

## Common Idiomatic Expressions

Phrasal Verb	Meaning
1. Better late than never	Better to arrive late than not to come at all
2. Break a leg	Wish good luck
3. Call it a day	Stop working on something
4. Get out of hand	Get out of control
5. Get something out of your system	Do the thing you've been wanting to do so you can move on
6. Give someone the benefit of the doubt	Trust what someone says
7. Hang in there	Don't give up
8. Hit the sack	Go to sleep
9. It's not rocket science	It's not complicated
10. Make a long story short	Tell something briefly
11. No pain, no gain	You have to work for what you want
12. Pull someone's leg	To joke with someone
13. That's the last straw	My patience has run out
14. The best of both worlds	An ideal situation
15. Under the weather	Sick
16. By the skin of your teeth	Just barely
17. Costs an arm and a leg	Very expensive
18. It's a piece of cake	It's easy
19. It's raining cats and dogs	It's raining hard
20. Let the cat out of the bag	reveal a secret carelessly or by mistake

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21. Once in a blue moon	Rarely
22. Take a rain check	Postpone a plan
23. The elephant in the room	The big issue, the problem people are avoiding
24. A snowball effect	Events have momentum and build upon each other
25. It takes two to tango	One person alone isn't responsible. Both people are involved
26. On cloud nine	Very happy
27. Run like the wind	Run fast
28. Snowed under	Very Busy
29. Cut to the chase	to get to the point without wasting time
30. Cold turkey	to suddenly quit or stop a bad habit or behaviour
31. Throw someone under the bus	cause someone else to suffer in order to save oneself or gain personal advantage
32. Ring a bell	to sound familiar
33. Up in the air	To lose an opportunity to do something
34. On the ball	To reduce a list of options
35. To be loaded	To have a lot of money
36. Rule of thumb	a broadly accurate guide or principle, based on practice rather than theory
37. In hot water	To be in trouble or a serious situation
38. Not one's cup of tea	Something that is not of your interest or do not enjoy
39. Go with the flow	To relax and go along with whatever is happening
40. Walk on air	To be very happy