• 100 Common Indian Phrases & Idioms

"100 Common Indian Phrases & Idioms" are useful for CUET English 2025:

Why Learn Idioms & Phrases for CUET English?

CUET English tests not only **vocabulary** but also your ability to understand **context**, **figurative language**, **and expressions** used in everyday and literary English. Idioms and phrases are frequently asked in:

Where You'll Find Idioms in CUET English:

1. Vocabulary-based MCQs:

You may be asked:

- The meaning of an idiom
 "What is the meaning of 'spill the beans'?"

2. Reading Comprehension:

Idioms are often used in passages, especially in:

- Newspaper-style or editorial passages
- Narrative or dialogue-based texts

Understanding idioms improves:

- Inference skills
- Tone detection
- Figurative meaning comprehension

3. Sentence Completion/Usage Questions:

Example: *"After the long journey, he was completely*_____." Options:

(A) under the weather 🔽

(B) raining cats and dogs

- (C) over the moon
- (D) once in a blue moon

How to Use These 100 Idioms for CUET Practice:

- 1. Revise 10 idioms daily with meaning and example.
- 2. Use in your own sentences build context.
- 3. **Identify them in newspapers** The Hindu/TOI editorials.
- 4. Practice MCQs based on them (I can help you with a set!).

<u>≼</u> Conclusion:

Mastering idioms will:

- Boost your CUET vocabulary score
- Enhance reading comprehension accuracy
- Help you sound natural and fluent in English writing/speakin

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- 1. Break the ice To start a conversation
 - 👉 Baat cheet shuru karna
- Hit the nail on the head To be exactly right
 Bilkul sahi baat kehna
- Once in a blue moon Very rarely
 kabhi-kabhi, bahut kam
- 4. Spill the beans Reveal a secret
- Bite the bullet Face something unpleasant bravely
 Kathin samay ka samna karna
- 6. Kick the bucket To die
 - 👉 Mar jaana
- 7. Burn the midnight oil Work late into the night
 r Raat bhar kaam karna/padhna
- 8. A piece of cake Very easy
 - 👉 Bahut aasan kaam

- 9. Costs an arm and a leg Very expensive
 - 👉 Bahut mehenga
- 10. Let the cat out of the bag Reveal a surprise or secret
 - 👉 Chhupi baat bata dena
- 11. **Under the weather** Feeling sick *F Bimar mehsoos karna*
- 13. **Cut corners** To do something poorly to save time/money
- 14. Hit the books To study hard
 - 👉 Man lagaakar padhna
- 15. Pull someone's leg To joke with someone
- 17. Add fuel to the fire Make a bad situation worse *Aag mein ghee dalna*
- 18. On cloud nine Extremely happy
 - 👉 Bahut khush hona
- 19. Actions speak louder than words Work matters more than talk *F Kaam sabit karta hai, baatein nahi*
- 21. A blessing in disguise Something good that seemed bad at first *Chhupi hui achchhai*
- 22. Barking up the wrong tree Accusing the wrong person *Galat insaan ko dosh dena*
- 23. Back to square one Start again from the beginning
 - 👉 Dobara shuru karna
- 24. Every cloud has a silver lining There's hope in bad situations *Har bure samay ke baad acha hota hai*
- 25. In hot water In trouble
 - 👉 Mushkil mein padna
- 26. In a nutshell In short
 - 👉 Saar mein / Ek line mein
- 27. Jump the gun Act before the right time
 - 👉 Jaldi baazi karna
- 28. **Keep an eye on** Watch carefully
 - 👉 Nazar rakhna
- 29. Lend a hand Help someone
 - 👉 Madad karna
- 30. Make ends meet Earn enough to live
 - 👉 Guzara karna

- 31. On the same page Thinking alike
 - 👉 Ek jaise sochna
- 32. Out of the blue Suddenly
 - 👉 Achaanak se
- 34. Rain cats and dogs Heavy rain
 - 👉 Bahut tez barish hona
- 35. **Speak of the devil** When the person you're talking about appears *F Billi ka naam liva aur billi hazir*
- 36. Take it with a grain of salt Don't believe completely
 - 👉 Puri tarah na maanna
- 37. The tip of the iceberg Small part of a big problem *big badi samasya ka chhota hissa*
- 38. Throw in the towel Give up
 - 👉 Haar maan lena
- 39. Touch wood To avoid bad luck *F Kisi buri baat se bachne ki dua*
- 41. Walk on air Feel extremely happy
 - 👉 Bahut zyada khushi mehsoos karna
- 42. When pigs fly Something that will never happen
 Kabhi nahi hoga
- 44. Better late than never Late is better than not at all *ber aaye durust aaye*
- 45. Rome wasn't built in a day Big things take time
 - 👉 Bade kaam samay lete hain
- 46. **Birds of a feather flock together** Similar people stick together *Fek jaise log saath hote hain*
- 47. **Don't judge a book by its cover** Don't judge by appearance *result Roop dekh kar faisla mat karo*
- 48. Easier said than done Easy to say, hard to do
- 49. Give someone the cold shoulder Ignore someone
 - 👉 Nazarandaz karna / Tanaav mein rehna
- 50. Hit the sack Go to sleep
 - 👉 Sone jana

