

# Fun with English idioms

Let's start with 'animals'

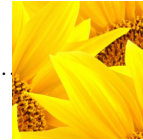
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You can't teach an old dog new tricks.

人老則守舊

**It is difficult to change the ways of doing things that an old person has got used to.**

*Example: It is not easy to persuade your grandfather to stop keeping unwanted goods. You can't teach an old dog new tricks.*



make a pig of yourself

暴飲暴食

**to eat or drink too much**

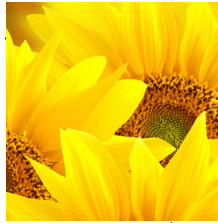
*Example: Despite the pressure of life, we shouldn't make a pig of ourselves as eating cannot help reduce stress.*

a dark horse

黑馬

**a person whose qualities are not well known to the public**

*Example: She had been a dark horse in the nomination for the Student Association Presidency until she gave a speech during the school assembly.*



bird's eye view

俯視，鳥瞰

**to have a view of something from a very high place**

*Example: We can have a bird's eye view of Macao by going on a helicopter ride.*



a dog's life

豬狗不如的生活

**a hard and unpleasant life**

*Example: It's a dog's life having to work all day and night to earn the family's living.*



let the cat out of the bag

泄密

**to let the secret out without intention**

*Example: I wanted to hold a surprise party for my mother's birthday, but my brother let the cat out of the bag.*

