

# 50 Idioms That Will Help You Speak Like a Native English Speaker

1. **All Ears** – fully listening
2. **Keep an eye on** – to take care of or to watch in order to protect
3. **Joined at the hip** – to be so close to someone
4. **Pat on the back** – recognition or a thank you
5. **See eye to eye** – to agree
6. **On the nose** – precisely, at an exact time
7. **A sight for sore eyes** – someone that you are very pleased to see
8. **Cost an arm and a leg** – very expensive
9. **Forty winks** – getting a short nap
10. **Break a leg!** – good luck
11. **Elbow grease** – hard physical effort
12. **Be glad to see the back of** – be happy when the person leaves
13. **Blind date** – go on a date when you haven't met the person in face to face
14. **Knee jerk reaction** – a quick and automatic response
15. **Get along with** – to have a good relationship to someone
16. **Pull yourself together** – to calm down
17. **Hang in there** – don't ever give up
18. **Barking up the wrong tree** – asking the wrong person
19. **The last straw** – the final problem in a series of problems
20. **Curiosity killed the cat** – too much curiosity can get you into trouble
21. **So far so good** – things are going well
22. **Don't judge the book by its cover** – don't judge someone or something by its appearance
23. **Down-to-earth** – sensible and realistic, humble
24. **Up for grabs** – available for everyone
25. **Barrel of laugh** – someone who is very funny
26. **Come rain or shine** – whatever happens
27. **On cloud nine (9)** – extremely happy
28. **Brainstorm** – get many ideas as quickly as possible
29. **Take a rain check** – decline an invitation but you may accept it some other day
30. **A ray of sunshine** – something that brings happiness to someone
31. **Once in a blue moon** – very rarely to happen
32. **Stealing my thunder** – making people pay attention to you
33. **Black out** - going to faint or loss of consciousness
34. **Black and blue** – to describe something that is badly bruised



35. **Golden opportunity** – the perfect chance
36. **Have the Blues** – be sad or depressed
37. **Black sheep** – who is a disgrace to a family or a group
38. **To be yellow** – to be cowardly
39. **To see red** – to be very angry
40. **Have a heart** – be merciful
41. **A heart of stone** – no feelings of sympathy or empathy
42. **Cross my heart** – to tell the truth
43. **Broken heart** – to lose the one you love
44. **Know it by heart** – to memorize
45. **Heart and soul** – entirely everything
46. **Two heads are better than one** – two or more people working to solve a problem or come up with an idea than just one person doing it alone.
47. **Pick his/her brain** – ask someone for advice or opinion or detailed information
48. **As far as anyone knows** - to the best of one's knowledge
49. **Knowledge is power** - knowledge is more powerful than any physical strength and no masterpiece can be done without true **knowledge**.  
**Ex:** A teacher without thorough **knowledge** cannot teach his student well.  
**Knowledge is power** because it helps us to think for ourselves.
50. **Learn the ropes** – to learn how to do something.
- “Once I’ve **learned the ropes** at my new job, I won't be so nervous and I'll be very good at the work I do.”