 - 77. Let the cat out of the bag Reveal a secret *r* Raaz khol dena

- 78. **Miss the boat** Miss the opportunity
- 79. **On cloud nine** Extremely happy
- 80. Once in a blue moon Very rarely
- 81. Pull someone's leg Joke with someone *The Mazaak karna*
- 82. Sit on the fence Avoid making a decision *Faisla na lena*
- 83. **Spill the beans** Reveal secret information *F Baat bata dena*
- 84. **The ball is in your court** Now it's your turn to act *d Ab faisla tumhare haath mein hai*
- 85. **Under the weather** Feeling sick
- 86. Break the ice Start a conversation *batchit ki shuruaat karna*
- 87. **Call it a day** Stop working for the day *bin ka kaam khatam karna*
- 88. Cut to the chase Get to the point *F Seedhe mudde par aana*
- 89. Face the music Accept the punishment
- 90. **Go the extra mile** Do more than required *Tyada mehnat karna*
- 91. Hit the nail on the head Say exactly the right thing *Sahi baat kehna*
- 92. In hot water In trouble
- 93. Kick the bucket Die (informal)
- 94. Let bygones be bygones Forget past issues *Purani baatein bhool jao*
- 95. Make a mountain out of a molehill Overreact
- 96. Off the record Not official
 - 👉 Gair aupcharik roop se
- 97. On thin ice In a risky situation *F Khatre mein hona*
- 98. **Read between the lines** Understand hidden meaning *d Chhupi baat samajhna*
- 99. Ring a bell Sound familiar
 - 👉 Kahin suna suna lagna

100. Run out of steam – Lose energy

👉 Thak jana

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 - 76. Show your true colors Reveal real nature *F Apna asli roop dikhana*
 - 77. **Smell a rat** Suspect something is wrong *for Shaq hona*
 - 78. **Steal the show** Get all the attention *Sab ki nazar mein aana*
 - 79. Take a rain check Postpone
 - 👉 Baad mein karne ka vaada karna

 - 81. Bite the bullet Accept a painful truth *tuth faisla lena*
 - 82. Burn the candle at both ends Overwork
 - 83. Cry over spilt milk Regret something that can't be changed
 - 👉 Beeti baat ka gham karna
 - 84. **Devil's advocate** Argue just for debate *Ilti baat karne wala vyakti*

 - 86. Get out of hand Become uncontrollable
 - 87. Have a blast Have a great time
 - 👉 Bahut maza aana
 - 88. In the blink of an eye Very quickly *Palak jhapakte hi*
 - 89. Jump on the bandwagon Join a trend
 - 90. Keep your cool Stay calm
 - 91. Lose your marbles Go crazy
 - 92. **Mind your own business** Don't interfere *f Apne kaam se kaam rakho*
 - 93. Not my cup of tea Not interested *fujhe pasand nahi hai*
 - 94. Out of the woods Out of danger *F Khatre se bahar*
 - 95. **Play it by ear** Deal with it as it comes *Jaise-jaise ho waise karna*

- 96. Put all your eggs in one basket Depend on one thing only
 - 👉 Sab kuch ek jagah lagana
- 97. Sleep on it Think overnight
 - 👉 Sochne ke liye samay lena
- 98. Throw light on Explain clearly
- 99. **Under your nose** Happening right in front *bilkul samne hona*
- 100. **Zip your lip** Keep quiet *Chup rehna / Baat na karna*

MCQs on Common Indian Phrases & Idioms that can be useful for CUET English Preparation 2025:

What is the meaning of the idiom: 'Spill the beans'?

- A. To worsen a situation
- B. To endure a painful experience
- C. To be very expensive
- **D.** To reveal a secret
- 🔽 Answer: D
- Explanation: Spill the beans means to reveal a secret.
- *Real Stample:* He accidentally spilled the beans about the surprise party.

- A. To worsen a situation
- B. Very rarely
- C. To start a conversation in a social setting
- D. Feeling sick or unwell
- 🔽 Answer: D
- Explanation: Under the weather means feeling sick or unwell.
- Example: She is feeling under the weather, so she won't come today.

