

Idioms Set Two Example Sentences

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A close shave = a situation in which something bad almost happens

Call it a day = to stop working on a task or job

Get out of hand = to become difficult to control

Under the weather = feeling a little sick or gloomy

The tourists in the jeep had **a close shave** when a lion jumped on the vehicle but left them unharmed.

I was really lucky to escape from the car crash without any injuries. I've had a few **close shaves** in my life, but that was the scariest!

The mountaineer slipped but managed to hang onto a rock with one hand and pull himself back up. He had a real **close shave** with death.

Lee had **a close shave** after he bravely fought off a robber and nearly got shot. He's a really lucky man.

The athlete tried hard to recover from the injury, but she couldn't. Her decision to **call it a day** and start another career is best for her.

Tom: Gary, it's almost 1am. Don't you think it's time we **called it a day**?

Gary: You're right. We have to be up early tomorrow morning.

You and Peter have been having problems in your relationship for years now. When are you going to do the sensible thing and **call it a day**?

After working at the company for more than 20 years, Sarah has decided to **call it a day** and retire.

We had a party at my house last weekend, but things **got a little out of hand**. Some windows were broken, and the neighbours called the police because the music was too loud.

Food prices in this country have been rising for the past few years with no sign of stopping. Things are **getting out of hand** now.

During my first year at university, my partying and drinking really **got out of hand**. Thankfully, I calmed down after that and studied hard.

Mother: Rob, your spending is **getting out of hand**. It's time you started to use your money more wisely.

Son: OK mum. I'll try to be more careful in future.

Since a few members of the team have been **under the weather** recently, we've struggled to complete the project on time.

Sally: Hi May. Are you still on for the party tomorrow?

May: I don't think so. I'm feeling a little **under the weather** today. I think I've got a cold coming on.

Vet: What seems to be the problem with your cat?

Cat owner: She's been **under the weather** for a few days now. She won't eat anything.

Billy has been feeling **under the weather** since he split up with his girlfriend of five years. I'm going to visit him to try and cheer him up.