

Idioms and Phrases

An idiom is a fixed group of words with a special meaning which is different from the meaning of the individual words.

A phrase is a group of words, containing neither subject nor predicate, which acts as a single part of speech.

- **Add fuel to the fire-** conflict to become more intense.
- **The apple of one's eye-** dearest one
- **At the instance of** – at the request of
- **Apple- pie order-** in a perfect order
- **Bed of roses-** an easy and comfortable situation
- **Bag and baggage-** with all one's belonging
- **Black and blue-** covered in livid bruises
- **Below the mark-** less than his normal strength
- **Bosom friend-** a best friend
- **Big gun-** a powerful person
- **Burning question-** a very highlighted question
- **By leaps and bounds-** growing something very rapidly
- **Bird's eye view-** a very sharp and keen sight

- **Break the ice-** do something to make people feel happy
- **Bad blood-** enmity
- **Black sheep-** a bad and worthless person
- **Cat- and dog life-** a very useless life
- **Crying in the wilderness-** someone who is pointing out the dangers in a situation about it but nobody is paying attention
- **Crocodile tears-** false tears
- **Chicken- hearted-** a very tender and weak heart

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