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Новизна подхода заключается в том, что вместо описательного перевода английских фразеологических сочетаний читателю предлагается их образный эквивалент в русском языке.

Словарь рассчитан на широкий круг людей, изучающих английский язык.

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# Foreword Предисловие

Идиоматика — неотъемлемая часть любого языка. Она широко употребляется в устной речи, газетных статьях, художественной литературе, делая язык изложения более ярким и красочным. Нередко идиомы встречаются в названиях песен и кинофильмов. Без знания идиом невозможно понять юмор, так как именно в шутках и анекдотах часто обыгрывается многозначность идиоматических выражений.

Авторы взяли на себя смелость отойти от традиционного описательного перевода идиом и попытались найти в русском языке соответствующий образный эквивалент.

Этот принцип **впервые** распространяется и на фразовые глаголы, что значительно облегчает их запоминание и дальнейшее употребление.

Желание объединить под одной обложкой идиомы и фразовые глаголы не случайно. И те, и другие фразеологизмы представляют собой неразложимые сочетания, не поддающиеся буквальному переводу. Особое внимание и интерес к фразовым глаголам продиктован жизнью. Изучающие английский язык со временем осознают трудность понимания фразовых глаголов при чтении и устном общении с носителями языка и другими иностранцами. К сожалению, этому разделу английской лексики уделяется недостаточно внимания, что следует рассматривать как пробел в отечественной методике преподавания. В определенной степени эта книга направлена на то, чтобы заполнить эту нишу. Словарь не претендует на роль пособия по развитию навыков устной речи, но образный подход к передаче фразовых глаголов может помочь овладению этим трудным разделом английского языка.

Следует отметить, что в попытке найти образное соответствие отобранным глагольным сочетаниям — для облегчения их восприятия читателем — авторы нередко оказывались в затруднительном положении, так как некоторые значения распространенных фразовых глаголов лишены образной окраски. Критерием отбора значений фразовых глаголов стал формат экзаменов, предлагаемых Британским Советом\*\*, поэтому некоторые значения даны описательным переводом.

<sup>\*</sup> raise Cain – поднять шум, устроить скандал; – воспитать Каина

<sup>\*\*</sup> First Cambridge Certificate; Advanced Cambridge Examination

Идиоматика (особенно неразложимые глагольные сочетания) отличается многозначностью. В столь небольшом издании не ставилась задача отразить все значения того или иного фразеологизма. Основной принцип, который выдерживается в данном словаре, – подбор образного фразеологического соответствия. Авторы надеются, что красочность русской фразеологии поможет читателю лучше усвоить и запомнить сложные лексические единицы английского языка – идиомы и фразовые глаголы.

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# Labels and Abbreviations Условные обозначения и сокращения

adjective adi adv adverb affect affectionately American Am attributive attr bibl biblical derog derogatory esp especially facet facetiously fia figuratively folk folksy form formal French Fr humor humorously imper imperative inf informal Lat Latin lit literary noun

old-fash old-fashioned

slslangsmbsomebodysmthsomethingusuusuallyvverb

**к-л** кто-либо, кого-либо, кому-либо ч-л что-либо. чего-либо. чему-либо

# IDIOMS AND COLOURFUL WORDS

#### A

#### a back-handed compliment

сомнительный комплимент ☐ He said he liked me a lot better than the last time he met me, which I thought was rather a back-handed compliment.

#### a backwater

«болото» □ Our town is a cultural backwater.

#### a bad patch

полоса невезения ☐ He went through a very bad patch last year: he lost his job and his wife left him for another man.

#### a bag of bones (inf)

кожа да кости □ All the plumpness she'd acquired in middle age had gone. She was a bag of bones.

#### a bag/bundle of nerves

комок нервов ☐ Monica cannot work under pressure – she's just a bag/bundle of nerves.

#### a baker's dozen

чертова дюжина □ "How many of the jelly doughnuts, Sir?" the salesclerk asked. "Oh, make it a baker's dozen."

#### a ball and chain

путы; оковы  $\square$  Our national debt is an economic ball and chain dragging us down, keeping longer-term interest rates high.

#### a ball of fire (inf)

сгусток энергии □ Sally is a real ball of fire — she works late every night.

#### a baptism of/by fire

боевое крещение ☐ I was given a million-dollar project to manage in my first month. It was a real baptism of fire. ☐ Can you remember your first day in the classroom, Pat? — Yes, I had to teach maths to a class of 30 very difficult sixteen-year-olds. It was a baptism of fire. I can tell.

#### a bash

тусовка □ They would like to attend the NewYear's Eve bash in Times Square. □ We were invited to the big bash for Marjory Strider's opening.

#### a bear garden

базар (шумное сборище)  $\square$  *This* office is a bear garden when the boss is away.

