

## IDIOMS FOR IELTS

### Break the ice:

\*Example: "To break the ice, let me share a personal experience related to this topic."

### Cost an arm and a leg:

\*Example: "Some people believe that studying abroad can cost an arm and a leg, but in my opinion, the benefits outweigh the expenses."

### Hit the nail on the head:

\*Example: "I think the speaker in the lecture really hit the nail on the head when discussing the impact of technology on education."

### Bite the bullet:

\*Example: "Sometimes, to achieve our goals, we need to bite the bullet and face challenges head-on."

### A piece of cake:

\*Example: "For me, learning a new language is a piece of cake because I find it fascinating and enjoyable."

### Spill the beans:

\*Example: "I won't spill the beans about the surprise, but I can assure you it's something exciting."

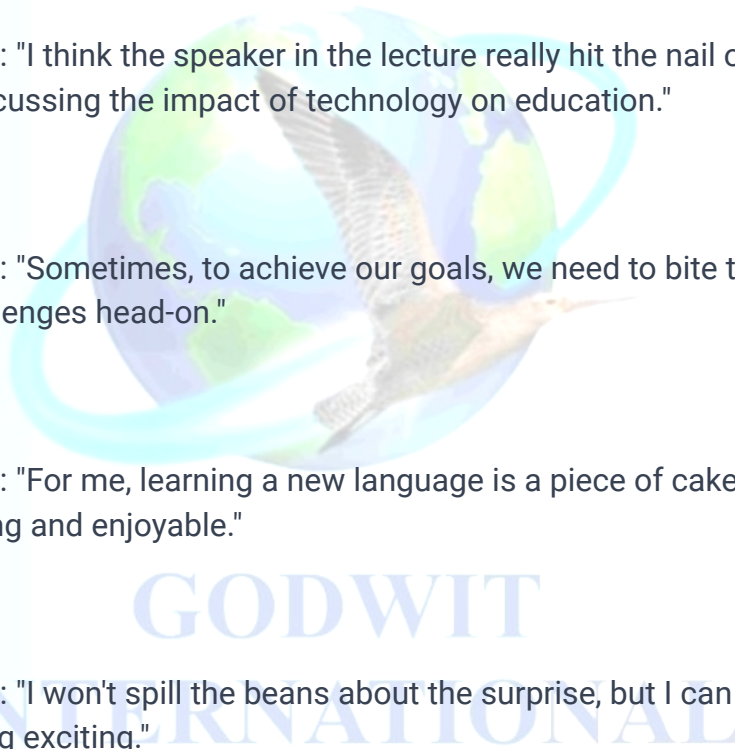
### Jump on the bandwagon:

\*Example: "Many people are jumping on the bandwagon of sustainable living to contribute to environmental conservation."

### Turn a blind eye:

\*Example: "Some governments may turn a blind eye to certain social issues, which can lead to long-term consequences."

### Burn the midnight oil:



\*Example: "During exam periods, students often burn the midnight oil to ensure they are well-prepared."

**A piece of cake:**

\*Example: "Completing this project was a piece of cake for me since I had prior experience in a similar field."

**Cutting corners:**

\*Example: "It's essential to follow ethical practices in business rather than cutting corners to achieve short-term success."

**Throw in the towel:**

\*Example: "Even when faced with challenges, it's important not to throw in the towel but rather find solutions."

**Bite off more than you can chew:**

\*Example: "Sometimes, students bite off more than they can chew by taking on too many extracurricular activities alongside their studies."

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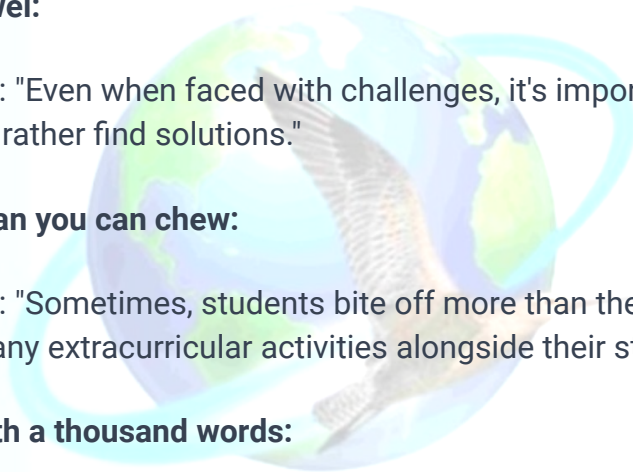
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### **The elephant in the room:**

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### **Raining cats and dogs:**

