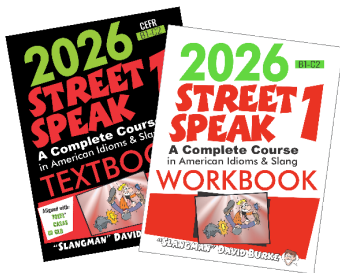


Idioms

Below are resources selected by experienced staff. These resources were selected for volunteers to use with learners either in a one-on-one tutoring relationship or in a class setting.

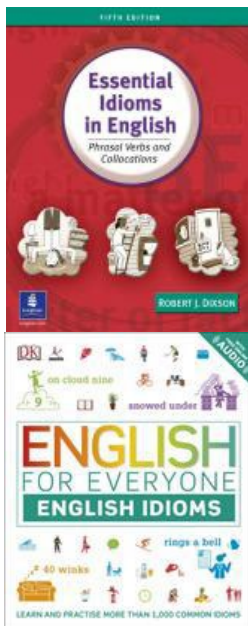
Idioms make communication richer, more natural, and culturally connected. They allow speakers to express complex ideas concisely and emotionally, help listeners understand media, and signal cultural fluency beyond literal translation. Idioms add color, humor, and nuance, making language learning more engaging and relevant.



Slangman: Street Speak by “Slangman” David Burke
(request this supplemental curriculum from your Literacy Coordinator)

This 2-level series helps ELL students master basic grammar instruction. Each unit focuses on one grammar point and offers a wide variety of practice exercises presented in a real-life context.

A full-color book on American idioms & slang with links to audio programs and 1-minute videos updated daily. Workbook reinforced themes and units introduced in the textbook. See coordinator to order.



[Essential Idioms in English by Robert J. Dixon](#)

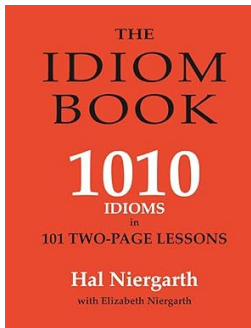
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Master more than 500 common English idioms, phrasal verbs and collocations. This book thoroughly defines and illustrates each idiom, then reinforces its meaning and usage with multiple-choice, true-false, fill-in-the-blank, and matching exercises.

[English for Everyone English Idioms by Thomas Booth](#)

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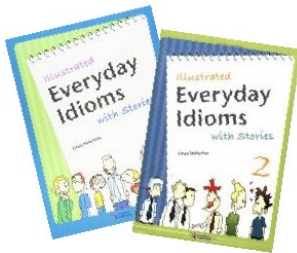
This resource can help you explain the context and use of hundreds of native English expressions. Take practical English usage to the next level and build confidence in spoken and written English by visually connecting the literal and idiomatic meaning of common phrases.



[*The Idiom Book: 1010 American English Idioms in 101 Two-Page Lessons* by Hal Niergarth](#)

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A comprehensive, high-interest resource designed for high-intermediate to advanced English learners who want to understand and use idiomatic expressions the way native speakers do in real-life interactions.



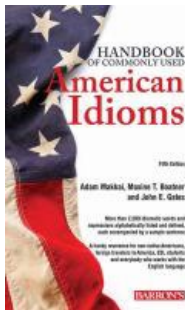
[*Illustrated Everyday Idioms with Stories v.1* by Casey Malarcher](#)

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[*Illustrated Everyday Idioms with Stories v.2* by Casey Malarcher](#)

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Easy-to-read definitions and examples of 600 of the most common idioms in English. These lessons will both entertain and enlighten students while presenting idioms in a variety of contexts.

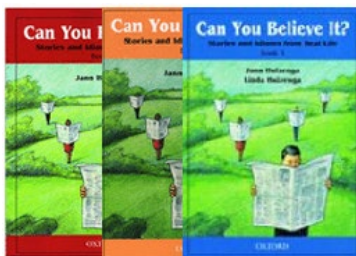


[*Handbook of Commonly Use American Idioms* by Adam Makkai](#)

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Updated to keep pace with Americans' constant changes in the many ways they use, create, and abandon idioms, this book presents approximately 2,500 American-English idiomatic words and expressions.

- Each entry identified by part of speech
- A concise definition for every idiom
- Each idiom used in an illustrative sentence



[*Can You Believe It? Stories and Idioms From Real Life Book 1* by Jann Huizenga](#)

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[*Can You Believe It? Stories and Idioms From Real Life Book 2* by Jann Huizenga](#)

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[*Can You Believe It? Stories and Idioms From Real Life Book 3* by Jann Huizenga](#)

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A three-level reading series that combines highly unusual news stories with high-frequency idioms, phrasal verbs, and fixed expressions. Students read and listen to a story (which progresses in length and difficulty throughout each text) as they look at a sequence of comic-strip style illustrations. They go on to produce idioms from the story in speaking and writing through story retelling, thought-provoking personal questions, dialogue production, and dictation. Review units provide additional practice of idioms in new contexts. Answer keys,

semantic groups, grammatical tips, and usage information are included.