

An idiom is an expression that carries a meaning different from the literal meanings of each word inside it.

Idioms occur in all languages. In English there are thousands of idiomatic expressions. Some well known idioms are "it's raining cats and dogs" (meaning "it's raining intensely"), "break a leg" (meaning "good luck"), and "put the cat among the pigeons" (meaning to say or do something that causes trouble or makes a lot of people very angry).



Draw connecting lines:

smell a rat	you do it although there were a lot of problems and you were not likely to succeed
bark up the wrong tree	It means that you have completely misunderstood something or are totally wrong
be too big for your boots	someone or something that is very annoying
bite off more than one can chew	to try to do something that is too difficult for you
be against the odds	It means to recognize that something is not as it appears to be or that something dishonest is happening.
be a pain in the neck	behaving as if you are more important than you really are
be on the safe side	you do it for enjoyment
be fed up with sb./sth.	You are bored, annoyed, or disappointed because you have experienced it for too long
have green fingers	to be good at gardening and making plants grow well
keep one's fingers crossed	to be bought quickly and in large numbers
sell like hot cakes	to hope strongly that something will happen
do sth. just for laughs	to avoid risk
be off the record	to become extremely angry
pull strings	sharing confidential information or a surprise before it is meant to be known
go to the dogs	to become much worse in quality or character
let the cat out of the bag	to secretly use the influence that you have over important people to get something or to help someone
come to the point	to reach the main or most important idea of something that is said or written
hit the roof	not to be publicly reported
have one's back against the wall	because you get a feeling of excitement and pleasure from doing something
do sth. for kicks	to have very serious problems that limit the ways in which you can act
give sb. a hand	to ignore something that you know is wrong
turn a blind eye to sth.	to help someone do something, especially in a practical way
be on the make	to be trying very hard to get more money and power
put the cart before the horse	doing things in the wrong order or reversing a logical sequence
play it safe	at a time that is far away in the future
have one's feet on the ground	to be practical and able to take care of yourself
be in the red	a person who has done something bad that brings embarrassment or shame to his or her family
the black sheep of the family	If you or your bank account are in the red, you owe money to the bank.
in the long run	to be careful and not take risks
to call it a day	to stop what you are doing because you do not want to do any more or think you have done enough:

Why are black sheep unpopular? It's quite simple: white wool is easier to dye.