

20 Amazingly Beautiful English Idioms

1. **Every cloud has a silver lining** – every difficult situation has a comforting hopeful aspect or view the situation on positive note.

Ex: I was so upset when I didn't get the job as a Cashier at the café. But now, I have my dream job. **Every cloud has a silver lining.**

2. **It takes two to tango** – both persons are equally responsible for the act.

Ex: We need to come into compromise here. **It does take two to tango** you know.

3. **A change of heart** – a move to another opinion or attitude

Ex: She had **a change of heart** when she realized that having a vacation is a very good idea after all.

4. **Water under the bridge** – events in the past and considered no longer important in the present.

Ex: We used to have long arguments and disagreements, but it's now **water under the bridge**. Let's all move on.

5. **To burn the midnight oil** – to study or work late through the night.

Ex: I've been burning the midnight oil trying to finish some important documents.

6. **Lovely weather for ducks** – humorous phrase for a rainy weather.



Ex: What do you think of the weather today? – Oh I believe it's going to be **a lovely weather for ducks.**

7. **To burn the candle at both ends** – to do something from the very early morning until late at night and ending up not enough rest or sleep.

Ex: Stop **burning the candle at both ends.** You are not getting enough sleep.

8. **To burn your bridges** – permanently ending relations to a person or an organization.

Ex: I'm so pleased that I didn't **burn the bridge** with my previous Boss because he now wants to hire me in his own company.

9. **To wear your heart on your sleeves** – openly share your feelings or emotions than keeping it inside.

Ex: **I wear my heart on sleeves** and I'm afraid I am going to tell if I do or don't like the person.

10. **To lend an ear** – listen to somebody with great sympathy

Ex: You know I'm always here to **lend an ear** when you need one.

11. **To touch someone's heart** – to make someone feel a specific emotion or strong feelings

Ex: My boyfriend and I had an argument and he left the house. When he came back, he handed me a bouquet of red



roses with a note “I’m terribly sorry and I love you”, he certainly **touched my heart**.

12. To have a soft spot for someone – to have a great deal of affection or feeling to someone/something.

Ex: I always **have a huge soft spot** for Cherry blossoms.

13. To take one's breath away – you are emphasizing that it’s extremely beautiful or amazing

Ex: The engagement ring literally **took my breath away**. There was a huge diamond on it.

14. To spread one's wings – to become completely independent, confident to try new things

Ex: Having my own job now gave me the chance **to spread my wings**.

15. Variety is the spice of life – new and exciting experiences make life more very interesting

Ex: I started learning how to speak in Japanese after I’ve learned French because **variety is the spice of life**.

16. To only have eyes for someone- to be attracted or interested in one person.

Ex: **I only have my eyes** on my girlfriend because she’s the love of my life.

17. The calm before the storm – a quiet and peaceful period of time before an argument or large activity happens.



Ex: This is just **the calm before the storm**, when the kids get home from school this house will be in chaos.

18. Those three little words – indirectly referring to the words “I love you”

Ex: Has he said **those three little words** to you already?

19. Hook, line and sinker - used to emphasize that someone has been completely deceived or tricked.

Ex: You got me **hook, line and sinker** when you told me that you will be in American Idol.

20. What goes around comes around- if you treat someone badly or did something negative, it's very likely the same thing will come back to haunt you.

Ex: She always bullied me during high school and now her boss terrorized her. **What goes around comes around.**

