1. She thinks the world of him; he'll have her eating out of his hand.	a. Having a lot of energy
2. This new phone's the best thing since sliced bread!	b. Make somebody like you so much they agree to everything you say.
3. He's one of these businessmen who's got a finger in every pie.	c. Waste time worrying about something that has already happened and that cannot be changed
4. That boy's a real couch potato!	d. Be involved and influential in a lot of different activities
5. My last job was hard enough but this one is awful - it's out of the frying pan, into the fire!	e. Be embarrassed because something you tried to do went wrong
6. He's 65 but he's still full of beans.	f. Something you think is excellent.
7. He'll never cope in that job. He's bitten off more than he can chew.	g. Used to say that somebody, who was in a bad situation, is now in an even worse situation
8. She tells lies and then acts as if butter wouldn't melt in her mouth.	h. Try to do too much or do something that is too difficult
9. If this plan fails, I'll have egg on my face.	i. Used to say that somebody looks innocent, kind, etc. but really they are not
10. I shouldn't have left her, but it's no use crying over spilt milk.	j. A person who spends too much time watching TV

3 Match the idioms with the topics in the box.

energy TV having influence regret ✓ looking foolish
events getting worse seeming innocent being overambitious

- ▸ cry over spilt milk *regret*
- 1 have egg on your face
- 2 butter wouldn't melt
- 3 a couch potato
- 4 have a finger in every pie
- 5 bite off more than you can chew
- 6 full of beans
- 7 out of the frying pan, into the fire

4 Complete the sentences with an appropriate idiom from the table above.

- ▸ He can lie but look completely sweet and innocent. Butter wouldn't melt (in his mouth).
- 1 It's a wonderful invention; in fact, it's .
- 2 She's taken on too much work; in fact, she's .
- 3 I know she'll do whatever he wants; he's got her .
- 4 There's nothing you can do to put it right, so it's no use .
- 5 If the new scheme doesn't work, the politicians will have . .
- 6 He's in front of the TV all day long; he's just .
- 7 I thought things were bad, but then this happened! Out .
- 8 She recovered quickly from the operation and now she's .

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