

## ZESTAW IDIOMÓW W JĘZYKU ANGIELSKIM

### POWIATOWY KONKURS JĘZYKOWY

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IDIOM	MEANING	EXAMPLE SENTENCE
<b>learn sth by heart</b>	memorize	When I was at school, we had to memorize a poem every week.
<b>make up your mind</b>	decide	"Which one do you like best?" "I don't know – I can't make up my mind."
<b>eat your words</b>	be forced to admit that you were wrong	I said he'd never win, but I had to eat my words.
<b>on top of the world</b>	extremely happy	She was feeling on top of the world.
<b>be over the moon</b>	be very pleased	She was over the moon about her new bike.
<b>down in the dumps</b>	unhappy	She's a bit down in the dumps because she failed one of her exams.
<b>have butterflies in your stomach</b>	be very nervous about sth you are going to do	I had terrible butterflies before I gave that talk at the conference in Paris.
<b>beat around the bush</b>	avoid talking about what is important	Don't beat around the bush - get to the point!
<b>stick to your guns</b>	refuse to change your beliefs or actions	My parents didn't want me to be an actor, but I stuck to my guns.
<b>against all the odds</b>	do sth although you were not likely to succeed	Against all the odds, he recovered.
<b>call it a day</b>	decide to finish (usually finish working)	I'm getting a bit tired now - let's call it a day.
<b>once in a blue moon</b>	very rarely	My sister lives in Alaska, so I only see her once in a blue moon.
<b>not have a minute to call your own</b>	be very busy	Ever since the twins were born, I haven't had a minute to call my own.

<b>ring a bell</b>	sound familiar	The name rang a bell but I couldn't remember where I had heard it before.
<b>give sb the sack</b>	fire sb	They gave him the sack for being late.
<b>make matters worse</b>	make the situation even more difficult	Don't say anything - you'll only make matters worse.
<b>go downhill</b>	gradually become worse	After his wife died, his health started to go downhill.
<b>have sth up your sleeve</b>	have secret plans or ideas	If I know Mark, he'll have one or two tricks up his sleeve.
<b>go Dutch</b>	share the cost of sth, especially a meal	You don't have to pay for me. Let's go Dutch today.
<b>pain in the neck</b>	sth or sb that is very annoying	One of my students is a real pain in the neck
<b>give sb the cold shoulder</b>	ignore sb in an unpleasant way	I tried to be pleasant to her but she gave me the cold shoulder
<b>pull sb's leg</b>	make sb believe sth that is not true, as a joke	Is it really your car or are you pulling my leg?
<b>off the top of your head</b>	from the knowledge you have in your memory	"What's the capital of Mauritania?" "I don't know off the top of my head, but I could go and look it up.
<b>make a difference</b>	improve a situation a lot	Exercise can make a big difference to your state of health.
<b>make sb's day</b>	make sb happy/satisfied	Seeing Adrian again after such a long time really made my day
<b>see red</b>	become extremely angry	People who don't finish a job really make me see red.
<b>green with envy</b>	very envious	When I heard about his new job I was green with envy.
<b>be in your element</b>	be happy because you are doing what you like or can do best	Kate, of course, was in her element, making all the arrangements.
<b>hit the roof</b>	become extremely angry	Dad'll hit the roof when he finds out I've left school.
<b>fly off the handle</b>	to suddenly become very angry	You have to be very careful because he flies off the handle very easily.
<b>follow suit</b>	do the same thing as sb else	When one airline reduces its prices, the rest soon follow suit.

<b>hit the jackpot</b>	have a big success or make a big profit, usually through luck	He seems to have hit the jackpot with his new invention.
<b>face the music</b>	accept criticism or punishment for sth you have done	If she lied to me, then she'll just have to face the music.
<b>set the record straight</b>	write or say sth to make the true facts known	She's decided to write her memoirs to set the record straight.
<b>be (as) fit as a fiddle</b>	be very healthy and strong	My grandmother's 89, but she's as fit as a fiddle.
<b>take a leaf out of sb's book</b>	copy sth that sb else does because it will bring you advantages	Maybe I should take a leaf out of Rick's book and start coming in early every morning.
<b>sit on the fence</b>	delay making a decision	You can't sit on the fence any longer - you have to decide whose side you're on.
<b>take the biscuit</b>	be annoying or surprising	And you say she's opening your letters now? Oh, that really takes the biscuit!
<b>have a bone to pick with sb</b>	want to talk to sb about sth annoying they have done	I've got a bone to pick with you - you've been using my shaver again.
<b>show sb the ropes</b>	show someone how to do a job or activity	Lynn spent an afternoon showing the new girl the ropes.
<b>be at a loss</b>	not know what to do or say	He was at a loss for words.
<b>hustle and bustle</b>	noise and activity	I love the hustle and bustle of the marketplace.
<b>the icing on the cake</b>	sth that makes a good situation even better	He was delighted to have his story published – getting paid for it was just icing on the cake.
<b>the cutting edge</b>	the most recent and advanced stage of development	We want to be at the cutting edge of this technology.
<b>by hook or by crook</b>	by any method possible	I decided I was going to get that job by hook or by crook.
<b>on a shoestring</b>	with a very small amount of money	The film was made on a shoestring.
<b>on the spur of the moment</b>	sudden and done without any planning	We just jumped in a car on the spur of the moment and drove to the seaside.
<b>look daggers at sb</b>	look angrily at sb	She looked daggers at me when I mentioned her ex-boyfriend.

<b>speaking your mind</b>	say what you think about sth very directly	He's certainly not afraid to speak his mind.
<b>be in sb's shoes</b>	be in the situation that another person is in	I wouldn't like to be in Mike's shoes when the boss hears what he's done!