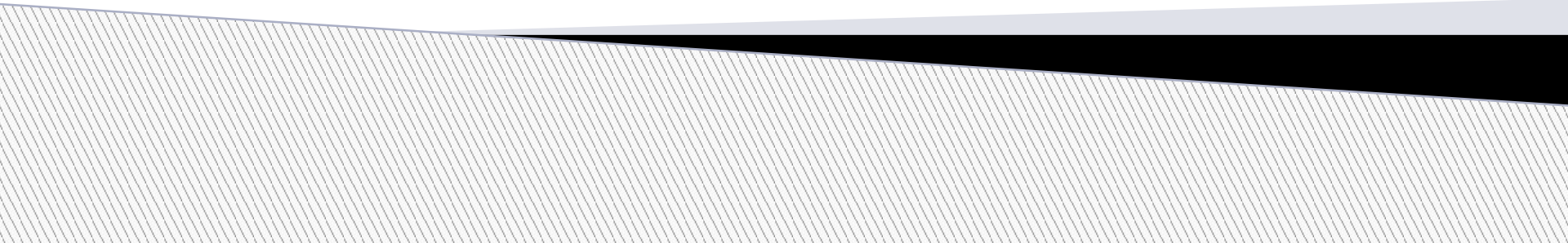


Danger





A) Getting into danger

The soldiers were napping by the sudden attack. [got into trouble because they were not paying enough attention (napping = sleeping)]

The Health Minister risked his job by **going out on a limb** and criticizing the proposals put forward by the Prime Minister. [stating an opinion or doing something different from anyone else. You can also be **out on a limb**, which means you are alone and lacking support from anyone else (limb = large branch of a tree)]

John was a weak man, **easily led astray** by others. [influenced so that he did had things (astray = away from the main path)]



I'd **leave well alone** if I were you; Jack hates people to tidy his papers.[try not to changes or improve something because this might make things worse]

Although it's always **panic stations** before the performance, everything goes smoothly as soon as the curtain goes up. [a time or situation where you feel very anxious and have to act quickly (informal)]

Taxes are **a necessary evil**. [something you do not like, but you agree that it most exist or happen]

Thank goodness you're **safe and sound**. I was so worried about you when I heard about the accident. [this phrase simply emphasizes the word safe]



▣ **going out on a limb**(пойти на риск)



▣ **out on a limb**(в опасных условиях)



▣ **easily led astray**(подающийся чужому влиянию)



▣ **leave well alone(не пытайтесь улучшить)**



▣ **panic stations**(все они забегали в панике)



▣ a necessary evil(неизбежное зло)



