

Level II- Idioms

Note: If an idiom includes a verb, remember to put it in the proper tense in your sentence. Idioms marked with an () are inseparable. Remember if you use a pronoun, it must go between the two words. It cannot go at the end.*

1. **To pick up** – to go get someone or something from a certain location

- Would you **pick** the children **up** from school at 4:00 p.m.?
- My husband will **pick up** my mother at the train station tomorrow.

2. **To drop off** – to take someone/something to and leave at a certain location

- I'd be happy to **drop** you **off** at the library.
- Could you **drop off** the children at the park?
- Did you get the check? I **dropped** it **off** for you yesterday.

3. ***To check in(to)** – to register at a hotel

- Before we go to the room we have to **check in**. ***Action**
- Alexander **checked into** the Plaza Hotel at 7 p.m. for a brief overnight stay. ***Location**
- The latest you can **check into** that inn is 10 p.m.

3b. ***To check out of** – to pay your bill at a hotel and leave

- He **checked out of** the hotel at noon before catching his flight. ***Location**
- I need to **check out**. Where is the front desk person? ***Action**

4. ***To get along (with)** – to exist or work harmoniously with someone

- Dogs and cats don't **get along with** each other.
- All the teachers at Fulbright **get along**; they seem to like each other.
- My husband and my mother don't **get along with** one another! They always disagree.

5. ***To be on time** - exactly at an appointed time, not late

- James thought Laura would be late for the meeting, but she arrived right **on time**.
- I don't like other people to be late, so I am always **on time** myself.

6. ***to take care of** – to maintain, watch, or protect something/someone

- I need to **take care of** my plants or they will die.
- My sister will **take care of** my dog while I am away for the weekend.
- **Take care of** yourself.

7. **to turn in (sleep)** – *a.) to go to bed ; b.) to submit a paper

- I'm tired. I think I'll **turn in** now.
- You must **turn in** your work by next Tuesday.
- I got a zero because I forgot **to turn** my essay **in** on time.

8. **to take off** – to remove a piece of clothing, accessories, or make-up

- I'm hot, so I'm **going to take** my sweater **off**.
- She **took off** her shoes because they were wet.

9. **To look up** – to look for something in a book, phone book, dictionary, encyclopedia, Internet, etc.

- If you don't know a word, you have to **look** it **up** in a dictionary.
- Jane **looked up** the name in the telephone book, but it wasn't there.

10. ***To get over (something/someone)** – to recover from or to accept a loss, sorrow or illness

- It took me a month **to get over** my cold, but I'm better now.
- I don't think he will ever **get over** the death of his wife.

11. ***To be absent from** – to not be present

- She **was absent from** class for a whole week due to her illness.
- Carol **is absent from** the meeting today because she had a dentist appointment.

12. **To ask out** – to ask or invite someone to go on a date

- Steven must really like her. He has **asked her out** 5 times this week!
- I am going **to ask out** Bruce to the movies tonight.

13. ***To go out with (someone)** – to go on a date with someone/to be dating someone. To go somewhere socially.

- Brad finally asked me out! I'm **going out with** him next Friday.
- We are all **going out with** each other after work for a beer.
- Luis Miguel is **going out with** Mariah Carey.

14. **To compliment on** – to praise or express approval or admiration

- James **complimented** Sue **on** her beautiful voice.
- People often **compliment** me **on** my high level of organization.

15. **To clean up** – to make something clean and tidy. To organize a mess.

- When you are finished cooking, please **clean up** the kitchen.
- Your room is a disaster! **Clean** your room **up** before you go out.

16. ***In time for/to** – within or sometime before an appointed time or a deadline/ soon enough

- We got to the parade just **in time for** the band. ***noun**
- I didn't get to class **in time for** the quiz.
- She didn't arrive **in time to** hear the speech. ***verb**

17. **To call off** – to cancel

- The soccer game was **called off** because of the rain.
- At first the workers planned to strike, but then they **called it off**.

18. ***To be out of** – to have no supply of something

- Our car is almost **out of** gas. We have to get to a gas station!
- Supermaxi is **out of** apples. Would you buy some at the market, please?

19. ***To fall in love with** – to begin having romantic feelings

- Romeo **fell in love with** Juliet when they were young.
- I am **falling in love with** you Peter. Will you marry me?

20. **To take over** – to take control / to assume responsibilities / to seize / to conquer

- While Karen is not here, Angela will **take over** her duties.
- Microsoft tried **to take over** Apple computers last year.
- Fidel Castro **took over** the Batista government in 1959.