**In the Name of God**

**Semnan University**

**Department of English Language and Literature**

**English Idioms in use 1 (BA)**

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**Course Description and Objectives:**

This course is designed for a 13-week term, meeting two hours per week. The course is intended to provide students with opportunities to be familiar and practice English idioms in context. The course also directs the students to create their own texts using the idioms introduced and practiced in class.

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

* understand the concept of a good number of English idioms and expressions;
* use the idioms and expressions correctly and appropriately in writing (and hopefully in speaking).

**Assignments:**

1. **Active class participation and preparation:**

Each student must be well-prepared every session. Students are required to study the assigned chapters carefully, do the exercises and prepare themselves for class discussions. Simply showing up does not necessarily lead to active participation.

1. **Project:**

You are required to write a text using the idioms and expressions discussed in class and be ready to present it in class for other students. Due to time limitation, not all students can present their texts in class each session, however you should be well-prepared. You can edit and improve your texts based on the class feedback. These texts will be placed in your portfolio and will be delivered to your instructor at the end of the term. The deadline for delivery is the last session!!!

**Note:** The early bird catches the worm. “Please be on time.”

**Course Schedule:**

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| **Session** | **Content** |
| **1** | Introduction to the course |
| **2** | Unit 1. Bookworm |
| **3** | Unit 2. Put thinking cap on |
| **4** | Unit 3. Keep one's eye on the ball |
| **5** | Unit 4. Tackle a problem |
| **6** | Unit 5. Once in a blue moon |
| **7** | Unit 6. Go banana |
| **8** | Unit 7. Blind date |
| **9** | Unit 8. Get hitched |
| **10** | Unit 9. Fight tooth and nail |
| **11** | Unit 10. All bark and no bite |
| **12** | Unit 11. Let the cat out of the bag |
| **13** | Unit 12. Think twice |
| **14** | ***Final Exam*** |

**Source:**

Memari, M., Savaedi, S. Y., Bavizadeh, K., Barza, S. & Karimi, H., (1391). Spotlight on Idioms. Kerdegar Publication, Ahvaz.

**Grading:**

Class participation and presentation 5 points

Project 5 points

Final exam 10 points

**☺: *The syllabus is subject to modification.***