

Daily Dose of Idioms & Phrases

**A blessing in disguise
छिपा हुआ वरदान**

Losing that job was a blessing in disguise.

**A dime a dozen
बहुत सामान्य या सस्ता
Cheap pens are a dime a dozen..**

**At the drop of a hat
तुरंत, बिना देरी के
She helps at the drop of a hat.**

**Add fuel to the fire
स्थिति और खराब करना
His rude words added fuel to the fire.**

**A far cry
बहुत दूर, बिल्कुल अलग
His current success is a far cry from his
past failures.**

**A fool's paradise
झूठा सुख, धोखा
She lived in a fool's paradise thinking
everything was perfect.**

**Against the clock
समय की कमी में जल्दी करना
We worked against the clock to finish the
project.**

**All ears
पूरी तरह ध्यान से सुनना
I'm all ears for your advice.**

At loggerheads
जोरदार विवाद में होना

The two parties were at loggerheads over the policy.

At one's wit's end
बहुत ज्यादा परेशान होना

She was at her wit's end with the difficult problem.

A stitch in time saves nine
समय रहते काम करना बेहतर होता है
Fix the leak now; a stitch in time saves nine.

At the eleventh hour
आखिरी समय पर
They submitted the report at the eleventh hour.

Above board
साफ़-सुथरा, ईमानदार
His business dealings are always above board.

Ace up one's sleeve
छुपा हुआ ज़ोर, पास में रहस्य
She had an ace up her sleeve for the negotiation.

Against all odds
सभी बाधाओं के बावजूद
They succeeded against all odds.

All bark and no bite
केवल दिखावा, बिना कोई असर
He's all bark and no bite when it comes to threats.

Fly off the handle
अचानक गुस्सा हो जाना
Don't fly off the handle over a small
mistake.

By the skin of one's teeth
बाल-बाल बचना
He caught the train by the skin of his
teeth.

Move heaven and earth
हर संभव प्रयास करना
I'll move heaven and earth to help you.

Eat crow
अपनी गलती मानना
He had to eat crow after his boast failed.

Throw one's hat into the ring
भाग लेना चाहना
He threw his hat into the ring for the
election.

Hobson's choice
कोई असली विकल्प नहीं
It was a Hobson's choice: pay the fine or
go to jail..

Mad as a hatter
पूरी तरह पागल
The old inventor was considered mad as a
hatter.

To be in high dudgeon
बहुत ज्यादा नाराज़ होना
She was in high dudgeon after being
ignored.

To draw the long bow
बढ़ा-चढ़ा कर कहना
He tends to draw the long bow about his adventures.

Won his laurels
प्रसिद्धि प्राप्त करना
The young author won his laurels with her first novel.

Eat humble pie
शर्मिंदा होकर माफी मांगना
He had to eat humble pie after his mistake cost the team.

Burn the midnight oil
रात भर पढ़ाई या काम करना
She burned the midnight oil to finish her project.

Beat around the bush
घुमा-फिराकर बात करना
Stop beating around the bush and tell me directly.

Bite the bullet
कठिन काम साहस से करना
You'll just have to bite the bullet and apologize.

Hit the nail on the head
सटीक बात कहना
You hit the nail on the head with that analysis.

Let the cat out of the bag
भेद खोल देना
He let the cat out of the bag about the surprise party.

Once in a blue moon
बहुत कभी-कभी
He visits his hometown once in a blue moon.

The ball is in your court
अब आपकी बारी है
I've done my part; the ball is in your court now.

Spill the beans
राज़ खोल देना
She spilled the beans about the promotion.

A piece of cake
बहुत आसान काम
The exam was a piece of cake for her.

Under the weather
थोड़ा बीमार या अस्वस्थ
I'm feeling under the weather today.

Break the ice
किसी अजनबी माहौल को सहज बनाना
He told a joke to break the ice at the meeting.

On the ball
सतर्क और कुशल
The new manager is really on the ball.

