

**Talk and Speak Idioms: Tell the meaning of the underlined phrases in the sentences below.**

1. I can't speak for Alice, but I thought the movie was excellent.
2. It speaks well of Tom that he always includes your mother in invitations.
3. If you don't understand, speak up.
4. His non-attendance at the planning sessions speaks volumes about his enthusiasm for the project.
5. Speak now or forever hold your peace.
6. I don't see Pete. I guess he's going to be late. No, Pete is pulling into the garage as we speak.
7. Sit down. It's time for us to talk turkey.
8. The governor talks tough, but doesn't back up his words.
9. Excuse us, Daniela, we're going to talk shop for a little bit.
10. You don't have to decide now. Go home and talk it over with your spouse.
11. My son got in trouble for talking back to the teacher.
12. He talks the talk. We'll see if he walks the walk.
13. It's interesting that the company president's kids always get in to the amusement park before anyone else. Yes, money talks.
14. Can I talk you into buying me a coke? I forgot my wallet.
15. I can't solve your problems for you. The two of you will have to talk it out.
16. Talk about egotistical. John never stopped talking about himself during the entire dinner.
17. He claims he has sympathy for the poor, then votes to cut their health care. He talks out of both sides of his mouth.
18. I guess Sam is going to be late again. That guy never arrives on time. You should talk! You are always at least fifteen minutes late.

**Take turns answering these questions and discussing in your group.**

1. Explain what "fifty-fifty", "unlikely" and "it's iffy" mean.
2. If a plan has "a snowball's chance in hell" of succeeding, will it work?
3. If someone says, "don't bet on it" is it likely to happen?
4. If someone offers you a "dog-eared" copy of a text book you need, should you take it?
5. When do you feel most like "a fish out of water"?
6. Demonstrate "leafing through" a book or magazine.
7. Explain this sentence and tell the meaning of the phrase in quotes. The houses I will show you today "range from" three to five bedrooms, some with a pool and some without.

8. Explain: "We can't really criticize Jay until we've walked in his shoes."
9. What is a "risky business"?
10. What is "talk radio"?
11. If someone says they are "in radio" what do they mean?
12. Name some bathroom "fixtures". What is a light "fixture"? Can a person be a fixture? EX: Tom is a fixture at Iron Cactus every afternoon after work. (Iron Cactus is a bar and restaurant.)

**Been** is the past participle of be: I've never *been* seriously ill. It is also the past participle of go in some sentences: I've never *been* to London. Gone is also a past participle of go: They've *been* to the cinema means that they went but they have now returned. They've *gone* to the cinema means that they went and are still there now.

**Would you use "been" or "gone" in these sentences?** Note: Some can use "been" or "gone" but sometimes the meaning changes. Explain the difference in meaning.

1. Is Phil Smith here? No, he has \_\_\_\_\_ home.
2. When are you going to the doctor? I've already \_\_\_\_\_ to the doctor.
3. Where have the kids \_\_\_\_\_?
4. Frank has \_\_\_\_\_ ill for several days.
5. Jeff left for the airport already. Has he \_\_\_\_\_ by taxi or bus?
6. We've \_\_\_\_\_ here before haven't we?
7. I have \_\_\_\_\_ out of my way to help her.
8. Susan has \_\_\_\_\_ out with Ben several times.
9. They have \_\_\_\_\_ together for over a year.
10. I wish I could have \_\_\_\_\_ there to see her face when she opened the package.
11. She's \_\_\_\_\_ to Seoul several times.
12. I have never \_\_\_\_\_ there.
13. She's \_\_\_\_\_ to visit Sue. She should be back in a couple of hours.
14. You are late. Where have you \_\_\_\_\_?
15. Where has Ted \_\_\_\_\_? He was just here a minute ago.