

Speak Freely!

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Freebies

Animal Idioms

"This one is not
'For the birds'"

For the birds: *pointless, not worth the effort.*
Let's take a look at some other idiomatic phrases that are definitely **not for the birds**!



Bird Idioms



Early bird

A person who wakes up early or arrives early



Bird's-eye view

A view from above: a broad perspective



Free as a bird

Feeling completely free



Kill two birds with one stone

Achieve two things at once



A little bird told me

Used when you don't want to reveal your source



The bird has flown

Someone has escaped or gone away



nesting

the activity of getting the home ready for a new baby



Eat like a bird

To eat very little



As the crow flies

The shortest direct distance between two points

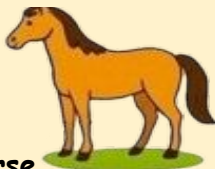
- She always gets to the buffet early. You know what they say, the early bird gets the worm!
- My uncle has a bird's-eye view from his apartment. He can see the whole city!
- After work, i will be free as a bird.
- I took out the trash while i was going to my car, killing two birds with one stone.
- A little bird told me you like grape jelly!
- She told me she had a pie for me, but she had left before i got there. That bird has flown...
- I think nesting has begun - I just want to stay at home and fold baby clothes!
- My father doesn't have a big appetite these days. He has been eating like a bird.
- Our friend lives about 2 miles from here, as the crow flies.

Horse Idioms



Hold your horses

Wait a moment;
Don't be in a hurry



Get off your high horse

Stop acting arrogant or proud

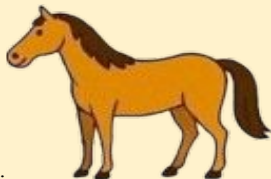
Straight from the horse's mouth

From a reliable or original source



Don't look a gift horse in the mouth

Don't find faults in something given for free



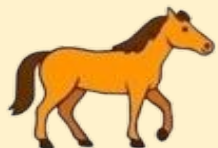
Back the wrong horse

Support the wrong person or idea



Beat a dead horse

Waste time on something that is already settled



Put the cart before the horse

Do things in the wrong order



Wild horses couldn't drag me away

Nothing could keep me from doing it

Work like a horse

Work very hard at something exhausting

- Woah! Hold your horses! You will reach your English fluency goals soon enough.
- I heard that straight from the horse's mouth, I promise!
- Sometimes people take a little longer to learn, get off your high horse!
- It's not perfect, but we shouldn't look a gift horse in the mouth.
- I thought my team was going to win the series. I guess I backed the wrong horse!
- Let's change the subject, shall we? It feels like we are just beating a dead horse at this point.
- I will absolutely be there! It is my favorite place; wild horses couldn't drag me away.
- He was putting the cart before the horse all week. He needed to work on the fundamental principles before doing the advanced stuff.
- Ugh! I need to take a shower. I have been working like a horse all day.

Fish Idioms



A big fish

An important person



Fish out of water

Feel uncomfortable in a situation



There are plenty of fish in the sea

There are many other opportunities



Something fishy

Something is suspicious



Like shooting fish in a barrel

A very easy task



Cold fish

An unemotional person



Fish for compliments

Try to get praise



A small fish in a big pond

Someone unimportant among many talented people



Drink like a fish

Drink a lot of alcohol

- Make sure to listen to that guy. He is a big fish in this company
- I was talking to important people all week. I felt like a fish out of water!
- We lost the contract, but that's ok; there are plenty of fish in the sea.
- She has taken six breaks today! I think something fishy is going on...
- Wow! They got every answer on the test right. I heard them saying it was like shooting fish in a barrel.
- He doesn't really socialize at these types of parties. He is kind of a cold fish.
- The boss came to the office yesterday wearing her new blazer. I think she was fishing for compliments.
- I always feel like a small fish in a big pond at my company
- I don't know, but I heard the supervisor drinks like a fish on the weekend!

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