

## Idioms | Lesson 01

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### Example Dialogue

**Sheena** : I've got ants in my pants - I can't wait to start my experiment.

**Inna** : Is that interview held behind closed doors?

**Sheena** : Yes. I am in two minds if I should go or not.

**Inna** : I know you can deliver the goods. I trust you.

**Sheena** : You never fail to go the extra mile to boost my ego.

**Inna** : I just really believe you can do it.

**Sheena** : Thanks, Inna! I appreciate that.



*Try to figure out the meaning of these idioms.*

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### Example Passage

Sheena was going to have her first time interview, since this was her first interview held behind closed door. She thought she would be having ants in her pants, so she was in two minds if she should go or not. Inna trusted her and believed that she would be able to deliver the goods. Sheena appreciated and thanked her friend for not failing to go the extra mile to boost her self-assurance.



*Again, try to figure out the meaning of these idioms.*

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**Definitions**

**ants in one's pants** | to be very excited or worried about something

Sally got **ants in her pants** because it was her first appearance on TV.

The young boy is having **ants in his pants** in front of the interviewer.

**behind closed doors** | in secret; away from observers, reporters, or intruders

Lisa and Noel are talking **behind closed doors** about the management.

Every important issue was decided **behind closed doors**.

**go the extra mile** | to put more effort than required to ensure success

You can always **go that extra mile**. You are brilliant.

He **went the extra mile** to perform his presentation well.

**deliver the goods** | to do what someone hopes you will do

Let's replace Tony as the vocalist. He can't **deliver the goods** this time.

The team's new player has failed **to deliver the goods**.

**in two minds** | to be unable to decide about something

I am **in two minds** whether or not to purchase this dress.

She was **in two minds** about going abroad.

*Make sure you can understand the meaning of these idioms.*

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### Practice

Fill in the blanks with the correct **idioms** (in the correct form) to complete the dialogue.

- 1 | He is still inexperienced, so I don't think he can \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 | Riri is better than Tom. She can always \_\_\_\_\_ unlike Tom.
- 3 | If you're \_\_\_\_\_, do not go to the party.
- 4 | Non-authorized personnel are not allowed to go inside. The meeting will take place \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 | I got \_\_\_\_\_ when I had to meet the president.
- 6 | Sheila \_\_\_\_\_ to buy a special gift for his birthday last month.
- 7 | You can \_\_\_\_\_ if you study well.
- 8 | The management decided to kick her out of the company \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 | I got \_\_\_\_\_ when I saw my crush the other day.
- 10 | You better work harder so that you can \_\_\_\_\_.



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 Exercise

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(Taka and Keisuke are talking about Keisuke's first meeting with his crush.)

**Taka** : You are going to ask her out, right?

**Keisuke** : Yes, but I have \_\_\_\_\_. I am shy.

**Taka** : Come on! You are always good, Keisuke! You just need to \_\_\_\_\_ to approach her.

**Keisuke** : She might run away. She might think that I am desperate.

**Taka** : Don't think that way, Keisuke. You can always \_\_\_\_\_ when it comes to ladies!

**Keisuke** : Are you sure? She might also be \_\_\_\_\_, and her parents would oppose it if they knew about our meeting.

**Taka** : Of course I am! Well, why don't you meet her \_\_\_\_\_? You will have privacy.

**Keisuke** : Well, that's a great idea! Thank you Taka!



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