

Yazd University
Idioms & Expressions: Text 6
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- 1. In broad daylight:** in the middle of the day
My car was stolen in the broad daylight!

- 2. In hand:** being dealt with; under control
The issue is in hand and will soon be finished.
After several months, the police have now the situation well in hand.

- 3. In someone's shoes:** in the position of somebody else (imagined)
I would hate to be in your shoes now that you have to work there.

- 4. In stitches:** laugh deeply and continuously
His standup comedy had/kept/left us in stiches for half an hour.

- 5. In the dog house:** to be in trouble
Having told his father a big lie, he is in dog house these days.

- 6. In the long run:** ultimately, in the end
The company has been losing money since its opening, but in the long-run, they will be successful.

- 7. In the pink:** to be healthy, fresh and kicking
Having seen his parents after two years, she is now in the pink.

- 8. In the red:** losing money, unprofitable
I have been in the red for the recent months. I don't know what the problem is with my business.
The company is no longer profitable; actually, it has gone into red since the economic crisis.

- 9. In the same boat:** in the same (difficult) situation
We are all in the same boat after the Corona outbreak.

- 10. In two minds:** undecided, in dilemma
My father is in two minds about leaving his job and starting a new one.

- 11. To be into sth:** to enjoy sth or doing sth
I am not into rap music at all.

- 12. Jack of all trades:** one who knows a little about everything
Robert can fix everything. He is really a jack of all trades.

13. Jump out of one's skin: to be very surprised, or frightened

I almost jumped out of my skin when I saw my name among the employed ones.

14. Keep an eye on sth: watch carefully, be attentive to sth

I asked my next-door neighbor to keep an eye on my apartment when I was away.

15. Keep body and soul together: try to keep alive, earn just enough to remain alive

She works hard for her family to keep body and soul together.

16. Keep one's ear to the ground: pay close attention to sth (esp. sound)

I'm waiting for an important call. Keep your ear to the ground please.

17. Keep one's eyes peeled: be alert, very attentive

I kept my eyes peeled waiting for my parents to get off the train.

18. Keep someone posted: to give information to sb

I'm not sure when I will be arriving at the airport, but I will keep you posted.

19. Keep sth under one's hat: keep it secret, keep sth dark

You were supposed to keep my trip to Europe under your hat!

20. Keep track of sth: follow the movement of sth; stay aware of sth

I was absorbed into the exam and forgot to keep track of time.

21. Kick the bucket: to die

The old dictator finally kicked the bucket and let his nation free.

22. Knock it off: to stop; don't continue it

Could you please knock it off? Your singing is making me mad.

23. Know the ropes: to be experienced or knowledgeable enough to do sth

Ask Jenny to install the program; she knows the ropes well.

24. Last straw: the final/maximum level of pain or trouble one can tolerate

You are looking into my personal messages again? That's the last straw.

25. Leave someone high and dry: to break the promise; to make sb keep waiting for you

He promised to come and help me but left me high and dry.

26. Let someone off the hook: to save sb's life; to release someone of responsibility/difficulty

I didn't have money to pay my debt, but my mother let me off the hook

27. Let the cat out of the bag: to say sth that is supposed to be secret, to drop a brick

Please stop explaining more about our plan. You are letting the cat out of the bag!

28. Lift a finger: to help, to start to do sth

Hey guys! Please lift a finger and help me clean the place.

29. Like two peas in a pod: be identical, very similar

John and his twin brother are like two peas in a pod.

30. Lip service: to only talk in support of sb or sth without doing anything

Usually, authorities pay lip service to people's needs and requests.

31. Loaded: rich, wealthy

My uncle is well loaded and can afford to buy everything he wants.

32. Look at sth through rose-colored glasses: to be very optimistic

She always looks at the world through rose-colored glasses and cannot imagine some people are dishonest.

33. Lose face: to be ashamed or embarrassed by an error or failure

When the teacher couldn't solve the problem himself, he lost his face before his students.

34. Lose temper: to get angry

Whenever I see an unfair judgment about me, I lose my temper.

35. Lose heart: to feel disappointed or discouraged.

He tried not to lose heart having failed the entrance exam three times.