



**Common Idioms and Figures of Speech**

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**Bad-mouth:** say unkind, unflattering, embarrassing (and probably untrue) things about someone.

**Be broke:** be without money

**Be fed-up with (with someone or something):** be out of patience, be very tired of  
someone or something

**Beat around the bush:** evade an issue; avoid giving a direct answer.

**Beat one's brains out:** try very hard to understand or do something.

**Blow one's top:** become extremely angry.

**Break a leg! :** Good luck!

**Break someone's heart:** make someone feel very disappointed/ discouraged/ sad.

**Bull-headed:** stubborn; inflexible

**Burn the midnight oil:** study/ work all night or until very, very late at night.

**Call it a day:** stop work for the day.

**Catch some Zs:** sleep for a while; take a nap.

**Chow down:** eat.

**Cost (someone) an arm and a leg:** cost a lot; be very expensive.

**Couch potato:** someone who spends too much time watching TV.

**Don't count your chickens before they hatch:** Don't assume that

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**For ages:** for a very long time.

**Get going:** leave.

**Get lost:** go away.

**Give someone a hand:** help someone; applaud (to show respect or appreciate for someone/ something).



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