#### a bed of roses

райская жизнь; не жизнь, а малина; не жизнь, а масленица  $\square$  Being the mayor of a small town is a bed of roses compared with being mayor of New York.

#### a bee in one's bonnet

пунктик; причуда; идея фикс □ She has a bee in her bonnet about going to America. □ Bill's got a bee in his bonnet about burglars; he's always imagining strange noises.

# a big cheese/shot (Am inf) важная птица; большая шишка □ Today we're being visited by some big shots from the head of-fice. □ She loved being the big cheese of her company.

#### a big fish

большая шишка; важная птица □ He works in the Ministry of Defence, and I think he's quite a big fish.

#### a bird/pea-brain

куриные мозги □ She is a birdbrain

#### a bird of passage (fig)

перелетная птица ☐ Most of these emigrants were birds of passage who returned to Spain after a relatively short stay.

#### a bird's eye view

вид с высоты птичьего полета □ We had a bird's eye view of the old town from the top of the city walls.

#### a blabbermouth

трепло; болтун □ *Tom's a blab-*

bermouth, so don't tell him anything about your love life!

#### a black Maria

черный ворон; воронок; «Маруся» □ The bank robber was collared by the police and taken away in a black Maria.

#### a blind alley

тупиковый вариант □ Tom thinks the job of motor mechanic is a blind alley, as in ten years' time all cars may be electronic and computer-driven!

#### a blind date

свидание вслепую (встреча, организованная друзьями для незнакомых людей)  $\square$  A blind date can be a huge success, or a big disappointment.

#### a block (inf)

башка  $\Box$  I bumped my block against the beam.

#### a blow-out (inf)

пирушка; кутеж □ *Have a blow-out on your birthday!* 

#### a blue movie

порнуха (порнофильм)  $\square$  *Blue movies should be shown late at night.* 

#### a blue-eyed boy/girl (derog)

любимчик (начальства) ☐ Paula thinks she can do what she likes, just because she's the blue-eyed qirl of the boss.

#### a bolt from the blue

гром среди ясного неба □ *His* 

resignation	was	а	bolt	from	the
blue.					

#### a bone of contention

камень преткновения (спорный/ трудный вопрос); яблоко раздора □ We've fought for so long that we've forgotten what the bone of contention is.

#### a boozer

алкаш  $\square$  I used to be a boozer for years during the war.

#### a bottleneck

узкое место (проблема) □ The strike has created a bottleneck in the assembly department.

#### a brain like a sieve

память как решето □ He lost the key to his Ferrari but admitted that his brain was like a sieve.

#### a brainwave

блестящая идея □ While in the bath, Archimedes had a brainwave for calculating the volume of irregular-shaped solids.

#### a brat (derog)

щенок; сопляк; выродок  $\square$  *Mrs Estrupp's children are all brats.* 

#### a bread heel

горбушка хлеба □ She saves bread heels for the birds.

#### a breath of fresh air

глоток свежего воздуха □ After all the criticism, his positive comments came as a breath of fresh air.

## a bright spark (esp about children, pupils)

светлая голова; умница ☐ At school I wasn't one of the bright sparks that went on to higher education.

#### a bug

(inf)

жучок (подслушивающее устройство) □ Specialists were called in to clean the Embassy of bugs.

#### a buildup

«раскрутка» (реклама) □ *The* new television series was given a terrific buildup by the popular press.

#### a burning issue

злоба дня ☐ Entry or non-entry into the European Common Market was one of the burning issues in British politics in the early 1970s.

#### a busybody

кумушка, сплетница; совать нос; лезть в чужие дела 

— Don't be a busybody! It's none of your business. 

— Mr Heath said that Britain should not be an interfering busybody.

#### a can of worms (inf)

ящик Пандоры (источник бед/ несчастий) □ Once you start making concessions to individual members of staff, you really open up a can of worms.

#### a carbon copy

точная копия  $\square$  He's a carbon copy of his father.

#### a cash cow

«дойная корова» □ I guess we

need a cash cow to start the business. 

Milking the cash cow is much easier than setting up a new business.

#### a catch 22 (Am sl)

заколдованный круг ☐ Homeless people often find themselves in a catch-22 situation: they can't afford lodgings, and employers won't hire them without a fixed abode.

#### a chain smoker

заядлый курильщик  $\square$  *Mr Jones is a chain smoker.* 

#### a charmed life

Бог бережет (от опасной ситуации) ☐ He was in two airplane accidents, but he had a charmed life.

#### a cheapskate

крохобор; скряга; мелкая душонка □ *I'm having nothing to do* with a cheapskate like him!

#### a cheeky monkey

наглая тварь □ You're a cheeky monkey!

#### a close call/shave

на волосок (от несчастья); чудом спастись/избежать ч-л ☐ That was a close call! That van came speeding round the corner and didn't see me crossing the road! ☐ He's never had an accident but he's had several close shaves.