What is the meaning of the idiom: 'Once in a blue moon'?

- A. Very rarely
- B. To worsen a situation
- C. To work late into the night

D. To reveal a secret

🔽 Answer: A

Explanation: Once in a blue moon means very rarely.

* Example: I eat fast food only once in a blue moon.

🗊 What is the meaning of the idiom: 'Break the ice'?

- A. To start a conversation in a social setting
- B. To worsen a situation
- C. To be very expensive
- **D.** To work late into the night
- 🔽 Answer: A
- Explanation: Break the ice means to start a conversation in a social setting.
- Example: He told a joke to break the ice at the meeting.

What is the meaning of the idiom: 'Hit the nail on the head'?

- A. To reveal a secret unintentionally
- B. To worsen a situation
- C. To reveal a secret
- D. To be exactly right about something
- 🔽 Answer: D
- Explanation: Hit the nail on the head means to be exactly right about something.
- * Example: You hit the nail on the head with your analysis.

6. What is the meaning of the idiom: 'Burn the midnight oil'?

- A. To be very rich
- B. To work late into the night
- C. To celebrate an event
- D. To waste time
- Manswer: B

Explanation: Burn the midnight oil means **to work late at night**, often to study or meet deadlines.

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7. What is the meaning of the idiom: 'A blessing in disguise'?

- A. A good thing that initially seemed bad
- B. A punishment
- C. A sudden failure
- D. A financial loss

🔽 Answer: A

- Explanation: A blessing in disguise refers to something good that wasn't recognized at first.
- Example: Losing that job was a blessing in disguise I got a better one!

8. What does the idiom: 'Add fuel to the fire' mean?

- A. To calm a situation
- B. To make a situation worse
- C. To light a fire
- **D.** To encourage someone
- Manswer: B
- Explanation: Add fuel to the fire means to make a bad situation worse.
- *Real Example:* His rude comments only added fuel to the fire.

8. What does the idiom: 'Bite the bullet' mean?

- A. To accept something unpleasant
- B. To run away from problems
- **C.** To fight someone
- D. To eat something hard
- 🚺 Answer: A
- *Explanation: Bite the bullet* means to accept a difficult or unpleasant situation bravely.
- Example: I had to bite the bullet and take the difficult exam.

10. What does the idiom: 'By the skin of one's teeth' mean?

- A. Barely succeed in something
- B. Lose badly
- C. To look smart
- D. To be overconfident
- 🔽 Answer: A

Explanation: By the skin of one's teeth means just barely succeeding.

real Example: He passed the CUET exam by the skin of his teeth.

💸 11. What does the idiom: 'Cost an arm and a leg' mean?

- A. To be very cheap
- B. To be very expensive
- C. To get injured
- D. To lose something important

🔽 Answer: B

- *Explanation:* It means something is **very costly**.
- Example: That iPhone cost me an arm and a leg.

📢 12. What does the idiom: 'Hit the nail on the head' mean?

- A. To hurt someone
- B. To fix something
- C. To say something exactly right
- **D.** To damage something
- 🔽 Answer: C
- Explanation: It means to say or do something exactly correct or relevant.
- Example: She hit the nail on the head with her analysis.

13. What does the idiom: 'Elephant in the room' mean?

A. A zoo animal

- **B.** A visible big object
- C. An obvious problem no one wants to talk about
- D. A large piece of furniture
- 🔽 Answer: C
- *Explanation:* It refers to an **obvious issue everyone avoids discussing**.
- *Real Stample:* The budget cuts were the elephant in the room.

😤 14. What does the idiom: 'Give someone a cold shoulder' mean?

- **A.** To give food
- B. To ignore someone
- C. To help someone
- D. To shake hands
- 🚺 Answer: B
- Explanation: It means to deliberately ignore or be unfriendly.
- * Example: She gave me the cold shoulder after the argument.

15. What does the idiom: 'Let the cat out of the bag' mean?

- A. To release a pet
- B. To reveal a secret
- C. To catch a thief
- D. To go shopping
- 🔽 Answer: B
- Explanation: It means to accidentally reveal a secret.
- *Real Stample:* He let the cat out of the bag about the surprise party.

6 16. What does the idiom: 'Hit the sack' mean?

- A. To punch a bag
- B. To go to sleep
- **C.** To get angry
- D. To pack clothes
- 🔽 Answer: B
- Explanation: Hit the sack means to go to bed or sleep.
- Example: I'm exhausted. Time to hit the sack.

😍 17. What does the idiom: 'Head over heels' mean?

