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Idiom 67

A dog's age

Meaning

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



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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!

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Drag the meanings

1. lots of fun

2. To have big dreams

3. not much fun

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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

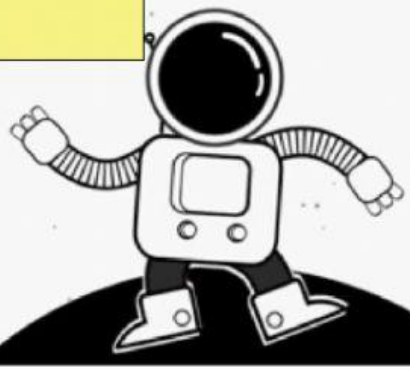
2. make it fair or equal for all

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

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Idiom 71

A free hand

Meaning



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

Drag the meanings

1. someone coming to your help

2. freedom to do whatever you want

3. to leave a place

Idiom 73

A good head

Meaning



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

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Drag the meanings

1. insane person

2. beautiful or handsome person

3. a good person or a smart person

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Idiom 74

A handful

Meaning



- *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.*

Drag the meanings

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

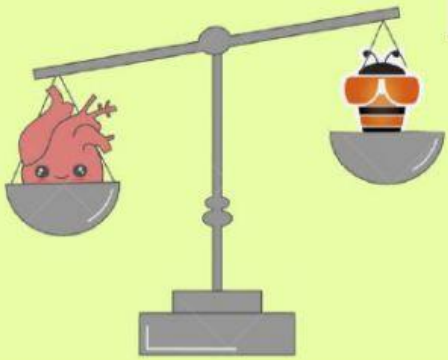
2. lots of things to carry or a heavy person

3. crowded place or noisy place

Idiom 75

A heavy heart

Meaning





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

Drag the meanings

1. a fat person

2. sad

3. happy or contented

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Idiom 76

A heavy hand



Meaning

- *My father always punished us with **a heavy hand**.*
- *The principal punished the delinquents with **a heavy hand**.*



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Drag the meanings

1. strong person
2. a strict way of dealing with something
3. Bad consequences

Idiom 77

A leg up



Meaning

*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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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

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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!***

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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

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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!*

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Drag the meanings

1. good news

2. No longer a burden

3. lose weight

Idiom 81

A load / weight off someone's mind



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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

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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!**"*





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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

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