

National Stereotypes: IDIOMS AND PHRASES

❖ Match the idiom or phrase with their meaning.

IDIOMS/ PHRASES	MEANING
To go Dutch	
Dutch courage	
It's all Greek to me	
French shower	
Pardon my French	
A Mexican Standoff	
A Young Turk	
Take French leave	
When in Rome (do as Romans do)	
Talk for England	
Curse like a Turk	
Slow Boat to China	
Too Many Chiefs and Not Enough Indians	
Not for all the tea in China	

All roads lead to Rome	
Rome was not built in a day	
More holes than Swiss cheese	
Pretend to be a Swede	
Drinking like a German	

- To drink a lot.
- This expression means that multiple methods can be used to reach the same result. There is more than one way to achieve a goal.
- This expression is used when two groups cannot agree on what to do next.
- When someone is a real badmouth!
- This is often used to describe a company where there are too many managers and not enough people doing the actual work.
- This means that you would not do it under any circumstances.
- This phrase is used when don't understand or have no knowledge on a topic.
- Drinking a little alcohol to give you courage (bravery/confidence) before you have to do something.
- To leave work without permission.
- If an argument or theory has this, it means that it has many flaws, is incomplete or lacks important details.
- To split the bill in a restaurant between everyone who ate together.
- When you're visiting a different country, you should behave like the people who live there.
- This means that you cannot expect to achieve important things in a short period of time.
- When someone can talk for hours and hours.
- Is to spray oneself with deodorant instead of washing.
- This expression is used to apologise usually before, or after, we say something rude or impolite: a swear word.
- We use this expression to describe something that is very slow and takes a long time.
- It means that you pretend not to understand or know anything about something.
- Used to describe a young rebel who is part of a group/organization and can't be controlled.