #4

"THERE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING. I'D LIKE TO EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED, JUST TO CLEAR THE AIR."

English Idiom #5

TURN YOUR BACK ON

Explanation of English Idiom #5

GIVE UP ON, OR ABANDON.

Example of English Idiom #5

"I NEED YOUR HELP BUT YOU JUST TURNED YOUR BACK ON ME."

English Idiom #6

NOT CUT OUT FOR

Explanation of English Idiom #6

NOT SUITABLE FOR SOMETHING.

Example of English Idiom #6

"HE TRIED MOUNTAIN CLIMBING BUT HE SIMPLY WAS NOT CUT OUT FOR IT."

English Idiom #7

SCRAPE THE BOTTOM OF THE BARREL

Explanation of English Idiom #7

THE VERY LAST, OR THE VERY WORST.

Example of English Idiom #7

"THESE ARE THE LAST VOLUNTEERS WE COULD FIND. WE REALLY HAD TO SCRAPE THE BOTTOM OF THE BARREL TO FIND THEM."

English Idiom #8

A CLASS ACT

Explanation of English Idiom #8

SOPHISTICATED, ABOVE AVERAGE.

Example of English Idiom #8

"HE OFFERED TO HELP, EVEN THOUGH HE DOESN'T KNOW ME. HE'S A REAL CLASS ACT."

English Idiom #9

CLEAN UP YOUR ACT

Explanation of English Idiom #9

IMPROVE YOUR BEHAVIOR.

Example of English Idiom #9

"IF YOU ARE EVER GOING TO IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH SKILLS, YOU MUST START GETTING TO CLASS ON TIME AND DOING YOUR HOMEWORK. WHY DON'T YOU CLEAN UP YOUR ACT?"

English Idiom #10

GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER

Explanation of English Idiom #10

GET MORE ORGANIZED.

Example of English Idiom #10

"YOU HAVE BEEN LATE FOR WORK EVERY DAY THIS WEEK. IF YOU WANT TO KEEP THIS JOB, YOU MUST GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER."

English Idiom #11

A PIECE OF THE ACTION

Explanation of English Idiom #11

PARTICIPATION IN AN ACTIVITY. OFTEN RELATED TO GAMBLING OR BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS.

Example of English Idiom #11

"I HEARD THAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR PARTNERS IN YOUR NEW INVESTMENT. IF YOU DON'T MIND, I WOULD LIKE TO GET IN ON A PIECE OF THE ACTION."

English Idiom #12

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

Explanation of English Idiom #12

"PEOPLE'S INTENTIONS CAN BE JUDGED BETTER BY WHAT THEY DO THAN WHAT THEY SAY."

Example of English Idiom #12

English Idiom #13

IN THE AIR

Explanation of English Idiom #13

BEING DISCUSSED. GENERALLY OBVIOUS.

Example of English Idiom #13

"THE DAYS ARE GETTING LONGER AND THE FLOWERS ARE BLOOMING. SPRING IS IN THE AIR."

English Idiom #14

GO APE

Explanation of English Idiom #14

GO CRAZY.

Example of English Idiom #14

"JACK WAS REALLY ANGRY. I THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO GO APE."

English Idiom #15

A GREY AREA

Explanation of English Idiom #15

SOMETHING THAT IS DIFFICULT TO DEFINE.

Example of English Idiom #15

"I RESEARCHED YOUR CASE BUT THERE ARE NOT ANY BLACK AND WHITE ANSWERS. YOUR SITUATION SEEMS TO FALL INTO A GREY AREA."

English Idiom #16

UP IN ARMS

Explanation of English Idiom #16

ANGRY.

Example of English Idiom #16

"THE CROWD WAS AGITATED. EVERYONE WAS UP IN ARMS OVER THE GOVERNMENT DECISION."

English Idiom #17

BE GLAD TO SEE THE BACK OF

Explanation of English Idiom #17

BE HAPPY WHEN A PERSON LEAVES.

Example of English Idiom #17

THAT GUY BOTHERS ME. I'LL BE GLAD TO SEE THE BACK OF HIM."

