**Idioms Relating to house, furniture and fittings**

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| **darken somebody'sdoor** | **Just get out of here and never darken my door again!** |
| **the door swings both ways** | **."You never call me." "You don't contact me either. The door swings both ways you know!"** |
| **open doors to-from something** | **.A degree from a top university generally opens doors to major companies.** |
| **dead as a doornail** | **They've started fighting again, so the peace agreement is now as dead asa doornail.** |
| **hammer home** | **The police hammered home the dangers of drinking and driving.** |
| **fly off the handle** | **.Dad flew off the handle when I told him I had damaged his new car.** |
| **bring the housedown** | **If he sings like that on Saturday, he'll bring the house down.** |
| **on the house** | **.The new owner offered us a drink on the house.** |
| **put house in order** | **.You should put your house in order before telling me what to do!** |
| **under the knife** | **.I'm not worried about the anaesthetic.  I've been under the knife several times.** |
| **light bulb moment** | **.Harry had a light-bulb moment when he finally realized what was blocking the mechanism.** |
| **see in a new light** | **.After listening to my colleague, I began to see things in a new light.** |
| **big picture** | **.While each aspect is important, try not to forget the big picture.** |
| **picture of health** | **.Nice to see you again Mr. Brown.  I must say you look the picture of health!** |
| **a picture is worth a thousand words** | **.Look at the picture of the crash! A picture is worth a thousand words isn't it?** |
| **get the picture** | **.The alarm went off and people started running everywhere - you get the picture I'm sure!** |
| **put in the picture** | **Some changes were made during your absence.  Let me put you in the picture.** |
| **a lot on your plate** | **It's not a good time to discuss the problem with David.  He's got a lot on his plate at the moment.** |
| **want head on a platter** | **.He was so angry when he read the article about his family that he wanted the journalist's head on a platter.** |
| **pot calling kettle black** | **.After being disqualified for not obeying the rules, the player accused another competitor of cheating; it was the pot calling the kettle black!** |
| **raise the roof** | **The concert was such a success, the audience raised the roof.** |
| **sweep under the rug** | **.They tried unsuccessfully to sweep the scandal under the rug.** |
| **no strings attached** | **.I managed to get a loan with no strings attached.** |
| **put/lay one's cards on the table** | **Let's clean the air and put our cards on the table.** |
| **bang one's head against a brick wall** | **I've been banging my head against a brick wall trying to explain the internet to my grandmother!** |
| **like talking to a brick wall** | **I tried to discuss the problem with him but it was like talking to a brick wall.** |
| **writing on the wall** | **We all knew Larry was going to lose his job, but he refused to see the writing on the wall.** |
| **bounce off the walls** | **Danny can't wait to start his new job.  He's bouncing off the walls.** |
| **window on the world** | **.The internet has become a window on the world.** |
| **window shopping** | **I haven't been paid yet,  so I can only go window shopping.** |
| **go out the window** | **When the plant closed down, all hopes of finding a job went out the window.** |