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# Idioms grouped according to form

## Idioms that use...

### Nature

out of the woods  
be in one's element  
the last straw  
in a flash  
break ground  
as hungry as a bear  
go out on a limb



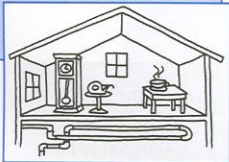
### Sports

right off the bat  
have a ball  
be a good sport  
a close call



### The House and Things in It

on the house  
hit the ceiling  
around the clock  
pipe dream  
red tape  
not one's cup of tea



### The World

why in the world?  
on top of the world  
globe-trotting/  
globe-trotter



### Colors

see red  
red tape  
catch someone red-handed

### Body Parts

be out of one's mind  
change one's mind  
catch someone red-handed  
get the upper hand  
on the other hand



have one's heart set on something



go head to head  
face-to-face



keep a stiff upper lip



pay through the nose



fight tooth and nail



the first leg

the last leg



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## Idioms that use...

### Up



come up  
give up  
keep up  
wake up  
put up with  
show up

### Down



burn down  
chop down  
settle down

### And

year in and year out  
fight tooth and nail  
be sick and tired of something  
put two and two together

### First

at first glance  
the first leg

### Last

the last straw  
the last leg

### All

all over the place  
all day long  
after all  
at all times

### In

in a flash  
in front of  
in the middle of  
in vain  
be in charge of  
be in the same boat  
be in one's element  
check in  
fall madly in love with  
have a lot in common  
keep in touch  
year in and year out  
why in the world?

### On

on the house  
on the other hand  
plan on  
set eyes on  
be on edge  
be on the road  
be on top of the world  
have one's heart set on  
set one's sights on  
sleep on it



# Idioms grouped according to meaning

## Love and marriage



go out with someone



hit it off (with someone)  
fall madly in love (with someone)

get married (to someone)  
tie the knot (with someone)



settle down (with someone)



be pregnant



give birth  
(to someone)

## The Future



plan on (doing) something  
make plans for (doing) something  
get ready for something  
look forward to (doing) something  
have one's heart set on (doing) something  
set one's sights on (doing) something  
dream of (doing) something  
it's a pipe dream



# Idioms grouped according to meaning

## Contact and communication

### Verbs

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keep in touch with someone  
drop someone a line  
hear from someone  
get together (with someone)  
run into someone

-



drive someone away  
keep someone away  
force someone back  
back off

### Adverb

face-to-face



## Travel

### Verbs

#### Starting the trip

set out (on a trip)  
hit the road  
get off to a good start

#### Taking the trip

be on the road  
check in (to a hotel)  
eat out



#### Ending the trip

go back  
be back



### Nouns

the first leg (of the trip)  
the last leg (of the trip)

### Adjective

globe-trotting

### Adverb

out of the way



# Idioms grouped according to meaning

## Time



- continuously:** all day long, around the clock, at all times, year after year, year in and year out
- now:** at present
- immediately:** right off the bat, at first glance
- soon:** before long
- very quickly:** in a flash
- during:** in the middle of something



## Feeling good

- be flying high  
be on top of the world  
be in one's element  
be enthusiastic about something  
get a kick out of something  
have a ball



- fall madly in love with someone  
hit it off with someone



- have a clear conscience

## Feeling bad



- be sick of something  
be sick and tired of something  
can't stand something

### Anger

- lose one's cool  
hit the ceiling  
see red



### Fear

- be scared (of something)  
be scared stiff (of something)



### Shock

- get the shock of one's life



### Concern

- be concerned about someone  
or something



### Sickness

- pass out

