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#### **UNIT 5 – LINGUISTICS SKILLS**

#### **TOPIC – IDIOMS AND PHRASES**



# IDIOMS



- To understand and identify idioms.

An idiom is a saying that doesn't mean exactly what is written;  
they have hidden meanings.

**What are idioms?**

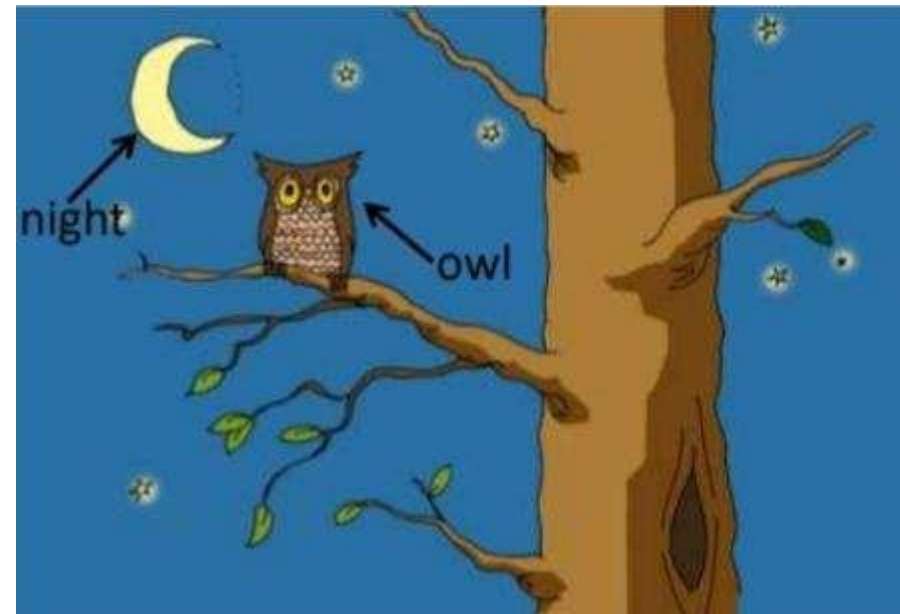
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| Break a leg. 🍀 🍀     | See eye to eye. 👁️ 👁️ |
| A piece of cake. 😊 👍 | Barrel of laugh. 😂    |
| Hold your horses. 🚫  | Against the clock. ⌚  |
| Pie in the sky. 🥧    | Hit the hay. 🛌        |



## What is an idiom?

A 'night owl' is an idiom.

If we say that Franz is a 'night owl', we don't mean that he actually is an owl!



The words in the idiom



The meaning of the idiom

An idiom is a group of words that have a special meaning when used together. The meaning of the idiom is different from the meaning of the individual words. Shakespeare used and invented lots of idioms.



# IDIOMS



**Example :**

**“A Fish out of water ”**

*Meaning: Uncomfortable Situation*

*Example: “When Danny first moved to the big city from the countryside, he was like **a fish out of water.**”*



# IDIOMS



**Example :**

## **“A Left Handed Complement”**

*Meaning: Something pleasant about someone but can also be an insult.*





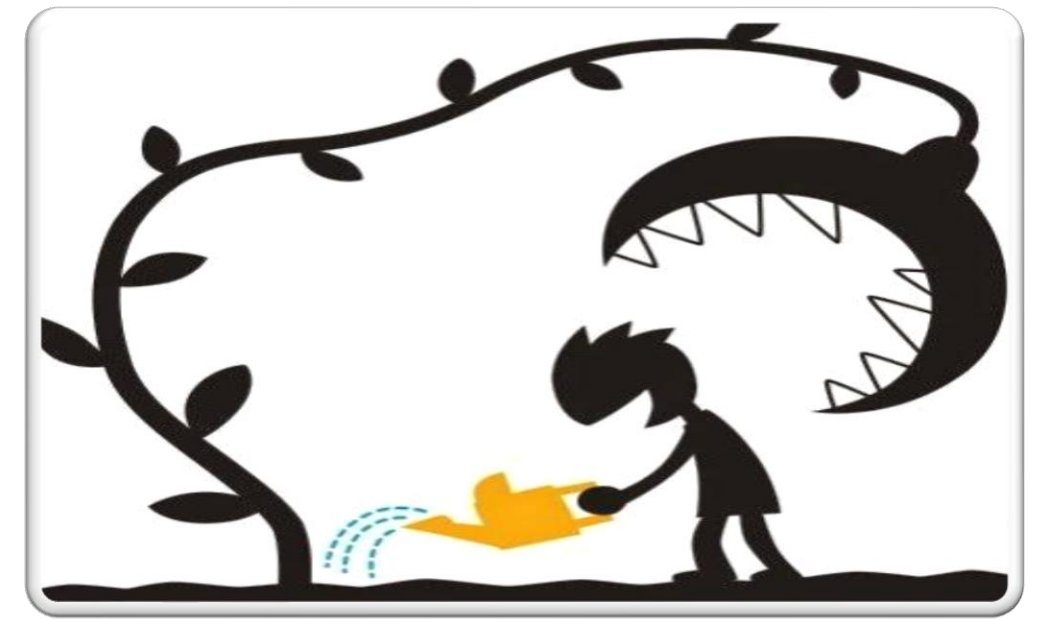
# IDIOMS



**Example :**

**“Every Cloud has a Silver Lining”**

*Meaning: Every bad situation holds the possibility of something good.*





# PHRASES



## What is Phrases?

- A phrase is a group of words that work together to convey a specific meaning.
- But unlike a complete sentence, a phrase does not contain a subject and a predicate (a verb or verb phrase).
- Phrases are commonly used in language to express ideas, provide descriptions, or add detail to a sentence.



# PHRASES



**(Q1) Ram got his work completed well in advance because he \_\_\_\_\_ Of his boss.**

- (a) Cry over spilt milk.**
- (b) Close shave.**
- (c) Greased the palms.**
- (d) To cut teeth**
- (e) Not my cup of tea.**





# PHRASES



**(Q2) If the eggs were dropped unfortunately then there would be no use in\_\_\_\_\_.**

- (a) Cry over spilt milk.**
- (b) Close shave.**
- (c) Greased the palms.**
- (d) To cut teeth**
- (e) Not my cup of tea.**



*Example :*

He was murdered in cold blood.

- (A) Thoughtlessly
- (B) Coolly
- (C) deliberately
- (D) unfeelingly

**Ans: D**



*Example:*

The inspector was caught red handed.

- (A) Found with hands tied
- (B) Caught with dirty hands
- (C) caught in the act of committing the crime
- (D) quickly

**Ans: C**



THANK YOU