English Idiom #18

GIVE HIM CREDIT

Explanation of English Idiom #18

ACKNOWLEDGE AN ACHIEVEMENT OR CONTRIBUTION OF A PERSON."

Example of English Idiom #18

"ALTHOUGH HE IS NOT EASY TO WORK FOR, YOU HAVE TO GIVE HIM CREDIT FOR MANAGING THE COMPANY WELL."

English Idiom #19

GO BEHIND SOMEONE'S BACK

Explanation of English Idiom #19

DO SOMETHING WITHOUT TELLING SOMEONE.

Example of English Idiom #19

"DON'T TRUST JANE. SHE ACTS FRIENDLY BUT SHE IS ALWAYS GOING BEHIND SOMEONE'S BACK."

English Idiom #20

EACH TO HIS OWN

Explanation of English Idiom #20

EVERYONE IS ENTITLED TO HIS OWN INDIVIDUAL OPINION.

Example of English Idiom #20

"I CAN'T SAY THAT I LIKE GEORGE'S NEW FURNITURE. IT SEEMS VERY PLAIN AND UNCOMFORTABLE. OH WELL, EACH TO HIS OWN."

English Idiom #21

EAGER BEAVER

Explanation of English Idiom #21

ENTHUSIASTIC PERSON.

Example of English Idiom #21

"JOHN DID ALL OF HIS HOMEWORK BEFORE SUPPER. HE SURE IS AN EAGER BEAVER."

English Idiom #22

EARLY BIRD

Explanation of English Idiom #22

A PERSON WHO IS EARLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

Example of English Idiom #22

"SATOKO WAS IN CLASS 30 MINUTES BEFORE ANYONE ELSE. WHAT AN EARLY BIRD."

English Idiom #23

SCRATCH THE SURFACE

Explanation of English Idiom #23

EXAMINE ONLY A PART OF SOMETHING. UNCOVER ONLY A FEW FACTS ABOUT SOMETHING.

Example of English Idiom #23

"CANCER RESEARCH IS A VERY LONG-TERM PROCESS. SO FAR, WE HAVE JUST BEGUN TO SCRATCH THE SURFACE."

English Idiom #24

GIVE HIM THE SLIP

Explanation of English Idiom #24

LEAVE HIM. HIDE FROM HIM.

Example of English Idiom #24

"I THINK THAT MAN IS FOLLOWING US. LET'S GIVE HIM THE SLIP."

English Idiom #25

COLD SHOULDER

Explanation of English Idiom #25

TO TREAT SOMEONE IN AN UNFRIENDLY MANNER.

Example of English Idiom #25

"I DON'T THINK JIM LIKES ME. I TRIED TO SPEAK WITH HIM EARLIER BUT HE GAVE ME THE COLD SHOULDER."

English Idiom #26

GET THE BALL ROLLING

Explanation of English Idiom #26

START SOMETHING.

Example of English Idiom #26

"ALL RIGHT EVERYONE, WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME PLANNING THIS PROJECT. NOW, IT'S TIME TO GET THE BALL ROLLING."

English Idiom #27

JUMP ON THE BANDWAGON

Explanation of English Idiom #27

JOIN A POPULAR TREND OR ACTIVITY.

Example of English Idiom #27

"I LIKE THAT NEW PROCEDURE AND I'VE DECIDED TO JUMP ON THE BANDWAGON."

English Idiom #28

A LOSING BATTLE

Explanation of English Idiom #28

SOMETHING THAT CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED.

Example of English Idiom #28

English Idiom #29

KEEP SOMETHING AT BAY

Explanation of English Idiom #29

KEEP SOMETHING AWAY.

Example of English Idiom #29

"SARAH FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO KEEP THE SALESPERSON AT BAY."

English Idiom #30

SPILL THE BEANS

Explanation of English Idiom #30

TELL A SECRET.

Example of English Idiom #30

"I WON'T BE THE ONE TO SPILL THE BEANS."

English Idiom #31

BEGGARS CAN'T BE CHOOSERS

Explanation of English Idiom #31

PEOPLE CANNOT COMPLAIN ABOUT SOMETHING THEY GET FOR FREE.

