

# Idioms: I

## **If it ain't broke, don't fix it**

- Don't mess with something that is already working fine.

## **In a pickle**

## **In a jam**

## **In a fix**

- These all mean "in trouble" or "in a difficult situation."

## **In one ear and out the other**

- This means that you forget something as soon as you hear it.

## **In the driver's seat**

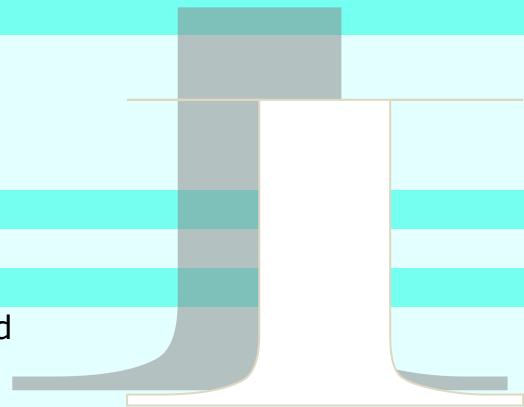
- in charge of a situation

## **In the short run**

- in the immediate future; in the short-term

## **In the long run**

- in the distant future; eventually; in the end



## **(You're) in over your head**

- If someone is "in over his/her head," this means that they have a problem or situation that is too difficult or complicated for them to deal with or solve.

## **It ain't over 'til the fat lady sings**

- You cannot be sure about the result (of a game or situation) until it has officially finished. (This comes from opera, in which a "fat lady" often sings at the very end of the opera.)

## Give Advice with Idioms!

*Using the idioms on the previous page, give advice to these people:*

**Iris:** I have to finish 5 essays in the next hour! There's no way I can do this alone!

**Advice:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Innis:** My clothing company makes a lot of money, but I'm thinking that maybe I will start selling furniture instead.

**Advice:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ian:** Oh no! The Yankees just hit a home run! Now the Red Sox will never win!

**Advice:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Now, fill in the blanks with suitable idioms:*

Ida is \_\_\_\_\_ and she doesn't know what she should do. She has to choose a major in college this week, but she just can't decide. \_\_\_\_\_, she just wants to have fun and study something interesting, but \_\_\_\_\_, she wants to be successful and make a lot of money. Her mother tried to give her advice, but Ida ignored it; her mother's advice went \_\_\_\_\_. Ida knows that she is \_\_\_\_\_ and she must make the decision by herself. Luckily, Ida is a very smart girl, so she is not in over her head.