On thin ice

When someone is "on thin ice," it means they are in a risky or dangerous situation, just like when you're walking on ice that might break.

Examples

- 1. Imagine you have an important test tomorrow, but you haven't studied. You can say, "I'm on thin ice with my grades if I don't start studying tonight."
- 2. If someone at school cheats on an assignment, they might be on thin ice with their teachers, risking their reputation.
- 3. In sports, if a player keeps misbehaving on the field, they might be on thin ice with their coach, risking their place on the team.

Where it comes from

The origin of this idiom dates back to the 16th century and comes from the idea of walking on ice that can easily break, and you could fall into cold, freezing water.

Over time, people started using it to talk about risky situations.

Why it's important

Knowing and using idioms like "on thin ice" helps us communicate better. It reminds us to be careful when we're in tricky situations. It tells us to think before we act, especially when there might be risks. Think carefully and make wise choices in your daily life!