Example of English Idiom #31

"I DON'T LIKE THE COLOR OF THE SWEATER SHE GAVE ME BUT, BEGGARS CAN'T BE CHOOSERS."

English Idiom #32

FLESH AND BLOOD

Explanation of English Idiom #32

A RELATIVE.

Example of English Idiom #32

"I MUST HELP HIM. AFTER ALL, HE'S MY OWN FLESH AND BLOOD."

English Idiom #33

GIVE THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT

Explanation of English Idiom #33

BELIEVE SOMEONE'S STATEMENT, WITHOUT PROOF.

Example of English Idiom #33

"THE TEACHER'S EXPLANATION DID NOT SEEM LOGICAL, BUT I GAVE HER THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT."

English Idiom #34

A SAFE BET

Explanation of English Idiom #34

PROBABLY TRUE. WILL PROBABLY HAPPEN.

Example of English Idiom #34

"IT'S A SAFE BET THAT YOUR ENGLISH SKILLS WILL IMPROVE QUICKLY IF YOU STUDY AT VANCOUVER ENGLISH CENTRE."

English Idiom #35

FIT THE BILL

Explanation of English Idiom #35

SEEMS CORRECT.

Example of English Idiom #35

"THAT SEEMS TO FIT THE BILL. I'LL TAKE IT."

English Idiom #36

BLACK AND BLUE

Explanation of English Idiom #36

BRUISED.

Example of English Idiom #36

"HE WAS BEATEN UNTIL HE WAS BLACK AND BLUE."

English Idiom #37

IN COLD BLOOD

Explanation of English Idiom #37

WITH COMPASSION OR MERCY. USUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH RUTHLESS MURDER.

Example of English Idiom #37

"THE ASSASSIN WAS EVIL. HE KILLED HIM IN COLD BLOOD."

English Idiom #38

OUT OF THE BLUE

Explanation of English Idiom #38

UNEXPECTED.

Example of English Idiom #38

"A GREAT IDEA JUST CAME TO ME OUT OF THE BLUE."

English Idiom #39

CALL SOMEONE'S BLUFF

Explanation of English Idiom #39

MAKE SOMEONE PROVE WHAT THEY SAY.

Example of English Idiom #39

"HE IMPLIED THAT HE WOULD TERMINATE MY CONTRACT BUT I CALLED HIS BLUFF."

English Idiom #40

ROCK THE BOAT

Explanation of English Idiom #40

CREATE PROBLEMS FOR OTHER PEOPLE.

Example of English Idiom #40

"EVERYONE LIKES ANTONIO. HE DOESN'T ROCK THE BOAT."

English Idiom #41

BY THE BOOK

Explanation of English Idiom #41

DOING SOMETHING ACCORDING TO THE RULES.

Example of English Idiom #41

"HE IS A GOOD COP. HE DOES EVERYTHING BY THE BOOK."

English Idiom #42

GIVE SOMEONE THE BOOT

Explanation of English Idiom #42

DISMISS OR TERMINATE SOMEONE.

Example of English Idiom #42

"MR. SMITH IS AN EASY BOSS TO WORK FOR. HE DOESN'T LIKE TO GIVE SOMEONE THE BOOT."

English Idiom #43

GET TO THE BOTTOM OF

Explanation of English Idiom #43

LEARN ABOUT AND UNDERSTAND FULLY.

Example of English Idiom #43

"WE ARE NOT SURE WHAT HAPPENED BUT WE INTEND TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS."

English Idiom #44

OUT OF BOUNDS

Explanation of English Idiom #44

NOT PERMITTED.

Example of English Idiom #44

"HANS WANTED TO ASK MARY OUT ON A DATE BUT I EXPLAINED THAT SHE IS OUT OF BOUNDS. MARY IS ENGAGED TO JACK."

English Idiom #45

BREAD AND BUTTER

Explanation of English Idiom #45

REGULAR INCOME.

Example of English Idiom #45

"WE ARE VERY DEPENDENT ON OUR ADVERTISING REVENUE. IT'S OUR BREAD AND BUTTER."

