



Do you know what 'firing on all cylinders' means?

When we say something, or someone, is 'firing on all cylinders' we mean that it is working as effectively and powerfully as possible.

Origin - the story:

This phrase originates from the fact that there are cylinders in an internal combustion engine of a car. To power the car, these cylinders are filled with fuel and air which then ignite when a spark is produced from a spark plug.

If this spark plug isn't working properly, it won't fire and the cylinders won't ignite. If it does work, the cylinders fill and ignite as they should and the car will work effectively.

Example: Since her knee operation, the athlete had been firing on all cylinders and was fully prepared for the Olympic Games.

