

## **100 Top Most Important English Idioms For CSS and PMS Exams**

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### **Everyday Important Idioms for CSS, PMS & ESL Students with their Meanings**

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Welcome to everyday important and most repeated common Idioms for (Central Superior Services) and PMS (Provincial Management Services) and ESL (English as a Second Language) aspirants, this article is designed to enhance your linguistic prowess. In the competitive landscape of these examinations, a nuanced

understanding of language is paramount. This article will unravel everyday important Everyday Important Idioms for CSS, PMS & ESL Students with their Meanings, providing their meanings and insights into how they can be effectively utilized in written and verbal communication. As you embark on this linguistic journey, prepare to equip yourself with the idiomatic arsenal crucial for success in CSS and PMS examinations.

**The idioms and expressions below are some of the most common in English and equally [important for CSS, PMS and all Competitive Exams](#). Here, some common and important idioms with meaning and examples are given. The example sentences show how idioms are used in context are also given here.**

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### IDIOMS: MEANINGS

1. **To cut the Gordian knot** means To solve the difficulty
2. **Cut and dried** means Ready-made
3. **Feather one's own nest** means To make money by unfair means
4. **To fish in troubled water** means To do something under very unpromising circumstance
5. **To give oneself airs** means Affected manners

6. **To give the devil his due** means To allow even a bad man the credit due
  7. **To hang by thread** means To be in a critical condition
  8. **A henpecked husband** means A man habitually snubbed by his wife
  9. **Hush money** means Money given as a bribe to hush or make one keep silent
  10. **Kick up a row** means Make a great noise
  11. **To let the cat out of the bag** means To reveal a secret
  12. **Null and void** means Not valid means of no effect
  13. **On the spur of the moment** means At once
  14. **Pay one back in one's own coin** means To treat in the same way as one has been treated
  15. **Put in cold storage** means To forget or neglect something
  16. **Pull wires** means To manage the show by secret Influence
  17. **Read b/w the lines** means To hit at the real meaning
  18. **Sit on the fence** means To avoid taking sides; to remain neutral
  19. **A square deal** means Justice
  20. **Sword of Damocles** means Treating danger
  21. **To take up the gauntlet** means To accept the challenge
  22. **To eat one's heart out** means To suffer silently, bitterly
  23. **B/t the devil and the deep sea** means B/w two dangers equally harmful
  24. **A sweet tooth** means A liking for sweetmeat
  25. **A dark horse** means An unknown person
  26. **A bottleneck** means Anything that cause delays
  27. **To put one's foot down** means To show determination
  28. **A wet blanket** means A grumbling, depressing person
  29. **To add insult to injury** means To intensify a person
  30. **To be born with a silver spoon in one's mouth** means
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31. **A bolt from the blue** means An expected disaster
32. **To blow one's own trumpet** means To boast
33. **A bone of contention** means Cause of quarrel
34. **To burn one's fingers** means To suffer
35. **To beat black & blue** means To beat mercilessly

36. **To cast an aspersion** means To bring discredit
37. **To cry over spilt milk** means To feel sorry for what has happened
38. **To cut a sorry figure** means To make a poor impression
39. **To die in harness** means To die while doing one's duty
40. **To end in smoke** means To fail
41. **To go to the dogs** means To be ruined
42. **To hang in the balance** means To remain undecided
43. **To hit the nail on the head** means To do the right thing at the right time
44. **To hold water** means To sound logical
45. **To live no stone unturned** means To try one's level best
46. **To live from hand to mouth** means To live with great difficulty
47. **To make up one's mind** means To decide
48. **To see eye to eye with** means Agree
49. **To play ducks and drakes** means Waste  
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50. **To put the cart before the horse** means To do a thing in a wrong way
51. **To have too many irons in the fire** means To have too many things in hand
52. **To read b/w the lines** means To try to understand the hidden meaning
53. **To turn over a new leaf** means To change for the better
54. **To take the bull by horns** means To face difficulties boldly
55. **To win laurels** means To distinguish oneself
56. **At daggers drawn** means At enmity or fighting
57. **Black and white** means Written
58. **By leaps and bounds** means Very fast
59. **In cold blood** means deliberately
60. **Laid up with** means Confined to bed
61. **Ins and outs** means Full details
62. **A black sheep** means Scoundrel means a bad person
63. **A cock and bull story** means An absurd tale
64. **A gala day** means A day of festivity means a holiday with rejoicing
65. **A hard nut to crack** means A difficult person or problem to deal with
66. **A turn coat** means One who changes one's opinion or party
67. **A fool's paradise** means In a state of happiness founded on vain hopes
68. **Beat a retreat** means To retire before the enemy
69. **To be on the horns of a dilemma** means To have a choice b/w two equal evils

70. **To beat about the bush** means Approach a subject in a round about method
71. **Bury the hatchet** means To make peace
72. **By fits and starts** means Irregularly
73. **Capital punishment** means Death sentence
74. **By hook or by crook** means By fair or foul means
75. **Eat humble pie** means To face humiliation
76. **Hit below the belt** means To act unfairly
77. **In apple pie order** means In perfect order
78. **Leave one in lurch** means To desert in difficulty
79. **To make a clean breast of** means To confess fully one's faults
80. **To nip the evil in the bud** means To destroy an evil in early stage
81. **Pick holes in another's coat** means To find fault with another
82. **Scot free** means To go unpunished
83. **Smell a rat** means To have a reason to suspect
84. **Through thick and thin** means Through every difficulty
85. **True to one's salt** means Faithful to one's master
86. **To turn the corner** means To begin to improve
87. **With a grain of salt** means To accept a statement with doubt as to its complete true
88. **Worship the rising sun** means To respect one rising in power
89. **A Herculean task** means An extremely difficult or dangerous task
90. **A fish out of water** means In a wrong place
91. **A leap in the dark** means An act of which we can't force consequences
92. **A thorn in one's side** means A constant source of annoyance
93. **To be at one's beck and call** means Under one's absolute control
94. **Bread and Butter** means Means of subsistence
95. **Burn one's fingers** means To get into trouble
96. **Burn the candle at both ends** means Use up too much energy
97. **To throw up the sponge** means To acknowledge defeat
98. **A feather in one's cap** means Something to be proud of
99. **A red letter day** means An auspicious day
100. **Bag and baggage** means With all one's belongings

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