□ **safe and sound(целый и невредимый)**

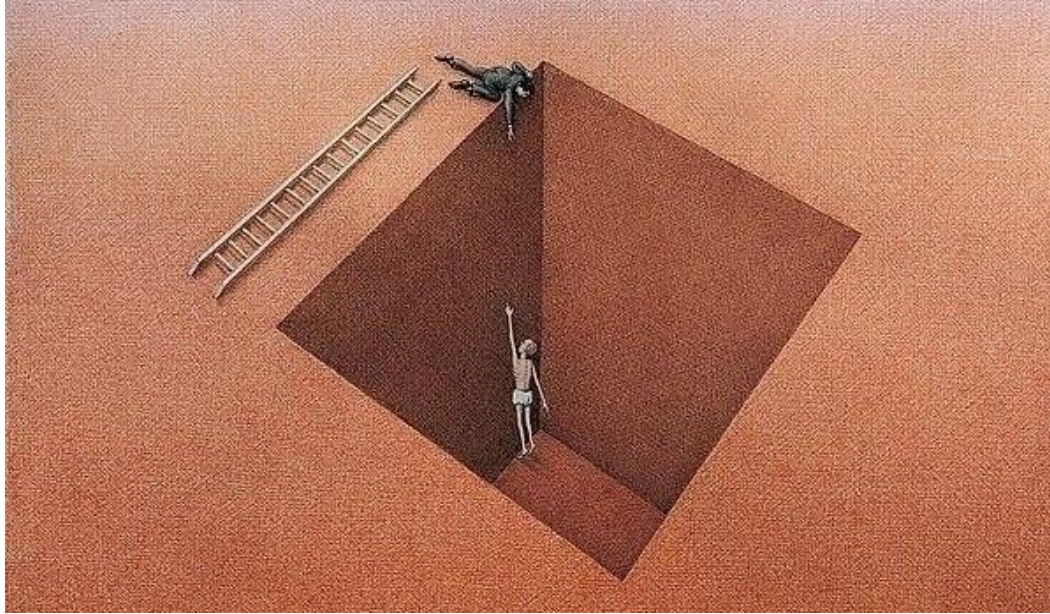


idiom	meaning	example
Have a narrow escape	Just manage to danger or trouble	The crew had a narrow escape when the made a crash landing.
Do something by the skin of your teeth	Only just succeed in doing something	We won the match by the skin of our teeth.
Rather/too close for comfort	So close in distance or similar in amount that you are worried or frightened	We won the election, but the results were rather close for comfort
cut things fine	Leave yourself only just enough time to do something	I prefer getting to the station early, but Lee always cuts things fine.
Something sets alarm bells ringing	Something worries you because it is a sign that there may be a problem	The strange look she gave me set alarm bells ringing.
Take your life in(to) your hands	Do something very risky	You're taking your life into your hands crossing the road here.
Your life is in someone's hands	That person can affect whether you live or die	When you go into hospital, you put your life in the hands of strangers.
Hanging by a thread	Likely to fail the near future	The economy is hanging by a thread.
On a knife-edge	In a very difficult situation and there are worries about the future	The business is on a financial knife-edge and may go bankrupt.

- Have a narrow escape(чудом избежать гибели)



- Do something by the skin of your teeth(пытаться сделать)



- Rather/too close for comfort(в значительной степени)



□ cut things fine(свести к минимуму)



- ▣ Something sets alarm bells ringing(зазвонить в колокола)



- ▣ Take your life in(to) your hands(ты рискуешь жизнью)



- Your life is in someone's hands(начать новую жизнь)



□ Hanging by a thread(висеть на ниточке)



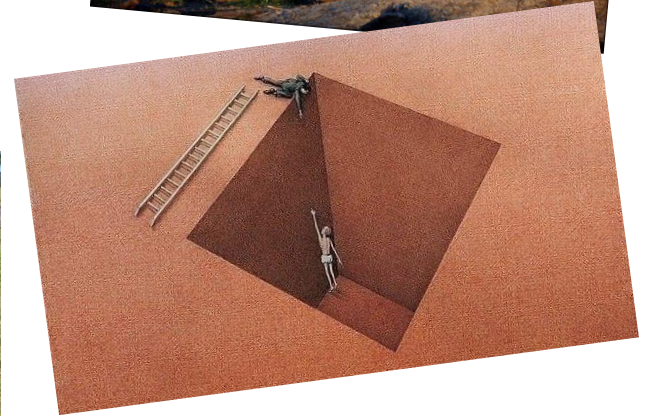
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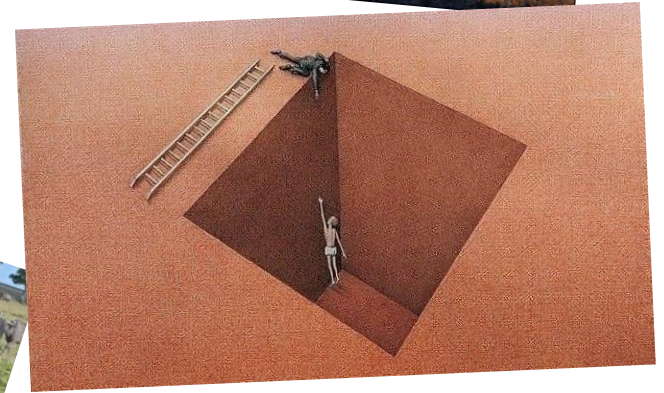
Exercises

Match the beginning of each idiom on the left with its ending on the right

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| 1 be caught | limb |
| 2 have a narrow | sound |
| 3 safe and | alone |
| 4 be led | escape |
| 5 by the skin of your | stations |
| 6 be panic | astray |
| 7 leave well | napping |
| 8 go out on a | teeth |



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Correct the mistakes in these idioms

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Which idioms do these pictures make you think of?

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□ 3



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□ 1 be/go out on a limb



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□ 3 lead someone astray



4 have a narrow escape



Rewrite each sentence with an idiom. Use the keyword in brackets

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- 3 If I were you, I wouldn't attempt to change things.(WELL)
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