

Song Writer's challenge for Noreast'r Music & Art Festival 2025

Common Idioms and Sayings

1. Bite the bullet
2. Break a leg
3. Hit the nail on the head
4. Let the cat out of the bag
5. Piece of cake
6. Spill the beans
7. Under the weather
8. Once in a blue moon
9. See eye to eye
10. Get your act together
11. Costs an arm and a leg
12. Break the ice
13. Cutting corners
14. Beat around the bush
15. By the skin of your teeth
16. Cry over spilled milk
17. A blessing in disguise
18. Hit the sack
19. Better late than never
20. Come rain or shine
21. Go back to the drawing board
22. A dime a dozen
23. Add insult to injury
24. Barking up the wrong tree
25. Call it a day
26. Cut the mustard
27. Hang in there
28. Hold your horses
29. Actions speak louder than words
30. At the drop of a hat
31. I didn't see that coming
32. A blessing in disguise
33. A dime a dozen
34. Easy does it
35. Get out of hand
36. Get your act together
37. The benefit of the doubt
38. Back to the drawing board
39. It's not rocket science
40. Off the hook
41. Make a long story short
42. Miss the boat
43. No pain, no gain
44. On the ball
45. Pull my leg
46. Pull yourself together
47. So far so good
48. Speak of the devil
49. That's the last straw
50. The best of both worlds
51. Time flies
52. Bent out of shape
53. Make matters worse
54. Under the weather
55. We'll cross that bridge when we come to it
56. Wrap your head around it
57. You can say that again
58. Your guess is as good as mine
59. Next of kin to chaos
60. Courting disaster
61. Tip of my tongue
62. Bird in the hand
63. You call that a knife?

Lines from Shakespeare:

64. A wild goose chase
65. I have been in such a pickle
66. I must be cruel, only to be kind
67. Laugh oneself into stitches
68. For goodness' sake
69. Neither here nor there
70. One fell swoop
71. The be-all and the end-all
72. Mum's the word
73. All that glitters is not gold
74. Eaten out of house and home
75. Knock knock! Who's there?
76. With bated breath
77. In my heart of hearts

- 78. Too much of a good thing
- 79. It's Greek to me
- 80. A heart of gold
- 81. Break the ice
- 82. Such stuff as dreams are made on
- 83. I will wear my heart upon my sleeve
- 84. Made of sterner stuff
- 85. Dead as a doornail
- 86. Not slept one wink
- 87. Foregone conclusion
- 88. The world's mine oyster
- 89. Naked truth
- 90. Faint-hearted
- 91. Send him packing
- 92. Melted into thin air
- 93. Own flesh and blood
- 94. Truth will come out
- 95. Give the devil his due
- 96. A method to his madness
- 97. Salad days
- 98. Spotless reputation
- 99. Full circle
- 100. All of a sudden
- 101. Come what may
- 102. Neither rhyme nor reason
- 103. Strange bedfellows
- 104. O brave new world

Sayings from the Bible:

- 105. Let there be light
- 106. Forbidden fruit
- 107. By the sweat of your brow
- 108. Ashes to ashes, dust to dust
- 109. Am I my brother's keeper?
- 110. The land of Nod
- 111. As old as Methuselah
- 112. Fire and brimstone
- 113. Land of milk and honey
- 114. An eye for an eye, a tooth for tooth
- 115. Man does not live by bread alone
- 116. Apple of my eye
- 117. A man after my own heart
- 118. How the mighty have fallen
- 119. Put words in one's mouth
- 120. Put your house in order
- 121. Nothing but skin and bones
- 122. By the skin of your teeth
- 123. The root of the matter
- 124. Weighed in the balance
- 125. Bite the dust
- 126. Spare the rod, spoil the child
- 127. Pride comes before a fall
- 128. There's nothing new under the sun
- 129. For everything there is a season
- 130. Eat, drink, and be merry
- 131. Fly in the ointment
- 132. A little birdie told me
- 133. Four corners of the earth
- 134. Drop in a bucket

- 135. See eye to eye
- 136. No rest for the wicked
- 137. Can a leopard change his spots?
- 138. Writing is on the wall
- 139. Salt of the earth
- 140. Go the extra mile
- 141. To cast pearls before swine
- 142. Straight and narrow
- 143. Wolves in sheep's clothing
- 144. The blind leading the blind
- 145. Sign of the times
- 146. Millstone around your neck
- 147. The eleventh hour
- 148. Wash your hands of the matter
- 149. Head on a platter
- 150. Give up the ghost
- 151. Throw the first stone
- 152. The truth will set you free
- 153. Better to give than receive
- 154. A law unto themselves
- 155. Twinkling of an eye
- 156. Letter of the law
- 157. Fall from grace
- 158. Reap what you sow
- 159. Labor of love
- 160. The love of money is the root of all evil
- 161. Fight the good fight