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Cock idioms

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In this students based special episode, one of The Teacher's students, Muhammad Rashid introduces you to three idiomatic phrases connected with cock.

1. **To cock a snook**
2. **Cock of the walk**
3. **A cock-and-bull story**



Hello, I'm very interesting and intelligent student like my teacher "The Teacher". And today according to the task assigned by my teacher "The Teacher", this cock and I are getting together to teach you some English idioms.

I bet you've never been taught by a cock and a student together before! How interesting! Isn't it? So now if you don't show any respect to me and my work then you will be termed as that **you're cocking a snook at me**.

To cock a snook.

So, if you cock a snook at someone or something by doing something that insults them then you are really showing your disapproval, opposition, and scorn. So we can say like that:

"Sarah has refused my proposal by cocking a snook at me."

"I prepared the report with lot of effort but my boss rejected it cocking a snook at me"

So by cocking a snook at me you're showing that you're smarter and more stylish than I. If you really consider something like that about yourself then believe me that an interesting student like me would love to pronounce you as you're really acting like **the cock of the walk**. So here is another interesting idiom for you by me---the interesting student!

Cock of the walk

Yes, my friends you are absolutely right! If a man who acts as if he is more stylish, trendy, significant or important than other people then you can speak about him that **he acts like the cock of the walk.**

Likewise you can remark about others as:

“I don’t like Ali because he is always acting like the cock of the walk.”

“Most of the time I find Ahmad acting like the cock of the walk at the school.”

No...No...my friends you can’t say my all this explanation as **a cock-and-bull story.** I assure you that I have given you the true details.

A cock-and-bull story

Yes, a story, account or explanation which is evidently not based on any truth or in other words which is just a fabrication of lies is called as a cock-and-bull story.

So if someone is giving you false information or explanation by telling you something you believe isn’t based on truth then you may relate that he is telling a cock-and-bull story.

“I think his account about the murder is just a cock-and-bull story”

“Hey, don’t believe him as he keeps on relating cock-and-bull stories.”

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