

Interesting Idioms

Idiom



Meaning

On the air

broadcasting or being broadcast

On the eve of

on the occasion

On the horns of a dilemma

to choose one of the two
undesirable courses

On the score of

because of

On the spur of the moment

suddenly, without planning

On the whole

taking everything into
consideration

Once for all/Once and for all

completely and finally

Ones element

to feel very happy and
comfortable in a situation

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One's mark

to fail to get one's aim

Open Pandora's box

cause great difficulties

Out of date/out of fashion

of old style

Out of sight

outside the area that you can see

Out of sorts

to be sick

Out of the question

not possible, not allowed

Out of the woods

out of danger

Outs and out

complete

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Over and above

In addition to something, besides

Over and over again

repeatedly

Over head and ears

to be completely in debt/love

Pass as somebody or something

Pass for some body or something

Pass muster

to reach an acceptable standard

Pay back in the same coin / pay someone in his own coin

to treat someone as badly as they have treated you

Pay/give lip-service to

to pretend to agree with someone's idea without really doing so

Plain sailing

easy, effortless

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Play a double game

to act fraudulently, to deceive

Play ducks and drakes

to spend in careless wasteful way

Play second fiddle to

to be in a lower rank or position than someone else

Play truant

to run away from school without permission

Play with fire

to do something dangerous

Pocket an insult

to bear insult without open resentment

Poison one's ears/ mind against someone

to report against someone

Poke one's nose into

to interfere in the problems of others

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Provided that

any that something will only be possible if something else happens or is done

Pull someone's leg

to try as a joke to make somebody believe something which is not true

Put the cart before the horse

to do things in the wrong order

Rack your brains

to try hard to think of something

Rank and file

ordinary workers

Read between the lines

to guess something that is not expressed directly

Red tape

unnecessary official procedure

Red-letter day

a memorable day