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Noun idiomatic phrases are a subset of idioms, which are expressions that have meanings beyond the literal meanings of their components.

- 1. Piece of cake
  - *Meaning*: Something that is very easy to do.
  - *Example*: Passing the exam was a piece of cake for him.

#### 2. A drop in the bucket

- Meaning: A small, insignificant amount compared to what is needed.
- *Example*: His donation was just a drop in the bucket for the charity's expenses.

- 3. A penny for your thoughts
  - *Meaning*: A polite way to ask someone what they are thinking.
  - Example: "You look deep in thought. A penny for your thoughts?"

#### 4. Bread and butter

- *Meaning*: A person's primary source of income or livelihood.
- *Example*: His real estate business is his bread and butter.
- 5. The ball is in your court
  - *Meaning*: It's your turn to make a decision or take action.
  - *Example*: I've made my offer; now the ball is in your court.
- 6. A blessing in disguise
  - *Meaning*: Something that seems bad or unfortunate at first but turns out to be good.
  - *Example*: Losing my job was a blessing in disguise as it led me to a better opportunity.
- 7. A dime a dozen
  - Meaning: Something very common and easy to find.
  - *Example*: In that area, fast-food restaurants are a dime a dozen.
- 8. The icing on the cake
  - *Meaning*: Something that makes a good situation even better.

- *Example*: Winning the lottery was the icing on the cake of her successful career.
- 9. A skeleton in the closet
  - *Meaning*: A hidden or embarrassing secret.
  - *Example*: She had a skeleton in the closet from her past that she didn't want anyone to know about.
- 10.A wild goose chase
  - Meaning: A fruitless or pointless pursuit.
  - Example: Spending hours searching for the lost keys turned out to be a wild goose chase.
- 11.A silver lining
  - *Meaning*: A positive aspect or result in a difficult or unfortunate situation.
  - *Example*: The silver lining in the stormy weather was that it brought much-needed rain to the drought-stricken region.
- 12.The last straw
  - *Meaning*: The final, intolerable event or action that leads to a decision or reaction.
  - *Example*: His constant lateness was the last straw, and she decided to end the friendship.

#### 13.A black sheep

- *Meaning*: A person who is considered the troublemaker or the odd one out in a family or group.
- *Example*: Among her siblings, he was the black sheep, always getting into trouble.
- 14. The elephant in the room
  - *Meaning*: An obvious or uncomfortable issue or problem that everyone is ignoring.
  - *Example*: They were all aware of the financial difficulties, but it was the elephant in the room nobody wanted to discuss.
- 15.A square peg in a round hole
  - *Meaning*: A person who doesn't fit in or belong in a particular situation.
  - *Example*: In a creative industry, he felt like a square peg in a round hole with his strict accounting background.

#### 16.A fish out of water

- Meaning: Someone who is in an unfamiliar or uncomfortable
  situation.
- *Example*: Being at the fancy gala made him feel like a fish out of water.

#### 17.A green thumb

• Meaning: A talent or skill for gardening and growing plants.

• *Example*: Her beautiful garden is a testament to her green thumb.

#### 18.A can of worms

- *Meaning*: A complicated or troublesome situation that should be avoided.
- *Example*: Discussing their family issues turned out to be a can of worms they regretted opening.
- 19.The bottom line
  - *Meaning*: The most important or essential part of something.
  - *Example*: In business, the bottom line is making a profit.

#### 20.The writing on the wall

- *Meaning*: A clear and unmistakable sign or warning of future events or consequences.
- *Example*: The declining sales were the writing on the wall for the struggling company.

#### 21.The apple of one's eye

- *Meaning*: Someone's favorite or most cherished person.
- *Example*: His granddaughter is the apple of his eye.

#### 22.A breath of fresh air

• *Meaning*: Something refreshing or new that brings a positive change.

- *Example*: The new manager was a breath of fresh air in the office.
- 23.A feather in one's cap
  - *Meaning*: An accomplishment or achievement to be proud of.
  - *Example*: Winning the award was a feather in her cap.
- 24.A wolf in sheep's clothing
  - *Meaning*: Someone who appears harmless but is actually deceitful or dangerous.
  - *Example*: He seemed friendly, but he was a wolf in sheep's clothing.

#### 25.The tip of the iceberg

- *Meaning*: A small, visible part of a larger problem or issue.
- *Example*: The initial investigation revealed only the tip of the iceberg in the corruption scandal.

#### 26.A shot in the dark

- Meaning: A guess or attempt with little chance of success.
- *Example*: Trying to find the lost key in the dark was a shot in the dark.

#### 27.A stone's throw

- *Meaning*: A very short distance.
- *Example*: Their houses were just a stone's throw from each other.

#### 28.A taste of your own medicine

- *Meaning*: Experiencing the same negative treatment that one has given to others.
- *Example*: After years of teasing, he finally got a taste of his own medicine.
- 29.A sight for sore eyes
  - *Meaning*: Something or someone that is a welcome and pleasant sight.
  - *Example*: Seeing his family after a long deployment was a sight for sore eyes.

30.A penny saved is a penny earned

- *Meaning*: Saving money is as valuable as earning it.
- *Example*: She decided to cut down on unnecessary expenses, following the old saying that a penny saved is a penny earned.

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