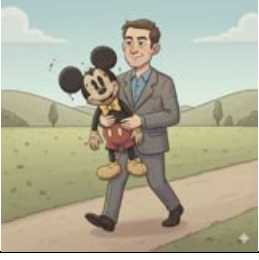


Common Phrases 05

Everyday conversations are filled with common sayings and idioms, which are phrases with meanings different from the literal interpretation of the words. Using them makes conversation sound more natural and authentic. Common [Phrases](#) 05 (an idiom in conversation): A group of two or more words that functions as a single unit in a sentence. It doesn't usually contain both a subject and a verb (unless it's a verb phrase). They are the basic building blocks of sentences, like "on the table," "a big, green dragon," or "walking quickly." They often function as descriptions (adjective phrases) or explain how, where, or when (adverbial phrases). Below there are 20 common phrases used in many conversations, shown as pictures. What meaning do you get from them, what is the phrase conveyed, they might have regional variations?

			
Culture Vulture	keep your ears close to the ground	look sheepish	losing your marbles
			
dirty washing	well wisher	love birds	nightmare
			
chatterbox	wall to wall	off balance	pick the bones
			
cave in	waking over your grave	slip up	Take the Mickey
			
all hands to the pump	caution to the wind	cool as a cucumber	train of thought