

20 idioms

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	Idiom	Meaning
1	She was on cloud nine after winning the competition.	feeling extreme happiness
2	He beefed up his lawnmower with a bigger engine.	strengthen or make more effective
3	You can bet your bottom dollar it will rain tomorrow.	be sure about something
4	She was burning the candle at both ends to meet the sales deadline.	working very hard, day and night
5	They thought he couldn't win the yacht race, but unfurling the special sail was the ace up his sleeve .	secret plan for victory
6	When she inherited money, all her friends came out of the woodwork .	make contact after a long period of non-contact
7	His constant finger-tapping drove her up the wall .	irritate or annoy
8	She told her friend about her secret and it was good to get it off her chest .	to tell someone something that is making you feel guilty or worried
9	He was having kittens waiting for his test results.	be very worried or upset
10	She nearly hit the roof when she saw the mess.	become very angry
11	When he spoke to the neighbour he realised they were in the same boat .	in the same situation, having the same problems
12	When everyone started wearing red shoes, she jumped on the bandwagon .	to follow a trend or craze
13	A little bird told me that you're going to have a new baby sister soon.	said when you don't want to reveal the source of your information
14	He didn't have a leg to stand on when the police brought the new evidence to the trial.	to not have any facts or evidence to back up your story
15	We have hamburgers for dinner once in a blue moon .	rarely
16	Grandpa was pulling her leg when he told her he was 200 years old.	to try and fool someone as a joke
17	Adding the uniform washing to her workload was the straw that broke the camel's back .	a small addition that would not be trouble on its own but causes failure when added to everything else
18	We'll need to tighten our belts now that Dad has stopped working.	spend less money or use less resources
19	He woke up on the wrong side of the bed today.	to be in a bad mood
20	She went on a wild goose chase looking for a lamp.	to pursue something unavailable