



## TOP 50 Idioms and Phrases



Here Are 50 Notable idioms and phrases From Today's *The Hindu* And *Indian Express* Editorials

## Idioms and Phrases

**A blessing in disguise –**

Something that seems bad but turns out good.

**Burning the midnight oil –**

Working late into the night.



## Idioms and Phrases

**Actions speak louder than words –**

What people do is more important than what they say.

**A double-edged sword –**

Something with both benefits and risks.

## Idioms and Phrases

**By leaps and bounds** –  
Rapidly and significantly.

**Barking up the wrong tree** –  
Pursuing the wrong approach.

## Idioms and Phrases

**Cry over spilt milk** –

Lamenting over irreversible actions.

**Hit the nail on the head** –

Identifying the exact issue.

## Idioms and Phrases

**In the doldrums** –

A state of stagnation.

**Make hay while the sun shines** –

Utilizing opportunities when they arise.

## Idioms and Phrases

**The ball is in your court –**

It is up to you to act now.

**Throw in the towel –**

To give up.

## Idioms and Phrases

**A storm in a teacup** –

Exaggerating a minor issue.

**Add fuel to the fire** –

To worsen a bad situation.



## Idioms and Phrases

**Behind the scenes** –

Activities done out of public view.

**Call a spade a spade** –

To speak directly and honestly.

## Idioms and Phrases

**Cut to the chase –**

To get to the point.

**Don't put all your eggs in one basket –**

Don't risk everything on a single venture.

## Idioms and Phrases

**Every cloud has a silver lining** –

There is something good in every bad situation.

**Face the music** –

To confront the consequences.

## Idioms and Phrases

**Get out of hand** –

To become uncontrollable.

**Hit rock bottom** –

To reach the lowest point.



## Idioms and Phrases

**In the nick of time** –

Just before it's too late.

**Keep your fingers crossed** –

Hope for a positive outcome.

## Idioms and Phrases

**Leave no stone unturned** –

To exhaust all options.

**Let the cat out of the bag** –

To reveal a secret.

## Idioms and Phrases

**Once in a blue moon** –

Rarely.

**On cloud nine** –

Extremely happy.

## Idioms and Phrases

**Out of the blue** –  
Unexpectedly.

**Piece of cake** –  
Something very easy to do.



## Idioms and Phrases

**Play devil's advocate** –

Argue against something for the sake of debate.

**Pull strings** –

Use influence to gain an advantage.

## Idioms and Phrases

**Spill the beans** –

To reveal confidential information.

**Take with a grain of salt** –

Don't take it literally or seriously.

## Idioms and Phrases

**Under the weather** –  
Feeling sick or unwell.

**Walk a tightrope** –  
To face a risky situation.

## Idioms and Phrases

**Water under the bridge** –

Something from the past that no longer matters.

**Burn bridges** –

To damage a relationship irreparably.



## Idioms and Phrases

**Break the ice** –

Initiate a conversation or activity.

**Beat around the bush** –

Avoid talking directly about a subject.

## Idioms and Phrases

**A hard nut to crack** –

A difficult problem or person to deal with.

**Cut corners** –

To do something cheaply or carelessly.

## Idioms and Phrases

**Draw a line** –

Set a boundary or limit.

**Eyes on the prize** –

Focus on your goal.

## Idioms and Phrases

**Fall on deaf ears** –

To be ignored.

**In hot water** –

In trouble.

## Idioms and Phrases

**Keep the wolf from the door –**

Avoid poverty or hunger.

**On the same page –**

In agreement.

## Idioms and Phrases

**Read between the lines –**

To infer something not directly stated.

**Throw caution to the wind –**

To act recklessly.