

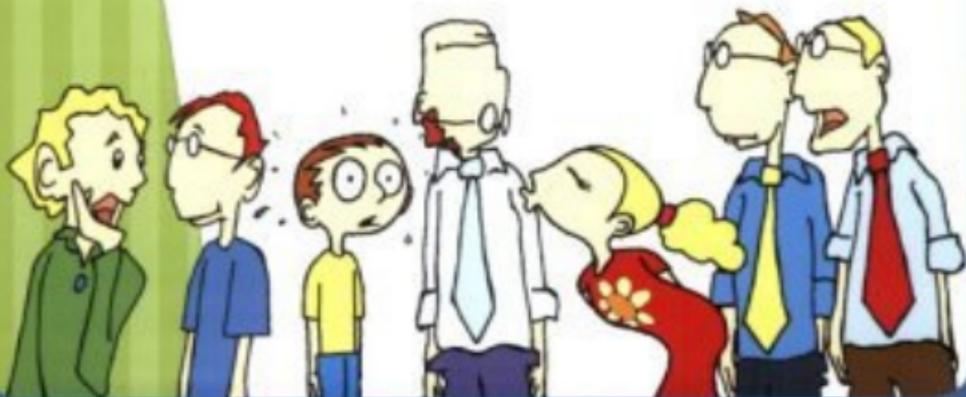
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a couple of	a long time ago	a lot of	a pair of
above all (else)	according to	after all	again and again
agree with	all of a sudden	all over the world	all the time
all the way	and so on	arrive at/in	as a result
as well as	ask for	at a time	at any time

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at first	at last	at least	at once
at the top of	be about to	be absent from	be afraid of
be angry with	be anxious about	be anxious to	be covered with
be crowded with	be different from	be disappointed with	be divided into
be dressed in	be excited about	be familiar with	be famous for

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be filled with	be fond of	be full of	be good at
be impressed by	be in trouble	be interested in	be known for
be late for	be made of	be over	be pleased with
be proud of	be ready to	be responsible for	be satisfied with
be similar to	be supposed to	be sure of	be surprised by/at

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be thankful for	be used to	be willing to	be worried about
be worth	because of	before long	belong to
between you and me	blow out	break away from	break out
bring about	bring in	bring out	by oneself
by the way	by way of	call off	call on

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call up	calm down	can't afford	can't help -ing
can't stand	care for	catch up with	check in
cheer up	come by	come out of	come over
come true	come up to	congratulations on	consist of
cooperate with	cope with	count on	cry out for

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cut off  
differ from  
do one's best  
drop by  
far from

dash off  
dispose of  
do well in  
drop off  
feel like -ing

depend on  
do badly in  
don't mention it  
enjoy oneself  
figure out

die out  
do one's homework  
dream of  
fall in love with  
fill (up) - with

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find out  
for some time  
from now on  
get in touch with  
get on

for a long time  
for sure  
from time to time  
get involved in  
get out

for a while  
for the first time  
generally speaking  
get married to  
get rid of

for example  
for the time being  
get back  
get off  
get tired of

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get to  
give a hand  
give up  
go on a picnic  
hang up

get together  
give away  
go away  
grow up  
have a good time

get up  
give back  
go off  
had better  
have no idea

get well  
give it a try  
go on  
hand in  
have to do with

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have trouble with  
here you are  
in a hurry  
in front of  
in just a minute

hear from  
hold on  
in a moment  
in general  
in search of

hear of  
hold up  
in case of  
in harmony with  
in silence

help oneself to  
hurry up  
in fact  
in honor of  
in the meantime

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in the middle of  
keep away  
keep an eye on  
leave out  
long for

in vain  
keep in mind  
keep out  
listen to  
look after

instead of  
keep/stay in touch with  
laugh at  
little by little  
look around

just in time  
keep on  
lead to  
live on  
look at

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look down on  
look out  
make fun of  
make up  
make use of

look for  
look through  
make oneself at home  
make up for  
no problem

look forward to  
look up to  
make sense  
make up one's mind  
nothing but

look like  
make friends with  
make the most of  
make up with  
now and then

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of course  
on schedule  
on time  
pass by  
pick out

on and on  
on the contrary  
once in a while  
pass out  
pick up

on foot  
on the way  
out of breath  
pay a visit to  
piece by piece

on purpose  
on the weekend  
out of date  
pay attention to  
play tricks on

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protect from  
put on  
remind of  
run across  
see off

prove to be  
put together  
remove from  
run after  
set up

put down  
put up with  
result from  
run away  
shake hands with

put off  
quite a few  
right away  
run out of  
show off

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show up  
sooner or later  
stand for  
take advantage of  
take off

side by side  
speak ill of  
stay up  
take after  
take part in

slow down  
speak well of  
stick to  
take care of  
take place

so far  
spend on  
such as  
take lessons  
take pride in

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talk over  
think of  
turn off  
watch out  
would like to

take turns  
throw away  
turn on  
wear out  
would rather

thanks for  
to tell the truth  
wait for  
what's the matter  
write back

think about  
try on  
wake up  
worthwhile to  
write down

# P r e f a c e

The purpose of the *Illustrated Everyday Idioms with Stories* series is to introduce English language learners to common idioms through humorous examples and illustrations. The lessons in this book will both entertain and enlighten students while providing exposure to how each idiom can be used in a variety of contexts.

Each lesson of this book begins with a list of twenty target idioms. The idioms are arranged alphabetically throughout the book to help students reference the idioms for later use. After completing all the units in the book, students may continue to use *Illustrated Everyday Idioms with Stories* series as a humorous illustrated dictionary of common idioms.

