

# Idioms

## VOCABULARY

a) I have to tell you something that will \_\_\_\_\_.

b) He \_\_\_\_\_ when he accidentally told her about the surprise party.

c) Okay, I'll tell you what I'm going to do, although you'll probably think that I have \_\_\_\_\_.

d) I'm \_\_\_\_\_ with my teacher because she caught me cheating in the test.

e) I'd better \_\_\_\_\_ now. I'm feeling really exhausted.

f) He is so cute that when he looks at me, I get \_\_\_\_\_.

g) We're all packed and ready to go - we can leave \_\_\_\_\_.

h) I am feeling a bit \_\_\_\_\_ - I think I'm getting a cold.

i) Is Samantha really getting married or are you just \_\_\_\_\_?

j) Was your Math exam hard? - No, it was really \_\_\_\_\_.

k) My friend got \_\_\_\_\_ and decided not to do a bungee jump.

l) Just \_\_\_\_\_! Let's think about this for a moment.

m) Tell me who was at the party. I am \_\_\_\_\_.

n) If you try to please both your father and mother, you can end up \_\_\_\_\_.

o) I don't know how you could afford this sports car. It must have \_\_\_\_\_.



**in hot water**

• to be in difficulties, especially in serious trouble



**butterflies in one's stomach**

• to be very nervous and anxious



**under the weather**

• to be or feel ill / sad or lack energy



**hold your horses**

• to wait / slow down / consider things carefully



**a piece of cake**

• something very easy to do



**knock one's socks off**

• to delight, thrill, amaze / impress



**let the cat out of the bag**

• to reveal a secret, usually unintentionally



**at the drop of a hat**

• immediately, without any delay or hesitation



**cost an arm and a leg**

• to be very expensive



**pull one's leg**

• to play a joke, tease, trick someone in a friendly way



**caught between two stools**

• to be unable to choose between two alternatives



**lose one's marbles**

• to act in a crazy or strange way



**hit the sack**

• to go to bed



**all ears**

• to be eager to hear / listen attentively



**cold feet**

• to lose courage to do something you had planned

**An idiom is a phrase, saying or a group of words that has a metaphorical (not literal) meaning, which has become accepted in common usage.**

**An idiom's symbolic sense is quite different from the literal meaning or definition of the words of which it is made. There are a large number of idioms and they are used very commonly in all languages. There are estimated to be at least 25,000 idiomatic expressions in the English language.**