

## SOME IDIOMS YOU NEED TO KNOW ... part 1

### ***OUT TO WIN !!!***

Kevin : I can make it. I'm out to win!

Ella : You'll make it Kevin. Just put your best foot forward in all you do.

Kevin : I certainly try. I know life has its ups and downs and hard times to get through, but it's important to make best of every situation.

Ella : That's right. And if a plan falls through, we have to try and try again.

Kevin : I don't give up, Ella, you know that. I'm determined to make out well.

Ella : Why not? Just be on your toes and keep your eyes open. There are opportunities everywhere. You only have to search out and take advantage of them whenever possible.

Kevin : Well, Ella, like you, I'm go-getter, so I'm sure to make it!

Ella : With your confidence and optimism, you will. You've already come a long way.

### *Definitions and your OWN sentences*

(match the definitions with the list provided below)

1. Out to win:

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2. To put one's best foot forward:

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3. Ups and downs:

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4. To make the best of:

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5. To fall through:

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6. To give up:

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7. On one's toes

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8. To keep one's eyes open:

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9. To search out:

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10. To take advantage:

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11. Go-getter:

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12. To come a long way:

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- Alert and prepared
- To progress substantially
- To use an opportunity favorably
- A hard-worker
- To stop trying
- To be attentive and alert

- Fluctuations
- Trying to succeed
- To discover by inquiring
- To fail
- To do the best one can
- To be as cheerful as possible in an unpleasant situation

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### ***ATTENDING SCHOOL***

- Aldi : I can't wait to get going with my new classes at Stanford.
- Njel : Neither can I. Which classes did you sign up for? I signed up for Biochemical.
- Aldi : I signed up for that, too, and also for a computer technology course.
- Njel : Do you think you can handle two courses at the same time?
- Aldi : I hope so. I want to make out well in spite of language barrier.
- Njel : Then, you'll just have to put your best foot forward, and give it all you've got.
- Aldi : That's right. I want to keep up with the class. I certainly don't want to fall behind the others.
- Njel : Oh, you'll keep up if you pay attention to the instructors, take notes, and burn the midnight oil.
- Aldi : I guess so, but we'll both have to get used to studying.
- Njel : Well, with perseverance and determination, I'm sure we'll have it made.
- Aldi : I think so. I have set my sights on a bright future. We both will definitely out to win.
- Njel : Yeah ... a bright future for us. Education is the key.

### ***Definitions and your OWN sentences***

(match the definitions with the list provided below)

1. To get going:  
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2. At the same time:  
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3. In spite of:  
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4. To give something all one's got:  
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5. To keep up:  
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6. To fall behind:  
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7. To take notes:  
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8. To burn the midnight oil:

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9. To have it made:

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10. To set one's sights on:

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- To begin
- To try very hard
- Simultaneously
- To go slower than the others
- To write important facts from a book or lecture

- To be fortunate
- To study until late into the night
- although
- To want very much
- To continue at the same pace as others