

Idioms for Students

Idiom	Meaning
Lend an ear	to listen in a sympathetic way to sb
Let sleeping dogs lie	avoid troubles
Let the cat out of the bag	to let a secret become known unintentional
Let the grass grow under one's feet	to delay or waste time
Lion's share	the largest share
Live by one's wits	to get money by clever means
Live from hand to mouth	to live by spending all what you earn
Live in a fool's Paradise	to be in happy state for foolish reasons



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Lock, stock and barrel	completely
Long and short of sth	story, in a few words
Look ahead	to think about future
Look sharp	to be quick, to hurry
Lose ground	to lose one's advantage
Lose heart	to become disappointed
Lose one's temper	to show anger
Lose one's head	to become unable to behave sensibly



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Lose sight of	to stop being able to see
Maiden speech	first speech
Maiden voyage	first sea journey
Make a clean breast of something	to confess something
Make a mountain out of a molehill	to treat a minor as a large one
Make amends for	to compensate
Make both ends meet	to live within one's income
Make fun of	to mock at



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Make good	to become successful and rich after being poor
Make headway	to make progress in spite of difficulties
Make light of something	to treat something as trivial
Make neither head nor tail	to be completely unable to understand something
Make one's mark	to make a strong impression
Make the best of it / a bad job / a bad bargain	to try fully to turn failure into success
Make the most of	to take full advantage of
Make up one's mind	to decide



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Mark time	to pass the time while you wait for something more interesting
Meet somebody halfway	make a compromise with somebody
Midsummer madness	extreme folly
Mind one's own business	to pay attention to one's own affairs and not to interfere in people's affairs
Miss the bus/boat	to fail to take advantage of an opportunity
More or less	nearly
Move heaven and earth	to make full efforts
Neck or nothing	risking everything

