



# Idiomatic Expressions

A bad quarter of an hour



uncomfortable time

A blue-eyed- boy



a favorite

(To) affect ignorance



to pretend not to know

A Fish out of water



a person who feels  
uncomfortable in his  
present surroundings

A Flash in the pan



Something that last only  
for short time

A Freudian slip



unintentional mistake  
revealing true thoughts

A friend at court



an influential friend

A going concern



successful business



# Idiomatic Expressions

A hot potato



an issue that is embarrassing to deal with

A lame duck



an enterprise that is not a success

A long way out



Inaccurate

An eagle-eye



a very quick eye

A passing fancy



temporary liking

Apple pie order



in perfect order

Pretty kettle of fish



state of confusion, a mix up

A pretty penny



quite a lot of money



# Idiomatic Expressions

A random shot



a wild guess

A ready pen



someone who can write easily and quickly

A ruling passion



a passion which dominates a person's life

A skeleton in the cupboard



something embarrassing or shameful

Snake in the grass



a deceitful person

As good as one's word



to keep promise

A Thumb-nail sketch



a brief description or a small scale drawing

Tower of strength



a person who can be relied upon for help in time of need



# Idiomatic Expressions

At the first blush



at first glance

Willing horse



a willing worker

(to) be at a loss for words



to be so surprised that one not know what to say

(to) be at cross purposes



to misunderstand someone

(to) be at one's best



to be most able

(to) be at one's ease



to feel comfortable

(to) be hard pressed for something



to be under pressure

(to) be hard put to do something



to have difficulty in doing something



# Idiomatic Expressions

**(to) be in a flutter**



**to be in a state of nervous excitement**

**(to) be in keeping with something**



**to correspond**

**(to) be in one's elements**



**to be in agreeable circumstances**

**(to) be in one's line**



**to be in one's province**

**(to) be in the bag**



**to be certain**

**(to) be in tune**



**to be in a happy frame of mind, he is in tune.**

**(to) be of a piece with**



**in keeping with**

**(to) be one too many**



**to be better than**



# Idiomatic Expressions

**(to) butter someone up**



**to flatter**

**(to) catch someone napping**



**to discover someone not doing what one should be doing**

**(to) clip someone's wings**



**to slow down someone's progress**

**(to) cool one's heels**



**to wait**

**Crossed in love**



**disappointed in love**

**(to) drop a line**



**to write**

**Every inch**



**completely, entirely**

**Eye-wash**



**deceit**



# Idiomatic Expressions

(to) feel someone's pulse	→	to find out secret opinion
Feet of clay	→	to be weak or cowardly
(to) fight shy of something	→	to avoid
(to) Fly off the handle	→	to become furious
French leave	→	leave without permission
(to) get a word in edgeways	→	to get a chance to speak
Give a dog a bad name and kill him	→	to at tribute fault and dismiss
(to) go flat out	→	to do with all one's power



# Idiomatic Expressions

**(to) go grey**



**to become grey haired**

**(to) go into black**



**to mourn**

**(to) go red**



**to blush**

**Good at heart**



**kind**

**(to) hand a bouquet**



**to pay compliments**

**(to) handle someone with  
kid gloves**



**to treat very Carefully**

**(to) hang on to something**



**retain, not to part with**

**(to) have a bee in one's  
bonnet**



**to be slightly unbalance  
mentally**





# Idiomatic Expressions

(to) have a bone in the leg



to be tired

(to) have a bone to pick



to have a cause of complain

(to) have a way with one



to have some pleasing Characteristic

(to) have the gift of the gab



to have the talent for speaking

(to) hold water



to be sound

In good time



with time to spare

In the pink



good in health

Iron something out



resolve



# Idiomatic Expressions

(to) join forces with someone



to cooperate

To keep one's fingers crossed



to hope for the best

To kick up a row



to make fuss

To knuckle under



to give way

Let someone off



forgive

To live by one's wits



to live by deceit or fraud

(to) look green



to look sick

(to) lose one's head



to lose presence of mind