# Make or Break It: Do You Have What It Takes to Master 60 English Idioms?

If you're serious about improving your English, then you need to master idioms. These are phrases that have a figurative meaning that is different from the literal meaning of the words. They can be tricky to learn, but they're essential for sounding like a native speaker.

In this article, we'll introduce you to 60 of the most common English idioms. We'll also provide you with examples of how to use them in conversation.



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#### What are idioms?

Idioms are phrases that have a figurative meaning that is different from the literal meaning of the words. For example, the idiom "kick the bucket" literally means to kick a bucket, but it figuratively means to die.

Idioms can be tricky to learn because they're not always logical. However, they're essential for sounding like a native speaker. If you want to speak English fluently, then you need to be able to use idioms correctly.

### How to learn idioms

There are a few different ways to learn idioms.

- Read books and articles in English.
- Watch movies and TV shows in English.
- Listen to music in English.
- Talk to native English speakers.

As you're exposed to idioms, you'll start to pick up on their meanings. You can also look up idioms in a dictionary or online.

### 60 common English idioms

Here are 60 of the most common English idioms:

ldiom	Meaning	Example
A piece of cake	Something that is easy to do	That test was a piece of cake.
At the drop of a hat	Immediately	I can be there at the drop of a hat.
Back to square one	To start over	We had to go back to square one after the experiment failed.

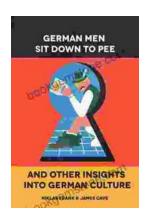
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Beat around the bush	To avoid talking about something directly	Stop beating around the bush and tell me what you're thinking.
Bend over backwards	To make a great effort	I'll bend over backwards to help you.
Bite off more than you can chew	To take on more than you can handle	I bit off more than I could chew when I agreed to do all that work.
Blow hot and cold	To be indecisive	She's been blowing hot and cold about whether or not to go to the party.
Break a leg	To wish someone good luck	Break a leg on your test!
Burn the midnight oil	To stay up late studying or working	I had to burn the midnight oil to finish my paper.

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