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| Idiom | Meaning |
| 1. get a (real) kick out of something
2. do something for kicks
3. jump for joy
4. be floating/ walking on air
5. something makes your day
6. makes all the difference (to something)
7. works/goes/runs like a dream
8. works like magic
9. goes from strength to strength
10. does the trick
11. is the be-all-and-end-all (of something)
12. is / turns out to be a blessing in disguise
13. someone/something is a victim of their/its own success
14. someone doesn't have the ghost of a chance (of doing something)
15. someone/something gives up the ghost
16. someone/something leaves their/its mark (on someone/something)
17. look right/straight through someone
18. leave someone in the lurch
19. give someone a hard/ rough/tough time
20. keep a lid on something
21. let (yourself) go
22. blow something out of (all) proportion
23. be in someone's good books
24. get on like a house on fire
25. keep/get/be/stay in touch with someone
26. make it up to someone
27. take a shine to
28. have a soft spot for
29. be at loggerheads (of two people or groups)
30. be (talking) at cross-purposes (of two people or groups)
31. have it in for someone
32. have it out with someone
33. rub someone up the wrong way
34. two-time someone
35. keep someone/something at bay
36. keep yourself to yourself
37. be on the breadline
38. live in the lap of luxury
39. well off /well-to-do/ well-heeled
40. spend money like water
41. tighten your belt
42. make a killing
43. be a money spinner
44. once in a lifetime
45. once in a blue moon
46. once and for all
47. off and on / on and off
48. from time to time nine times out of ten
49. red tape
50. be in the red
51. catch someone red-handed
52. a red herring
53. take the plunge
54. go back to square one
55. be wide of the mark
56. do something on the spur of the moment (spur = metal on boot which makes horse go faster)
57. be on the cards
58. your best bet
59. when the chips are down (chips = gambling pieces)
60. goes to the dogs
61. let the cat out of the bag
62. put the cat among the pigeons
63. not (enough) room to swing a cat
64. have egg on your face
65. be the best/greatest thing since sliced bread
66. be your bread and butter
67. bear fruit
68. push the boat out
69. rock the boat
70. miss the boat
71. burn one's boats/bridges
72. be in the same boat
73. steer clear of
74. sail close to the wind
75. be plain sailing
76. be in the doldrums (doldrums = area of sea with no wind)
77. put/stick your oar in (oar = long piece of wood used for rowing a boat)
78. show someone the ropes
79. be a nervous wreck (wreck = boat that's been destroyed, e.g. by hitting rocks)
80. clear the decks (deck = flat open area on boat)
81. be (all) at sea
82. put ideas into someone's head
83. get your head (a)round (usually - can't get (my) head (a)round)
84. off the top of your head
85. make/pull a face
86. keep a straight face
87. put a brave face on something
88. take something at face value
89. on the face of it
90. face to face
91. see the light at the end of the tunnel
92. wave a magic wand
93. tie up a few loose ends
94. fall into place
95. don't push your luck!
96. it's the luck of the draw
97. be thrilled to bits
98. be down in the dumps
99. work against the clock
100. play your cards right
 | 1. very much enjoy doing something
2. do something because it is exciting, usually something dangerous
3. be very happy and excited about something that has happened
4. be very happy about something good that has happened
5. something makes you feel very happy
6. has a very good effect on a situation or a thing
7. works/goes/runs very well indeed
8. works immediately and very well indeed
9. gets better and better
10. solves a problem very well
11. is the most important thing (often used in the negative: not the be-all-and-end-all)
12. has a good effect even
13. their/its success has negative effects as well as or instead of positive ones
14. they have no chance at all
15. they/it stop(s) working or they stop trying to succeed because they know they will not
16. they have / it has an effect (usually negative) that changes someone or something for ever
17. behave as if you do not see someone either because you do not notice them or because you are ignoring them
18. leave someone at a time when they need you to stay and help them
19. make things difficult for someone
20. control the level of something in order to stop it increasing
21. either take less care of your appearance or relax completely and enjoy yourself
22. behave as if something that has happened is much worse than it really is
23. that person is pleased with you possibly only temporarily
24. get on extremely well with someone
25. keep/get/be/stay in contact with someone
26. do something good for someone you have done something bad to in the past
27. like someone immediately (informal)
28. feel a lot of affection for one particular person, often without knowing why
29. disagree strongly with each other
30. not understand each other because they are trying to do or say different things
31. be determined to criticise or harm someone
32. talk to someone about something they have done in order to solve the problem
33. irritate someone
34. have a romantic or sexual relationship with two people at the same time
35. prevent someone/something from coming near or harming you
36. prefer to be on your own and avoid talking with or doing things with other people
37. be very poor
38. live an extremely comfortable life, because you have a lot of money
39. having plenty of money
40. spend too much, often without thinking about it
41. spend less than you did before, because you have less money
42. earn a lot of money very easily
43. be a successful way of making money
44. never likely to happen again
45. very rarely
46. finally and definitely
47. sometimes, but not regularly or continuously
48. sometimes, but not regularly almost always
49. official rules and bureaucracy that make it difficult to do something
50. have a negative amount in your bank balance
51. catch someone at the moment they are doing something wrong
52. something unimportant that takes attention away from the main subject
53. do something important or difficult that you've been thinking of doing for a long time
54. go back to the beginning of a project, because previous attempts have failed
55. be wrong or miss what you were trying to hit
56. do something suddenly, without planning
57. be likely to happen
58. the best thing you can do to achieve the result you want
59. when you are in a difficult situation, especially one which tests whether you can trust people
60. it goes from a good situation/condition to a bad one
61. you accidentally tell people a secret / something you should not tell them
62. you create a crisis or a problematic situation
63. there is very little room or space somewhere
64. be left feeling stupid or embarrassed because of something you did
65. be fantastic (informal)
66. be an activity or job you do to get the money you need
67. produce a positive result
68. spend a lot of money, usually because you are celebrating
69. do or say something that causes problems, usually when you try to change a situation that other people do not want to change
70. be too late to get something you want
71. do something that makes it impossible for you to go back to the situation you were in before
72. be in the same, usually difficult, situation
73. avoid someone or something because it is dangerous for you
74. take risks that could cause problems or danger (usually used in the continuous)
75. be very easy
76. (of a business) be not very successful; (of a person) feel sad and without energy
77. join a discussion when the other participants do not want you to (informal)
78. show someone how to do a job or activity
79. be mentally and physically exhausted
80. get ready for action
81. be confused
82. make someone want to do something they had not wanted to do before (usually something stupid)
83. come to fully accept or understand something (informal)
84. without thinking about it for very long or looking at something that has been written about it
85. show that you do not like something by making an unpleasant expression
86. not to laugh or change your expression even though you want to laugh
87. pretend you are happy about something when you are not happy
88. accept something as it looks without thinking about whether it might, in fact, not be quite what it appears
89. according to the appearance of something
90. with another person in their presence rather than, say, by phone or letter
91. something makes you believe that a difficult and unpleasant situation is coming to an end
92. find an easy way to solve a problem
93. deal with the last fewthings that need to be done before something is completed
94. you understand something that you did not understand before, or everything goes well
95. don't try too hard to get what you want and risk losing what you have achieved.
96. it's a matter of chance and you have no control over it.
97. be very happy and excited
98. depressed / in low spirits
99. work fast because you only have limited time
100. you behave in the right way to achieve what you want
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