

## Holiday idioms you must know – Part one

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In our last blog, we listed five holiday idioms that described the holiday. In today's blog, we will discuss few more idioms and phrases that are related to holidays. Most of the people in foreign countries use holiday phrases and idioms while conversing in English. So, having a fair knowledge about these with their meaning will come handy when you are on a vacation.



### 5 Holiday phrases and idioms

#### 1. Let your hair down

Meaning - to allow yourself to behave much more freely than usual and enjoy yourself.

##### Examples:

Once you reach Thailand you can let your hair down.

I want to go somewhere, where I can let my hair down.

#### 2. In the middle of nowhere

Meaning – In the middle of nowhere means a place far away from any towns and cities and where only a few people live.

##### Examples:

I want to go and live in the middle of nowhere.

Hey Rina, where was your hotel in Paris? Seema, it was somewhere in the middle of nowhere.

#### 3. A change is as good as a rest

Meaning - you can get as much good from changing the work you do as from having a rest.

##### Examples:

What are your plans for this Christmas? Nothing much. I am going to aunt's place. After all, a

change is as good as a rest.

I have no plans for New Year. I think it's better to have a change which is as good as a rest.

#### **4. Home away from home**

Meaning - a place where you feel as comfortable as you do in your own home.

##### **Examples:**

Normally, hotel rooms don't give that homely feel, but this room gave a home away from home feeling.

Our cottage was like a home away from home. I had everything right from a microwave to the washing machine.

#### **5. Everything but/except the kitchen sink**

Meaning - a much larger number of things than is necessary.

##### **Examples:**

When you have kids with you, you pack everything except the kitchen sink.

I think you have packed everything except the kitchen sink.

Idioms play an important role in conversation. Learning them will help you speak fluent English confidently and improve your English-speaking skills. Moreover, an [English-speaking course](#) is all you need to improve your spoken English and train yourself to use idioms like a pro. Native English speakers use idioms commonly to increase the impact of their communication.

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