

## LIST OF IDIOMS WITH THE VERB CUT

idiom	meaning	example
cut corners	take shortcuts to save time/money/effort	If we cut a few corners, we could finish the project by the weekend.
cut from the same cloth	very similar	Lucy lies just like her mother. you can tell they're cut from the same cloth.
cut it fine	a very slight margin	If we leave at 6, we'll be cutting it fine. we should leave earlier.
cut off one's nose to spite one's face	perform a vengeful act that hurts oneself more than another person	Lisa stopped me seeing the kids, she cut off her nose to spite her face. now she has no free time to spend with her new boyfriend.
cut one's losses	withdraw from a losing situation	Gary and i have cut our losses, we're getting divorced and selling the house.
cut the apron strings	allow someone to be independent	We've cut the apron strings; the kids are old enough to look after themselves.
cut the mustard	meet expectations/the required standard	I went to the new Chinese restaurant for supper, but it didn't cut the mustard.
cut to the chase	get to the point	She cut to the chase and asked me to lend her £1,000.
cut-throat	ruthless/relentless people or companies	The fashion industry is cut-throat.
have one's work cut out	a hard/difficult job/task	Our colleague is on holiday, so we have our work cut out this week.

