

# Idioms - W

Idiomatic expressions formed from words beginning with W

In the wake of

Following as a result of

In the wake of the recent terror attacks in the city, police have beefed up security.

Walk off with something

To walk off with something is to win it or steal it.

He walked off with the first prize.

Drive someone up the hill

To drive someone up the hill is to make them very irritated.

His rude replies drove his mother up the hill.

Go to the wall

When a business goes to the wall, it fails.

Be on the warpath

When two people are on the warpath, they are very angry with one another.

Ward something off

To ward something off is to prevent something from harming you.

Eat lots of vegetables and fruits to ward off illnesses.

Be washed out

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When an event is washed out, it is postponed or cancelled because of the rain.

The third test cricket match was washed out.

Wash your hands of

When you wash your hands of, you take no further responsibility for something.

Watch your back

To watch your back is to protect yourself against unexpected danger.

Water something down

To water something down is to make it less forceful by changing or leaving out things.

Hold water

When a theory or a belief holds water, it seems possible or reasonable.