

Essay Idioms

Idiom	Meaning
Rest/ Sit on ones laurels	to be satisfied with one's achievements
Rise to the occasion	to be able to do what is required in a crisis
Royal road	an easy way
Run short of	to be in insufficient supply
Safe and sound	without suffering any loss
Save something for a rainy day	save something for a time of crisis
Scot-free	free from harm or penalty
See eye to eye	agree fully



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Set / Put in motion



to start a process

Set free

to let someone free

Set one's face against

to oppose

Shipshape

in good order

Show the white feather

show cowardice

Sit / Be on the fence

to be neutral

Small talk

polite talk about very unimportant matters

Set / Put in motion

to start a process

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Smell a rat	to have the feeling that something is bad or wrong
So far	a long way
So far as	as far as
Sour grapes	fake dislike for something one cannot have
Speak one's mind	express one's views, feelings and thoughts
Speak volumes	to convey a great deal of meaning without using words
Spick and span	neat and clean, brand new
Smell a rat	to have the feeling that something is bad or wrong



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Split hairs	to make trivial distinctions
Spread like wild fire	spread rapidly
Stand on ceremony	to behave in a formal way
Steal a march on	to gain advantage
Storm in a teacup	a big clash on a small matter
Strike while the iron is hot	to do something at a proper moment
Suit somebody's book	to fit well into someone's plans
Take a fancy to	begin to love



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Take a leaf from/out of somebody's book	to imitate, to follow someone's example
Take a leap in the dark	to do something without worrying about the results
Take advantage of something/somebody	to make use of something well
Take care of	to look after
Take French leave	to take time away from your job without asking for permission
Take heart	gather courage
Take it ill	get offended
Take one's time	to use as much time as you need without hurrying

