

10 EASY Chinese Idioms/Chengyu (成语) Used in Daily Conversation

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Transcript

yímúyíàng

1. 一模一样 exactly the same

It means exactly the same and there is no difference.

For example:

Nǐ de yīfu hé wǒ de yīfu yímúyíàng.

- 你的衣服和我的衣服 **一模一样**。

Your dress is exactly the same as mine.

Tā hé tā bàba zhǎng de yímúyíàng.

- 他和他爸爸长得 **一模一样**。

He looks exactly like his dad.

luànqībāzāo

2. 乱七八糟 everything in disorder

It means very messy and not neat at all.

For example:

Nǐ de zuòyè xiě de luànqībāzāo, hěn duō zì dōu kàn bu qīngchǔ.

- 你的作业写得 **乱七八糟**，很多字都看不清楚。

Your homework is so messy and I cannot make out a lot of the characters.

Nǐ wèi shénme bǎ wǒ de fángjiān nòng de luànqībāzāo.

- 你为什么把我的房间弄得 **乱七八糟**。

Why did you mess up my room?

mòmíngqímào

3. 莫名其妙 baffling

It means you can't tell why, meaning the way something happened is very strange and hard to understand.

For example:

Zuìjìn wǒ chángcháng huì mò míng qí miào de tóu téng.

- 最近 我 常常 会 莫名其妙 地 头疼。

I often have headaches lately for no reason.

Míng míng shì nǐ de cuò, wèi shén me yào wǒ dào qiàn, mò míng qí miào.

- 明明 是你的错，为 什么 要我 道歉， 莫名其妙。

It is obviously your fault. Why are you asking me to apologize? So weird.

yí jiàn zhōng qíng

4. 一见钟情 love at first sight

It means fall in love at first sight.

For example:

Nǐ xiāng xìn yí jiàn zhōng qíng ma?

- 你 相信 一见钟情 吗?

Do you believe in love at first sight?

Tā zài yí cì jù huì shàng yù dào le Lì lì, liǎng rén yí jiàn zhōng qíng.

- 他 在一次 聚会上 遇到了 丽丽，两 人 一见钟情。

He met Lili at a party and they fell in love at first sight.

hú sī luàn xiǎng

5. 胡思乱想 have unfounded and unrealistic thoughts

It means having unfounded and unrealistic thoughts. And these thoughts are of no use to you.

For example:

Tā wǎn shàng shuì bù zháo, zǒng tǎng zài chuáng shàng hú sī luàn xiǎng.

- 她 晚上 睡 不着，总 躺在 床上 胡思乱想。

She can't sleep at night, often overthinking in bed.

Bié zài nàr hú sī luàn xiǎng le, kuài guò lái bāng wǒ zhěng lǐ dōng xī ba.

- 别 在那儿 胡思乱想 了，快 过来 帮 我 整理 东西 吧。

Stop overthinking. Come help me organize.

húshuōbādào

6. 胡说八道 talk nonsense

It means make things up, speaking nonsense irresponsibly.

For example:

Rúguǒ nǐ bù zhīdào zhè jiàn shì, jiù bú yào húshuōbādào.

- 如果你不知道这件事, 就不要胡说八道。

If you don't know what happened, don't make things up.

Nǐ zhèyàng bú fù zérèn de húshuōbādào , shì zài qīpiàn rénjiā.

- 你这样不负责任地胡说八道, 是在欺骗人家。

You are lying to them by speaking nonsense irresponsibly.

xīlihútú

7. 稀里糊涂 confused; careless

It has two meanings. Confused and Careless.

For example:

Zhè dào tí tā jiǎng le liǎng biān, wǒ hái shì xīlihútú de.

- 这道题他讲了两遍, 我还是稀里糊涂的。

He has explained this question twice, but I am still confused.

Zhè jiàn shì méiyǒu jīngguò rènzhēn tāolùn, jiù xīlihútú de tōngguò le.

- 这件事没有经过认真讨论, 就稀里糊涂地通过了。

This matter was never discussed thoroughly and it was passed carelessly.

zìyóuzìzài

8. 自由自在 free and easy

It means free without any restrictions, comfortable and at ease. That is to say, you can do whatever you want.

For example:

Wǒ hěn huáiniàn zài dàxué zìyóuzìzài de rìzi.

- 我很怀念在大学自由自在的日子。

I really miss my easy and free university days.

Wǒ xiǎng yǒu yì tiān nénggòu zìyóuzìzài de zuò wǒ zìjǐ xiǎng zuò de shìqing.

- 我 想 有 一 天 能 够 自 由 自 在 地 做 我 自 己 想 做 的 事 情。

I think one day I will be free to do anything I want.

ziyǐwéishì

9. 自以为是 believe oneself infallible

It means you always think you are right, either things you do or your points of view. You don't accept other people's opinions.

For example:

Xiǎomíng yìzhí zìyǐwéishì, juéde rènhé rén dōu bǐ bushàng tā.

- 小 明 一 直 自 以 为 是, 觉 得 任 何 人 都 比 不 上 他。

Xiaoming has always been very conceited, thinking he is superior to others.

Tā yùdào wèntí bú huì qù qǐngjiào biérén, zhǐ huì zìyǐwéishì de chǔlǐ.

- 她 遇 到 问 题 不 会 去 请 教 别 人, 只 会 自 以 为 是 地 处 理。

She never asks for help and only deals with things the way she wants.

shíquánshíměi

10. 十全十美 be perfect

It means perfect without any flaws.

For example:

Měi ge rén dōu yǒu zìjǐ de quēdiǎn, bù kěnéng shíquánshíměi.

- 每 个 人 都 有 自 己 的 缺 点, 不 可 能 十 全 十 美。

Everyone has their flaws and on one is perfect.

Tā zuò rènhé shìqing dōu xīwàng shíquánshíměi.

- 他 做 任 何 事 情 都 希 望 十 全 十 美。

He expects everything to be perfect.