

English specific Idioms

Idioms are either a word or a phrase that means something different than you would expect

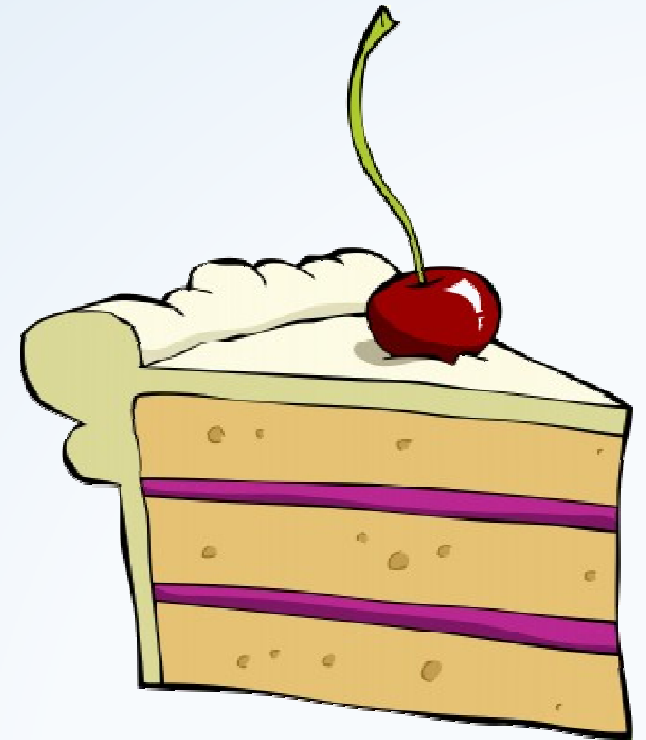
On the next few slides, we'll see the most common ones, and their meaning.

A piece of cake

What is something when it is described as a 'piece of cake'?

- A. Soft
- B. Easy
- C. Really nice
- D. Difficult

'That last exam was a piece of cake!'



Out of the woods

- A. Out of danger
- B. To reach the end of a holiday
- C. The end of a hike
- D. A big city

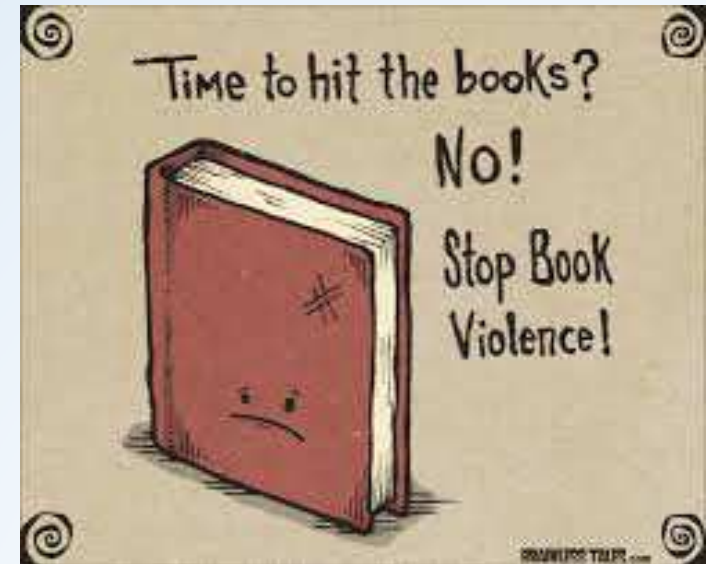
'We're not out of the woods yet!'



To hit the books

- A. Refuse to study
- B. Create a story
- C. To study hard
- D. To get angry

I have to **hit the books**, the next test is in two days!



To cost an arm and a leg

- A. Doing things twice
- B. Very expensive
- C. To save for later use
- D. Bent over backwards

Repairs for my car cost
me an arm and a leg!



Pulling my leg

- A. Playing rough
- B. Shouting loudly
- C. Unfair actions
- D. To try and trick someone by lying.

Hey! *You've won the lottery!!*

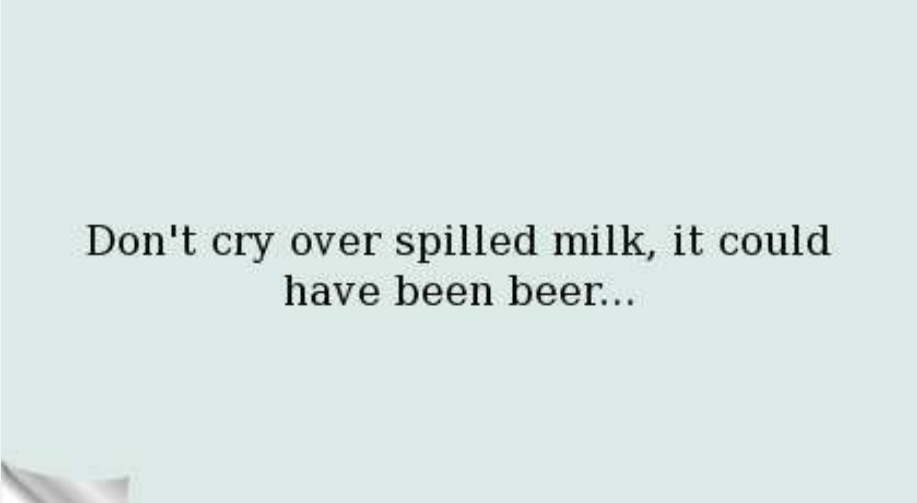
'No I haven't...stop pulling my leg!'



Don't cry over spilled milk!

- A. Your luck will change
- B. Something bad has happened, now move on
- C. Bad things often happen to you
- D. Be more careful

*I know you didn't get into the football team, but **don't cry over spilled milk.** There's always next year!*



Don't cry over spilled milk, it could
have been beer...

To be on the ball

- A. Have good athletic skills
- B. Have something with rounded edges
- C. Slow to understand something
- D. Quick to understand something

He was **on the ball** last lesson, he understood everything!



Barking up the wrong tree

- A. Accusing the wrong person
- B. Cutting down the wrong tree
- C. Not finding what you are looking for
- D. Doing something incorrectly

I didn't break the window,
you're **barking up the wrong
tree!**



Every cloud has a silver lining

- A. It's going to rain soon.
- B. You'll be rich some day.
- C. Be optimistic, something good will happen.
- D. Don't be afraid to do something.

The trip was cancelled, but at least I can see my family. **Every cloud has a silver lining!**



To hear it on the grapevine

- A. To not hear something well
- B. To listen to something on the radio
- C. To hear rumours about someone from someone else.
- D. To get information from a good source

I heard it on the grapevine that John is moving house soon!



Common english slang

Now, on the following slides will be a common English '*slang*' word.

Underneath will be a picture, you have to try and tell me what it means using the picture to help you.

To balls-up something

Definition: To make a bad mistake

I ballsed-up that last exam!



Gobby



Definition: To be argumentative or/and offensive.

At times, you can be a bit gobby!

Legless

Definition: To be extremely drunk

I was legless even before I got to the club!



Knackered

Definition: To
be really tired.

*After 7 hours on the
train, I was knackered!*



To fall head over heels

Definition: To fall in love with someone.

He fell head over heels for her.



Miffed

Definition: To be upset or offended.

I was absolutely miffed when he said those things about me!

