

# Essential english idioms (part 3 - K to R)

A complete list of the most common English idioms and expressions:

ENGLISH IDIOMS (K to R)	MEANINGS
Keep an eye on	To keep under careful observation.
Keep me in the loop	Keep me informed
Keep me posted.	Keep me informed.
Keep my head above water.	to just be able to manage, especially when you have financial difficulties
Keep something at bay	Hold something at a distance
Keep someone on their toes.	to make someone concentrate so that they are ready to deal with anything that might happen
Keep your cool	To maintain a calm and controlled attitude.
Keeping my fingers crossed	Hoping for good luck
Kill two birds with one stone	to succeed in achieving two things in a single action
Know something inside out	to know someone or something very well
Know which way the wind is blowing	Understand the situation (generally negative)
Larger than life	Bigger than life
Last straw	Last drop (The last problem of a series of problems.)
Leave no stone unturned	Don't neglect any details
Let me know...	Keep me informed.....
Let me see if I can move some things around.	I'll see if I can move some things.
Let sleeping dogs lie	Stop discussing a problem
Let someone off the hook	Letting someone get away with it
Let the cat out of the bag	Accidentally revealing a secret
Let the chips fall where they may	Let something happen, whether it's good or bad.
Let's get down to business.	Used to mark a transition to a business discussion or serious talk.
Like riding a bicycle	Something you never forget how to do
Like two peas in a pod	They're always together.
To live beyond your means.	You spend more money than you can afford.

Living the dream.	Living the good life
Long time no see	It's been a long time since we've seen each other.
Look before you leap	Only take calculated risks
Lose your marbles	Going crazy
Maddening	Enrageant
Make a long story short	Get to the point
Make hay while the sun shines	Enjoy a good situation
Make time for (something).	Plan time for (something).
Make up one's mind	To finally decide something.
Miss the boat	to say that someone missed their chance
My hands are full	I'm busy.
My two cents	To give or share your opinion
Nature Calls	means we have to go to the toilet!
Never mind	Forget what I said, it's okay.
No pain, no gain	You have to work for what you want
No Strings Attached	Doing something for someone without asking for anything in return.
No Sweat	No problem
No Worries	No problem
Not playing with a full deck	to talk about someone who's not very smart.
Nothing Matters	To express nothing else is important
To be on cloud nine	To be very happy
To be on the same page	to understand and agree with what is being done or suggested
On thin ice	On probation. If you make another mistake, there will be trouble.
Once bitten, twice shy	You are more careful when you have already been injured.
Once in a blue moon	When something rarely happens
Once in a while	not very often
Out of the blue	from nowhere
Out of the frying pan and into the fire	Things are going from bad to worse
Out of this world	incredible
Over my dead body!	I will do everything you can to prevent something!

Over the moon	to be happy
Pain in the ass	Annoying (vulgar)
Picture paints a thousand words	a picture can express a complex idea in the same way a large amount of descriptive text can.
Plain as day	Obvious, clear
To play it by ear (=go with the flow)	Everything will be done when it's done (spontaneously)
Play second fiddle	Be less important.
Pull a rabbit out of a hat	Do something unexpected
Pull someone's leg	Joking, making fun of someone
Pull yourself together	Get a grip on yourself.
Push back the appointment.	postpone the appointment
Put (something) on hold	To pause, postpone, or suspend an activity
Put oneself in someone's shoes	To try to look at a situation from a different point of view; as if one were the other person; to empathise.
Put something on ice	Put a project on hold
Put wool over other people's eyes	cheating on someone to make them think well of them.
Put your foot in your mouth	Say something you shouldn't have said
Rain on someone's parade	To ruin something
Read between the lines	To try to understand someone's real feelings or intentions from what they say or write
Read one's mind	To know what someone is thinking without being told
Reduced to ashes	destroyed or made useless
Does that ring a bell?	Does it seem familiar? Does it remind you of something?
Rise and Shine	Get up! (in the morning)
Rub shoulders	be around people
Run like the wind	to run very fast.