English Idiom #46

THE BEST THING SINCE SLICED BREAD

Explanation of English Idiom #46

A GOOD INVENTION OR INNOVATION.

Example of English Idiom #46

"I LOVE THIS PAPER FOLDING MACHINE. IT'S THE BEST THING SINCE SLICED BREAD."

English Idiom #47

GIVE ME A BREAK

Explanation of English Idiom #47

DON'T EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE OR AGREE WITH THAT.

Example of English Idiom #47

"YOU THINK THE TEACHER IS JOKING? GIVE ME A BREAK."

English Idiom #48

DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH

Explanation of English Idiom #48

DON'T WAIT TOO LONG BECAUSE IT MIGHT NOT HAPPEN.

Example of English Idiom #48

"YES, IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THEY WILL LOWER TAXES BUT DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH."

English Idiom #49

CROSS THAT BRIDGE WHEN YOU COME TO IT

Explanation of English Idiom #49

DEAL WITH A PROBLEM IF AND WHEN IT BECOMES NECESSARY.

Example of English Idiom #49

"I'M NOT TOO WORRIED ABOUT A POSSIBLE DOWNTURN IN THE ECONOMY. ANYWAY, LET'S CROSS THAT BRIDGE WHEN WE COME TO IT."

English Idiom #50

THE BUBBLE HAS BURST

Explanation of English Idiom #50

A PREVIOUSLY POSITIVE SITUATION HAS ENCOUNTERED A SERIOUS PROBLEM.

Example of English Idiom #50

"LAST YEAR, THE STOCK MARKET WAS DOING VERY WELL. UNFORTUNATELY, IT SEEMS THAT THE BUBBLE HAS BURST."

English Idiom #51

THE BUCK STOPS HERE

Explanation of English Idiom #51

PROBLEMS ARE RESOLVED HERE.

Example of English Idiom #51

"A LOT OF PEOPLE TRY TO PASS PROBLEMS ON TO OTHER PEOPLE. AT MY DESK, HOWEVER, THE BUCK STOPS HERE."

English Idiom #52

BURN YOUR BRIDGES

Explanation of English Idiom #52

MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO RETURN.

Example of English Idiom #52

"BE POLITE WHEN YOU HAND IN YOUR RESIGNATION. AFTER ALL, YOU DON'T WANT TO BURN YOUR BRIDGES."

English Idiom #53

MY EARS ARE BURNING

Explanation of English Idiom #53

I THINK SOMEONE IS SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT ME.

Example of English Idiom #53

"PIERRE IS TALKING AGAIN. MY EARS ARE BURNING."

English Idiom #54

PUT ON THE BACK BURNER

Explanation of English Idiom #54

LEAVE IT FOR LATER.

Example of English Idiom #54

"I DON'T THINK WE WILL HAVE TIME TO COMPLETE IT THIS YEAR. LET'S PUT IT ON THE BACK BURNER."

English Idiom #55

SOMEONE MEANS BUSINESS

Explanation of English Idiom #55

SOMEONE IS SERIOUS

Example of English Idiom #55

"WATCH OUT FOR HARRY. HE IS SOMEONE WHO MEANS BUSINESS."

English Idiom #56

AT THE TOUCH OF A BUTTON

Explanation of English Idiom #56

QUICKLY AND EASILY.

Example of English Idiom #56

"NO PROBLEM. I CAN CHANGE YOUR ACCOUNT INFORMATION AT THE TOUCH OF A BUTTON."

English Idiom #57

HAVE YOUR CAKE AND EAT IT

Explanation of English Idiom #57

ENJOY SOMETHING WITHOUT PAYING FOR IT.

Example of English Idiom #57

"JUAN CARLOS EXPECTED TO PASS WITHOUT STUDYING. UNFORTUNATELY, YOU CANNOT HAVE YOUR CAKE AND EAT IT, TOO."

English Idiom #58

A CLOSE CALL

Explanation of English Idiom #58

SOMETHING (USUALLY BAD) ALMOST HAPPENING.

