

Common Phrases 08

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 08](#) (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?

			
A frosty reception	Behind you	let off steam	Clear as mud
			
Build castles in the sky	At a crossroads	Find your feet	Follow in their footsteps
			
Calm before the storm	Chasing rainbows	Hard to swallow	Fly off the handle
			
Born with a silver spoon in their mouth	Cross that bridge when we get to it	Between a rock and a hard place	Keep on the straight and narrow
			
Come to light	blow your top	In hot water	Eat your words