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ENGLISH LANGUAGE – STD V

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**IDIOMS**

*An idiom is a special phrase (group of words) whose total meaning is different from the meaning of individual words in the phrase.*

**1. As old as the hills.**

To be very old.

My bike is as old as the hills. I think I ought to buy a new one.

**2. Heart of gold.**

a kind, generous or forgiving nature.

My grandmother has a heart of gold as she is always willing to help the needy.

**3. Smell a rat.**

Have a feeling that something is wrong somewhere.

Before the police could spread a trap for the robber, he smelt a rat and made an easy escape.

**4. Start on the wrong foot.**

to make a mistake at the very beginning.

Jack started on the wrong foot, asking his boss for a week's leave only a few days after he had joined.

**5. Foot the bill.**

to pay someone else's bill.

Sally never takes out her money, everytime she goes out with friends, they have to foot the bill.

**6. Fair weather friend.**

a friend only as long as things are going well.

Tom was Jack's fair weather friend as long as he was a wealthy businessman .

7. **Throw dust in someone's eyes.**

to mislead or swindle someone knowingly.

Sam threw dust in the old lady's eyes by pretending to be a police officer, then stole her jewellery.

8. **Tongue-tied.**

to be unable to speak through shyness or fear.

Chris was so nervous that he stood tongue-tied in front of the audience and did not sing.

9. **Have one's hands full.**

to be fully occupied, being unable to accept any fresh work.

I'd love to help but I've got my hands full organizing the school play.

10. **Pull one's socks up.**

Make an effort to improve one's performance.

I would advise you to pull your socks up and work hard, otherwise it would be difficult for you to pass the test.