#### a con-man/conman

кидала; проходимец; жулик □ He's a bit of a conman, I'd have nothing to do with him if I were you! □ I suspect my business partner

is a con-man, so I want to stop dealing with him.

#### a copy-cat

«обезьяна» □ Billy is such a copycat. He bought a coat just like mine.

## a couch potato/a couchpotato (inf)

фанат «ящика»; телеман (смотреть телевизор, жуя и лежа на диване) 

Jane was in danger of turning into a couch potato when she was resting at home after her operation. 

Poor Ted has become such a couchpotato that we can't persuade him to do anything.

#### a country bumpkin (inf)

деревенщина — People who live in large cities often consider those who live in rural villages as unsophisticated and as 'country bumpkins'.

#### a crock (humor)

колымага; драндулет (об автомобиле) □ Do you think this old crock will keep going for the entire journey?

#### a cry-baby (inf)

нюня; плакса; рева; глаза на мокром месте □ Don't be such a cry-baby — I hardly touched you.

#### a crying need

острая необходимость/нужда □ There is a crying need for more hospitals.

#### a cushy job/life/number

теплое местечко; непыльная работа ☐ You don't know of any cushy jobs in the Public Health Department, do you?

#### a cut above

на голову выше  $\Box$  He's a cut above the average engineer.

#### a cut-throat price

бросовая цена ☐ The poster on the window read: 45% reduction on all refrigerators, washing machines and vacuum cleaners. Many other household appliances at cut-throat prices.

#### a dab hand

дока; спец; мастак (знаток своего дела) □ He's a dab hand at carpentry. □ She was an avid reader and a dab hand at solving difficult crossword puzzles.

#### a damp squib

провал; неудача; полное разочарование □ Our first meeting to gather support for our ideas was rather a damp squib — only four people attended. □ Those pictures we were promised turned out to be a damp squib — I thought they would be much more exciting.

#### a dark horse

темная лошадка □ We knew how three of the four competitors would perform, but the fourth was a dark horse.

#### a dead duck

дохлый номер □ *l'm afraid the African project is a dead duck – we can't afford it.* 

#### a deadhead

зануда  $\square$  You'll never get John to tell a joke – he's a deadhead.

#### a dig (inf)

шпилька; камешек в чей-то огород □ The politician's speech was full of sly digs at the Monarchy. □ The last remark was a dig at me.

#### a dime a dozen

навалом; полным-полно ☐ *Mr* Jones gives A's to only one or two students, but in Mr Smith's class, A's are a dime a dozen.

#### a dime-dropper

(Am sl)

стукач  $\Box$  I think she's the dimedropper who caused the roust.

#### a dirt road

проселочная дорога (немощеная) 

Their simple homes are often miles apart along dusty dirt roads.

#### a dog in the manger

собака на сене □ Don't be such a dog in the manger — you didn't want to play that record until I asked to borrow it from you!

#### a do-gooder

доброхот 

The local vicar and his wife spent much of their time involved in charity work but were regarded by many in the town as interfering do-gooders.

#### a domino effect (Am)

принцип «домино» (цепная реакция) ☐ Young couples can't afford even the small houses, so the people in those houses can't move on to the bigger houses. It's the domino effect.

#### a doss house

ночлежка 

The tramps spend

(sl)

the night in a doss house run by the Salvation Army.

#### a double-crosser/dealer

предатель; двуличный человек □ Following the arrest, the underground resistance began to suspect that one of their own members had been a double-crosser.

#### a doubting Thomas

Фома неверующий □ And I didn't believe in those flying saucers till I saw one with my own eyes. – You're a bit of a doubting Thomas, what?

#### a down and out/down-and-out

бездомный; бомж; клошар ☐ The banks of the Seine in Paris used to be a favourite sleeping spot for down-and-outs. ☐ I just assumed he was a down and out, begging on the street corner.

#### a dressing down (Am)

разнос; выволочка ☐ His boss gave him a dressing down for being late so often.

#### a drifter

перекати-поле ☐ Don't think of employing him, he's an out-and-out drifter and you'll soon be looking for someone else.

#### a drop in the bucket/ocean

капля в море  $\square$  The work we can do in this area is, of course, just a drop in the bucket/ocean.

#### a dry/dummy run

обкатка; прогон (пробное испытание) ☐ The organizers of the procession made a dry run the week

before to ensure that all would go smoothly on the day. 

Before putting the new magazine into circulation, we did dummy runs of two editions.

#### a dump

дыра; захолустье  $\Box$  *The town is not worth a visit, it's a dump.* 

#### a fair-haired boy (Am)

любимчик (начальства) □ Okay, okay. I won't do anything to hurt your fair-haired boy. And business is business. We'll work together as we always have.

