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*In this episode The Teacher introduces you to three idioms connected with wagons:*

- 1. On the wagon*
- 2. Jumping on the bandwagon*
- 3. Fallen off the wagon*

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Hello, I'm a very interesting and intelligent and sober man.

And today this wagon and I are getting together to teach you some English idioms.

I bet you've never been taught by a wagon before.

What's that you say? Would I like to go for a beer?

No thank you, no, no, no, thank you very much but I haven't had an alcoholic drink for a long time.

Ah, orange juice: so much healthier and more refreshing than beer. Thank you.

Yes, that's right. I'm on the wagon.

In English, if you decide not to drink alcohol for a period of time, we say you're '**on the wagon**'.

**On the wagon.**

Ah... carrot juice... so much healthier and more refreshing than beer.

Yes, I used to drink a little bit too much. But now I'm **on the wagon**. And I feel great because I can drink healthy and refreshing things like... Broccoli juice.

So much healthier and more refreshing than beer.

A lot of my friends have tried it and they say they feel great! They think I'm just copying them.

That's right. They say I've **jumped on the bandwagon**.

In English, if you start to do something after it has become successful or popular we say you're **jumping on the bandwagon**.

**Jumping on the bandwagon.**

Ah... onion juice: so much healthier and more delicious than beer.

Oh, my word, that is disgusting!

You! Gimme a beer! Now please!

(Some time and a few beers later)

Well, my friends, great, great. You are great, you lot are my best friends, best. You might be able to tell that I have **fallen off the wagon**.

In English... in English, when someone starts drinking alcohol after a period of not drinking it, we say they've **fallen off the wagon**.

**Fallen off the wagon.**

(Some time and many more beers later)

Taxi, taxi! Take me home, take me home... I want to go to bed and lie down, that's enough for me!