

"Idioms"

"A group of words established by usage as having a meaning not deducible by the meaning of the individual words."

Let the cat out the bag



Reveal a secret carelessly or by mistake.

Drop the ball



Make a mistake.

Stuck in a rut



Seemingly trapped or stuck in a mundane, non-changing pattern of life, work, or personal behavior.

Many cooks in the kitchen



To mean that something may not be successful if too many people try to do it at the same time.

The elephant in the room



A major problem or controversial issue that is obviously present but avoided as a subject for discussion because it is more comfortable to do so.

Under the weather



When you're not feeling good, but at the same time you don't need to be in a hospital or see a doctor.

I'm in a pickle



You are in a difficult position, or have a problem to which no easy answer can be found.

Right as rain



(of a person) Be perfectly fit and well.

Mum's the word



Used to keep silent or keep a secret.

Weak the knees



So nervous or powerfully affected that it is difficult to stand.

Have a screw loose



To be crazy You've got to have a loose screw to think that's a good idea.

Wear many hats



To have many jobs or roles to do.

A chip off the old block



Someone who resembles their parent in character or appearance.

Neck and neck



In a competition, especially an election, if two or more competitors are neck and neck, they are level with each other and have an equal chance of winning.

Get on the ball



Is an exhortation to pay attention and get something done.

Piece of cake



Something very easy to do.

Choose and complete the following sentences.

1. I'd better _____ now. I'm feeling really exhausted.
2. Was your Math exam hard? –No, it was really _____.
3. I'm _____ at this job and need to find something more interesting and challenging.
4. Jules _____ about my surprise birthday party.
5. _____ 'cause the only time the cable repairman can come to our home is when I've got to be at work.
6. Increasing poverty in the world is the western politicians' _____.
7. She said hello to me and I went _____.
8. He was very ill, but he's _____.
9. Same like his brother, he is _____, very rude in behavior and stut.
10. I forgot my sunglasses! - Oh man, _____!
11. She _____: she's a doctor, a musician, and a writer.
12. The information i'm going to reveal to you, is highly confidential, so _____.
13. She eats nothing but nuts: she must _____!
14. The cyclists were _____ as they approached the final lap.
15. He _____, turning down their offer.