- A. To fall physically
- B. To be deeply in love
- C. To be confused
- D. To act strangely
- 🔽 Answer: B
- *Explanation:* It means to be completely in love.
- *Rearry Example:* She's head over heels for him.

18. What does the idiom: 'Cry over spilt milk' mean?

- A. To be careless
- B. To waste food
- C. To regret something that can't be undone
- **D.** To get emotional
- 🔽 Answer: C
- *Explanation:* It means **wasting time worrying about past mistakes**.
- Example: Don't cry over spilt milk, just move on.

💨 19. What does the idiom: 'In the blink of an eye' mean?

A. Very slowly

- B. Without seeing
- C. Very quickly
- D. Suddenly disappear
- 🔽 Answer: C
- Explanation: It means very fast or instantly.
- Example: The car vanished in the blink of an eye.

\bigcirc 20. What does the idiom: 'Once in a blue moon' mean?

- A. Frequently
- B. Occasionally
- C. Very rarely
- **D.** Every day
- 🔽 Answer: C
- Explanation: It means **something that happens very rarely**.
- * Example: He visits his hometown once in a blue moon.

21. What does the idiom: 'Speak of the devil' mean?

- A. To speak badly of someone
- B. To talk about a ghost
- C. To mention someone just before they appear
- D. To gossip about enemies

🔽 Answer: C

- *Explanation:* It is said when the person being spoken about suddenly appears.
- Example: Speak of the devil we were just talking about you!

🔒 22. What does the idiom: 'Keep something under wraps' mean?

A. To hide a gift

- B. To keep something secret
- C. To wrap something properly
- D. To protect something from dust

🔽 Answer: B

- Explanation: It means to keep something confidential or hidden.
- Example: The project details were kept under wraps.

🥵 23. What does the idiom: 'Break into a cold sweat' mean?

- A. To cool off
- **B.** To get sick
- C. To feel intense fear or nervousness
- D. To exercise
- 🔽 Answer: C
- Explanation: It means to suddenly feel nervous or scared.
- * Example: I broke into a cold sweat before my interview.

🧠 24. What does the idiom: 'Rack your brains' mean?

- A. To relax your mind
- B. To try hard to remember something
- C. To get a headache
- **D.** To stop thinking
- 🔽 Answer: B
- Explanation: It means to think very hard or try to recall something.
- *Real Example:* I had to rack my brains to remember her name.

🕵 25. What does the idiom: 'Smell a rat' mean?

- A. To sense something is wrong or suspicious
- B. To clean the house
- C. To get angry
- **D.** To act carelessly
- 🔽 Answer: A
- Explanation: It means to suspect dishonesty or something fishy.
- Example: I smelled a rat when he avoided the topic.

26. What does the idiom: 'Against the clock' mean?

- A. To damage a clock
- B. To manage time
- C. To do something in a hurry or before time runs out
- **D.** To break a rule
- 🔽 Answer: C

Explanation: It means working with a deadline or in a rush. *Particular Structure Construction* with a structure of the project.

🙅 27. What does the idiom: 'By hook or by crook' mean?

A. Honestly

- B. By any means, fair or unfair
- C. By mistake
- D. By luck

🔽 Answer: B

- *Explanation:* It means to achieve something no matter how.
- * Example: He wanted to win the election by hook or by crook.

\overline 28. What does the idiom: 'Day in and day out' mean?

- A. Rarely
- B. Repeatedly or regularly
- C. Once a month
- D. Every year
- 🔽 Answer: B
- Explanation: It means continuously or on a daily basis.
- Example: She studies day in and day out for CUET.

😓 29. What does the idiom: 'Burning the midnight oil' mean?

- A. Wasting time
- B. Working late into the night
- C. Using a lamp
- D. Sleeping early
- Manswer: B
- Explanation: It means to stay up late working or studying.
- *Represented the second strain and the midnight oil for my CUET preparation.*

30. What does the idiom: 'Lend an ear' mean?

A. To donate an ear

B. To listen carefully or attentively

- C. To ignore someone
- D. To talk to someone
- 🔽 Answer: B
- Explanation: It means to give attention and listen sympathetically.
- * Example: She always lends an ear when I'm upset.

🗳 31. What does the idiom: 'Hit the road' mean?

- A. To repair the road
- **B.** To leave or start a journey
- **C.** To meet someone
- D. To get lost
- 🔽 Answer: B
- Explanation: It means to begin a trip or journey.
- * Example: We packed our bags and hit the road early in the morning.

12. What does the idiom: 'Bury the hatchet' mean?

- A. To hide weapons
- **B.** To forget old quarrels and make peace
- C. To plant a tree
- D. To run away
- 🔽 Answer: B
- Explanation: It means to end a fight and become friendly again.
- Example: After years of rivalry, they decided to bury the hatchet.

