

## Idioms in Spanish

### Idioms with “Buscar”

<b>buscar excusas</b>	to make excuses
<b>buscar hacer algo</b>	to try to do something
<b>buscar trabajo</b>	to look for work
<b>buscar pelea</b>	to seek a fight
<b>buscar su dinero</b>	to be after his/her money
<b>buscarla</b>	to look for trouble
<b>ir a buscar algo</b>	to go fetch something
<b>ir a buscar a alguien</b>	to go pick up someone
<b>el más buscado</b>	the most wanted
<b>buscarse</b>	to find oneself
<b>buscarse la vida</b>	to try to make a living
<b>buscársela</b>	to ask for trouble
<b>se busca piso</b>	apartment wanted
<b>Búscate la vida.</b>	Figure it out yourself.

### Idioms with “Comer”

<b>comer el coco a alguien</b>	to brainwash someone
<b>comer fuera</b>	to eat out
<b>comer fuerte</b>	to eat a big meal
<b>tan necesario como comer</b>	as necessary as eating
<b>¡Come y calla!</b>	Shut up and eat your food!
<b>comerse el coco</b>	to worry
<b>comerse el mundo</b>	to conquer the world
<b>comerse las palabras</b>	to swallow one's words
<b>comerse las uñas</b>	to bit one's nails
<b>se lo comió todo</b>	he ate it all
<b>¿Cómo se come eso?</b>	What on earth is that?
<b>ser de buen comer</b>	to enjoy one's food
<b>ser muy parco en el comer</b>	to not be a big eater

### Idioms with “Dar”

<b>dar a</b>	to be facing
<b>dar a conocer</b>	to introduce or present
<b>dar a luz</b>	to give birth
<b>dar algo por perdido</b>	to give up on something for being lost
<b>dar asco</b>	to disgust
<b>dar calabazas a alguien</b>	to reject or turn someone down
<b>dar carta blanca a alguien</b>	to give carte blanche to someone

<b>dar como</b>	to consider
<b>dar ejemplo</b>	to set an example
<b>dar la bienvenida</b>	to welcome
<b>dar de comer</b>	to feed
<b>dar gritos</b>	to shout
<b>dar las gracias</b>	to thank
<b>dar un paseo</b>	
<b>dar una vuelta</b>	to take a walk
<b>dar un abrazo</b>	to hug
<b>dar la vuelta</b>	to turn over
<b>dar pena</b>	to feel sad or sorry for
<b>dar permiso</b>	to give permission
<b>dar por sentado/hecho</b>	to take for granted
<b>dar rienda suelta a</b>	to give free rein to
<b>darse a</b>	to take on or devote oneself to
<b>darse a conocer</b>	to make oneself known
<b>darse a creer que</b>	to start thinking that
<b>darse cuenta de</b>	to realize
<b>darse la mano</b>	to shake hands
<b>darse por</b>	to consider oneself
<b>darse por ofendido</b>	to take offense
<b>darse por vencido</b>	to acknowledge defeat
<b>darse prisa</b>	to hurry up
<b>dárselas de</b>	to pretend to be
<b>si se da el caso</b>	in case that happens
<b>lo mismo da</b>	it makes no difference
<b>me da lo mismo</b>	
<b>me da igual</b>	it's all the same to me
<b>a mí no me la das</b>	you can't fool me

### Idioms with “Decir”

<b>decir entre/para sí</b>	to say to oneself
<b>decir la hora</b>	to tell time
<b>decir por decir</b>	to talk for the sake of talking
<b>es decir</b>	that is to say
<b>es mucho decir</b>	that's saying a lot
<b>ni que decir tiene que ...</b>	it goes without saying that ...
<b>no hay que decir que ...</b>	
<b>no hay más que decir</b>	there's nothing more to say
<b>no sé qué decir</b>	I don't know what to say
<b>o por mejor decir</b>	or in other words
<b>ya es decir</b>	that's saying a lot

<b>¿Cómo diríamos?</b>	How shall I put it?
<b>¿Cómo se dice ...?</b>	How do you say ...?
<b>Dicho y hecho.</b>	No sooner said than done.
<b>¡Lo dicho, dicho está!</b>	I stand by what I said!
<b>¡Lo que he dicho!</b>	
<b>por decirlo así</b>	so to speak
<b>¡Quién lo diría!</b>	Can you believe it?!
<b>tragarse lo dicho</b>	to eat one's words
<b>ya me dirás</b>	tell me your side of it
<b>se diría que</b>	it seems, one would say
<b>se me ha dicho que</b>	I've been told that
<b>y no se diga</b>	not to mention
<b>a decir de todos</b>	by all accounts
<b>es un decir</b>	it's just an expression

