

Yazd University
Idioms & Expressions: Text 4
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1. Get a kick out of sth: to enjoy greatly
I love my job. I get a kick out of teaching.

2. Get down to the bare-bone essentials: to discuss the most important issues
Let us get down to the bare-bone essentials of greenhouse effects.

3. Get in someone's hair: to annoy someone
My younger brother is always getting in my hair.

4. Get into hot water: to be in trouble
Whenever I play chess with my father, I really get into hot water.

5. Get off it: stop talking about sth (esp. sth nonsense)
Get off it! You mean that the new teacher is very kind?

6. Get off on the wrong foot: to make a bad start; to begin some job with a mistake
Unfortunately, my relationship with my couch got off on the wrong foot.

7. Get off one's back: to stop pestering somebody, or bothering him/her
I wish you would get off my back and leave me alone.

8. Get on one's nerve: to make sb angry, to annoy sb
That loud rap music is getting on my nerve.

9. Get out of my face: go away!, leave here!
Your comment on my personality was impolite; now get out of my face.

10. Get real: be serious
Hey get real! when do you want to think about your future more seriously?

11. Get to the heart of the matter: to discuss the main part of sth
Please don't beat around the bush, and get right to the heart of the matter.

12. Lend an ear to: to listen to sb (deeply)
As a teacher, I always try to lend an ear to my students' comments.

13. Give someone a buzz: to telephone somebody
I will give you a buzz as soon as I get home.

14. Lend someone a hand: to help somebody
I lent my friend a hand moving into his new apartment.

15. Give someone the green light: to give someone permission, to show agreement
The manager gave me the green light to start working on my new plan.

16. Go broke: to lose one's all money, to fail in a business, to get bankrupted
My uncle opened a new business last year but went broke at the end.

17. Go fly a kite (Go fly your kite): go away, leave here, mind your own business
I don't want to hear your absurd story. Go fly a kite.

18. Go under the knife: to have an operation or surgery
Finally, I decided to go under the knife for my chronic backache.

19. Go with the flow: to do the thing that most people do
I was not into social apps, but was forced to go with the flow.

20. Go with the tide: to be moody; to change idea based on favorite situations
He just thinks of his own interest; in fact, he goes with the tide.

21. Grease one's palm: to pay someone some money to do sth in favor of you, to bribe sb.
They wanted to grease my palm to give them some private information.

22. To have (a) green thumb/fingers: ability to make things grow
My grandfather has a green thumb and has grown a big garden.

23. Green with envy: to be very jealous
He got green with envy when he heard I had been given a scholarship.

Some Proverbs

24. Go from bad to worse: to fall into a greater problem/difficulty

25. Great boast, little toast: to show off sth or to claim to have sth, but having little capacity

26. Haste makes waste: doing some task hastily makes the situation worse/ ends in bad results

27. He has no penny to bless himself: to emphasize that sb is very poor

28. He is between the devil and deep sea: to say sb is entangled in a very bad situation

29. He is still wet behind the ears: to say that sb is very young or unexperienced

30. To eat the kernel, must crack the shell (nut): to reach your goal, you must do hard work

31. Heart speaks to heart: sincere/hearty feelings are felt by heart

32. His bread is buttered on both sides: to imply that sb is in an excellent/beneficial situation

33. It's a hard nut to crack: to show that a job is very difficult to do

34. It takes two to make a bargain: to emphasize on cooperation and group work

35. Kill two birds with one stone: to target two goals with a single attempt