



# IDIOMS

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## START WITH LETTER B

### **BABE IN ARMS**

**Meaning:** an innocent or naive person. (Informal.)

**Example:** He's a babe in arms when it comes to taking girls out.

### **BACK OF BEYOND**

**Meaning:** the most remote place; somewhere very remote.

**Example:** John hardly ever comes to the city. He lives at the back of beyond.

### **BE A THORN IN SOMEONE'S SIDE**

**Meaning:** to be a constant source of annoyance to someone

**Example:** This problem is a thorn in my side. I wish I had a solution to it..

### **BELIEVE IT OR NOT**

**Meaning:** to choose to believe something or not

**Example:** Believe it or not, I just got home from work.

### **BE OLD HAT**

**Meaning:** to be old-fashioned; to be outmoded. (Informal.)

**Example:** That's a silly idea. It's an old hat.

### **BEST BIB AND TUCKER**

**Meaning:** one's best clothing. (Informal.)

**Example:** I always put on my best bib and tucker on Sundays.

### **BEYOND THE PALE**

**Meaning:** unacceptable; outlawed

**Example:** Your behaviour is simply beyond the pale.

### **BOW AND SCRAPE**

**Meaning:** to be very humble and subservient

**Example:** Please don't bow and scrape. We are all equal here.



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### **BREAK THE ICE**

**Meaning:** to start social communication and conversation

**Example:** It's hard to break the ice at formal events.

### **BREATHE ONE'S LAST**

**Meaning:** to die; to breathe one's last breath

**Example:** I'll keep running every day until I breathe my last.

### **BRING HOME THE BACON**

**Meaning:** to earn a salary. (Informal.)

**Example:** Go out and get a job so you can bring home the bacon.

### **BRING SOMETHING TO LIGHT**

**Meaning:** to make something known; to discover something

**Example:** The scientists brought their findings to light.

### **BUY SOMETHING FOR A SONG**

**Meaning:** to buy something cheaply

**Example:** No one else wanted it, so I bought it for a song.

### **BY NO MEANS**

**Meaning:** absolutely not; certainly not

**Example:** I'm by no means angry with you.

### **BY THE SEAT OF ONE'S PANTS**

**Meaning:** by sheer luck and very little skill

**Example:** I got through school by the seat of my pants.

### **BY VIRTUE OF SOMETHING**

**Meaning:** because of something; owing to something

**Example:** She's permitted to vote by virtue of her age.



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