### Idioms with “Dejar”

<b>dejar de (infinitive)</b>	to stop or give up doing something
<b>dejar aparte</b>	to leave aside
<b>dejar atrás</b>	to leave behind
<b>dejar a uno (infinitive)</b>	to let someone do something
<b>dejar a uno de la mano</b>	to abandon someone
<b>dejar a uno entrar</b>	to let someone in
<b>dejar algo para después</b>	to leave something until later
<b>dejar algo por imposible</b>	to give up something as impossible
<b>dejar así las cosas</b>	to leave things as they are
<b>dejar caer</b>	to drop
<b>dejar de existir</b>	to come to an end
<b>dejar plantado</b>	to jilt or stand someone up
<b>dejar mucho que desear</b>	to leave a lot to be desired
<b>dejar estar</b>	to let it go, to let it be
<b>no puedo dejar de</b>	I can't help but
<b>¡Deja eso!</b>	Stop it! Drop that!
<b>dejarse</b>	to let oneself, to neglect oneself
<b>dejarse decir que</b>	to let slip that
<b>¡Déjate de eso!</b>	Stop it! Cut it out!
<b>¡Déjate de bromas!</b>	Stop joking around!

### Idioms with “Echar”

<b>echar de menos</b>	to miss
<b>echar la culpa</b>	to blame
<b>echar flores</b>	to flatter

<b>echar a perder</b>	to ruin
<b>echar a alguien a un lado</b>	to push someone aside
<b>echar abajo</b>	to pull down or demolish
<b>echar la llave</b>	to lock, to turn the key
<b>echar los frenos</b>	to brake
<b>echar maldiciones</b>	to curse
<b>echar pelo</b>	to grow hair
<b>echar sangre</b>	to shed blood
<b>echar una carta</b>	to mail a letter
<b>echar un discurso</b>	to give a speech
<b>echarse a</b>	to start to
<b>echarse a llorar</b>	to burst out crying

### Idioms with “Hacer”

<b>hacer caso a</b>	to pay attention to, to heed
<b>hacer daño a</b>	to harm
<b>hacer el bien</b>	to do good
<b>hacer el mal</b>	to do bad
<b>hacer falta</b>	to be lacking
<b>hacer un papel</b>	to play a part
<b>hacer amigos</b>	to make friends
<b>hacer una broma</b>	to play a joke on someone
<b>hacer buenas migas</b>	to hit it off with someone
<b>hacer época</b>	to attract attention
<b>hacer un recado</b>	to run an errand
<b>hacer la vista gorda</b>	to turn a blind eye
<b>hacer un viaje</b>	to take a trip
<b>hacer una visita</b>	to pay a visit
<b>hacer caso omiso de</b>	to ignore or disregard
<b>hacer el mal</b>	to do bad
<b>hacer las paces</b>	to make peace
<b>hacer su agosto</b>	to make a killing
<b>hacer pedazos</b>	to break into pieces
<b>hacer sombra</b>	to provide shade
<b>hacer una pregunta</b>	to ask a question
<b>hacerse el malo</b>	to play the bad guy
<b>hacerse tarde</b>	to get late
<b>hacerse daño</b>	to hurt oneself
<b>hacérsele agua la boca</b>	to make someone's mouth water

### Idioms with “Llevar”

<b>llevar a cabo</b>	to carry out
<b>llevar la contraria</b>	to take the opposite side
<b>llevar (time)</b>	to spend
<b>llevar ... años a</b>	to be ... years older than
<b>llevar ... centímetros a</b>	to be ... cm taller than
<b>llevar a cabo</b>	to carry out
<b>llevar a</b>	to lead to
<b>llevar a alguien a creer que</b>	to lead someone to believe that
<b>llevar la casa</b>	to run the household
<b>llevar lo mejor/peor</b>	to get the best/worst of it
<b>llevar una vida tranquila</b>	to lead a quiet life
<b>llevarse</b>	to take away, to remove
<b>llevarse bien</b>	to get along
<b>llevar mal</b>	to not get along

