Русско - английские идиомы

С примерами использования в письменной и устной речи

край света

the back of beyond

After living in the capital, this town seems like the back of beyond.

ехать в Тулу со своим самоваром

to carry coals to Newcastle

Taking her flowers would be like carrying coals to Newcastle- she grows flowers in her own garden.

вертеться как белка в колесе

to be on the go

With three children to look after she is always on the go from morning till night.

бить баклуши

to twiddle one's thumbs

Don't sit around twiddling your thumbs.

Get down to work!

голову даю на отсечение

I'll eat my hat!

I'll eat my hat if it wasn't your little sister who stole my book.

городить чушь

to talk through one's hat

You are talking through your hat. You don't know anything about it.

делать из мухи слона

to make a mountain out of a molehill Aren't you making a mountain out of a molehill? I'm sure he'll give you the money back.

делать посмешище

make someone/something a laughing stock It is a silly idea. It will make our university a laughing stock.

как гром среди ясного неба

like a bolt from the blue

The news of his resignation came as a bolt from the blue.

как снег на голову

out of the blue

His parents arrived out of the blue yesterday.

ни с того ни с сего

without rhyme or reason

Three men attacked Joe without rhyme or reason.

ни слуху ни духу

I thought the documents were on the table, but I couldn't find either hide nor hair of them.

подкладывать свинью

to do the dirty on someone

I know who did the dirty on me. He won't get away with it.

показывать свое настоящее лицо

to show one's true colours

It is hard to tell what he is thinking. He never shows his true colours.

убивать двух зайцев

to kill two birds with one stone

You can kill two birds with one stone by working and studying ay the same time.

чудеса в решете

a turn- up for the book

I never thought to find you here. What a turn- up for the book.

рай земной

(a) heaven on earth

He says that his new job is heaven on earth.

молочные реки и кисельные берега

a land of milk and honey

Many people regard Sweden as a land of milk and honey.