

PRAGMATIC COMPETENCE IN USING AMERICAN IDIOMS AND PHRASES IN DIALOGUES

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English idioms, proverbs, and expressions are an important part of everyday English. They come up all the time in both written and spoken English. Because idioms don't always make sense literally, you'll need to familiarize yourself with the meaning and usage of each idiom. That may seem like a lot of work, but learning idioms is fun, especially when you compare English idioms to the idioms in your own language.

Learning to use common idioms and expressions will make your English sound more native, so it's a good idea to master some of these expressions. The tables below are organized by how common the idioms are in American English. You can start by learning the very common English idioms, since these are the ones you'll encounter regularly watching American movies or TV, or visiting the United States. When you've mastered those, move on to rest. None of the idioms on this page are unusual or old fashioned, so you can be confident using any of them with native English speakers from all English-speaking countries.

Here is a list of some common American English idioms with definitions and examples:

All over the map. Definition: a conversation that does not stick to the main topic and goes off on tangents. "The meeting today was all over the map and I don't feel like we accomplished what we needed to."

Before you know it. Definition: almost immediately. "I will be there before you know it."

Blow off steam. Definition: express anger or frustration. "I was so happy I was able to go to the gym tonight. After a stressful work day it was great to blow off some steam and work out."

Break a leg. Definition: good luck, often heard in the theater world. "Break a leg at your performance tonight!"

Call it a day. Definition: declare the end of working on a task. "Ok, we have done as much as we can for now, let's call it a day"

Cat nap. Definition: short nap. "It has been a productive morning, I am going to take a cat nap after lunch."

Disco nap. Definition: short nap usually taken before one goes out to a long evening engagement. It's 4pm I think I'll take a disco nap before we go out dancing tonight.

Get the hang of it. Definition: To have the ability to complete a task and do it well; to go from beginner to intermediate. "It was tough at first but now I am really getting the hang of it!"

Give props to. Definition: show appreciation for. "We would like to give props to those who helped us tonight."

An idiom is a phrase or saying that is commonly used in everyday English to express certain ideas or opinions. Understanding English idioms is important because they require a deeper familiarity of the English language to comprehend what someone means when they use them in conversation. Idioms may seem complicated at first, but they can actually be a lot of fun to learn. If you're interested in building your English skills, read on to find out why idioms are so important to your English language learning.

The meaning of an idiom generally depends on the specific context in which it is used. When someone in America tells you to 'break a leg', for example, they aren't saying that in a literal sense, but instead are wishing you good luck, usually before a performance. Similarly, if someone asks you to 'think outside the box', they mean that you should use a different approach than what you might normally do. Idioms are particularly useful because they give you a new, creative way to express yourself. Rather than saying 'You're correct', you could say 'You hit the nail on the head', which is a more complex and interesting expression. Idioms can also be quite humorous to use, which allows you to express yourself in a more genuine way, including showing off your personality and sense of humor.

In conclusion, idioms and phrases are very important in our speech.

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