Example of English Idiom #58

"THAT CAR ALMOST HIT US. THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL."

English Idiom #59

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

Explanation of English Idiom #59

THIS SHOULD STOP.

Example of English Idiom #59

"I HAVE LISTENED TO HIS COMPLAINTS FOR YEARS BUT ENOUGH IS ENOUGH."

English Idiom #60

A FAT CAT

Explanation of English Idiom #60

A WEALTHY PERSON.



Example of English Idiom #60

"FERNANDO HAS EVERYTHING HE NEEDS. HE'S A REAL FAT CAT."

English Idiom #61

MY TWO CENT'S WORTH

Explanation of English Idiom #61

MY HUMBLE OPINION.

Example of English Idiom #61

"HE SEEMS LIKE A CORRUPT POLITICIAN. THAT'S JUST MY TWO CENT'S WORTH."

English Idiom #62

HANG OUT

Explanation of English Idiom #62

BE TOGETHER. SPEND TIME WITH EACH OTHER.

Example of English Idiom #62

"HEY LAUREN, LET'S GET TOGETHER AT THE STARBUCKS ON ROBSON. WE CAN JUST HANG OUT AND PRACTICE OUR ENGLISH."

English Idiom #63

A CHANGE OF HEART

Explanation of English Idiom #63

A CHANGED OPINION.

Example of English Idiom #63

"AT ONE TIME, I SUPPORTED GEORGE BUSH. AS TIME WENT ON, HOWEVER, I HAD A CHANGE OF HEART."

English Idiom #64

GET SOMETHING OFF YOUR CHEST

Explanation of English Idiom #64

EXPLAIN SOMETHING THAT IS BOTHERING YOU.

Example of English Idiom #64

"GARY, YOU DO NOT SEEM HAPPY. IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET OFF YOUR CHEST?"

English Idiom #65

DON'T COUNT YOUR CHICKENS BEFORE THE EGGS HAVE HATCHED

Explanation of English Idiom #65

DO NOT MAKE PLANS FOR SOMETHING THAT MIGHT HAPPEN.

Example of English Idiom #65

"YES, I THINK WE WILL PROBABLY GET A RAISE IN PAY THIS YEAR. REMEMBER, THOUGH, DON'T COUNT YOUR CHICKENS BEFORE THE EGGS HAVE HATCHED."

English Idiom #66

A CHIP ON HIS SHOULDER

Explanation of English Idiom #66

HE IS ANGRY ABOUT SOMETHING.

Example of English Idiom #66

"I DON'T KNOW WHY HE IS SO UNHAPPY. HE SEEMS TO HAVE A CHIP ON HIS SHOULDER."

English Idiom #67

COME FULL CIRCLE

Explanation of English Idiom #67

A PROCESS HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

Example of English Idiom #67

"THE SALMON HAS RETURNED TO THE PLACE WHERE IT ORIGINALLY HATCHED."

ITS LIFE CYCLE HAS COME FULL CIRCLE."

English Idiom #68

SQUEAKY CLEAN

Explanation of English Idiom #68

LEGITIMATE AND PROPER.

Example of English Idiom #68

"WE CHECKED ALL OF HER REFERENCES. SHE IS SQUEAKY CLEAN."

English Idiom #69

IN THE CLEAR

Explanation of English Idiom #69

OUT OF TROUBLE.

Example of English Idiom #69

"HIS INNOCENCE HAS BEEN PROVEN. HE IS IN THE CLEAR."

English Idiom #70

STEER CLEAR OF

Explanation of English Idiom #70

AVOID.

Example of English Idiom #70

"SHE IS NOT VERY NICE. I THINK WE SHOULD STEER CLEAR OF HER."

English Idiom #71

ROUND THE CLOCK

Explanation of English Idiom #71

ALL DAY.

Example of English Idiom #71

"HE IS A VERY HARD WORKER. HE USUALLY WORKS ROUND THE CLOCK."

English Idiom #72

TURN BACK THE CLOCK

Explanation of English Idiom #72

GO BACK IN TIME.

Example of English Idiom #72

"I FEEL OLD. I WISH I COULD TURN BACK THE CLOCK."

