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Chapter - 26 Idioms and Phrasal Verbs

Good morning Students,

Today we are going to discuss the topic 'Idioms and Phrasal Verbs' as a part of your English Language assignment.

This topic has been taken from your English Language book titled 'Collins English Grammar and Composition'.

Students now let us start with the topic. Students idioms are expressions whose meaning cannot be easily worked out from the words they contain.

For example, look at the Idiom -

- to beat about the bush used in the following sentence.

- Stop beating about the bush! Tell me directly why you have come to see me.

The real meaning of this sentence has nothing to do with a 'bush' or 'beating'.

The Idiom means: 'not to say directly what one means' which cannot be worked out from the words used.

The meaning of an idiom has to be learnt as a whole.

Now let us discuss some idioms in everyday use -

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1. to let the cat out of the bag -
- to reveal a secret
2. a feather in one's cap
- to have done something to be proud of
3. birds of a feather flock together
- people who have the same attitude tend to meet together
4. to kill two birds with one stone
- achieve two aims by doing one thing
5. to play to the gallery
- behave so as to attract the attention of others
6. to burn the candle at both ends
- exhaust oneself by overwork, use too much energy
7. fit as a fiddle
- very fit and healthy
8. strike when the iron is hot
- do something while the time is right or suitable
9. turn over a new leaf
- Change one's behaviour for the better
10. to turn a deaf ear to
- refuse to listen to
11. at one's heels
- very close

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12. to make a mountain out of a mole hill

- to make an unimportant fact or difficulty look like a serious one

13. At the eleventh hour

- when it is almost too late

14. to smell a rat

- to be suspicious

15. to blow one's own trumpet

- to boast about oneself

16. to get into hot water

- to get into trouble

17. burn the midnight oil

- work or study late into the night

18. by hook or by crook

- by fair or foul means

Alright students we have done with Idioms in our next lesson we will continue with the phrasal verbs. Now you all are required to revise the content and do exercise - A given in your Book page - 156.

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