

Idioms for Kids

List of 25 most common idioms for teachers to teach kids with meaning and example by theidioms.com

1. a hot potato

Meaning: a hot potato is something that is difficult or dangerous to handle

Example: I tried to learn German language but it's a **hot potato**.

2. kill two birds with one stone

Meaning: get double results with one attempt

Example: My Mom is **killing two birds with one stone** by singing rhymes to teach me and to please my toddler brother.

3. warn someone off

Meaning: strictly alert somebody from a danger or inform to stay away

Example: The teacher **warns off** every student to be careful while swimming in the pool.

4. piece of cake

Meaning: it is used to say when something is very easy to do

Example: I love to draw the scenery for you, it will be a **piece of cake**.

5. spin a yarn

Meaning: tell a long and far-fetched story

Example: My friend **spins a yarn** about his trip for all time.

6. call names

Meaning: to tease or mock one with bad-mannered or unpleasant names

Example: My daughter is sad because the kids at his new school **call her names**.

7. when pigs fly

Meaning: idiomatic expression used to say just impossible

Example: Definitely, Matt is going to be decent and quiet **when pigs fly**.

8. build castle in air

Meaning: to create ideas that are impractical, unlikely and impossible

Example: You should just stop **building castles in the air** and take your study seriously.

9. tongue in cheek

Meaning: statement in a mocking or two-faced way with disdain

Example: Finn told me that he has done his homework, but I am sure it was **tongue in cheek**.

10. **queer the pitch**

Meaning: spoil somebody's chance of doing something

Example: He **queered my pitch** by asking coach to take rest before I did.

11. **hive of activity**

Meaning: a place full of activity; very busy place

Examples: From the next week our classroom is going to be a **hive of activities** for the preparation of annual function of art.

12. **bug eyed**

Meaning: with bulging eyes, as from astonish or amazement; amazed

Example: I was **bug eyed** looking at her wedding dress and jewelry.

13. **stir up a hornet's nest**

Meaning: to create a big trouble

Example: Richard always comes home and **stirs up a Hornet's nest** when his school day has not gone well.

14. **not hurt a fly**

Meaning: not cause harm to anyone, be kind and gentle

Example: My younger sister is a very kind and warm-hearted girl who **wouldn't hurt a fly** that's why I love to spend time with her.

15. **class clown**

Meaning: a student who tries to make other students laugh

Example: Today I met my school teacher and I am surprised to know that she still remembers me as the **class clown**.

16. **tall story**

Meaning: a long story that is hard to believe

Example: Don't tell me tall stories just show me the homework.

17. **mumbo jumbo**

Meaning: confusing language or pointless speech

Example: Alicia is just a kid, most of what she says is **mumbo jumbo**.

18. **night owl**

Meaning: someone who is active late at night

Example: My exams will be starting from next week and for me it's the time to be a **night owl** to study and to score.

19. **a slap on the wrist**

Meaning: a mild warning or penalty

Example: He punched me and only after warning the teacher let him go. It's merely a **slap on his wrist**.

20. **as keen as mustard**

Meaning: very excited and keen

Example: My little sister is always **as keen as mustard** to learn new things around her.

21. **paddle own canoe**

Meaning: to be able to do something without help

Example: Students of kindergarten always need their teachers around they can't just **paddle their own canoe**.

22. **Bob's your uncle**

Meaning: the idiom used to highlight how simply or quickly something can be done

Example: **Bob's your uncle**, just open it and then boil it to make a tasty soup.

23. **born with a silver spoon in mouth**

Meaning: used to say for someone who born into a wealthy family

Example: Jack was not **born with a silver spoon in mouth** rather he worked hard to be rich.

24. **be up on**

Meaning: be well informed about

Example: Cassie you should **be up on** what you are learning in the class, so concentrate.

25. **all ears**

Meaning: very excited to hear; paying special attention to hear something

Example: The students were **all ears** when teacher started telling a horror story.