

English Idioms

An idiom is a phrase or expression that has a figurative and sometimes literal meaning.



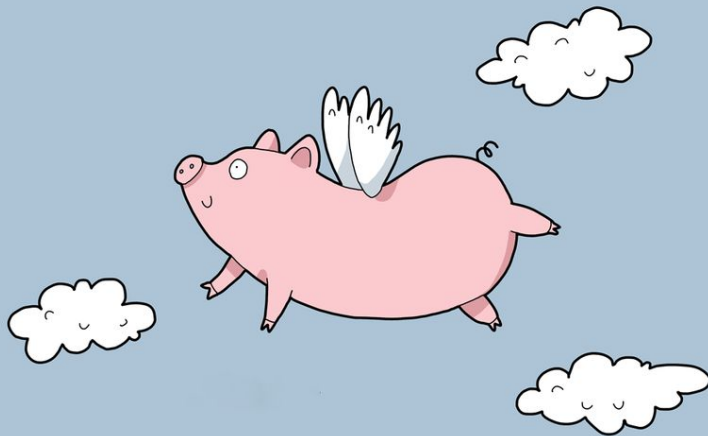


TO HAVE A CAST IRON STOMACH

to have no problems eating or drinking anything

To have a cast iron stomach - have a very strong stomach (eat or drink anything you like without any problem)

I think I would be sick if I ate all that food, but Joe seems to have a cast iron stomach.



WHEN PIGS FLY

never, it won't happen

When pigs fly – after the rain on Thursday, when the cancer whistles.
Yea, right! This girl will ask you on a date when pigs fly!



To have Van Gogh's ear for music - have no hearing
Kelly really shouldn't play the piano – she has Van Gogh's ear for music.



Use your loaf - use your knowledge
Come on, John, use your loaf! I know you can solve this problem!

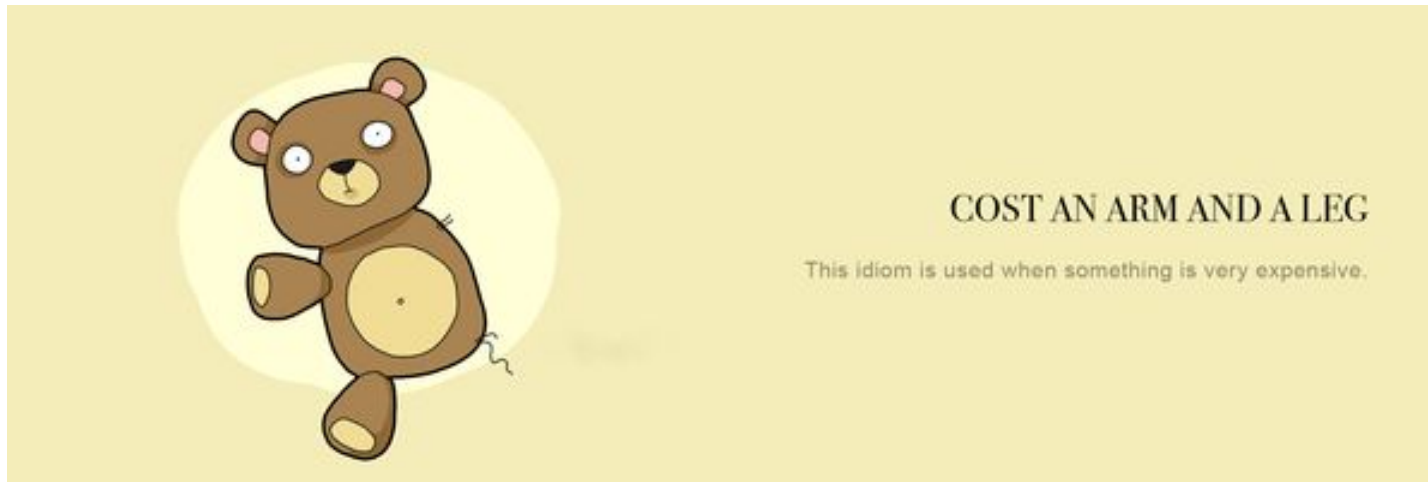


TO PUT A SOCK IN IT

to tell someone noisy to be quiet

Put a sock in it - shut up!

Jane was yelling while I was studying so I told her to put a sock in it.



COST AN ARM AND A LEG

This idiom is used when something is very expensive.

To cost an arm and a leg – very expensive

The laptop cost me an arm and a leg but I just couldn't help myself.



ALL TALK AND NO TROUSERS

Someone who is all talk and no trousers, talks about doing big, important things, but doesn't take any action.

All talk and no trousers – a person who does everything only in words.
Bob is all talk and no trousers. I've got no respect for that man.



CURIOSITY KILLED THE CAT

Being Inquisitive can lead you into an unpleasant situation.

Curiosity killed the cat – curious Barbara in the market nose tore
Tell me please! – No. Curiosity killed the cat, you know?

Raining cats and dogs



Raining very heavily.

Cold shoulder



To pay no attention to.

Storm in a teacup



Exaggerate a problem.

Chase rainbows



Try to achieve the impossible.

Balance the books



Make sure all money is accounted for.

Bring home the bacon



Earn money to support your family.

Lightning fast



Being very fast.

Head in the clouds



Have unrealistic or impractical ideas.