

Essay Idioms: Idioms for Argumentative Essays

Here are some idioms that can be used in essays:

A picture is worth a thousand words

All's fair in love and war

Barking up the wrong tree

Burning the midnight oil

Cutting corners

Devil's advocate

Don't judge a book by its cover

Every cloud has a silver lining


Fit as a fiddle

Get the ball rolling

Hard to swallow

In a nutshell

Jump the gun



Keep your chin up

Let the cat out of the bag

Make a long story short

No pain, no gain

On the same page

Practice makes perfect

Quick fix

Rain on someone's parade

Sink or swim

Time flies when you're having fun

Up in arms

Variety is the spice of life

When in Rome, do as the Romans do

You can't judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree.

Actions speak louder than words

All bark and no bite



Beat around the bush

Better late than never

Bite the bullet

Break a leg

Burn bridges

By the skin of your teeth

Cry over spilt milk

Don't count your chickens before they hatch

Elephant in the room

Face the music

Give the benefit of the doubt

Hit the nail on the head

Ignorance is bliss

Jump through hoops

Kill two birds with one stone

Let sleeping dogs lie

Misery loves company

On thin ice

Penny for your thoughts

Put all your eggs in one basket

Rome wasn't built in a day.

Idioms For Essay Conclusion

Here are some idioms that can be used to conclude an essay:

All things considered

At the end of the day

In a nutshell

To sum up

In conclusion

Ultimately

In summary

In essence



To put it simply

To wrap it up

On the whole

All in all

By and large

To cut a long story short

In the final analysis

In the grand scheme of things

In the long run

In the end

Lastly but not least

To draw a conclusion

Idioms for Argumentative Essay

Here are some idioms that can be used in an argumentative essay:

To be up in arms about

To play devil's advocate

To fight tooth and nail

To be a double-edged sword

To hit the nail on the head

To be a hot-button issue

To be a bone of contention

To stir up a hornet's nest

To get to the heart of the matter

To be in someone's corner

To have a dog in the fight

To hold one's ground

To make a case for

To put one's foot down

To stand one's ground

To throw down the gauntlet

To turn the tables

To weigh the pros and cons

To see both sides of the coin

To take a firm stance

Essay Idioms With Meaning and Example Sentences

REST/SIT ON ONE'S LAURELS

Meaning: To be satisfied with one's achievements

He retired at the peak of his career and is resting on his laurels.

RISE TO THE OCCASION

Meaning: To be able to do what is required in a crisis

We should be ready to rise to every occasion.

ROYAL ROAD

Meaning: An easy way

There is no royal road to success.

RUN SHORT OF

Meaning: To be in insufficient supply

We are running short of fuel.

SAFE AND SOUND

Meaning: Without suffering any loss

They reached home safe and sound.

SAVE SOMETHING FOR A RAINY DAY

Meaning: Save something for a time of crisis

Wise persons save something for a rainy day.

SCOT-FREE

Meaning: Free from harm or penalty

The court let him off scot-free.

SEE EYE TO EYE

Meaning: Agree fully

Both the husband and the wife see eye to eye in this matter.

SEE HOW THE LAND LIES

Meaning: To find out about a situation

Let me see how the land lies before we do anything.

SET / PUT IN MOTION

Meaning: To start a process

Her anger set in motion the events that led to her downfall.

SET FREE

Meaning: To let someone free

He opened the cage and set the birds free.

SET ONE'S FACE AGAINST

Meaning: To oppose

Her father set his face Against her becoming an actress.

SHIPSHAPE

Meaning: In good order

well-arranged, neat and clean)

SHOW THE WHITE FEATHER

Meaning: Show cowardice

The brave never show the white feather in the battlefield.

SIT / BE ON THE FENCE

Meaning: To be neutral

The judge should always sit on the fence.

SMALL TALK

Meaning: Polite talk about very unimportant matters

I do not like to indulge in small talk.

SMELL A RAT

Meaning: To have the feeling that something is bad or wrong

The thief smells a rat and ran away.

