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# IDIOMS FOR LANGUAGE LEARNERS

SET 2



IDIOM EXERCISES  
FOR LANGUAGE LEARNERS





*Cost an arm and a leg*  
*Pull someone's leg*  
*Jump on the bandwagon*  
*Every cloud has a silver lining*  
*Fingers crossed*  
*Raining cats and dogs*  
*Piece of cake*

A decorative header featuring the word "IDIOMS" in large, colorful, 3D block letters. The letters are arranged in a slightly curved line, with colors including pink, purple, red, yellow, and blue. Below the word, the word "contents" is written in a large, black, sans-serif font.

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# Cost an arm and a leg

## Meaning:

*very expensive*

## Example:

*The race car was beautiful, but it cost an arm and a leg to buy and maintain.*



# Pull someone's leg

## Meaning:

*to tease or joke with someone in a playful manner, often by saying something that is not true*

## Example:

*When Sarah told her amazing story, nobody believed her, thinking she was just **pulling their leg**.*



# Jump on the bandwagon

## Meaning:

*to join or support a popular trend or movement, especially when it becomes popular*

## Example:

*With the latest trend everyone **jumped on the bandwagon** and started wearing the fashionable sunglasses.*





# *Every cloud has a silver lining*

## **Meaning:**

*there is often something positive even in a bad or difficult situation*

## **Example:**

*Despite the rain ruining their picnic, they found a nice café to take shelter in; **every cloud has a silver lining.***



# *Fingers crossed*

## **Meaning:**

*a gesture of hope for good luck or a positive outcome*

## **Example:**

*Jane crossed her fingers and hoped that she would win the lottery.*



# Raining cats and dogs

## Meaning:

*very heavy rain*

## Example:

*We had to cancel the outdoor event because it was **raining cats and dogs**.*



# *Piece of cake*

## **Meaning:**

*easy to do*

## **Example:**

*The math problem was challenging for most students, but for Tim, it was a **piece of cake**; he solved it effortlessly.*





## Example Conversations

**Emma:** "I heard the new phone is amazing, but it costs an arm and a leg. I don't know if I can afford it."

**David:** "Yeah, it's too expensive. I will wait for it to get cheaper."

**Alan:** "Did you really go to that party last night?"

**Eric:** "No, I was pulling your leg yesterday, I was never really going to go."



## Example Conversations

**Lisa:** "I've been hearing a lot about this new fitness craze. Should I try it?"

**Mark:** "Well, a lot of people are jumping on the bandwagon, but make sure it's suitable for you."

**Emily:** "I failed my driving test. I'm really disappointed."

**Alex:** "I know it's tough, but every cloud has a silver lining. You can learn from your mistakes and try again."



## Example Conversations

**John:** "I have a job interview tomorrow. I hope I get the position."

**Anna:** "Fingers crossed for you."

**Kate:** "I can't believe how heavy it's raining outside!"

**Tom:** "I know, it's raining cats and dogs."

**Ben:** "I have a presentation to deliver tomorrow, but I haven't prepared yet."

**Sophie:** "Don't worry, Ben. You're a great speaker, and I'm sure it'll be a piece of cake for you."





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# IDIOM EXERCISES FOR LANGUAGE LEARNERS



IDIOMS

idiom exercise 1

# Identify the Correct Idiom

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## Delete the incorrect idiom

1. When my favorite singer released a new song, I (jumped on the bandwagon / pulled someone's leg) and downloaded it right away.
2. My teacher told us that (every cloud has a silver lining / it's raining cats and dogs) and even though we lost the game, we learned a lot from it.
3. My friend always likes to (pull someone's leg / cross fingers) and make jokes to make us laugh.
4. Don't worry, the test will be easy. It'll be a (piece of cake / fingers crossed)!



## Delete the incorrect idiom

5. Even though (every cloud has a silver lining / it's raining cats and dogs), we can stay indoors and play board games.
6. The new video game console (costs an arm and a leg / has a silver lining) but everyone wants to buy it.
7. I have an important job interview tomorrow, so please keep (fingers crossed/ pulling my leg) and wish me luck!



idiom exercise 2

Complete the  
Sentence with the  
Correct Idiom

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## Fill in the Blanks

1. I hope everything goes well in your job interview tomorrow. \_\_\_\_\_ for you!
2. Even though she lost her job, she remained positive and believed that \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Yes, it will be \_\_\_\_\_, you'll ace it.
4. Don't believe everything he says, he's always \_\_\_\_\_.



## Fill in the Blanks

5. The weather forecast said it would be \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow, so don't forget your umbrella.
6. When the new smartphone was released, everyone \_\_\_\_\_ and bought one.
7. Wow, that designer handbag must have \_\_\_\_\_. It's so expensive!







IDIOMS

advanced idiom exercise

# Use the Idiom

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## IDIOMS

Give an example of how you use the following idioms in a sentence

Jump on the bandwagon

Raining cats and dogs

Fingers crossed

Piece of cake

Pull someone's leg

Example:

I know it is only a craze but I will **jump on the bandwagon** and buy the new single like everyone else.



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# IDIOM EXERCISES - ANSWERS



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## IDIOMS

### examples of idioms in a sentence

I know it is only a craze but I will **jump on the bandwagon** and buy the new single like everyone else.

I can't go out with weather like that, its **raining cats and dogs**.

**Fingers crossed** it will be dry and sunny soon.

Yes, and we will win the game, **piece of cake**.

Are you sure, you said it will be too hard yesterday? No, I was just **pulling your leg**.

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