

Idioms in Use Set One

Listen to the accompanying MP3 and read this short passage. Think about the meanings of the idioms as you listen and read. This will train your brain to master these idioms.

Situation: *A man is talking to the boss of a company who offered him a job. He initially accepted the job offer, but decides it's best to refuse it.*

Sorry Michael, I've had **a change of heart** about the job offer. I don't think I can take it because I'm just not qualified or experienced enough, and I worry that I've **bitten off more than I can chew** with it. If I take the job and it all goes wrong, I could end up in **a downward spiral**, which isn't good for me or the company. I hope you can understand my situation. I know it's a difficult situation, but I think it's **a blessing in disguise**. You'll find someone more capable who can do a better job.