



## Success Idioms:

1. Ace a test
  - Meaning: Obtain a high score
  - Example: "If you ace your English test you can go to the party," said her parents.
2. Be in the bag
  - Meaning: Success is evident
  - Example: Victory seems to be in the bag for the Conservatives.
3. Be on the up and up
  - Meaning: Increasingly successful
  - Example: The architect has been on the up and up since he designed a building in Dubai.
4. Have the world at your feet
  - Meaning: Extremely successful and greatly admired
  - Example: The talented young actress has the world at her feet.
5. With flying colours
  - Meaning: Do something successful
  - Example: My daughter passed the entrance exam with flying colours. I'm so proud of her.
6. Got it made
  - Meaning: Be happy and successful
  - Example: With happy family life, a new house and a super job, Sam's got it made.
7. Hit pay dirt
  - Meaning: Be lucky and make money
  - Example: Charlie finally hit pay dirt with his latest invention.
8. Make a killing
  - Meaning: Have a great financial success
  - Example: Jack made a killing on the stock market.
9. Alive and kicking
  - Meaning: Continue to be well, healthy or successful
  - Example: Classical music is still alive and kicking among youngsters.
10. Be dead in the water
  - Meaning: Something is unsuccessful and it seems impossible that it will be successful in the future
  - Example: The whole economy is dead in the water.
11. Bear fruit
  - Meaning: Yield successful results
  - Example: He thinks his new plan will undoubtedly bear fruit.
12. Count one's chickens before they hatch
  - Meaning: Assume success too early, before it is certain
  - Example: It's too soon to cry victory. Don't count your chicken before they hatch!
13. Make the cut
  - Meaning: Succeed at something
  - Example: She worked hard to make the cut in the competition.
14. Make headway
  - Meaning: Achieve progress
  - Example: Scientists made very little headway against cancer.

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. Describe a time you aced a test.
2. When was the last time you thought you had something in the bag but failed?
3. Who is on the up and up in the entertainment industry in your country?
4. What would you do if you had the world at your feet?
5. What is something you could do with flying colours these days?
6. Describe someone you know who has got it made?
7. Describe a time you hit pay dirt or made a killing?
8. Why should you never count your chickens before they hatch?