

# Idioms with Meaning



**Idiom**

**Meaning**

**A brainwave**

a sudden good idea

**A close shave / call**

a situation in which you only just manage to avoid an accident

**A close-fisted man**

a miserly man

**A cock and bull story**

a silly story or excuse

**A dead letter**

a law or idea which is no longer effective

**A dog in the manger**

selfish

**A dog's life**

disgraceful life

**A fairy tale**

a story for children

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The sum and substance

main idea

Through and through

completely

Through thick and thin

in spite of all difficulties

Throw dust in someone's eyes

to deceive someone

Throw light on

explain

Time and again

again and again

Time and tide

no wait

Tit for tat

a blow for blow

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To and fro

backward and forward

To err is human

to make mistakes is human nature

To have the gift of the gab

to have the ability to speak confidently

To hit the mark

to succeed in an attempt to do something

To hit the nail on head

to say or do exactly the right thing

To keep one's word

to fulfil one's promise

To lick the dust/to bite the dust

to die, fail, or be defeated

To rain cats and dogs / To rain buckets

rain heavily

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To stop short of

to suddenly stop from doing something

To the extent of

up to a certain limit

To work/ perform miracles

to achieve a very good result

Tooth and nail

with full force

Turn a deaf ear to

to ignore

Turn coat

a man who very often changes his course of action

Turn one's back upon

get away from something or someone, avoid something

Turn over a new leaf

adopt different life style, start in a different way

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Turn somebody's head

to make someone feel proud

Turn tail

to run away from difficulty

Turn the tables on somebody

to reverse a situation completely

Turn Turtle

turn upside down

Under a cloud

under suspicion

Under cover

secretly

Up to the mark

of an acceptable standard

Ups and downs

times of good and bad luck