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IDIOMS

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Idiom 67

A dog's age

Meaning

It has been a dog's age since I had a vacation!



Drag the meanings

1. short amount of sleep

2. hard work

3. a long time

Idiom 68

A drag

Meaning

The lesson was such a drag that I would have been more entertained watching paint dry!



Drag the meanings

1. lots of fun

2. To have big dreams

3. not much fun



Idiom 69

A fair shake

Meaning



Mary was a much faster runner than Sue so Mary said, "I'll give you a fair shake. You can start running and then I will count to 5 before I start."



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Drag the meanings

1. escape from punishment

2. make it fair or equal for all

3. to be unfair

Meaning

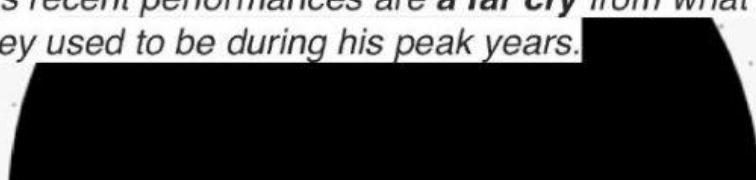
Idiom 70

A far cry



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*He is a great player, but it is time for him to retire. His recent performances are **a far cry** from what they used to be during his peak years.*



Drag the meanings

1. very different in comparison

2. to travel

3. cry from a distance

Idiom 71

A free hand

Meaning



Drag the meanings

1. someone coming to your help

2. freedom to do whatever you want

3. to leave a place

The teacher gave the students a free hand to decorate the classroom for the party.

Idiom 73

A good head

Meaning



Drag the meanings

1. insane person

2. beautiful or handsome person

3. a good person or a smart person

Mary had a good head for numbers. No wonder she is always first in class for math!



Idiom 74

A handful Meaning



Drag the meanings

1. a few, not very many or be difficult person to deal with

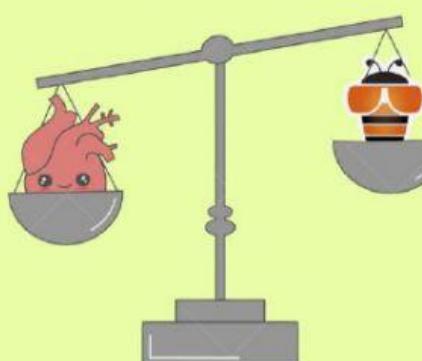
2. lots of things to carry or a heavy person

3. crowded place or noisy place

- There were *only a handful of people at the party.*
- Maggie was such a menace that she was a *real handful, always getting into trouble.*

Idiom 75

A heavy heart



Meaning



Drag the meanings

1. a fat person

2. sad

3. happy or contented

He left her with a **heavy heart**.

Idiom 76

A heavy hand



Meaning

Drag the meanings

1. strong person

2. a strict way of dealing with something

3. Bad consequences



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- *My father always punished us with a heavy hand.*

- *The principal punished the delinquents with a heavy hand.*

Idiom 77

A leg up

Meaning



Drag the meanings

1. to reach the end of a difficult situation without too much damage

2. gain an advantage

3. be at a disadvantage

The basketball team were all 15 years old and they had a leg up on the other team whose players were mostly 13 years old.

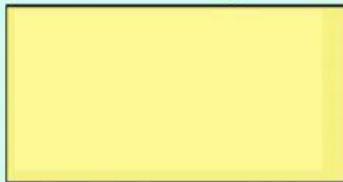


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Idiom 78

A head start

Meaning



*Mike had a **head start** over his classmates as he used the holidays to prepare for the examinations.*



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Drag the meanings

1. be at an advantage because you started early

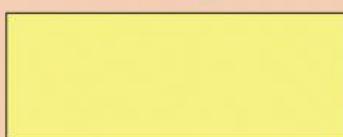
2. to agree with someone

3. to quarrel

Idiom 79

A lift

Meaning



*Your kind words have given me quite a **lift**!*



Drag the meanings

1. to encourage someone

2. hear something directly from the person who knows most about something

3. a situation that is different from what one expected

Idiom 80

Lift the weight off one's shoulders

Meaning

*Thank you for helping me weed the garden. It has **lifted the weight off my shoulders**. One less task to do!*



Drag the meanings

1. good news

2. No longer a burden

3. lose weight

Idiom 81

A load / weight off someone's mind

Meaning

*The good news about finding my lost pet took a **load off my mind**.*



Drag the meanings

1. no longer fat

2. no longer a worry

3. a time to work hard

Idiom 82

A little bird told me

Meaning



I was surprised when Jack sent me birthday wishes. I asked him how did he know. To that, he replied, “A little bird told me!”



Drag the meanings

1. spill someone's secrets

2. to make friends with someone

3. somebody told me your secret, but I'm not going to tell you who it is