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**English Idioms**

Birds, planes and rockets are all things that fly. But what about time? In English, people say time flies to mean that time is moving quickly. This is called an idiom. It is a phrase that has a meaning that rarely connects to the words. They are sometimes hard for non-English speakers to understand. There are idioms about food, weather, sports and more!

As for me, my favorite idiom is

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Can you guess what it means? I'll tell you.






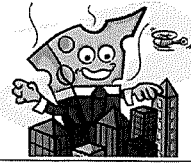


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Isn't that neat?

(音読モデルは、"Get the ball rolling" のみで録音しています。)

| (A) Idiom                     | (B) Meaning                    | Illustration and example  |
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| "Get the ball rolling."       | to start something             |  <p>Everyone is here now. Let's get the ball rolling!</p>                 |
| "Break a leg!"                | good luck                      |  <p>Is tonight your big game? Break a leg!</p>                             |
| "It's raining cats and dogs." | that it is raining really hard |  <p>It's raining cats and dogs today and I forgot my umbrella! Oh no!</p> |
| "When pigs fly."              | it won't ever happen           |  <p>I will get 100 points on my math test when pigs fly.</p>              |
| "Brainstorm."                 | to think of a lot of ideas     |  <p>Let's brainstorm where we can go this summer.</p>                    |
| "Big cheese."                 | an important person            |  <p>My mom is the big cheese at her company.</p>                        |
| "It's a piece of cake."       | it is very easy                |  <p>Yesterday's test was a piece of cake!</p>                           |
| "Put a sock in it!"           | to be quiet                    |  <p>You have talked all class! Put a sock in it!</p>                     |

## English Through Lyrics

(あなたの好きな英語の曲の歌詞の一部を入れてください)

These are some of my favorite song lyrics in English.

When I hear this song by (上の歌を歌っている歌手の名前をいれてください),

it makes me feel (その曲を聴いてどんな気持ちになるか入れてください。例 happy)

Many students say learning or speaking English is difficult or boring.

But no one complains about listening to their favorite music.

Music is a great way to enjoy and practice English. You don't need to understand all the words. You can just copy the sounds. Even some native speakers make mistakes about what they think are the right words.

Why not try to translate your favorite Japanese song into English? Can you guess this song I've translated?

(好きな日本語の曲の歌詞を一部英訳して入れてください)

It's (上の日本語の曲のタイトルを入れてください)

by (上の日本語の曲を歌っている歌手の名前).

## Words to Set the Scene

In my head I am thinking of a picture. I want to describe it to you. Are you ready?

First, imagine a wide blue ocean. The sky above the ocean is grey and cloudy. Then, there is a short stone wall in front of it. Standing in front of the wall is a man. He is dressed in a white shirt, red tie and a long black suit jacket. He is also wearing a black hat. Strangely, you can't see his face as there is a green apple hiding it.

This is a famous surreal painting called 'The Son of Man' by Rene Magritte.

Is this what you imagined? (絵は滋賀学園が準備します)

I hope so!