English Idiom #73

LIKE CLOCKWORK

Explanation of English Idiom #73

WITH MECHANICAL EFFICIENCY.

Example of English Idiom #73

"HE IS VERY PREDICTABLE. HE ALWAYS EATS AT THE SAME TIME, LIKE CLOCKWORK."

English Idiom #74

WAKE UP AND SMELL THE COFFEE

Explanation of English Idiom #74

THINK MORE REALISTICALLY

Example of English Idiom #74

"HE DOES NOT RESPECT YOU AS MUCH AS YOU THINK. WAKE UP AND SMELL THE COFFEE."

English Idiom #75

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN

Explanation of English Idiom #75

ANOTHER VERSION OF A STORY OR EVENT.

Example of English Idiom #75

"THE GLOBAL SUMMIT WILL ENCOURAGE MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE. ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN, IT MIGHT RESULT IN VIOLENT PROTESTS."

English Idiom #76

LEFT OUT IN THE COLD

Explanation of English Idiom #76

LEFT UNAIDED OR UNPROTECTED.

Example of English Idiom #76

"THEY DON'T INCLUDE ME IN THEIR GROUP. I FEEL LEFT OUT IN THE COLD."

English Idiom #77

WITH FLYING COLORS

Explanation of English Idiom #77

WITH ENTHUSIASM AND EXUBERANCE.

Example of English Idiom #77

"I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ALL. I'LL BE THERE WITH FLYING COLORS."

English Idiom #78

SCRAPE BY

Explanation of English Idiom #78

HAVE JUST ENOUGH BUT NOT MORE.

Example of English Idiom #78

"OUR BUDGET IS NOT SATISFACTORY BUT WE WILL FIND A WAY TO SCRAPE BY."

English Idiom #79

A TOUGH COOKIE

Explanation of English Idiom #79

A STUBBORN, STRONG PERSON.

Example of English Idiom #79

"DON'T GET SHIRLEY UPSET. SHE IS A TOUGH COOKIE."

English Idiom #80

KEEP YOUR COOL

Explanation of English Idiom #80

DO NOT BECOME UPSET.

Example of English Idiom #80

"RELAX. KEEP YOUR COOL."

English Idiom #81

LOSE YOUR COOL

Explanation of English Idiom #81

BECOME UPSET.

Example of English Idiom #81

"DON'T GET UPSET. IF YOU LOSE YOUR COOL, IT WILL MAKE MATTERS WORSE."

English Idiom #82

IN A TIGHT CORNER

Explanation of English Idiom #82

WITHOUT ANY GOOD OPTIONS.

Example of English Idiom #82

"MILO HAS RUN OUT OF OPTIONS. IF HE TAKES ANY MORE CHANCE, HE MIGHT FIND HIMSELF IN A TIGHT CORNER."

English Idiom #83

A COUCH POTATO

Explanation of English Idiom #83

A LAZY PERSON.

Example of English Idiom #83

"LUIS FERNANDO JUST WATCHES TELEVISION ALL DAY. HE IS REALLY A COUCH POTATO."

English Idiom #84

TAKE ITS COURSE

Explanation of English Idiom #84

A SITUATION DEVELOPS NATURALLY.

Example of English Idiom #84

"THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO TO RELIEVE THE EFFECTS OF HER DISEASE. WE CAN ONLY WAIT AND LET THE ILLNESS TAKE ITS COURSE."

English Idiom #85

UP THE CREEK

Explanation of English Idiom #85

IN TROUBLE.

Example of English Idiom #85

"I WARNED BILL BUT HE WOULD NOT LISTEN. NOW, HE IS UP THE CREEK."

English Idiom #86

CROCODILE TEARS

Explanation of English Idiom #86

EXAGGERATED OR FAKED SYMPATHY.

Example of English Idiom #86

"SHE TOLD ME SHE WAS SORRY BUT SHE WAS NOT. IT WAS JUST CROCODILE TEARS."

English Idiom #87

WHEN IT COMES TO THE CRUNCH

Explanation of English Idiom #87

WHEN THERE ARE NO MORE POSSIBILITIES.

