

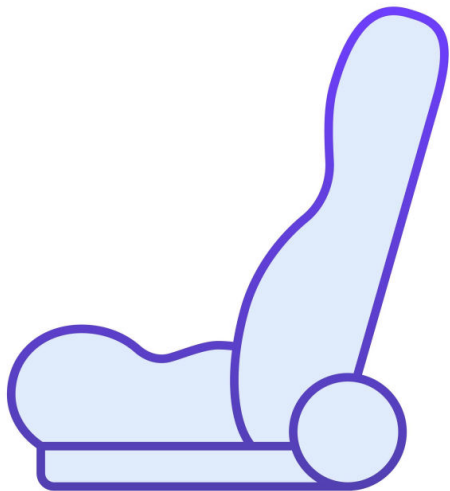


Driving Idioms

An **idiom** is a phrase in a language that is figurative. Words take on a different meaning when used as part of a specific phrase.

Native speakers use idioms in everyday conversations.

Backseat driver



Someone who gives unwanted advice, usually while you are doing something.

My little brother is such a backseat driver when I'm cooking.

In the driver's seat

Being in control of a situation



After getting promoted, she's finally in the driver's seat of the project.

Hit the road

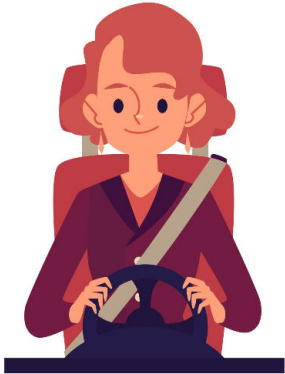


To leave or start a journey

*We'd better hit the road early if we want
to avoid traffic.*

Drive somebody crazy

To annoy or irritate somebody a lot



The constant noise from the construction site is driving me crazy

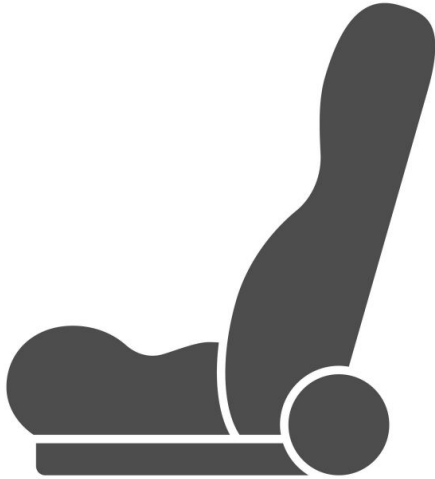
Shift gears



To change approach or focus

Let's shift gears and talk about the marketing plan

Take a back seat



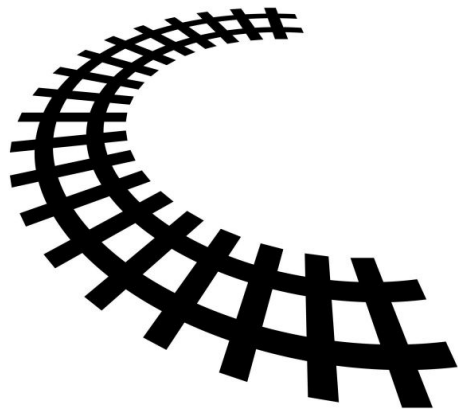
To play a less important role and allow others to lead

I'll take a back seat on this project.

On the right track

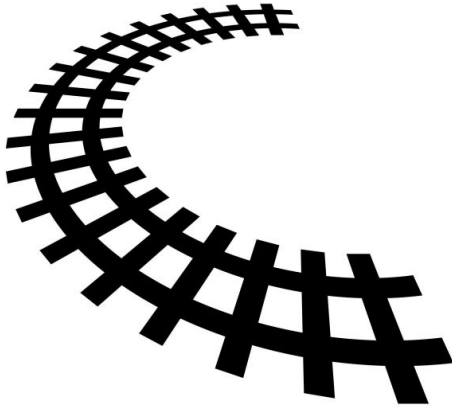
To do something correctly and progress well

Your essay is on the right track.



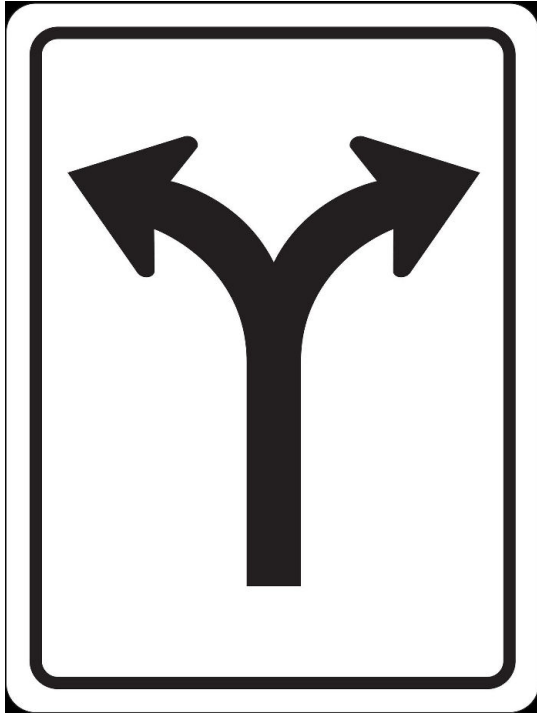
On the fast track

To advance quickly towards something



She's on the fast track to becoming the company director.

At a crossroads



To face an important decision in life or work

*After graduating, she was at a crossroads:
continue studying or start working.*

Put the brakes on



To slow down or stop an activity

We need to put the brakes on spending until we have more clients.

Go full throttle



To do something with maximum effort or speed

The team went full throttle to finish the project before the deadline.

Take the wheel



To take control

He decided to take the wheel and lead the negotiations.

Hit the brakes

To stop suddenly



The new regulation made the company hit the brakes on expansion.