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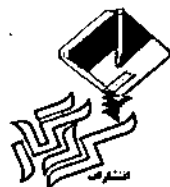
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PREFACE

What is an idiom?

An idiom is a sequence of words whose meaning is not immediately obvious from its individual words. It is a fixed expression that belongs to the conventional repertoire of the native speaker of a language. For instance, take *over the moon*, the literal meaning of this phrase does not suggest its figurative meaning *to be extremely happy*.

Why idioms are important?

Idioms are common in English speaking countries daily life and provide a rich source of their culture. They add color to the language, helping language learners to emphasize and make their observations, judgments and explanations interesting. They are very useful tools for communicating a great deal of meaning in just a few words.

What is included?

There are great many idioms in English but some of them sound rather old-fashioned or not widely used among native speakers. Our aim in writing this book was to reflect the wide range of idioms that are being used in English speaking countries daily life. Using the internet and keeping our ears to the media, we have gathered information about the newest idioms being used as well as giving complete coverage of idioms at the core of the language. To reach this aim and to help learners boost meaning of idioms we used classified idioms in relation to

their topics. All idioms are used in short texts which can be of great assistance to language learners. These texts are authentic and amazingly provide a wide range of situations and registers.

With an air of finality, there is no claim for this book to be flawless. Thus, all dear colleagues and English students are asked to offer their comments and suggestions to the following e-mail:

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Surely, their comments are warmly welcomed.

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