**Idioms**

* **Idioms related to Circumstances**

**Through thick and thin-** My best friend has supported me **through thick and thin**.

* under all conditions, no matter how challenging or difficult

**Out of the frying pan into the fire-** Moving from my old school to this one is like jumping **out of the frying pan into the fire**.

* to go from a bad to worse situation

**Go with the flow/ tide-** If you don’t have a choice then most simple principle of staying happier in life is to **go with the flow**.

* flexible; adaptable; workable

**Desperate/ drastic times call for desperate/drastic measures-** After the third flood in as many months, the local government decided to evacuate the area and resettle the inhabitants elsewhere. **Drastic times call for drastic measures**.

* when you are extremely desperate, you need to take equally extreme actions
* **Idioms related to Clothes**

**To the nines/ up to the nines-** Go out and buy yourself a new outfit for Friday night. Everyone will be dressed **to the nines**, so we’d better look smart.

* looking elegant, smart, or flashy/ to perfection

**Pull the wool over eyes-** Don’t try to **pull the wool over his eyes**. He’s too smart.

* to deceive someone

**Wash dirty linen in public-** I never understand why you **wash all your dirty linen in public** in your group discussions.

* discuss publicly matters that one should keep private

**Dressed to kill-** She arrived at the reception **dressed to kill**.

* dressed very nicely, extravagantly
* **Idioms related to Food**

**Know on which side one’s bread is buttered / know what side one’s bread is buttered on-** She’s far too clever to irritate her employer as she **knows which side her bread is buttered** on.

* to know who is helpful to you and how you should act to get what you want

**As different as chalk and cheese-** Despite James and John being identical twins, their characters were **as different as chalk and cheese**.

* for two things to be completely different from each other

**Full of beans-** Upon hearing the good news, Mary was definitely **full of beans**.

* to be optimistic or enthusiastic/ to be full of energy and in high spirits

**In a nutshell-** In a nutshell, all the new mayor was saying is that the fight against crime will be taken much more seriously.

* a concise summary of everything that has been said / to be brief and straight to the point.

**In a pickle-** I hate being **in a pickle** as it makes me frustrated and stressed.

* to be in an unpleasant situation with no obvious way out/ to be in a difficult situation

**A lot on my plate-** This week will be so hectic as I have **a lot on my plate**.

* to have so many things to do at one time

**That’s the way the cookie crumbles-** The manager was fired from his job after making such a huge mistake, but **that’s the way the cookie crumbles**.

* no matter how unfair the situation is, it must be accepted/ to accept something or a situation fully

**Icing on the cake-** Everyone expected him to do well in the exams. Getting first rank was the **icing on the cake**.

* when something good is added to another good thing that you already have

**Born with a silver spoon in one’s mouth-** He does not need this job as much as I do; he is **born with a silver spoon in his mouth**.

* to be born to parents who are rich and have a good social rank

**Cry over spilt/ spilled milk-** The school trip had been a disaster, but we did not want to dwell on it. It was no use **crying over spilt milk**.

* to feel sorry about something that has already happened

**A hot potato-** I never discuss about anyone’s religion, it can be **a hot potato**.

* a ​problem or ​situation that is ​difficult to ​deal with and ​causes a lot of ​disagreement

**Cup of tea**-I enjoy museums; it is **my cup of tea**.

* to one’s liking, taste