🥶 33. What does the idiom: 'Cold shoulder' mean?

- **A.** To wear warm clothes
- B. To ignore someone deliberately
- C. To give comfort
- D. To be sick
- 🔽 Answer: B
- *Explanation:* It means to show indifference or ignore someone.
- *Real Example:* She gave me the cold shoulder at the party.

s 34. What does the idiom: 'Caught red-handed' mean?

- A. To injure someone
- B. To be caught while doing something wrong
- C. To be scared
- D. To drop something
- 🔽 Answer: B
- Explanation: It means to be caught in the act of committing a crime or mistake.
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35. What does the idiom: 'Sweep under the rug' mean?

- A. To clean quickly
- B. To hide something embarrassing
- C. To decorate the floor
- **D.** To move furniture
- 🔽 Answer: B
- Explanation: It means to ignore or hide an issue or problem.
- Example: They tried to sweep the corruption case under the rug.

36. What does the idiom: 'Back to the wall' mean?

- A. To rest peacefully
- B. To face a difficult situation with no escape
- C. To decorate the room
- D. To lean against a wall
- 🔽 Answer: B
- Explanation: It means to be in a helpless or critical position.
- Example: With no money left, he had his back to the wall.

37. What does the idiom: 'Jump the gun' mean?

- A. To get scared
- B. To start something too early
- C. To shoot someone
- D. To play a game
- Manswer: B
- Explanation: It means to act too soon or before the right time.
- *Real Stample:* He jumped the gun and answered before hearing the full question.

🍎 38. What does the idiom: 'An apple of discord' mean?

- A. A sweet fruit
- **B.** A reason for happiness
- C. A cause of conflict or argument
- D. A delicious dessert
- 🔽 Answer: C
- Explanation: It means something that causes a dispute or argument.
- *Received the second of the second and the second among the siblings.*

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- A. To close one eye
- B. To ignore something intentionally
- C. To go to sleep
- D. To see partially
- 🔽 Answer: B
- Explanation: It means to pretend not to notice.
- Example: Authorities turned a blind eye to the illegal activity.

40. What does the idiom: 'Hit the books' mean?

- A. To throw books
- B. To burn books
- C. To start studying seriously
- **D.** To close the library
- 🔽 Answer: C
- *Explanation:* It means **to begin studying hard**.
- *Real Example:* With exams coming up, I need to hit the books now.

📜 41. What does the idiom: 'Burn the midnight oil' mean?

- A. To waste time
- B. To sleep late
- C. To work or study late at night
- D. To light a candle
- 🔽 Answer: C
- Explanation: It means to stay up late working or studying.
- *Real Example:* She burned the midnight oil before the CUET exam.

42. What does the idiom: 'Beat around the bush' mean?

- A. To cut bushes
- B. To avoid talking directly
- C. To clean a garden
- D. To speak loudly
- Manswer: B
- Explanation: It means to avoid the main topic.
- * Example: Stop beating around the bush and tell me the truth.

43. What does the idiom: 'Add fuel to the fire' mean?

- A. To light a stove
- B. To make a situation worse
- C. To warm the house
- D. To celebrate
- 🚺 Answer: B
- Explanation: It means to make an already bad situation worse.
- Example: His rude reply added fuel to the fire.

🜧 44. What does the idiom: 'Under the weather' mean?

- A. To enjoy the rain
- B. To be sick
- C. To feel happy
- D. To be outside
- 🔽 Answer: B
- Explanation: It means to feel unwell or sick.
- Example: I'm feeling a bit under the weather today.

🧠 45. What does the idiom: 'Pick someone's brain' mean?

- A. To hurt someone
- B. To ask for ideas or information
- C. To play a game
- D. To make fun of someone
- 🔽 Answer: B
- Explanation: It means to ask someone knowledgeable for advice or ideas.
- Example: I want to pick your brain about CUET preparation tips.

46. What does the idiom: 'Put to the test' mean?

A. To examine something

- **B.** To destroy
- C. To improve a system
- D. To punish someone
- 🔽 Answer: A

Explanation: It means to examine or check someone or something in a difficult situation.

Real Stample: Her leadership was put to the test during the crisis.

47. What does the idiom: 'Break the ice' mean?

- A. To break something
- B. To start a conversation
- C. To feel cold
- D. To dance
- Manswer: B
- Explanation: It means to start a conversation in a social situation.
- Example: He told a joke to break the ice at the party.

💸 48. What does the idiom: 'Cost an arm and a leg' mean?

