

# Idioms

## VOCABULARY

a) I have to tell you something that will \_\_\_\_\_.

b) He \_\_\_\_\_ when he accidentally told her about the surprise party.

c) Okay, I'll tell you what I'm going to do, although you'll probably think that I have \_\_\_\_\_.

d) I'm \_\_\_\_\_ with my teacher because she caught me cheating in the test.

e) I'd better \_\_\_\_\_ now. I'm feeling really exhausted.

f) He is so cute that when he looks at me, I get \_\_\_\_\_.

g) We're all packed and ready to go - we can leave \_\_\_\_\_.

h) I am feeling a bit \_\_\_\_\_ - I think I'm getting a cold.

i) Is Samantha really getting married or are you just \_\_\_\_\_?

j) Was your Math exam hard? - No, it was really \_\_\_\_\_.

k) My friend got \_\_\_\_\_ and decided not to do a bungee jump.

l) Just \_\_\_\_\_! Let's think about this for a moment.

m) Tell me who was at the party. I am \_\_\_\_\_.

n) If you try to please both your father and mother, you can end up \_\_\_\_\_.

o) I don't know how you could afford this sports car. It must have \_\_\_\_\_.



**in hot water**

• to be in difficulties, especially in serious trouble



**butterflies in one's stomach**

• to be very nervous and anxious



**under the weather**

• to be or feel ill / sad or lack energy



**hold your horses**

• to wait / slow down / consider things carefully



**a piece of cake**

• something very easy to do



**knock one's socks off**

• to delight, thrill, amaze / impress



**let the cat out of the bag**

• to reveal a secret, usually unintentionally



**at the drop of a hat**

• immediately, without any delay or hesitation



**cost an arm and a leg**

• to be very expensive



**pull one's leg**

• to play a joke, tease, trick someone in a friendly way



**caught between two stools**

• to be unable to choose between two alternatives



**lose one's marbles**

• to act in a crazy or strange way



**hit the sack**

• to go to bed



**all ears**

• to be eager to hear / listen attentively



**cold feet**

• to lose courage to do something you had planned

An idiom is a phrase, saying or a group of words that has a metaphorical (not literal) meaning, which has become accepted in common usage.

An idiom's symbolic sense is quite different from the literal meaning or definition of the words of which it is made. There are a large number of idioms and they are used very commonly in all languages. There are estimated to be at least 25,000 idiomatic expressions in the English language.