

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 _____.

