

## Food idioms

Ex. 1 Put each of the following colloquial words or phrases in its correct place in the sentences below.

the salt of the earth  
a butterfingers  
sour grapes

cup of tea  
a vegetable  
full of beans

peanuts  
the cream  
in a jam

a piece of cake  
money for jam  
nuts

1. Throw it to me! Oh, I've dropped it! I am \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I said I'd pay him today, but my money's in the bank and it's just closed. Now I'm \_\_\_\_\_.
3. That's a high salary for an easy job. It's \_\_\_\_\_.
4. He never wants to do anything interesting. He just sits around all day. He's a bit of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. To me \$1.000 is a lot of money, but to a millionaire it's \_\_\_\_\_.
6. That firm only employs the very best graduates. They only take \_\_\_\_\_.
7. I think people who help the old, sick and homeless are \_\_\_\_\_.
8. He's a bit tired and lifeless now, but after a nap he'll be \_\_\_\_\_.
9. She now says she didn't really want the job that she failed to get, but I think it's just \_\_\_\_\_.
10. That's a crazy idea of hers. She must be \_\_\_\_\_.
11. She likes literature and classical music. Discotheques are not her \_\_\_\_\_.
12. The exam was very easy. It was \_\_\_\_\_.



Ex. 2 Complete the colloquial similes below with the correct items from the following list.

mustard  
beetroot  
sardines

Cucumber  
Toast  
pancake

chalk and cheese  
hot cakes

Water  
jelly

1. He never panics in a difficult situation. He stays as cool as a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. She was very embarrassed. She went as red as a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. No, we aren't cold. Your flat's very warm. We're as warm as \_\_\_\_\_.
4. There are no hills or slopes for miles around. It's as flat as a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Some students are not very interested in the subject. Others are as keen as \_\_\_\_\_.
6. John and his brother are as different as \_\_\_\_\_.
7. That singer's new record is in great demand. It's selling like \_\_\_\_\_.
8. In the rush-hour buses, people are packed like \_\_\_\_\_.
9. I was terrified. I was shaking like a \_\_\_\_\_.
10. She's very extravagant. She spends money like \_\_\_\_\_.