- A. To be cheap
- B. To be very expensive
- C. To be useless
- D. To be dangerous
- 🔽 Answer: B
- Explanation: It means something very costly or expensive.
- * Example: The designer dress cost her an arm and a leg.

49. What does the idiom: 'In a nutshell' mean?

A. In a small box

- B. In simple and brief form
- C. Secretly
- D. In anger

🔽 Answer: B

Explanation: It means to express something in a concise way.

* Example: In a nutshell, CUET needs focus, speed, and revision.

6 50. What does the idiom: 'By leaps and bounds' mean?

- A. Slowly
- B. Randomly
- C. With great progress
- D. With doubt
- 🔽 Answer: C
- Explanation: It means to grow or improve rapidly.

Real Example: Her English has improved by leaps and bounds.

🔽 51. Cut corners

Meaning: Do something poorly to save time or money Example: They cut corners and built a weak foundation. MCQ: "Cutting corners" means:

- a) Drawing shapes
- b) Doing a job cheaply and badly
- c) Solving puzzles
- d) Avoiding traffic
- Answer: b) Doing a job cheaply and badly

🔽 52. A dime a dozen

Meaning: Very common Example: Cheap phones like that are a dime a dozen. MCQ: "A dime a dozen" means: a) Very costly b) Rare c) Very common d) Worthless

Answer: c) Very common

🔽 53. Hit the sack

Meaning: Go to bed Example: I'm tired. I'm going to hit the sack. MCQ: "Hit the sack" means: a) Hit someone b) Go to sleep c) Quit your job d) Go shopping

Answer: b) Go to sleep

🔽 54. Cost an arm and a leg

Meaning: Very expensive Example: That luxury car costs an arm and a leg. MCQ: If something "costs an arm and a leg," it is: a) Heavy b) Risky c) Very expensive d) Valuable Answer: c) Very expensive

55. Cry over spilt milk

Meaning: Worry about something that can't be undone Example: Don't cry over spilt milk. Move on. MCQ: "Crying over spilt milk" means: a) Being childish

- b) Regretting the past unnecessarily
- c) Complaining loudly
- d) Spilling food
- Answer: b) Regretting the past unnecessarily

🌠 56. Every cloud has a silver lining

Meaning: Good things come even in bad times **Example:** Losing the job was hard, but every cloud has a silver lining. **MCQ:** This idiom means:
a) Clouds are beautiful
b) Nature is strange
c) Bad times bring hope
d) Weather is changing
Answer: c) Bad times bring hope

🔽 57. Face the music

Meaning: Accept punishment or consequences Example: He cheated and now must face the music. MCQ: To "face the music" means: a) Sing in public b) Dance fearlessly c) Accept consequences d) Avoid blame Answer: c) Accept consequences

🔽 58. Hit the road

Meaning: Leave or start a journey Example: Let's hit the road early tomorrow. MCQ: "Hit the road" means: a) Get into an accident b) Start a journey c) Build roads d) Walk fast Answer: b) Start a journey

🔽 59. Keep your chin up

Meaning: Stay positive Example: Things will get better. Keep your chin up. MCQ: "Keep your chin up" implies: a) Look higher b) Stay cheerful c) Be proudd) Act braveAnswer: b) Stay cheerful

60. Kill two birds with one stone

Meaning: Solve two problems with one action Example: By cycling to work, I kill two birds with one stone: save money and stay fit. MCQ: This idiom means: a) Be cruel b) Hunt for sport c) Solve two problems at once

- d) Do two wrongs
- Answer: c) Solve two problems at once

V 61. Leave no stone unturned

Meaning: Try everything possible Example: She left no stone unturned to find her dog. MCQ: "Leave no stone unturned" means: a) Lift stones b) Check every possibility c) Clear a path d) Take a break Answer: b) Check every possibility

🔽 62. Make a long story short

Meaning: Summarize Example: To make a long story short, he quit. MCQ: This idiom means: a) Speak quickly b) Avoid details c) Tell lies d) Change the story Answer: b) Avoid details

🔽 63. Once bitten, twice shy

Meaning: Cautious after a bad experience Example: I won't lend him money again—once bitten, twice shy. MCQ: This idiom shows: a) Courage b) Repetition c) Hesitation from past hurt d) Curiosity Answer: c) Hesitation from past hurt

🗹 64. Pull someone's leg

Meaning: Joke with someone Example: Don't be serious—I was just pulling your leg. MCQ: "Pulling someone's leg" means: a) Teasing b) Hurting c) Helping d) Pushing Answer: a) Teasing

765. Take with a grain of salt

Meaning: Don't take it too seriously Example: Take his promises with a grain of salt. MCQ: This idiom advises: a) Avoid salt b) Believe everything c) Doubt a bit d) Trust blindly Answer: c) Doubt a bit

