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# Idioms 1 Booklet

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# Interactive Books: Idioms 1

## Introduction

Welcome to the Interactive Idioms booklet. Idioms are a complex but highly important area of language. Hot English has a unique approach to teaching them with five key features:

### 1 Key language

- The language in these booklets has been carefully-selected so you'll only learn the most useful Idioms.

### 2 Images

- The photos and illustrations will help you understand the Idioms by creating a link between the images and the idioms.

### 3 Audio files

- The recorded audio files will help you with the pronunciation of the idioms. Listening to the example sentences will also help you remember the idioms, especially if you hear them over and over again.

### 4 Topic areas

- The Idioms have been divided up into topic areas. This is good for you because by organising language, it's easier for you to memorise it.

### 5 Example sentences

- The example sentences will give you a clear example of how the idioms are used. Plus, they'll help you memorise the idioms. Remember, for effective learning, you should always learn language in phrases or sentences – never as individual words or expressions!

Idioms are a colourful, fun aspect of language. They're often used in both spoken and written English so it's important for you to be able to understand and recognise them. Idioms can also help you learn something about the culture of English-speaking countries as their origins are often based on the history, humour, cuisine, geography, psychology ethics and values of a nation. Idioms can be used to add humour to your conversation, or can be used to convey subtle meanings. They're also often an effective means of summing up a mutually-understood situation or feeling.

We hope you enjoy learning these idioms!

## How to use the material

- Before reading or listening to the material, look at the images. They'll help you understand the idioms. Later, you can refer to the pictures while you're reading and listening to the definitions and example sentences. This will also help you remember the language.
- Read and listen to the audio files. This will help you understand the language, remember it and hear how it's pronounced. Later, you can listen to the audio files on their own (without the text) while you're in the car, jogging in the park, lying on the sofa, walking in the street... This will really help you memorise the idioms.
- Listen and repeat the example sentences. This will help with your pronunciation of the language, and will also help you memorise it.

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Good luck, and we know you'll learn a lot with this booklet.

Thanks,

*The Hot English Team.*



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# WAY IDIOMS I

# UNIT 1



### All the way

IF YOU SUPPORT SOMETHING "ALL THE WAY", YOU SUPPORT IT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AND UNTIL THE VERY END.  
"If you decide to take them to court, I'll support you all the way."



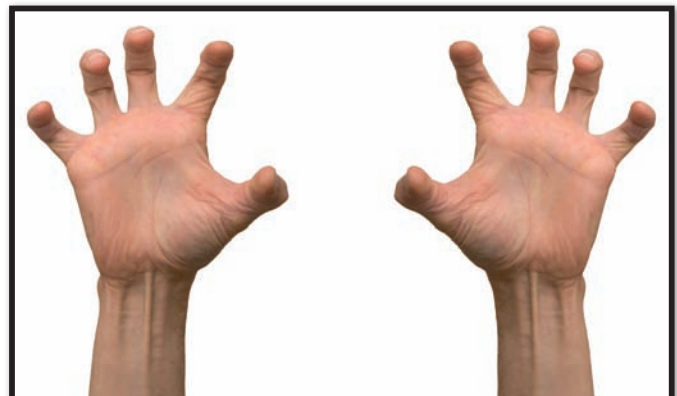
### Along the way

IF SOMETHING HAPPENS "ALONG THE WAY", IT HAPPENS WHILE YOU'RE DOING SOMETHING ELSE.  
"I've been doing this job for about twenty years now and I've learnt a thing or two along the way."



### Be out of somebody's way

IF A PLACE IS "OUT OF SOMEBODY'S WAY", IT ISN'T IN THE DIRECTION IN WHICH THEY'RE GOING.  
"Jessica took me home last night which was nice because it was really out of her way."



### Claw your way back from something

IF YOU "CLAW YOUR WAY BACK FROM" A BAD SITUATION, YOU SUCCEED IN IMPROVING YOUR SITUATION AGAIN AFTER MAKING A BIG EFFORT.  
"The team were six-nil down, but they managed to claw their way back to victory. It was incredible."



### Go out of your way to do something

TO TRY VERY HARD TO DO SOMETHING NICE, ESPECIALLY SOMETHING THAT INVOLVES HELPING OTHER PEOPLE.  
"They really went out of their way to make us feel at home."



### Pave the way for something

IF A "PAVES THE WAY FOR B", A HELPS MAKE B HAPPEN – A CONTRIBUTES TO B.  
"Everyone hopes that the meeting will pave the way for a legally-binding commitment to reduce CO2 emissions."



### Set in your ways

SOMEONE WHO IS "SET IN THEIR WAYS" LIKES TO DO THINGS THE WAY THEY WANT TO DO THEM.  
"She's so set in her ways. She won't listen to our advice or accept any help."

### No way

THIS EXPRESSION IS USED TO MEAN, "NEVER! / UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES!"

**A:** Would you ever let him work here again?  
**B:** No way! Not after the way he treated us.



### (There's) no two ways about it

THIS IS SOMETHING YOU CAN SAY IN ORDER TO EMPHASISE THAT SOMETHING IS TRUE.  
"She's the nicest, kindest most wonderful person I've ever met in my life. There's no two ways about it."



### Find out the hard way

TO LEARN ABOUT SOMETHING THROUGH PERSONAL EXPERIENCE (OFTEN UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCES), NOT THROUGH THE ADVICE OF SOMEONE WHO KNOWS.

"If you won't listen to our advice that's fine, you'll just have to find out the hard way."



### Have it your own way

IF YOU TELL SOMEONE THAT THEY CAN "HAVE IT THEIR OWN WAY", YOU ACCEPT THAT THEY CAN DO IT THE WAY THEY WANT.  
"OK, have it your own way. You can use your dad's company to do the work, but don't come crying to me if it turns out badly."



### Can't have it both ways

THIS MEANS THAT YOU CAN ONLY CHOOSE ONE OF TWO MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE COURSES OF ACTION. FOR EXAMPLE, "YOU CAN HAVE A, OR YOU CAN HAVE B, BUT YOU CAN'T HAVE A AND B."

"It's your choice: you can work with me or you can go and work for Ben, but you can't have it both ways – it's either me or him."



# WAY IDIOMS V

# UNIT 5



**Have come a long way**  
TO HAVE MADE A LOT OF PROGRESS.  
"We've come a long way with our business since the days when we were operating out of my bedroom."

**In any way, shape or form**  
IN ANY WAY AT ALL.  
"I've never been involved with her or her company in any way, shape or form."



**Out of the way**  
IF A PLACE IS "OUT OF THE WAY", IT'S A LONG DISTANCE FROM OTHER VILLAGES, TOWNS OR CITIES.  
"It's a great pub, but it's a little bit out of the way."



**Not stand in somebody's way**  
IF YOU SAY THAT YOU "WON'T STAND IN SOMEONE'S WAY", YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOU WON'T STOP OR PREVENT SOMEONE FROM DOING WHAT THEY WANT.  
"If that's what you want to do, I won't stand in your way. You're old enough to make your own decisions."



**Ways and means**  
THE "WAYS AND MEANS" OF ACHIEVING SOMETHING ARE THE METHODS FOR DOING IT.  
"There are ways and means of achieving our goals which don't involve spending so much money."



**Find out / See which way the wind is blowing**  
TO SEE HOW A SITUATION IS DEVELOPING BEFORE MAKING A DECISION ABOUT IT.  
"I think we ought to see which way the wind is blowing before deciding who to support."