Idiom

An idiom (from ancient Greek ἰδίωμα idíōma "peculiarity, peculiarity") is the distinctive language or way of speaking of a regionally (regional dialect) or socially (social dialect) delimited group or the linguistic peculiarity of an individual speaker (idiom).

According to Eberhards (1910), an idiom "refers to any language peculiarity and linguistic peculiarity in general, then the sum of these linguistic peculiarities within a language, hence also the vernacular language, the dialect in its peculiarity". It is "... merely a technical term of linguistics and emphasizes the special linguistic features of the vernacular language, as well as, in a more general sense, any distinctive independent language".