Example of English Idiom #87

"VICTOR SEEMS TO HAVE A CASUAL POINT OF VIEW. WHEN IT COME TO THE CRUNCH, THOUGH, HE IS A REAL PROFESSIONAL."

English Idiom #88

A FAR CRY FROM

Explanation of English Idiom #88

VERY DIFFERENT FROM.

Example of English Idiom #88

"HIS PERSONALITY IS A FAR CRY FROM HIS FATHER'S."

English Idiom #89

OFF-THE-CUFF

Explanation of English Idiom #89

WITHOUT RESEARCH, PLANNING, OR CONSIDERING.

Example of English Idiom #89

"I HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT. MY OFF-THE-CUFF IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, IS TAT IT IS A GOOD IDEA."

English Idiom #90

CAN'T CUT IT

Explanation of English Idiom #90

CANNOT DO IT.

Example of English Idiom #90

"KIM SHOULDN'T BE WORKING HERE. HE JUST CAN'T CUT IT."

English Idiom #91

IN THE DARK

Explanation of English Idiom #91

IGNORANT.

Example of English Idiom #91

"THEY DIDN'T TELL ME ANYTHING. I FELT LIKE THEY HAD LEFT ME IN THE DARK."

English Idiom #92

A SHOT IN THE DARK

Explanation of English Idiom #92

A GUESS.

Example of English Idiom #92

"I AM NOT SURE BUT I COULD TAKE A SHOT IN THE DARK."

English Idiom #93

CALL IT A DAY

Explanation of English Idiom #93

STOP.

Example of English Idiom #93

"I'M TIRED. LET'S CALL IT A DAY."

English Idiom #94

LATE IN THE DAY

Explanation of English Idiom #94

TOO LATE, OR ALMOST TOO LATE.

Example of English Idiom #94

"THE GOVERNMENT JUST DECIDE T BUY NEW HELICOPTERS BUT IT SEEMS A LITTLE LATE IN THE DAY TO MAKE SUCH A DECISION."

English Idiom #95

IN BROAD DAYLIGHT

Explanation of English Idiom #95

WITHOUT TRYING TO HIDE IT.

Example of English Idiom #96

"THEY ROBBED THE BANK IN BROAD DAYLIGHT."

English Idiom #96

MAKE SOMEONE'S DAY

Explanation of English Idiom #96

MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY.

Example of English Idiom #96

"IF YOU WOULD GET A BETTER JOB, YOU WOULD MAKE SOMEONE'S DAY."

English Idiom #97

WOULDN'T BE CAUGHT DEAD

Explanation of English Idiom #97

`WOULD NEVER.

Example of English Idiom #97

"I HATE THAT DRESS. I WOULD NOT BE CAUGHT DEAD WEARING ANYTHING ELSE."

English Idiom #98

GET A RAW DEAL

Explanation of English Idiom #98

RECEIVES LESS THAN WHAT IS DESERVED.

Example of English Idiom #98

"BE SURE TO READ THE CONTRACT CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU SIGN IT. YOU DON'T WANT TO GET A RAW DEAL."

English Idiom #99

RUNS DEEP

Explanation of English Idiom #99

ENTRENCHED, OR INGRAINED.

Example of English Idiom #99

"HE LOVES HIS COUNTRY. PATRIOTISM RUNS DEEP IN HIS VEINS."

English Idiom #100

OUT OF YOUR DEPTH

Explanation of English Idiom #100

BEYOND YOUR EXISTING KNOWLEDGE OR ABILITY.

Example of English Idiom #100

"YOU DO NOT SEEM TO HAVE MUCH EXPERIENCE IN THIS SUBJECT. ARE YOU SURE THAT YOU ARE NOT OUT OF YOUR DEPTH?"

English Idiom #101

ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END

Explanation of English Idiom #101

REGRETFULLY, WE ARE FINISHED.

Example of English Idiom #101

"I HAVE ENJOYED READING THE VANCOUVER ENGLISH CENTRE LIST OF IDIOMS BUT ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END."

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