**SEA AND OCEAN IDIOMS**

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**Learn and review these 13 common idioms with words related to the sea, ocean, sea life and sailing.**

**Idiom**

**Definition**

**Big fish in a small pond**

If you are a **big fish in a small pond**, you are an important person only in a small area or organisation.



*Mike thinks he is important because of his high position in the company. But he’s really just a****big fish in a small pond.***

**Drink like a fish**

If you **drink like a fish**, you drink too much alcohol.



*Brian****drinks like a fish****when he goes out with his friends.*

**Like a fish out of water**

If you feel **like a fish out of water**, you are very uncomfortable in the situation you are in.



*Pamela felt like a****fish out of water****at the party. She did not feel comfortable at all.*

**A whale of a time**

If you are having **a whale of a time**, you are really enjoying yourself.



*We had a****whale of a time****at the party last night.*

**The world is your oyster.**

If you tell someone that the **world will be their oyster**, you say that all opportunities are open to them and they can get everything they want from life.



*When you graduate from university, the****world will be your oyster.***

**Keep something at bay**

Prevent something from harming you



*Exercise and a healthy diet can help****keep fat at bay****.*

**The coast is clear.**

No one is watching



*The****coast is clear****, you don't have to hide any more.*

**A drop in the ocean**

A very small part of what you really need



*A thousand dollars seems like a lot of money, but it's just****a drop in the ocean****. We need much more to start the business.*

**Plenty more fish in the sea**

If you say that there are **plenty more fish in the sea**, you tell someone that there are many other people or possibilities to be found. You usually say this to make somebody feel better.



*Don't worry, you will find another boyfriend soon. They're****plenty more fish in the sea****.*

**Plain sailing**

smooth and easy progress



*In the end, George managed to achieve his ambition. But it wasn't all****plain sailing****.*

**Rock the boat**

to do or say something that will upset people or cause trouble



*Everybody is happy with the decision. Try not to****rock the boat****.*

**Make waves**

to shock or upset people with something new or different



*She is trying to****make waves****on the fashion scene with her unusual taste in clothes.*

**Run a tight ship**

to control a business or other organization firmly and effectively



*The managers make sure that no penny is wasted. They****run a tight ship****.*

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