

小锐学英语《口语精华整理：10句最加分的习语》

10 Idioms for IELTS Band 9

1) To put all your eggs in one basket (孤注一掷, 在一棵树上吊死)



我们经常听说“don't put all your eggs in one basket”，这个至理名言的意思是不要孤注一掷，不要把一切希望寄托在一件事上。我们在描述自己的人生选择时也可以用起来。

考官: “What's your plan after graduation?”

我: “I'd like to enroll in a master program in the United States and I'm currently applying for five universities.”

考官: “Why five?”

我: “Because I don't want to **put all my eggs in one basket**. I'll definitely have better chances of getting at least one offer.”



2) The best of both worlds (两全其美, 各取所长)

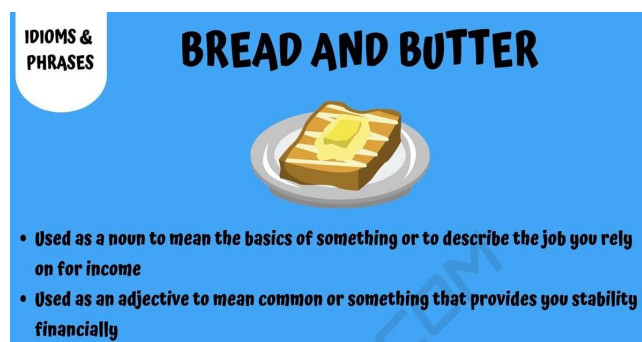


当我们想要表达在某种情况下, 我们能同时享受两种很不一样的事物带来的好处时, 可以用到这个 idiom。

考官: “Why do you want to go study abroad?”

我: “The main reason that urges me to go study abroad is that I’d like to **experience the best of both worlds**. I’d love to compare the differences in western and Eastern cuisine, different ways of learning, and diverse lifestyles. In this way, I get to see **the best of both worlds**.”

3) Bread and butter (谋生之道, 主要收入来源)



面包和黄油是西方人经常吃的东西, 连在一起就是主要收入来源。当我们在聊自己的工作这么插一句, 听起来是非常地道加分的。

考官: “Do you like your job? Why did you choose that job?”

我: “Absolutely, I love my job. It’s a perfect fit of my educational background and my talents. Plus, it’s my **bread and butter**.”



4) Give somebody food for thought (引人深思的)



我们在描述自己喜欢的事物时可以用到这个表达，特别是任何需要深度思考的话题，我们可以解释我喜欢它的原因是它能引起我深思，是个非常百用的表达。

考官: "What's your favorite book?"

我: "My favorite book at the moment is Educated which **gave me food for thought** on the significance of education."

考官: "What do you think makes a good painting?"

我: "I think a good painting needs to **give people food for thought**, to begin with."

考官: "What kind of advertisements do you like the most?"

我: "I normally switch channels when I run into advertisement on TV. But once in a while, some ads succeeded in grabbing my attention which have a message behind, and somehow **gave me food for thought**. An excellent example is the likeagirl ad campaign. It challenged the conventional idea that playing sports like a girl is a bad thing. The message was so inspiring that it encouraged girls around the world to feel more confident and positive."



5) Not my cup of tea (不合我胃口, 非我所爱)



这个 idiom 可以用于任何一个你不喜欢的东西, 是日常生活中英美人士都超爱用的。

考官: “Do you like pets?”

我: “Keeping a pet is **not my cup of tea**. It's not that I don't like animals, it's just that I don't have the energy or the space to take care of one.”

考官: “How do you find rock music?”

我: “Rock music is **not my cup of tea**, but I'm a huge fan of classical music, such as pieces composed by Yann Tiersen. They are just more comforting and soothing to me.”

6) Once in a blue moon (少有的, 罕见的)



当我们讲到不喜欢什么东西时, 可以用这个有点夸张但很常见的习惯用语。你们什么时候见过蓝色的月亮? 所以这个 idiom 就是想说很少有的时候。

考官: “What's your favorite sport?”

我: “Actually I'm not very athletic. **Once in a blue moon**, I would go out hiking with my friends for a little bit. But most of the time, I lead an extremely sedentary lifestyle. Frankly speaking, I do want to make a change and pick up a sport, like cycling. It's definitely healthier to stretch out a bit and enjoy some fresh air outdoor.”



7) A drop in the ocean (沧海一粟、九牛一毛)



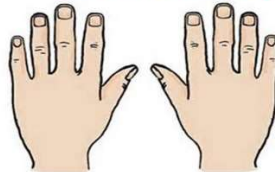
当我们想要评论什么事情影响很小，什么东西不起作用时可以完美运用到这个表达。

考官: "How can people protect the environment?"

我: "I think people can adopt a healthier lifestyle to protect the environment, such as not using plastic bags when going grocery shopping. I know some people would criticize and say that it's just **a drop in the ocean**, and can hardly make any difference. But I do think it's small things like this that would make a difference in the long run."

8) Know something like the back of my hand (对什么东西了如指掌)

To know sth like the back of your hand



MEANING:

To know sth very well

EXAMPLE:

*I grew up here. I know the place **like the back of my hand!***

当我们在考场上碰到一个自己不太了解的话题，或者很棘手的问题时，可以用这个长长的表达来为自己争取一两秒钟的思考时间，又地道又好用。

考官: "Tell me a piece of artwork that you like."

我: "Honestly, I don't **know art like the back of my hand**, but I guess I can the Starry Night by Vincent van Gogh is my favourite piece of artwork."



9) Off the top of my head (不假思索地)



The top of one's head 就是一个人的头顶。Off the top of one's head 就是想说: 我们对某件事情没有准确的信息, 但是凭借我的记忆或猜测可以这么给出意见。同样可用于为自己争取一点思考时间。

考官: "What's your favorite movie?"

我: "I watch movies of different genres all the time, like comedy, science fiction and chick flicks. **Off the top of my head**, I would say the Star War series is one of my favorites."

10) Make a long story short (长话短说)



雅思口语考试第二部分需要我们自言自语 2 分钟回答一个问题, 当我们把想说的说完以后, 可以这么自然的收尾:

我: "**To make a long story short**, the Strasbourg Cathedral is my favourite piece of architecture."

***注意:** 这些 idioms 非常的 informal, 适合用于英语考试口语部分, 不适合用于写作, 写作的表达需要更正式一些。