

IDIOMS FROM PARTS OF THE BODY¹

Fill in the missing words in the sentences below. Choose from the following:

A big mouth	Heartless	Nosy
A long face	Keep your hair on	Pay through the nose
A pain in the neck	Lose one's head	Pull someone's leg
By ear	Hair-rising	Tongue-tied
Costs an arm and a leg	Have a sweet tooth	Tongue-twister
Give someone the cold shoulder	Head over heels in love	Wet behind the ears

1. If you like sweet foods very much, you have a sweet tooth.
2. If you play a musical instrument _____ it means you play it from memory.
3. When a couple is very much in love, they are _____.
4. Someone who is _____ is a very irritating, tiresome person.
5. If you are _____, it means you are cruel.
6. If a person is _____, he or she is too shy or nervous to speak.
7. To _____ it means to panic or lose control of oneself.
8. A person who is _____ is very inquisitive - especially about things which are none of is or her business.
9. To _____ means that you ignore him or her and treat him or her in an unfriendly way.
10. If you say to someone “_____”, you mean “Keep calm!” or “Don’t get angry”.
11. If something is _____, then it is frightening.
12. If you _____ for something, it means that you give more money for something than it is worth.
13. If you are _____, you are young and inexperienced.
14. To _____ means to tease someone - usually by telling the person which is quite untrue.
15. A _____ is a long word or phrase which is very difficult to say quickly or correctly (e.g. She sells sea-shell on the sea shore)
16. If a person talks too much and doesn’t keep secrets, he or she has _____.
17. If something in a department store _____, this product is very expensive.
18. When you have a sad, dissatisfied expression, you have a _____.

¹ Adapted from: Broukal, Milada. **Idioms for everyday use**. Illinois: MTC, 1997.
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