

## Idioms and expressions

*Match the idiom to the meaning.*

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| 1. Break a leg              | a. Go to sleep                                      |
| 2. Call it a day            | b. It's too late                                    |
| 3. Easy does it             | c. Good luck  |
| 4. Better late than never   | d. To get upset                                     |
| 5. Get out of hand          | e. That's true. I agree with you.                   |
| 6. Miss the boat            | f. The person we were just talking about showed up. |
| 7. Speak of the devil       | g. Better to arrive late than not to come at all    |
| 8. You can say that again   | h. Get out of control                               |
| 9. To get bent out of shape | i. Slow down  |
| 10. Hit the sack            | j. Stop working on something                        |

## Idioms in context

**A:** I must complete my presentation for the meeting tomorrow, and I haven't even started!

**B:** **Break a leg!** Hope all is ok.

**A:** Sorry, I'm getting a little tired and need a break.

**B:** Ok, everyone **let's call it a day** and start again tomorrow morning.

**A:** I have been up all night trying to finish this report. I'm so exhausted!

**B:** **Easy does it.** Take a rest and continue later when you feel better.

**A:** Do you remember Peter from High School? I saw him last week at the shopping mall.

**B:** Yes of course. Look! **Speak of the devil** he's in the line across from us!

**A:** The Denentoshi line trains are so crowded!

**B:** Yes, **you can say that again!**

**A:** The Justin Bieber concert tickets are sold out! Did you buy one?

**B:** No, I didn't. I guess I **missed the boat.** I'll have to see his next concert.

**A:** I missed the opening ceremony fireworks! But I'm here now. **Better late than never.**

**B:** You didn't miss that much. They weren't as good as last year.

**A:** If you teach large groups of kids you must have good class management skills.

**B:** Yes, otherwise the class can **get out of hand**. The kids will be noisy and not pay attention.

**A:** Don't get **bent out of shape**, relax.

**B:** Ok, but it just gets me so angry when people talk on the phone in the library.

**A:** What time are we leaving tomorrow morning?

**B:** 4 am. So, you better **hit the sack** soon.

These are common idioms / expressions.

Choose a few you like, write a sentence to reinforce them and try to use them in your conversation.

Good luck.