Within each lessons, target idioms are first defined for students. The definitions may explain the idiom in simple terms or use synonyms or other idioms to build a student's understanding of the meaning underlying each idiom. Each definition is then followed by sample sentences and short dialogs using the idiom in context. Finally, idioms are illustrated with humorous illustrations which can help build a memorable picture of each idiom's usage in the reader's mind.

Following the definitions and

examples of the target idioms is an exercise page for students to practice their understanding of idioms from the lesson. These pages include matching exercises and a multiple-choice exercise to practice both idioms learned in each lesson along with recycled idioms from previous lessons. For this reason, students are encouraged to progress through the book in the order the lessons are presented to be sure they have covered all of the idioms used for the exercise pages.

The final page of each lesson presents an international folktale incorporating the idioms presented in the lesson. These folktales give students additional exposure to idiom usage in context, as well as providing extended reading practice along with an entertaining presentation of the target idioms. Teachers using *Illustrated Everyday Idioms with Stories 1* in the classroom can use the folktales as a springboard for discussion of similar stories within the cultures represented in the classroom.

The *Illustrated Everyday Idioms with Stories* series provides students a with a useful approach to learning common English idioms. Students will also have fun in the learning process. We hope that you enjoy using *Illustrated Everyday Idioms with Stories*.

# L e s s o n

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## Target Idioms

a couple of  
a long time ago  
a lot of  
a pair of  
above all (else)  
according to  
after all  
again and again  
agree with  
all of a sudden  
all over the world  
all the time  
all the way  
and so on  
arrive at/in  
as a result  
as well as  
ask for  
at a time  
at any time

□ **a couple of** = two persons and things joined or related in some way

He arrived a couple of days ago.  
Bobby has a couple of pens in his pocket.

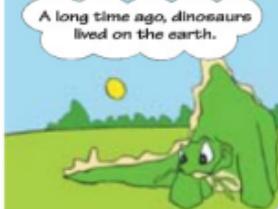
A: Have you been to Europe?  
B: Yes, a couple of times.



□ **a long time ago** = once upon a time; many years ago; ages ago; long ago

A long time ago, there were no airplanes.  
My grandfather was a pilot a long time ago.

A: When did you go to Germany?  
B: I went to Germany a long time ago, in 1963.



□ **a lot of** = a large amount or number of something; lots of; plenty of

The millionaire has a lot of money.  
A lot of students were absent because of the flu.

A: Why aren't you feeling well?  
B: I think it's because I ate a lot of chocolate today.



□ **a pair of** = two things of the same kind used together

She wants to buy a pair of beautiful gloves.  
I need a pair of socks.

A: What are you going to buy when you go shopping?  
B: I'm going to buy a pair of earrings.



□ **above all (else)** = most importantly; most of all

"Above all, you should obey your parents," said my grandfather.

Above all, a soldier must be brave.

A: What did you like about this book?

B: It was interesting and exciting, but above all, it was funny.

You must not smoke or drink.  
Above all, you must exercise.



□ **according to** = as shown or said by

According to this book, elephants are endangered.

According to my mother, television is bad for you.

A: Where are we?

B: According to this map we're somewhere between Johnson Street and Second Avenue.



According to scientists, the earth is becoming warmer.

□ **after all** = in spite of what was expected; nevertheless; in the end

He went with them after all.

The small country won the battle after all.

A: Who were you just talking to?

B: I thought it was someone I know from college but it wasn't her after all.



The tortoise won the race after all.

□ **again and again** = often; repeatedly; over and over again

While babies learn to walk, they fall again and again.

The child wanted to hear the same story again and again.

A: This computer game is really fun!

B: I think so, too. I want to play it again and again.



I told you again and again not to touch the electric fence!

□ **agree with** = have the same opinion as; share one's view

The teacher agreed with the students.  
Sharon agreed with her friend.

A: Some people didn't like the movie, but I thought it was interesting.  
B: I agree with you. It was very interesting.



□ **all of a sudden** = all at once; suddenly; unexpectedly; without warning

All of a sudden, the dog began to bark loudly.  
All of a sudden, the earth began to shake.

A: How did you break your leg?  
B: I was riding my bicycle, when all of a sudden I hit a bump and fell off.



□ **all over the world** = throughout the world; worldwide; everywhere

English is spoken all over the world.  
Mozart is famous all over the world.

A: I wish I could travel all over the world.  
B: That would be a lot of fun!



□ **all the time** = constantly; always

Midori practices the violin all the time.  
Mark chews gum all the time.

A: He looks very happy today.  
B: He looks happy all the time.



□ **all the way** = the whole distance; the whole way

The car broke down and we had to walk all the way home.  
Sue was late. She ran all the way to school.

A: Can you run all the way around the soccer field?  
B: No I can't. I can only run halfway around it, then I'm too tired to keep running.

The road goes all the way across the field.



□ **and so on** = and so forth; and the like

Potatoes, onions, carrots and so on are vegetables.  
There are many countries in Africa: Zambia, Kenya, Togo, and so on.

A: What do you feed your pet snake?  
B: Small animals like mice, frogs, lizards, and so on.

They were always arguing. "I'm the fastest." "No, I'm the fastest!" "No way!" and so on.



□ **arrive at/in** = get to; come to; reach

They arrived at the restaurant.  
The train arrived at the station.

A: When will we get to the airport?  
B: We should arrive at the airport in five minutes.

Make sure you arrive at the house before 6:00.



□ **as a result** = so; consequently

She studied hard. As a result, she got an A on the test.  
Many roads were flooded, and, as a result, there were some delays.

A: Did you study for the test?  
B: No, and, as a result, I got a bad grade.



He ate too much. As a result, he got fat.