# **American Idioms**

### It's up to you.

- It depends on you; it's you who can decide.
- Ex. Shall we order the food now or wait?
  - It's up to you.

# A piece of cake

- Very easy to do
- Ex. How was your exam today?
- It's a piece of cake. I answered all questions.

#### A fish out of water

- To be in an unfamiliar or uncomfortable situation.
- To be in a place or situation where you don't find yourself.

Ex. I can't attend pop music parties. There, I feel like a fish out of water.

#### Barking up the wrong tree

- To place attention on the wrong thing.
- Ex. Don't ask Tom for help because he never helps anybody. So, don't bark up the wrong tree.

# **Up in the air**

• It's undecided and uncertain.

Ex. - Have you decided which college you are going to join.

- Not yet, It's still up in the air.

### <u>Sugarcoat</u>

- To talk about a problem in a way that makes it seem more pleasant or less complicated.
- Ex. Don't tell Tom that he has lost all his money. Try to sugarcoat it a little because he is very ill.

### Nail-biter

Something that causes stress or makes you nervous.

Ex. This exam is a nail-biter. The teacher hasn't told us anything about it.