Hit the sack
सोने जाना
I'm exhausted; I'm going to hit the sack.

Through thick and thin
हर अच्छी-बुरी स्थिति में
She stood by her friend through thick and thin.

A dime a dozen
आम और साधारण
Those souvenirs are a dime a dozen at the market.

Burn bridges
रिश्ते या संभावनाएँ बर्बाद कर देना
He burned bridges by insulting his old boss.

Cry over spilled milk
बीती बात पर पछताना
There's no use crying over spilled milk; let's find a solution.

Get your act together
अपने काम को संभालना और सुधारना
You need to get your act together before the exams.

Go the extra mile
आवश्यकता से अधिक मेहनत करना
She always goes the extra mile for her clients.

In the heat of the moment
गुस्से या उत्तेजना में
He said things he didn't mean in the heat of the moment.

Jump on the bandwagon
किसी लोकप्रिय चलन का अनुसरण करना
Many companies jumped on the bandwagon of remote work.

**Miss the boat
अवसर गँवा देना**

**You'll miss the boat if you don't apply
today.**

**Speak of the devil
जिसकी चर्चा उसी का आगमन**

Speak of the devil, there's Rahul now!

**The last straw
अंतिम सीमा जिसके बाद सहन नहीं होता
His rudeness was the last straw for the
team.**

**Take with a grain of salt
पूरी तरह विश्वास न करना
Take his advice with a grain of salt; he
often exaggerates.**

**Read between the lines
छिपा हुआ अर्थ समझना
You have to read between the lines of his
letter to understand his true feelings.**

**The best of both worlds
दोनों ओर के फायदे मिलना
Working from home gives her the best of
both worlds.**

**Sit on the fence
निर्णय लेने में हिचकिचाना
You can't sit on the fence forever; you
must choose a side.**

**You can't judge a book by its cover
बाहरी रूप से अंदाज़ा नहीं लगाना चाहिए
He seems quiet, but you can't judge a
book by its cover.**

Your guess is as good as mine
मुझे भी नहीं पता
Where is the manager? Your guess is as good as mine.

Bite off more than you can chew
अपनी क्षमता से अधिक काम लेना
He bit off more than he could chew by accepting three projects at once.

Cut to the chase
मुख्य बात पर आना
Let's cut to the chase—how much will it cost?.

Add insult to injury
बुरा हाल और बदतर बनाना
He arrived late, and to add insult to injury, he forgot the gift.

Curiosity killed the cat
अनावश्यक जिज्ञासा खतरनाक हो सकती है
Don't ask too many questions—curiosity killed the cat.

Bark up the wrong tree
गलत व्यक्ति से शिकायत या माँग करना
If you think I stole it, you're barking up the wrong tree.

Don't put all your eggs in one basket
सारा जोखिम एक जगह मत लो
Invest in different sectors; don't put all your eggs in one basket.

Every cloud has a silver lining
हर मुसीबत में कुछ अच्छा छिपा होता है
Losing that job led him to a better one—every cloud has a silver lining.

Give the benefit of the doubt
शक होते हुए भी विश्वास करना
I'll give him the benefit of the doubt this time.

It takes two to tango
झगड़े में दोनों पक्ष जिम्मेदार होते हैं
He started it, but it takes two to tango.

Kill two birds with one stone
एक पत्थर से दो शिकार
By cycling to work, I exercise and save money—kill two birds with one stone.

Let sleeping dogs lie
शांत मामलों को न छेड़ो
Don't bring up old arguments; let sleeping dogs lie.

On thin ice
खतरनाक या नाजुक स्थिति में
After missing two deadlines, he's on thin ice with his boss..

A slap on the wrist
हल्की सजा या फटकार
He only got a slap on the wrist for breaking the rules.

Wild goose chase
निरर्थक या व्यर्थ की खोज
Looking for him in this crowd is a wild goose chase..

The elephant in the room
वह स्पष्ट समस्या जिस पर कोई बात नहीं करता
His debt is the elephant in the room nobody mentions.