🔽 66. The early bird catches the worm

Meaning: Those who act early succeed Example: Wake up early—the early bird catches the worm. MCQ: This idiom supports: a) Sleeping late b) Laziness c) Early action d) Hunting

Answer: c) Early action

7. Throw in the towel

Meaning: Give up Example: He threw in the towel after several failed attempts. MCQ: "Throw in the towel" means: a) Clean up b) Win a game c) Admit defeat d) Change clothes Answer: c) Admit defeat

🚺 68. Up in the air

Meaning: Uncertain Example: Our vacation plans are still up in the air. MCQ: "Up in the air" means: a) Flying b) Not decided yet c) A surprise d) High hopes Answer: b) Not decided yet

7 69. Burn the candle at both ends

Meaning: Work too hard **Example:** She's burning the candle at both ends before exams. **MCQ:**

This idiom implies:
a) Waste resources
b) Study late and wake early
c) Celebrate often
d) Light a candle
Answer: b) Study late and wake early

70. Your guess is as good as mine

Meaning: I don't know either Example: When will it end? Your guess is as good as mine. MCQ: This idiom shows: a) You agree with someone b) You know better c) You're also unsure d) You're teasing Answer: c) You're also unsure

71. Add fuel to the fire

Meaning: Make a situation worse Example: His comment added fuel to the fire. MCQ: "Add fuel to the fire" means: a) Help a friend b) Create warmth c) Worsen a conflict d) Solve a problem Answer: c) Worsen a conflict

🔽 72. At the drop of a hat

Meaning: Immediately Example: He's ready to help at the drop of a hat. MCQ: This idiom means: a) Hesitatingly

b) With delay

c) Instantlyd) After thinkingAnswer: c) Instantly

🔽 73. Back to the drawing board

Meaning: Start again Example: The plan failed. Let's go back to the drawing board. MCQ: This idiom suggests: a) Start over b) Avoid planning c) Praise the plan d) Decorate Answer: a) Start over

74. Cut to the chase

Meaning: Get to the point Example: Let's cut to the chase—what's your decision? MCQ: "Cut to the chase" means: a) Skip small talk b) Watch a movie c) Chase someone d) Speak slowly Answer: a) Skip small talk

75. Don't count your chickens before they hatch

Meaning: Don't assume success too early Example: Wait for results—don't count your chickens before they hatch. MCQ: This idiom means: a) Wait for proof b) Celebrate early c) Hope positively d) Collect chickens Answer: a) Wait for proof

🌠 76. Go down in flames

Meaning: Fail spectacularly Example: The event went down in flames. MCQ: "Go down in flames" means: a) Catch fire b) Succeed brilliantly c) Fail badly d) Perform on stage Answer: c) Fail badly

77. Hands are tied

Meaning: Unable to act Example: I want to help, but my hands are tied. MCQ: This idiom means: a) You're in danger b) You're busy c) You can't do anything d) You're giving up Answer: c) You can't do anything

🔽 78. In the fast lane

Meaning: A busy, exciting lifestyle Example: He lives life in the fast lane. MCQ: "In the fast lane" means: a) Walking quickly b) Being impatient c) Living an active life d) Taking risks Answer: c) Living an active life

🌠 79. It takes two to tango

Meaning: Both parties are responsible Example: Don't blame her alone—it takes two to tango. MCQ: This idiom means: a) Dance together b) Be romantic c) Both are involved

d) Support each other

Answer: c) Both are involved

🔽 80. Jump on the bandwagon

Meaning: Join a popular trend Example: Everyone's investing in gold, so he jumped on the bandwagon. MCQ: "Jump on the bandwagon" means: a) Dance to music b) Join a popular activity c) Travel together d) Follow rules Answer: b) Join a popular activity

🔽 81. Beat around the bush

Meaning: Avoiding the main topic Example: Stop beating around the bush and tell me what happened. MCQ: What does "beat around the bush" mean? a) Hunt animals b) Avoid the main point c) Speak clearly d) Complain constantly Answer: b) Avoid the main point

🜠 82. Call it a day

Meaning: Stop working for the day
Example: We've finished the report. Let's call it a day.
MCQ:
To "call it a day" means:
a) Start a new task

b) Celebrate somethingc) Stop workingd) Take a breakAnswer: c) Stop working

🔽 83. In hot water

Meaning: In trouble Example: He was in hot water after forgetting his assignment. MCQ: If someone is in "hot water," they are: a) Bathing b) Cooking c) In trouble d) Celebrating Answer: c) In trouble

