

# Idioms and expressions

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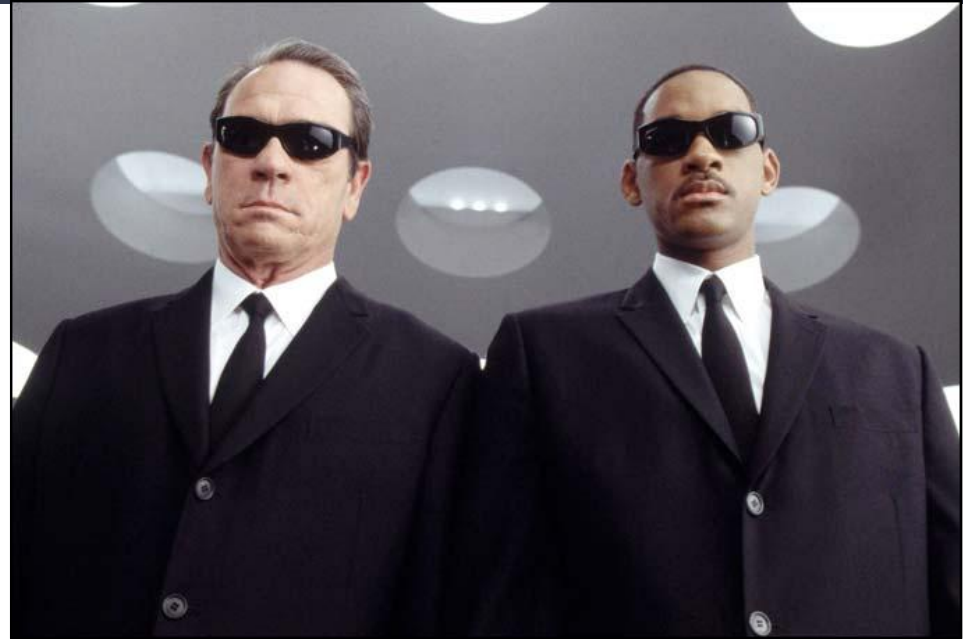
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# To be in the black

- to be rich and wealthy
- to be financially solvent

ex. Our company *has*  
*been in the black* for  
over three years now.



# Black sheep



- someone who is thought to be a bad person by the rest of their family

ex. My father was the black sheep - he ran away at 16 to become an actor and his parents never forgave him.

# White lie

- a lie that is told in order to be polite or to stop someone from being upset by the truth

ex. She asked if I liked her dress, and of course I told a white lie.



# White elephant



- an expensive item that is troublesome or useless

ex. At first, Eve was excited to inherit the farm, but it soon proved to be a white elephant she couldn't afford.



# White-knuckle

- a person who is made tense by something such as flying or sailing

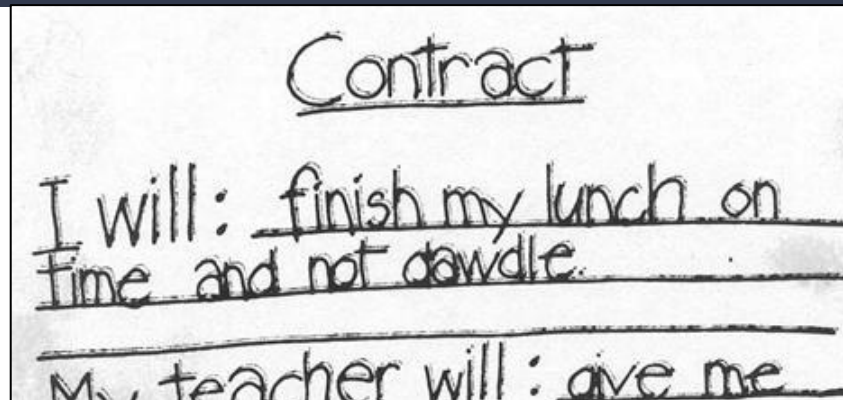
ex. I'm afraid I'm a white-knuckle sailor, and you'd all be much happier if I stay on dry land.



# In black and white

- written down or in print, and therefore official

ex. I want to get the information in black and white before I go to the meeting.





# Black and white



- subject or situation is one in which it is easy to understand what is right and wrong

ex. It's not a simple black and white issue.

# Black and white

- police; a police car

ex. Call the *black and whites*. We got trouble here.





Thank you for attention!