

## 5 everyday idioms one must know – Part one

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In our last blog, we explained five everyday idioms that are commonly used. Idioms play an important role in improving your English speaking skills. Knowing their proper meaning and correct usage will enhance your confidence and communication skills. [Speaking fluent English](#) is not that difficult as you think. When native English speakers speak English they sound very fluent and natural. If you observe the way they speak, you will find out that they use a lot of idioms and phrases in their communication. Let us elucidate some everyday common idioms.



### Must know 5 day to day idioms

#### 1. A hard nut to crack

Meaning – When a person is stubborn and very adamant, we call him a hard nut to crack. Moreover, when you can't get through to someone or convince them because of their persistent behavior, you can say 'he is a hard nut to crack'.

E.g. Raghav is a hard nut to crack. No one has ever been able to convince him to go for a movie.

#### 2. Bite off more than you can chew

Meaning - Taking on more responsibility when you are unable of fulfilling it. So, when you try to do more than what you can actually do, it means you are biting off more than you can chew.

E.g. Seenu thinks he can do everything and keeps on taking additional work. But when reality hits he realizes that he is biting off more that he can chew.

#### 3. Give benefit of doubt

Meaning – Give benefit of doubt means being non-judgmental about a situation and understand the other person's perception. You can use this idiom when you believe on the other person's something good rather than just something bad.

E.g. I trust you and hence I give you a benefit of doubt.

#### 4. To get in to hot water

Meaning - To get in to hot water means to get in trouble and you are in a situation wherein you

need to be punished.

E.g. When you don't do anything about the city then why did you get in to hot water?

## **5. Build castles in the air**

Meaning – Build castles in the air means to dream and imagine big before things actually happen in reality.

E.g. I think your overthinking and building castles in the air.

These idioms are regular but when used correctly may make a huge difference in your communication. You can join our online spoken English class and learn to speak like a native English speaker. You can learn English anytime and anywhere by joining our [spoken English program](#).

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