

Idioms – A Closer  
Lesson 5  
Gift of gab



## Part A

- ▶ Gift of gab
- ▶ Give up the ghost
- ▶ Go to bat for someone
- ▶ Goes without saying
- ▶ Go-getter
- ▶ Grab a bite
- ▶ Green
- ▶ Green light
- ▶ Grin and bear it
- ▶ Half a mind
- ▶ Half-baked
- ▶ Handwriting on the wall
- ▶ Hard feelings
- ▶ Have egg on my face
- ▶ Have something down pat

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Lesson 05 - A



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Get something to eat  
I'm really hungry. Would you like to **grab a bite** with me?



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To be as cheerful as possible in pain or trouble; do something without complaining  
When his boss asked him to get coffee every morning, he would just **grin and bear it**.



An inclination  
It's such a nice day I've **half a mind** to take the afternoon off work.



Not thought out or studied thoroughly; not worth considering or accepting  
We wish Byron would not take our time at meetings to offer his **half-baked** ideas.



A sign that something bad will happen  
Bapin's employer had less and less work for him; he could read the **handwriting on the wall** and looked for another job.

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Anger; animosity; bitter feelings  
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To be embarrassed or humiliated  
I was struggling with a puzzle when my seven-year-old son came along and did it immediately—did I **have egg on my face!**



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be in <b>seventh</b> heaven	
at <b>sixes</b> and <b>sevens</b>	

## Number Idioms

### Never in a million years

“absolutely never”

### Be on cloud nine

Very happy because something wonderful has happened

### Dressed up to the nines

Someone is wearing very smart or glamorous clothes

### Be in seventh heaven

Extremely happy

### At sixes and sevens

Someone is in a state of confusion or not very well organized

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<b>nine</b> times out of <b>ten</b>	

### Number Idioms

#### Back to square one

Back to where one started

#### Cast the first stone

To be the first to criticize or attack someone

#### Get the third degree

To be questioned in great detail about something

#### In two minds about (something)

To be undecided about something

#### Nine times out of ten

Almost always

# Number Idioms



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nine-to-five job	
six feet under	
stand on <b>one's</b> own <b>two</b> feet	
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## Number Idioms

### Nine-to-five job

A routine job in an office that involves standard office hours (usually 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM)

### Six feet under

Dead and buried

### Stand on one's own two feet

To be independent and self sufficient

### A stitch in time saves nine

Any damage or mistake should be corrected immediately in order to prevent it from becoming worse



### Take five

To take one brief (about five minutes) rest period



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catch <b>twenty two</b>	
 <b>two's company</b> ... (three's a crowd)	
<b>two peas in a pod</b>	
<b>two left feet</b>	
it takes <b>two</b> to tango 	

## Number Idioms

### Catch twenty two

A frustrating situation where you need to do one thing before doing a second, and you cannot do the second before doing the first

### Two's company (three's a crowd)

Lovers, who would prefer to be along together than to have someone else with them

### Two peas in a pod

Two people who are very similar in appearance

### Two left feet

You are clumsy or awkward in your movements

### It takes two to tango

You say this when you think that a difficult situation or argument cannot be the fault of one person alone

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have <b>one over the eight</b>	
at the <b>eleventh hour</b>	
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<b>on all fours</b>	
feel like a <b>million dollars</b>	

