

# 17 Idioms Commonly Used by Canadians

Pro tip: Use idioms to obtain a high score in your CELPIP test

## To fight a losing battle

When someone is fighting a losing battle, it means they are trying to do something even when they think there's a little chance of succeeding.

## To give someone a cold shoulder

If you are giving someone a cold shoulder, it means you are ignoring him or her.

## To give someone the run-around

When someone is giving you a run-around, it means the person is giving you a confusing information or evasive answers.

## Fresh as a daisy

It means, someone appears to be looking energetic and lively

## A small fry

When you are deemed as a small fry, it means they look at you as an unimportant person.

## Call it a day

Time to quit or finish.

## Out of the blue

It means something came out with no warning.

## Second to none

It's the best.

**Hold your horses**

It means, wait a minute.

**Get cold feet**

Don't get cold feet. It means, don't be nervous.

**To break wind or pass gas**

It means to fart.

**Fish out of water**

When someone feels like a fish out of water, it means he/she is feeling uncomfortable in unfamiliar surroundings.

**Over the moon**

It means feeling extremely happy, delighted

**It's not rocket science**

It's not complicated.

**Under the weather**

Feeling sick or unwell.

**On the ball**

When someone is on the ball, it means he/she is doing a good job.

**Miss the boat**

It means, it's too late.