

# Idiomatic expressions



In the BBC One series *Secrets and Words*, Sam works as a builder but goes back to college to become a teacher. In the first scene he has an interview for teaching job. As he expresses his passion for his subject he uses more informal language and idiomatic expressions and wins over the interviewers.

**Activity:** Match these idioms to their meanings.

Idiom
Actions speak louder than words.
Add fuel to the fire.
Hold your horses.
Break a leg.
It costs an arm and a leg.
Against the clock
We're all in the same boat.
To get a taste of your own medicine
To tie the knot

Meaning
We are all facing the same challenges.
Be patient.
A superstitious way to say 'good luck' without saying 'good luck', but rather the opposite.
Rushed and short on time
It is very expensive.
To get married.
When you are mistreated the same way you mistreat others.
It's better to actually do something than just talk about it.
Whenever something is done to make a bad situation even worse than it is.