

Idioms related to sea – Part one

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In our last blog, we explained about idioms and expressions related to ocean and sea. This blog will help you learn some more idioms which will improve your English communication. Let's have a look at these idioms.



9 must know idioms

1. Take sand to the beach

Meaning – A pointless or useless activity

E.g. Why don't you understand, hiring a cab for 5 minute distance is like taking sand to the beach.

2. Drink like a fish

Meaning – When someone says you drink like a fish, it means you drink too much alcohol.

E.g. Don't go for the party with Suraj. He drinks like a fish and you will be forced to spend your entire night at the club.

3. Keep something at bay

Meaning – To prevent something or someone from harming you.

E.g. If you are camping, you need to be attentive so that you can keep wild animals at bay.

4. Rock the boat

Meaning – When you rock the boat you do or say something that will upset people or cause trouble.

E.g. Don't mess with your life. Your one wrong decision will rock the boat.

5. A whale of a time

Meaning – When you are having a whale of a time, you are enjoying yourself.

E.g. I had a whale of a time in the party.

6. Like a fish out of water

Meaning - If you feel like a fish out of the water, you are very uncomfortable in the situation you are in.

E.g. When Niki's new friends joined the trip, I felt like a fish out of the water.

7. Big fish in a small pond

Meaning - If you are a big fish in a small pond, you are an important person only in a small area or organisation.

E.g. Mr. Singh thinks he is important because of his high position in the company. But he is really just a big fish in a small pond.

8. Plenty more fish in the sea

Meaning - If you say that there are plenty more fish in the sea, it means you are telling someone that there are many other people or possibilities to be found. This idiom is usually used to encourage and make somebody feel better.

E.g. Neha, don't lose hope. You will find some other job. There are plenty more fish in the sea.

9. The coast is clear

Meaning – No one is watching

E.g. The coast is clear, you can come out now.

These are the idioms related to sea and ocean. However, one can't learn all of them at the same time. Keep reading and you will find more interesting idioms and their meanings. You can join an [online spoken English class](#) to improve your English speaking and grasping power.

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