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PREFACE



An idiom is a common, fixed expression of a special kind. You cannot always work out its meaning by adding together the individual meanings of the words in it.

In Action 101 Idioms Special Edition is a specially chosen collection of idioms that are commonly heard in conversation in English. These phrases are useful to learners who want to speak English naturally and fluently like native speakers.

The idioms are categorised under four sections: Animal Idioms, Body Idioms, Spoken Idioms and More Idioms, and are listed in alphabetical order. Each expression is first presented in an everyday or humorous situation illustrated by a set of four cartoons with captions or dialogue. A short explanation of each idiom follows, with two example sentences showing how the idiom is used. Also included are related idioms, usage notes and practice exercises to increase learners' confidence and ability to use the idioms in different contexts.

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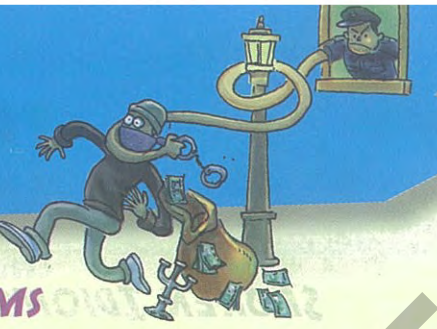
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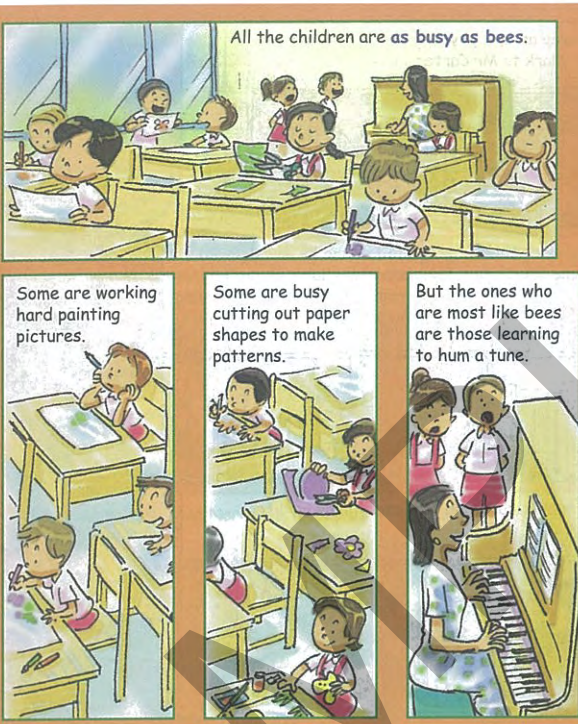
ANIMAL IDIOMS IN ACTION

Some kinds of animal behaviour neatly describe how human beings behave in particular situations.



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1 a busy bee



When you say that someone is **a busy bee** or that they are **as busy as a bee**, you mean that they are very busy or are working very hard.

- You must have been two **busy bees** to finish in such a short time.
- Mrs Wood and her daughters had no time to sit and chat. They were **as busy as bees** in the kitchen.

Related idiom

You can also say that people **have their hands full** when they are very busy and do not have time to take on any additional tasks.

- Mrs Wood and her daughters **had their hands full** preparing dinner for the guests. They had no time to sit and chat.

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