SO FAR

Meaning: A long way

At is so far to go.

SO FAR AS

Meaning: As far as

Try to avoid him, so far as I know him, he is not a good boy.

SOUR GRAPES

Meaning: Fake dislike for something one cannot have

The poor man said that he did not need money, but that was just sour grapes.

SPEAK ONE'S MIND

Meaning: Express one's views, feelings, and thoughts

Everyone should be free to speak his mind

SPEAK VOLUMES

Meaning: To convey a great deal of meaning without using words

She said nothing but her face spoke volumes.

SPICK AND SPAN

Meaning: Neat and clean, brand new

She always keeps her house spick and span.

SPLIT HAIRS

Meaning: To make trivial distinctions

Let us do not split hairs, I will do it as your wish.

SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE

Meaning: Spread rapidly

The news of his success spread like wildfire.

STAND ON CEREMONY

Meaning: To behave in a formal way

Please sit down and make yourself comfortable, do not stand on ceremony here.

STEAL A MARCH ON

Meaning: To gain an advantage

Do not let him steal a march on you.

STORM IN A TEACUP

Meaning: A big clash on a small matter

Do not worry about the two ladies quarreling, it is just a storm in a teacup.

STRIKE WHILE THE IRON IS HOT

Meaning: To do something at a proper moment

Wise people always strike while the iron is hot.

SUIT SOMEBODY'S BOOK

Meaning: To fit well into someone's plans

We need a male teacher, he suits our book.

TAKE A FANCY TO

Meaning: Begin to love

He has taken a fancy to that beautiful girl.

TAKE A LEAF FROM/OUT OF SOMEBODY'S BOOK

Meaning: To imitate, to follow someone's example

Our country should take a leaf from Japan's book.

TAKE A LEAP IN THE DARK

Meaning: To do something without worrying about the results

To start such a big business without experience is like to take leap in the dark.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SOMETHING/SOMEBODY

Meaning: To make use of something well

We took full advantage of the hotel facilities.

TAKE CARE OF

Meaning: To look after

I take good care of my car.

TAKE FRENCH LEAVE

Meaning: To take time away from your job without asking for permission

Her boss was angry at her for taking French leave.

TAKE HEART

Meaning: Gather courage

Do not get discouraged, just take heart to face the music.

TAKE IT ILL

Meaning: Get offended

She will take it ill if you refuse to lend her problem.

TAKE ONE'S TIME

Meaning: To use as much time as you need without hurrying

The judge took his time to decide the case.

TAKE PAINS TO DO SOMETHING/TAKE PAINS WITH/OVER SOMETHING

Meaning: Make a special effort to do something

Elina takes great pains to do his work.

TAKE SOMETHING/SOMEBODY BY STORM

Meaning: To be very successful in a particular place or with a group of people

This book has taken the students by storm.

TAKE SOMETHING INTO ACCOUNT/TAKE ACCOUNT OF SOMETHING

Meaning: To consider particular facts while making a decision about something

The government should take into account the pitiable condition of the poor.

TAKE THE BULL 'BY THE HORNS

Meaning: To tackle the difficulties boldly

Brave people always take the bull by the horns.

TAKE TO HEART

Meaning: Feel sad

He took the death of his mother to heart.

TAKE TO ONE'S HEELS / SHOW A CLEAN PAIR OF HEELS

Meaning: Run away

Brave warriors never take to their heels from the battlefield.

TAKE TO TASK

Meaning: Rebuke

The principal took the peon to task for his laziness.

TAKE WITH A GRAIN/PINCH OF SALT

Meaning: To receive with a little doubt

Take his story with a grain of salt as he is a liar through and through.

TALK SHOP

Meaning: To talk about your work

His habit of talking shop is boring for others.

THE MAN IN THE STREET

Meaning: An ordinary man

The man in the street takes no interest in politics.

THE RED CARPET TREATMENT/WELCOME

Meaning: Great respect and honor given to the guests

The minister was given a red-carpet welcome when he visited the city.