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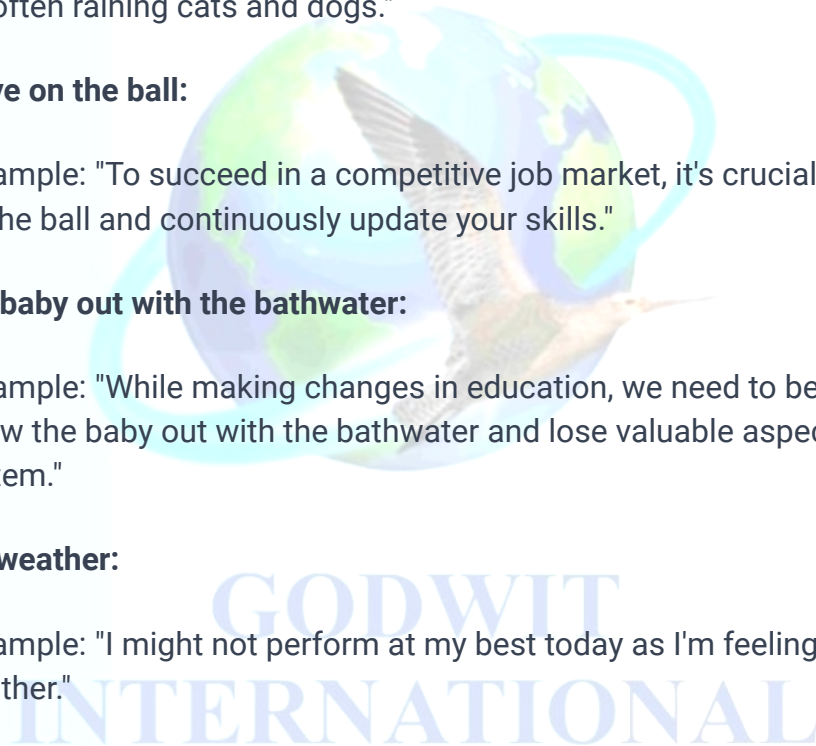
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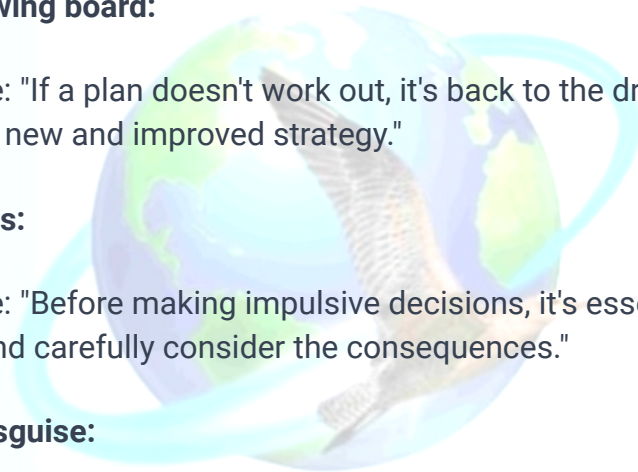
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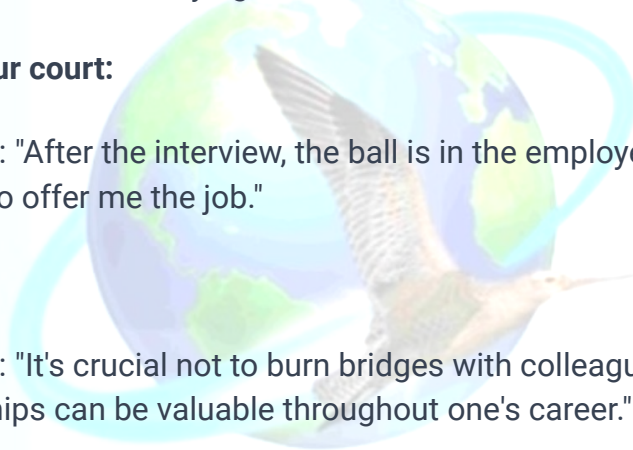
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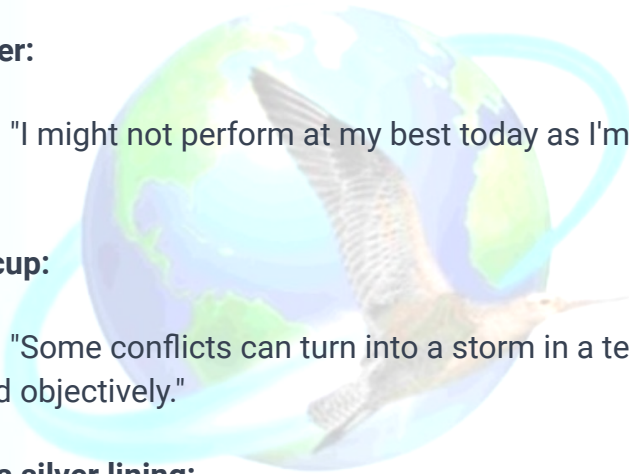
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