



ACADEMIC IDIOMS

10 Idioms for Academic English

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ON THE ONE HAND

From one point of view. E.g.

On the one hand, this is beneficial for the economy.

ON THE OTHER HAND

From another point of view. E.g.:

On the other hand, it is harmful to the environment.



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IN (THE) LIGHT OF

In view of, because of, considering. E.g.

In light of this evidence, the original hypothesis was rejected.

IN THE HANDS OF

Controlled or owned by someone. E.g.

The nation's economy lies in the hands of millions of private investors.



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BEAR IN MIND

Think of sth, especially as a warning. E.g.

It is important to bear in mind the difficulty involved with this approach.

IN ITS OWN RIGHT

Because of its own special qualities. E.g.

The company is now independent and successful in its own right.



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ALONG THE LINES OF

In a similar way/of a similar type. E.g.

The new policy was designed along the lines of the previous one.

IN THE LONG RUN

After a lengthy period of time. E.g.

Although the company is losing money now, it should make a profit in the long run.



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A STEP FURTHER/BACK

Action that is helpful/harmful. E.g.

Darwin took this idea a step further in his theory of evolution.

DRIVING FORCE

Someone/sth that makes sth happen.

Burning fossil fuels is the driving force behind global warming.



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