### Idioms with “Meter”

<b>meter de contrabando</b>	to smuggle in
<b>meter miedo a alguien</b>	to scare someone
<b>meter la narices</b>	to stick one's nose
<b>meter prisa a alguien</b>	to hurry someone
<b>meter ruido</b>	to cause a stir
<b>meter un lío</b>	to make a fuss
<b>meter la pata</b>	to put one's foot in one's mouth
<b>meterse a (infinitive)</b>	to start
<b>meterse a (job)</b>	to become
<b>meterse con alguien</b>	to provoke someone
<b>meterse en la cama</b>	to get in bed
<b>meterse en peligro</b>	to get into danger
<b>meterse en sí mismo</b>	to withdraw into oneself
<b>meterse en donde no lo llaman</b>	to meddle

### Idioms with “Poner”

<b>poner a uno a (hacer algo)</b>	to start someone (doing something)
<b>poner algo aparte</b>	to set something aside
<b>poner algo como ejemplo</b>	to give something as an example
<b>poner algo en duda</b>	to cast doubt on something
<b>poner énfasis en</b>	to stress or emphasize
<b>poner una objeción</b>	to object
<b>poner pleito</b>	to sue
<b>poner el reloj</b>	to set the watch
<b>ponerse a</b>	to begin

<b>ponerse a bien con alguien</b>	to be on good terms with someone
<b>ponerse al teléfono</b>	to get on the phone
<b>ponerse con alguien</b>	to argue or compete with someone
<b>ponerse de</b>	to take a job as
<b>ponerse delante</b>	to get in the way, to intervene
<b>ponerse la piel de gallina</b>	to get goosebumps

### Idioms with “Quedar”

<b>quedarse boquiabierto</b>	to be speechless
<b>quedarse a la espera de</b>	to look forward to
<b>quedarse atrapado</b>	to get stuck
<b>quedarse en nada</b>	to come to nothing
<b>hacer quedar mal</b>	to make someone look bad
<b>quedarse en blanco</b>	to go blank
<b>quedarse tan ancho</b>	to show no regret
<b>quedarse corto</b>	to fall behind
<b>quedarse dormido</b>	to fall asleep
<b>quedarse bien con alguien</b>	to get along with someone
<b>quedarse mal con alguien</b>	to not get along with someone
<b>quedarse parado</b>	to stand still
<b>quedarse con el día y la noche</b>	to be left penniless
<b>no queda otra más que ...</b>	there is no alternative but ...
<b>queda por ver si ...</b>	we will see if ...

### Idioms with “Tomar”

<b>tomar en serio</b>	to take seriously
<b>tomar el pelo</b>	to pull someone's leg
<b>tomarlo con calma</b>	to take it easy
<b>tomar a broma/risa</b>	to take as a joke
<b>tomar aire/un respiro</b>	to take a breath
<b>tomar aliento</b>	to catch one's breath
<b>tomar asiento</b>	to take a seat
<b>tomar un paseo</b>	to take a walk
<b>tomar la palabra</b>	to take the floor, to speak
<b>tomar partido por</b>	to side with
<b>tomar un bocado</b>	to take a bite
<b>tomarla con uno</b>	to pick a fight with someone
<b>tomarse por</b>	to consider oneself to be
<b>Tómate tu tiempo.</b>	Take your time.
<b>Lo tomas o lo dejas.</b>	Take it or leave it.
<b>¿Por quién me tomas?</b>	What do you take me for?

<b>¡Tómate esa!</b>	Take that!
<b>¡Toma ya!</b>	Believe it or not!

### Idioms with “Traer”

<b>traerse algo</b>	to be up to a plan or a scheme
<b>traerse bien</b>	to dress well, to behave
<b>traerse mal</b>	to dress poorly, to misbehave

### Idioms with “Ver”

<b>A ver</b>	Let's see
<b>ver para creer</b>	seeing is believing
<b>ver venir a alguien</b>	to see what someone is up to
<b>dejarse ver</b>	to show one's face
<b>Eso está por ver.</b>	That remains to be seen.
<b>estar de buen ver</b>	to be good-looking
<b>¡Hay que ver qué listo es!</b>	You wouldn't believe how smart he is!
<b>ni visto ni oído</b>	in the twinkling of an eye
<b>por lo que se ve</b>	apparently
<b>¿Ves lo que quiero decir?</b>	Do you see what I mean?