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# Idiomatic Expressions

**Idiomatic expressions** are a type of informal language that have a meaning different from the meaning of the words in **expression**. Here are some examples that recently came to mind.

**Go Dutch** or **split the check** means that each person pays an equal share of the bill [割り勘].

**Pick up the tab** means that the person who says it will pay the entire cost of the bill.

**On the spur of the moment** means on impulse; without planning.

**Let the cat out of the bag** means to reveal a secret carelessly or by mistake.

**Jump (or leap) to conclusions** means to make a hasty judgment before considering all the facts.

**Beating a dead horse** means to continue doing something that is a waste of time because the outcome is decided.

**Out of the frying pan and into the fire** is used to describe going from a bad situation to an even worse one.

**See eye to eye** means to be in agreement with someone.

**Once in a blue moon** means to do something very infrequently.

**Cost an arm and a leg** means very expensive.

**A piece of cake** is something that can be done very easily.

**Feel under the weather** means to not feel well.

**Cut corners** means to do something badly or cheaply.

**Watch your tongue** means you had better be careful about what you say.

**Pot calling the kettle black** is a situation where someone criticizes or blames another person of a fault he/she also has.

**Not have a clue** means to have no knowledge of something or be unable to remember something.

**A lemon** generally a car, but any other product, that has manufacturing defects or flaws.