#### a fall guy (Am)

козел отпущения 

When the Savings and Loan Bank failed, due to embezzlement, the vice-president had to be the fall guy, saving the necks of the owners.

#### a far cry from

как небо и земля (отличаться); диаметральная противоположность  $\Box$  This job is a far cry from the last one I had.

#### a fare-dodger/fare dodger

заяц (безбилетный пассажир) □ With the ticket prices rising what can you do about fare dodgers?

#### a fat cat (Am sl)

денежный мешок □ Breitenfeld is a fat cat who lives in Beverly Hills.

#### a fifth/third wheel (Am)

пятое колесо в телеге; пятая спица в колеснице; сбоку припе-

ка 🗆 I don't have a role in the of-
fice any more - I feel like a fifth
wheel.

#### a fish out of water

не в своей тарелке □ The middleaged woman felt like a fish out of water at her daughter's party.

#### a flash in the pan

однодневка (об успехе, новости) □ Tom had hoped to be a singer, but his career was only a flash in the pan.

#### a flip-flop (Am)

поворот на 180° (резко изменить мнение, решение) □ Without a warning, the government did a flipflop on taxation. □ We expected Dad to do a flip-flop concerning our vacation plans.

#### a flop house

ночлежка  $\square$  The tramps spend the night in a flop house run by the Salvation Army.

#### a fly-by-night company

шарашкина контора (компанияоднодневка) □ It turned out to be a fly-by-night company and its manager went away without paying his debts.

#### a fly in the ointment

ложка дегтя в бочке меда  $\square$  I enjoy my job — the fly in the ointment is that I start early in the morning.

#### a flying carpet

ковер-самолет □ Mr Smith's new car drove so smoothly that it seemed like a flying carpet.

#### a fool through and through

круглый дурак; дурак набитый □ Emlyn is a fool, through and through.

#### a fool's paradise

призрачный мир; счастливое неведение ☐ James is living in a fool's paradise if he thinks things are always going to be this good.

#### a frame of mind

расположение духа □ Whether or not you enjoy the film may depend on your frame of mind.

#### a free hand

карт-бланш (свобода действий)

☐ He gave her a free hand with the servants.

#### a freeloader/free-loader

халявщик; иждивенец □ We want no free loaders in this house, so go out and earn your keep like everyone else!

# a friend at court/in high places (Am)

высокий покровитель; влиятельный друг; своя рука □ Of course she has a friend at court—her husband is the sales manager of the firm. □ He has plenty of friends in high places willing to support his political career.

#### a frosty reception

ледяной/холодный прием □ So, you've met Brian's parents at last! How did you get on? — Well, her mother gave me a fairly frosty reception at first, but I think she warmed to me.

a fruit cake псих; шизик □ Many leading spe- cialists were thought to be fruit cakes when they revealed their inventions.	such a good Samaritan. He used to go shopping for my gran when she was ill.
a fuddy-duddy старомодный/старорежимный человек; «ископаемое» □ My parents are fuddy-duddies.	а good trencherman хороший едок; есть за двоих; не страдать отсутствием аппетита □ Your wife is a good trencherman.
a fudge туфта; «стряпня» □ The report of	a goody-goody паинька □ Sandra's a real goody- goody — always doing extra home-
the committee investigating the use of torture by police was declared a	work and arriving early to lessons.
fudge by civil rights groups.	a grain of truth
	крупица правды 🗆 <i>There's а</i>
a funny farm (humor)	grain of truth in what he says but
дурдом (сумасшедший дом) 🗆	it's greatly exaggerated.
If things get much worse, they'll be	
carrying me off to the funny farm.	a grand (inf)
	штука; тонна; косяк (тысяча фун-
a globe-trotter/globetrotter	тов стерлингов или долларов)
лягушка-путешественница (бы-	That still leaves you with fifty grand.
валый путешественник) 🗆 Не	
used to be a globetrotter, but since	a grass widow (humor)
getting married he can't afford to travel so much.	соломенная вдова ☐ I'm a grass widow at the moment – my husband is playing cricket in Australia.
a godsend	is praying energy in reasonand.
подарок судьбы   The extra	a greasy spoon (inf)
twenty dollars a week was a	забегаловка; захудалый ресто-
godsend.	ран/кафе □ <i>There's a greasy spoon</i>
	on the corner of this street where
a goggle box (Am inf) «ящик»; телек; телевик □ What's	he usually has breakfast.
on a goggle box tonight?	a green-horn/greenhorn желторотый птенец (неопытный,
a gold mine/gold-mine	молодой) 🗆 Isobel was only six-
золотая жила; золотое дно 🗆	teen and still a greenhorn when she
That clothes shop is an absolute gold-mine.	arrived in San Francisco.
	a groaning board
a good Samaritan (bibl)	стол ломится от яств 🗆 Оп
добрый самаритянин □ <i>He's</i>	church holidays and other celebra-

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