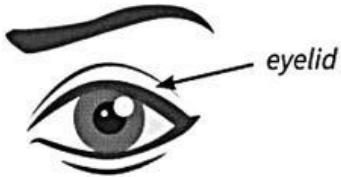
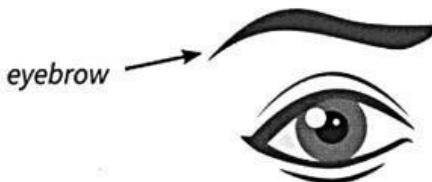


## Eye colour change is riskiest cosmetic surgery

### Eye idioms

The eyes are the basis of a large number of idioms. Note the idioms and their meanings in these paragraphs.



I **couldn't believe my eyes**<sup>1</sup> when I first saw her. She was so beautiful, I just **couldn't keep my eyes off**<sup>2</sup> her. I tried to **catch her eye**<sup>3</sup> to say hello.

Mia and I were good friends at first, but now we don't **see eye to eye**<sup>7</sup>. I know the fact that we stopped being friends **raised a few eyebrows**<sup>8</sup> at the time.

It all happened in the **blink of an eye**<sup>12</sup> and no one could do anything to prevent it. It was horrible. But the police officer standing nearby **didn't bat an eyelid**<sup>13</sup>. Then something **caught my eye**<sup>14</sup> which shocked me even more.

As a teacher myself, I know that teaching is not easy. You always have to **keep an eye on**<sup>4</sup> the students, but sometimes you just have to **turn a blind eye**<sup>5</sup> if they behave badly. If you want to be a teacher, you have to go into the profession **with your eyes open**<sup>6</sup>.

Could you **run/cast your eye over**<sup>9</sup> this report and see if there are any spelling mistakes? My computer's **on the blink**<sup>10</sup> and the spell-checker refuses to work. These reports are important, and I always have to **have/keep one eye on**<sup>11</sup> how the boss will react to them if they look untidy.

Working in such a poor country **opened my eyes to**<sup>15</sup> how unjust the world is. It was indeed a **real eye-opener**<sup>16</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> couldn't believe what I was seeing

<sup>2</sup> couldn't stop looking at her

<sup>3</sup> get her attention; make her look at me

<sup>4</sup> keep your attention on

<sup>5</sup> ignore behaviour which you know is wrong

<sup>6</sup> aware of all the problems there could be

<sup>7</sup> agree with each other

<sup>8</sup> surprised/shocked people

<sup>9</sup> have a quick look at

<sup>10</sup> beginning to break down and go wrong, probably because it is old (to *blink* means to close and open your eyes very quickly)

<sup>11</sup> observe carefully

<sup>12</sup> extremely short time

<sup>13</sup> didn't react at all

<sup>14</sup> made me look

<sup>15</sup> made me understand for the first time

<sup>16</sup> an event or situation that I unexpectedly learnt something from

**Write a suitable response to each of these remarks with an idiom. Use the keyword in brackets.**

- 1 A: Oh! We're doing 58 and the speed limit is 50. There's a police car there!  
B: Don't worry, if it's just over the limit, they usually ..... . (BLIND)
- 2 A: There's Petra over there. I wonder if she's seen us?  
B: I don't know. Let's wave and see if we can ..... . (CATCH)
- 3 A: Are you and Sara not friends any more?  
B: No, not really, we just don't ..... . (SEE)
- 4 A: Is there something wrong with this photocopier?  
B: Yes, it's been ..... for a while now. (BLINK)
- 5 A: Was it an interesting experience working for Social Services?  
B: Yes, I learnt a lot of things. It was a real ..... . (OPEN)
- 6 A: Did she react in any way when you told her the awful news?  
B: No, she didn't ..... . (BAT)

**Circle the correct word to complete each sentence.**

- 1 If you want to be a professional athlete, you have to go into it with your eye / eyes open.
- 2 Will you cast your eye / eyes over this report? I have to hand it in tomorrow.
- 3 Erik is so crazy about Amina. Look at him! He can't keep his eye / eyes off her!
- 4 The events of last night really opened my eye / eyes to just how arrogant he really is.
- 5 I couldn't believe my eye / eyes when I saw what a mess they had made of the room.

**Rewrite the underlined part of each sentence with an eye idiom.**

- 1 An accident can happen so quickly you can't stop it.
- 2 His behaviour at the meeting surprised a few people.
- 3 You should take into consideration your chances of promotion when taking up a new job.
- 4 A very strange sight forced me to look as I was driving along the motorway yesterday.

**Listen and complete the gaps.**

Increasing numbers of people worldwide are ..... cosmetic surgery to enhance their looks. What prospective patients may not know is ..... to change the colour of one's eyes are the riskiest. Research conducted by the online ..... Overnight Glasses asserts that eye colour surgery comes with a 92 per cent ..... complications. Eye colour change tops the researchers' list of riskiest cosmetic procedures. Such operations include iris implants and laser ..... . There is also a procedure called keratopigmentation. This is a permanent eye colour change in which a special colourant is inserted into the eyes using ..... technology.

Earlier this year, the American Academy of Ophthalmology ..... against eye colour change procedures. Dr Ashley Brissette highlighted things that could go wrong. These include ..... , allergic reactions, infections, sensitivity to light, damage to the cornea that can lead to cloudiness or ..... , and ultimately blindness. She said: "Anything that we do with the eyes, we have to be very ..... ." The researchers said recovery time can be up to two months, and the ..... of surgery is \$12,000. Ophthalmologist Nicole Bajic advised getting coloured contact lenses instead of going under ..... . She said this, "can give you the look you want without putting your eye health at risk".