

Building Idioms

Meaning Cards



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On the House

Meaning: For free.

Examples: The drinks are on the house.

I'm sorry you've had to wait so long for your food. We'll make sure your meal is on the house.



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To Go through the Roof

Meaning: 1) To be very angry. 2) Prices to become very high.

Examples: Dad will go through the roof when he sees the broken TV!

The price of coffee is really going through the roof.



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Make Yourself at Home

Meaning: To make yourself comfortable.

Examples: Please make yourself at home.

Please help yourself to anything you need; just make yourself at home.



Run of the Mill

Meaning: Ordinary; average.

Examples: That show was nothing special, pretty run of the mill really. I've no idea why it costs so much!

These cookies were really expensive but they taste average. They're run of the mill, I'd say.



In the Dog House

Meaning: To be in trouble or disfavour.

Examples: Ryan's in the doghouse after forgetting Sarah's birthday.

Kim's in the doghouse again after losing her keys.



Climbing the Walls

Meaning: To have strong unpleasant feelings. e.g. climbing the walls with anger / frustration / boredom.

Examples: Joe is climbing the walls in the new job, he really doesn't like it and finds it boring.

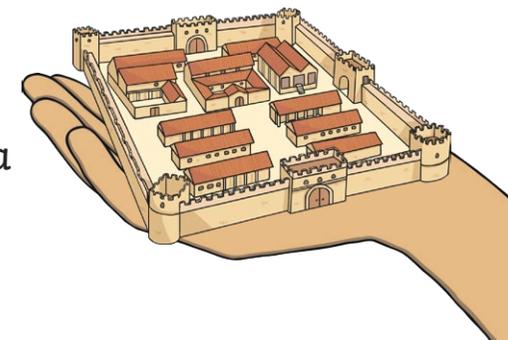
I was practically climbing the walls with boredom earlier after being in all day.



To Hold the Fort

Meaning: Take care of a place, while the person usually in charge is away.

Example: "Charlie can you hold the fort this afternoon? I Have a doctor's appointment." asked Aliyah.



Hit the Roof/Ceiling

Meaning: To become very angry.

Examples: Mel will hit the ceiling when she sees the scratch on her car.

Dad will hit the roof when he sees the mess in the kitchen.



Close to Home

Meaning: Affecting one personally.

Examples: Those remarks about copying in assembly hit Ruth close to home.

Her remarks were a bit close to home, I took them personally.



Bringing the House Down

Meaning: To entertain people so well that they laugh or clap for a long time.

Examples: The new show really brought the house down.

The new clown has brought the house down every night!

