

## English Idioms: Summer

### Introduction

This interesting summer-themed idiom activity allows students to expand their vocabulary in a fun way!

### Before the Lesson

Print (A4 size), laminate, and cut out the idiom cards. In lieu of laminating, print on thicker A4 cardstock paper. Be sure to print enough copies for the amount of students you have, *for example, if you have 15 students in class, print the pdf five times and group students into threes.*

### In the Lesson

Split the students into pairs or groups and hand out a set of cards.

Students work together to match the idiom with its "definition". Once a group/pair have finished, double check that they are correct. As all groups finish, ask how many have heard of the idioms before, which ones were new. And explain any new vocabulary they may not know.

Focus	Aim	Level	Time
idioms	To explore English idioms.	B1/B2	35-45 minutes



<b>"In the heat of the moment"</b>	To say or do something without thinking because of strong emotions.
<b>Beat the heat"</b>	To find ways to stay cool in hot weather.
<b>"Full of hot air"</b>	Someone who talks a lot but says nothing meaningful.
<b>"Make hay while the sun shines"</b>	To take advantage of a good situation before it changes.
<b>"Throw caution to the wind"</b>	To take a risk and not worry about the consequences.
<b>"Soak up the sun"</b>	To enjoy the sunshine.
<b>"A ray of sunshine"</b>	A person or thing that makes others feel happy.
<b>"A breath of fresh air"</b>	Something new and refreshing.
<b>"To have a whale of a time"</b>	To have a great time and lots of fun.
<b>"Go with the flow"</b>	To relax and accept things as they happen.

<b>"Make waves"</b>	To cause a big change or get attention.
<b>"Jump in at the deep end"</b>	To start doing something difficult without preparation.
<b>"A drop in the ocean"</b>	A very small amount compared to what is needed.
<b>"Keep your head above water"</b>	To survive a difficult situation, especially financially.
<b>"On cloud nine"</b>	To be extremely happy.
<b>"To hit the road"</b>	To start a journey or trip.
<b>"Pack light"</b>	To bring only a few things when traveling.
<b>"Bright and breezy"</b>	To be cheerful and full of energy.
<b>"Like a fish out of water"</b>	To feel uncomfortable in an unfamiliar situation.
<b>"The dog days of summer"</b>	The hottest and most uncomfortable part of summer.