



Idioms and Expressions – Game

Ahead of the game

Definition: To have an advantage over a situation

I need to get up early to keep ahead of the game.
Try studying thirty minutes before you go to bed to stay ahead of

the game in math.

At this stage of the game

Definition: at a certain point in a process

I think you should talk to a lawyer at this stage of the game.
He feels like he's sure to win at the stage of the game.

Fair game

Definition: Something that is allowed to take advantage of

I think it's fair game to enter that market.
She told me her friend wasn't fair game.

Fun and games

Definition: Enjoyable activities

You know working at a newspaper isn't all fun and games.
Let's make sure to enjoy the fun and games before we leave.

Game that two can play

Definition: Used generally to refer to a negative tactic that someone could also use to compete

You know that's a game that two can play. If you try it, I'll do the same to you.
She doesn't realize that she's playing a game that two can play. It will come back to bite her.

Give the game away

Definition: Reveal a secret

If I tell you our plans, I'll give the game away.
He gave the game away when he said that he had been in New York on business.

Name of the game

Definition: The type of activity mentioned

Winning at any cost is the name of the game in finding a job these days.
Do you really think that being completely dishonest is the name of the game?

New ball game

Definition: A new situation

I think we've just entered a whole new ball game with that deal!
Remember that Chicago is completely new ball game. It'll be very challenging.

The game is up

Definition: The situation is lost and has a negative outcome

I realized the game was up and packed my bags to come home and start again.
She told him the game was up and that she was moving out.