

10 Common Idiomatic Expressions in Business

1. **Green light** - To have the go ahead/permission to start something.
2. **Hands are tied** - To not have the authority to do that/answer that.
3. **No-brainer** - It is the obvious way forward.
4. **Shoot something down** - To disappoint the expectations of someone/to challenge the validity of an idea. (Similar - to pick something apart)
5. **The elephant in the room** - The problem or challenge that everyone is both aware of but avoids talking about.
6. **An uphill battle** - It is a struggle/very difficult to complete something. It is not plain sailing!
7. **Rock the boat** - To say or do something that challenges established norms/upsets people. (Similar idioms - Ruffle a few feathers, step on a few toes).
8. **Flavour of the month** - When something is temporarily fashionable/popular. Note this can be used critically.
9. **Fire fighter** - Someone who is skilled and/or focused on solving problem.
10. **Bottleneck** - When a process, decision or team activity is blocked. This can cause delays, incur additional costs.