

# Daily Idioms



## Idiom

## Meaning

Fed up with

annoyed or bored

Feel/take someone's pulse

to count the heart beats of someone

Few and far between

occasional

Fight shy of

to avoid doing something or getting involved in something

Fight to death

a fight that ends when someone is killed or something is destroyed

Fight with one's back to the wall

fight very hard

Find fault with

to criticize somebody or something, often unfairly

First and foremost

primarily, first of all

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Flesh and blood

used for saying that someone has the same qualities that all people share

Flog/ beat a dead horse

to waste time on something you know is not going to happen

Fly in the ointment

a problem that spoils something or makes it difficult

Follow suit

to do the same as someone else has just done

For a rainy day

to save something, especially money, for a time when you will need it

For good/for good and all

permanently, forever

For the sake of

in order to help, improve, or please someone or something

For want of sth

because of a lack of sth

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Freudian slip

tip of the tongue, an accidental mistake

From scratch

without any previous preparation or knowledge

From the horse's mouth

from a reliable source

Get / gain/ take / hold have the upper hand

control or an advantage over a person or situation

Get / Set to work

to start doing a piece of work

Get on someone's nerves

to annoy someone

Get rid of

to throw away something

Get the better of

to defeat someone in a game, argument etc.

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Get to the bottom of something

Find out the true cause of a bad situation

Get/Have wind of something

to find out about something secret

Gird up one's loins

to prepare for something difficult or dangerous

Give a false coloring to

misinterpret

Give a good account of oneself

succeed

Give and take

if there is give and take between people, each person allows the other to get something that they want

Give full / free rein to

to allow a feeling to be expressed freely

Give oneself airs, put on airs

be proud

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Give rise to

initiate

Give somebody a piece of one's mind

to rebuke, to scold

Give the devil his due

do justice

Give up the ghost

of a person-to die, of a machine to stop working completely

Give vent to

to express very strong anger or sadness

Give/Create a false impression

deceive, mislead

Give/Show someone the cold shoulder

to ignore someone in an obvious manner

Go /Swim with the stream

to think or do something like others