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# Idioms 2 Booklet

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## 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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# WORM IDIOMS

# UNIT 1



### Worm your way out of something

IF YOU "WORM YOUR WAY OUT OF SOMETHING", YOU MANAGE TO AVOID HAVING TO DO THAT THING. "She was supposed to come to work on Saturday morning, but she managed to worm her way out of it."



### Worm your way into something / worm your way to a place

IF SOMEONE "WORMS THEMSELVES INTO" A POSITION OF TRUST, THEY DO IT BY TRICKING PEOPLE OR MAKING PEOPLE BELIEVE THEY'RE HONEST. "He managed to worm his way to the top of the company."



### Open up a can of worms

IF YOU "OPEN UP A CAN OF WORMS", YOU CREATE UNNECESSARY COMPLICATIONS OR PROBLEMS. "We offered to discuss working hours, but that just led to even more arguments and really opened up a can of worms."



### The early bird catches the worm

IF YOU WANT TO BE SUCCESSFUL, YOU SHOULD DO SOMETHING IMMEDIATELY. "If you see an apartment you want that's advertised in the classified section of the newspaper, you should get in touch with them as soon as possible. As they say, the early bird catches the worm."



### Bookworm

SOMEONE WHO LOVES READING BOOKS AND WHO READS ALL THE TIME. "She's a real bookworm - she reads everything and anything whenever she can."



### A worm's eye view

A VIEW OF SOMETHING FROM AN INFERIOR POSITION. IF YOU HAVE A "WORM'S EYE VIEW OF SOMETHING", YOU ONLY KNOW OR UNDERSTAND A PART OF IT. THE OPPOSITE IS A "BIRD'S-EYE VIEW". "We've only got a worm's eye view of the situation. We need to speak to more people to get a better perspective."