

## IDIOMS

“An idiom is an expression peculiar to a language and not explainable by principles of logic or the ordinary meaning of the individual words. Why do we say that a person is on duty, in trouble, or at work?”

Here are some common idioms in English. Most involve prepositions.

abide by	devoted to
account for	die of or from
agree on a procedure	differ from on another in appearance
with a person	with a person in opinion
to a plan	different from
aim at	disappointed in
alarmed at	disapprove of
angry at or about something	express interest in
with a person	identical to
apologize for	inconsistent with
argue with a person	ignorant of
for or against something	independent of
buy from a place	indifferent to
for a person	infer from
capable of	inferior to
compatible with	insist on
comply with	interfere with a performance
confide in	in someone's affairs
conform to or with	meet with
correspond to something	move on
with someone	oblivious to or of
deficient in	prefer <u>x</u> to <u>y</u>
delight in	prior to
delighted with	similar to
deprived of	succeed in
derived from	superior to

Take care to include all prepositions needed to make an idiomatic sentence. Not the additions needed in these sentences:

1. He was oblivious ^ and undisturbed by the noise around him.  
(to)
2. No one could have been more interested ^ or devoted to his students than Mr. Berry.  
(in)
3. He is as tall, if not taller than his brother. Correct: He is **as** tall **as** his brother, if not taller.