

Idioms Set Fifteen Example Sentences

Listen to the accompanying MP3 and read these sentences. This will train your brain to master these idioms.

Better off = to be in a better situation

By the way = to introduce a new subject unrelated to the one you were talking about

End of story = used to finish a discussion and say that no more should be said

Know something inside out = to know everything about something

Ray: I want to get a job promotion, but the company I work for is just too small.

Gary: You'd be **better off** working for a larger company. That way, you can climb the career ladder.

We've got so many bags of shopping to carry home. I think we'd be **better off** taking a taxi.

I don't like some of those people that Tim spends time with. I think he'd be **better off** without them in his life.

This town is much **better off** now that they have planted more trees and flowers around the place. It makes it much more pleasant to walk around.

I visited John yesterday and he's doing really well. He asked about you. **By the way**, do you have that CD I lent you?

Let's go and watch a movie, then we can grab some food. How's your mum, **by the way**? Last time you said she was a bit ill.

Thanks for all your hard work today James. **By the way**, before I forget, the year-end party is next month. Make sure you put the date in your calendar.

Paula: Did you hear the news about Linda getting married?

Sarah: Yes, I couldn't believe it! **By the way**, Mary said that she'll call you soon.

I keep telling you! I didn't steal the money, and I've never seen this man before – **end of story**.

You must arrive on time tomorrow morning. If you're not here to catch the coach by 7am, we're leaving without you, **end of story**.

Harry: Please Dan. Just lend me £50. I promise I'll pay you back everything that I owe you.

Dan: Harry, I'm not lending you any more money. **End of story**.

I don't care how much you like Sam. I don't like him, and he doesn't like me, so he's not coming to the party – **end of story**.

I've studied so hard for my driving test that I **know the rules of the road inside out**. I should be able to pass the test easily.

Mel: Do you have any idea about how to fix televisions? Mine's broken.

Amy: I'll ask John to take a look. He **knows them inside out** because he used to work as a TV repairman.

The professors here are absolutely fantastic. They are really friendly, and they **know their subjects inside out**.

Our tour guide was essential in helping us better understand the place. She **knew the city inside out**, and revealed lots of secrets about the place.