🔽 84. Let the cat out of the bag

Meaning: Reveal a secret
Example: She let the cat out of the bag about the surprise party.
MCQ:
"Letting the cat out of the bag" refers to:
a) Playing with a pet
b) Freeing animals
c) Sharing a secret

d) Losing control

Answer: c) Sharing a secret

🜠 85. Get cold feet

Meaning: Become nervous Example: He got cold feet before the interview. MCQ:

To "get cold feet" means:

- a) Become tired
- b) Get angry
- c) Get nervous

d) Feel relaxed **Answer:** c) Get nervous

V 86. The ball is in your court

Meaning: It's your decisionExample: I've made my offer. Now the ball is in your court.MCQ:If the ball is in your court, what does it mean?a) You're playing a game

b) It's your turn to act

c) You lost an argument

d) You're being ignored

Answer: b) It's your turn to act

7. Barking up the wrong tree

Meaning: Accusing the wrong person Example: If you think I'm to blame, you're barking up the wrong tree. MCQ: "Barking up the wrong tree" means: a) Asking for help b) Accusing wrongly c) Chasing dogs d) Praising someone Answer: b) Accusing wrongly

🔽 88. A blessing in disguise

Meaning: Something good that seemed bad at first **Example:** Losing that job was a blessing in disguise. **MCQ:**

A "blessing in disguise" is:

- a) A lucky accident
- b) A religious prayer
- c) A hidden curse

d) A gift

Answer: a) A lucky accident

🔽 89. Actions speak louder than words

Meaning: What you do is more important than what you sayExample: He promised to help, but actions speak louder than words.MCQ:"Actions speak louder than words" implies:

a) Words are more powerful

b) Speak politely

c) Actions are more meaningful

d) Do nothing

Answer: c) Actions are more meaningful

🗹 90. Go the extra mile

Meaning: Do more than expected Example: Our teacher always goes the extra mile for us. MCQ: To "go the extra mile" means: a) Take a long walk b) Work harder than required c) Be stubborn d) Get lost Answer: b) Work harder than required

🔽 91. Hit the nail on the head

Meaning: Do or say something exactly right **Example:** You hit the nail on the head with that answer. **MCQ:**

This idiom means:

- a) Hammering correctly
- b) Speaking directly and correctly
- c) Fixing a door
- d) Making a mistake

Answer: b) Speaking directly and correctly

🔽 92. Jump the gun

Meaning: Start too early Example: Don't jump the gun and submit it before review. MCQ: To "jump the gun" means: a) Miss a shot b) Act too soon c) Avoid danger d) Ignore instructions

Answer: b) Act too soon

🜠 93. On cloud nine

Meaning: Extremely happy Example: She was on cloud nine after getting the scholarship. MCQ: If you are "on cloud nine," you are: a) Sad b) Confused c) Extremely happy d) Daydreaming Answer: c) Extremely happy

🔽 94. Spill the beans

Meaning: Reveal a secret Example: He spilled the beans about the deal. MCQ: "Spill the beans" means: a) Waste food b) Share a secret c) Start cooking d) Lie Answer: b) Share a secret

🔽 95. Bite off more than you can chew

Meaning: Take on a task too big **Example:** I bit off more than I could chew with this project. **MCQ:** This idiom means: a) Chew loudly b) Take on too much c) Eat quickly d) Work slowly **Answer:** b) Take on too much

V 96. Under the weather

Meaning: Feeling sick Example: I'm feeling a bit under the weather today. MCQ: "Under the weather" refers to: a) Staying indoors b) Feeling unwell c) Avoiding the sun d) Skipping work Answer: b) Feeling unwell

🔽 97. Once in a blue moon

Meaning: Very rarely Example: We go on a trip once in a blue moon. MCQ: "Once in a blue moon" means: a) Frequently b) Occasionally c) Very rarely d) Never Answer: c) Very rarely

🔽 98. Read between the lines

Meaning: Understand the hidden meaning **Example:** Try to read between the lines in her message. **MCQ:** To "read between the lines" is to:

To "read between the lines" is to:

a) Read everything

b) Skip parts

c) Understand hidden meaningd) Memorize quicklyAnswer: c) Understand hidden meaning

🔽 99. In the nick of time

Meaning: Just in time Example: We arrived at the station in the nick of time. MCQ: This idiom means: a) Very early b) Very late c) Just in time d) Without a plan Answer: c) Just in time

🔽 100. To add insult to injury

Meaning: Make a bad situation worse Example: He not only refused to help but also laughed—adding insult to injury. MCQ: "To add insult to injury" means: a) Apologize b) Make things worse c) Heal a wound d) Avoid a situation Answer: b) Make things worse