

Music Idioms



Elevator music



Pleasant but boring recorded music
that is played in public places.



“Kevin hated going shopping in
the mall. He was tired of all
the elevator music!”



Ring a bell



Something that sounds familiar.

"Tina was sure that she had heard that music idiom before. It certainly did ring a bell!"

For a song



Buying or selling something
at a very cheap price.



“Roy was selling his collection
of toys very cheaply. They
were going for a song!”

Like a broken record



Someone who repeats the same thing again and again.



"Hazel was tired of listening to Rob talk about Manchester United all the time. He sounded just like a broken record!"

Blow your own trumpet



Proudly boasting about your own talents and successes.



“Chase’s boss told him not to ‘Blow your own trumpet’ after he succeeded at work.”



"Daryl and John got together in the studio for a **jam session**. They were thinking up ideas for their new album."



Jam session

Playing improvised music in an informal setting.



“Juan was keen to call the tune in the meeting. He wanted to take control of the team.”





"Martin had to **blow the whistle** at work when he saw Hazel stealing from the stationary cupboard."

Match



1) Elevator music

2) Ring a bell

3) For a song

4) Like a broken record

a) Music that is played in public places

b) Someone who repeats the same thing again and again

c) Something that sounds familiar

d) Very cheap

Match



- 1) Blow your own trumpet
 - 2) Jam session
 - 3) Call the tune
 - 4) Blow the whistle
- a) To boast about someone's success
 - b) Reporting illegal activity
 - c) Playing improvised music
 - d) Making important decisions and controlling a situation