

BODY IDIOMS

Part 1

Audio

1. Listen to the conversation. Match the idioms with their meanings.

foot the bill

To feel bad about something done.

two left feet

to pay for something that benefits other people.

costs an arm and a leg

a behaviour that shows discontent about something, but the actions are little things, not confrontations.

cold shoulder

it is very expensive.

passive aggressive

to ignore someone because you are mad at them.

feel a little guilty

Unable to dance very well.

2. Listen again and answer the questions about it.

1) Should a man foot the bill?

- a) They say yes.
- b) They say no.
- c) They disagree.

4) Who sometimes gives a cold shoulder?

- a) Just him
- b) Just her
- c) Both of them

2) What does she say costs an arm and leg?

- a) fruit
- b) taxis
- c) rent

5) Who should never give a cold shoulder?

- a) parents
- b) teachers
- c) students

3) What does he say costs an arm and a leg?

- a) college
- b) airfare
- c) healthcare

3. Fill the blanks with the right word.

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1. She gave me the cold _____.

4. Can you _____ the bill? I'm broke.

2. His actions are _____ aggressive.

5. I feel _____ about what I said.

3. He can't dance. He has two left _____.

6. The hotel cost me an _____ and a leg.

4. Think about situations/anecdotes in your life or opinions about things where you can use these idioms.

Let's talk about it.

Explanation and examples of each idiom

Foot the bill

Should a man always *foot the bill* on a date?

When you foot the bill, you pay for something that benefits other people. Notice the following:

1. The boss always foots the bill.
2. For a wedding, the father of the bride often foots the bill.

Two left feet

Do you have *two left feet*?

If you have two left feet, that means you cannot dance very well. Notice the following:

1. I am a terrible dancer. I have two left feet.
2. You shouldn't dance. You have two left feet.

Costs an arm and a leg

What *costs an arm and a leg*?

When something costs an arm and a leg, it is very expensive. Notice the following:

1. Housing these days costs an arm and a leg.
2. College cost me an arm and a leg.

Cold shoulder

He gave me the *cold shoulder*.

When you give someone the cold shoulder, you ignore them because you are mad at them. Notice the following:

1. Why is she giving me the cold shoulder?
2. He gave me the cold shoulder at the party.

Passive aggressive

It's kind of *passive aggressive*.

Passive aggressive is behavior that one does that shows they are upset about something, but the actions are little things, not confrontations. Notice the following:

1. My wife can be passive aggressive at times.
2. Giving the cold shoulder can be passive aggressive.

Feel guilty

You *feel a little guilty* later.

When you feel guilty, you feel bad about something you did. Notice the following:

1. He felt guilty about cheating on the test.
2. You shouldn't feel guilty about that!