



Stories containing idiomatic expressions



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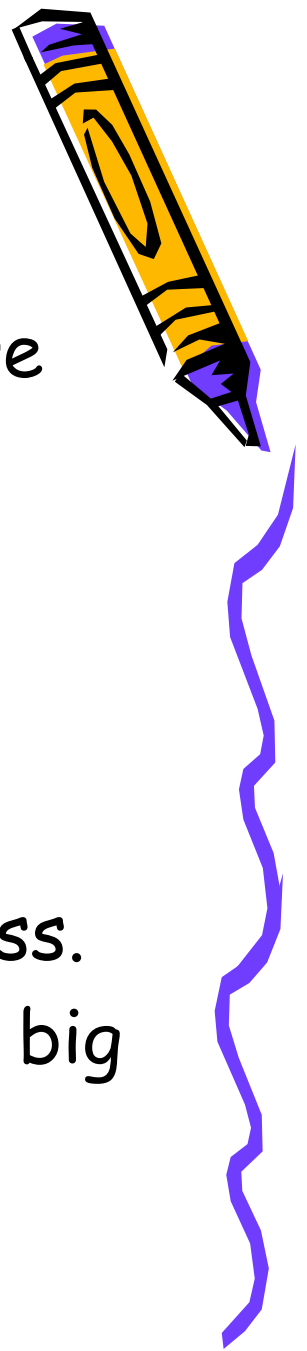
The King Fisher

- Kevin Miles loves fishing. Last year he even won a local fishing competition **with flying colors**. He was **grinning from ear to ear** that day. The prize was a fishing trip to the coast to fish for sailfish. He really has to **screw up his courage** to fish for sailfish, but he **set his heart on it**. He boasts to his friends that it'll **be a piece of cake** catching a sailfish.



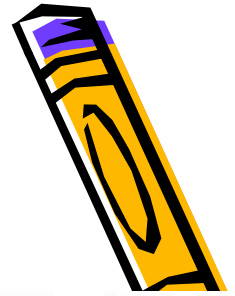
Idioms list

- 1. **Set one's heart on:** to want or desire deeply, regardless of practicality or rationality.
- 2. **Screw up one's courage:** To force yourself to be brave.
- 3. **A piece of cake:** to be very easy.
- 4. **With flying colors:** with great success.
- 5. **Grin from ear to ear:** to give a very big smile.



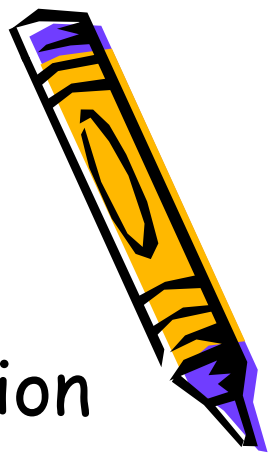
Riding to Work

- Anwar runs a ~~delivery business~~ with his bicycle. Last year the rains were very bad and the city was **at sixes and sevens**. Anwar's parents told him to take a rest, but he **turned a deaf ear** to them and kept on working. Unfortunately, he hit a hole hidden by the water and broke his bicycle. For almost two months after that he was **in his parent's bad books** and he had to **lie low**. Fortunately, he was able to repair his bicycle and now business is booming. Every night he comes home and he is **all in**.



Idioms list

- 1. **Turn a deaf ear to:** to ignore someone when they complain or ask for something.
- 2. **At sixes and sevens:** a state of confusion or disarray.
- 3. **All in:** to be extremely tired.
- 4. **Lie low:** to remain hidden so that you will not be found.
- 5. **In someone's bad books:** if you are in someone's bad books, they are displeased with you.



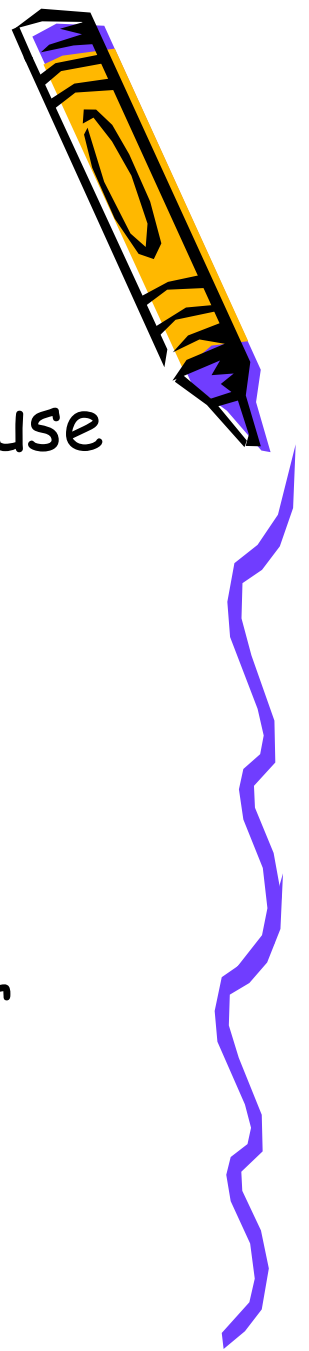


Late Homework

Tom attends a very strict school. The teachers give a lot of homework and they get angry if it is not done. One day Tom lost his homework. He **turned his room upside down** looking for it. He couldn't find it. On the way to school he thought 'I'd better **make myself scarce** today. In class, he was **like a cat on a hot tin roof** waiting for the teacher to ask for the homework. About half way through class, there was a fire drill and the whole class had to go outside. The **coast was clear!** He was safe for another day. Later on, Tom did find his homework and he **handed it in with pride.**



Idioms list



- 1. **Turn (someplace) upside down:** to cause confusion and mess usually when looking for something
- 2. **make oneself scarce:** to stay away; avoid.
- 3. **in hot water:** in trouble
- 4. **like a cat on a hot tin roof:** very nervous and restless
- 5. **the coast is clear:** there is no longer any danger or difficulty present.



Seventh Heaven

Mary-Ann is **in seventh heaven** today. Her boyfriend just **popped the question** to her. He promised he would **spare no expense** in giving her the best wedding ever, and his father is rich. He **thinks the world of her**, and wants to get married quickly but until he announces it, he wants her to **keep it under wraps**. This makes it even more exciting for her today since she knows something that her friends don't know: she's going to get married!





- 1. **in seventh heaven:** extremely pleased, delighted
- 2. **pop the question:** to ask someone to get married
- 3. **spare no expense:** to spend whatever sum of money is needed to get what one wants without worrying about the cost
- 4. **think the world of (someone):** to be very fond of someone
- 5. **keep (something) under wraps:** to keep (something) secret