## Number Idioms

### Have one over the eight

A person is slightly drunk

### At the eleventh hour

It happens when it is almost too late

### Have (or get) forty winks

You have a short sleep or rest, generally during the day

### On all fours

You are down on your hands and knees

### Feel like a million dollars

To feel great to feel well and healthy

## Lesson 05 - A

### Y - Handshape

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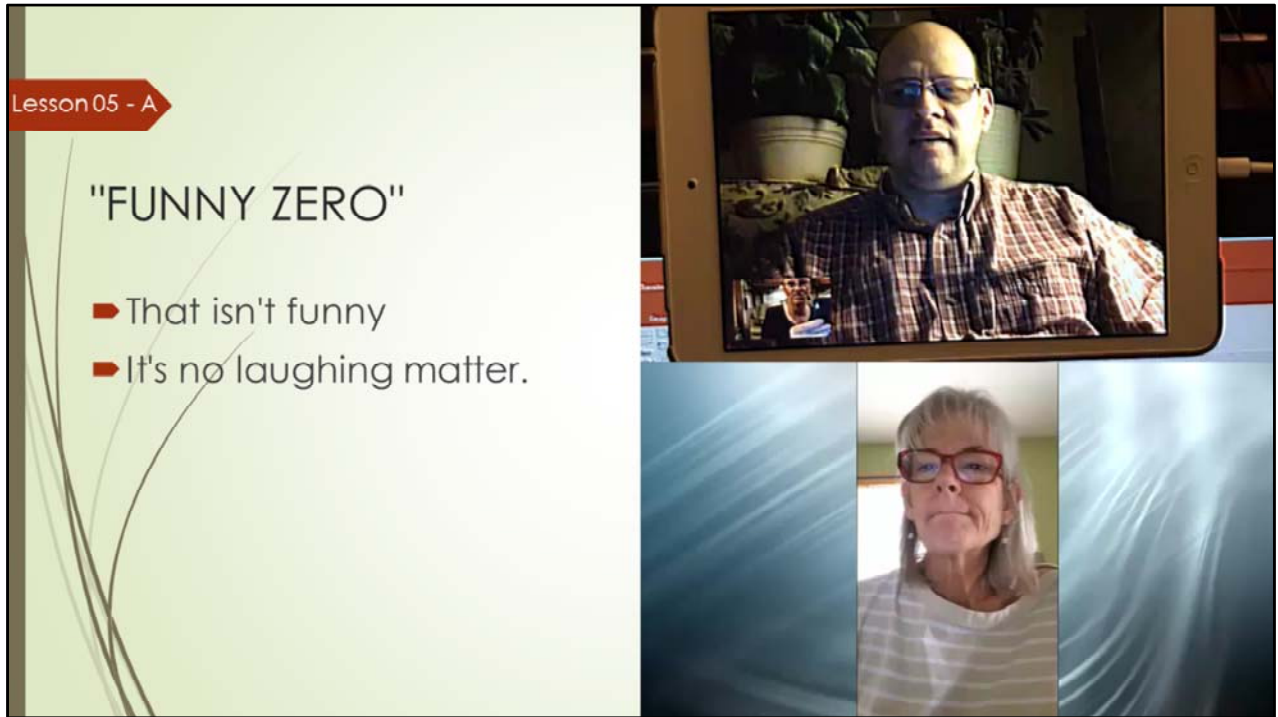
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## Part B

- ▶ Have the courage of one's convictions
- ▶ Head honcho
- ▶ Heads up
- ▶ Hit the spot
- ▶ Hold your horse
- ▶ Holier-than-thou
- ▶ Horsing around
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To be brave enough to act according to your beliefs  
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Myra's the **head honcho** of the Interpreter Education Program.



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**Heads up**, boys! A train is coming.



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Lesson 05 - B



Just wait a second  
**Hold your horses**, I'm coming!



Acting as if you are better than others in goodness, character or reverence for God  
Most people find **holier-than-thou** actions in others hard to accept.



Joking around  
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Picking out typewriter keys by sight, usually with one or two fingers  
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If I could do what I wanted/preferred  
If I **had my druthers**, I'd stay home from work today.



In a few words; briefly  
We are in a hurry, so I'll give you the story **in a nutshell**.



Print or writing; words on paper, not spoken; exact written or printed form  
He insisted on having the agreement down **in black and white**.



Profitable; not showing a financial loss  
What did you do to increase profit and eliminate losses?  
You've been **in the black** for two months now.

If I could do what I wanted/preferred  
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In a few words; briefly  
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He insisted on having the agreement down **in black and white**. (Paper Put Down On Paper)

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In disgrace or disfavor  
The students were **in the doghouse** with their professor because they showed up to class without their homework.



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