

# IDIOMS

An idiom is an expression, word, or phrase that has a figurative meaning. IDIOMS are not to be taken literally. Here are a few examples. Study their meaning and then complete the sentences.



## In hot water

- to be in difficulties, especially in serious trouble



## butterflies in one's stomach

- to be very nervous and anxious



## a piece of cake

- something very easy to do



## under the weather

- to be or feel ill / sad or lack energy



## hold your horses

- to wait / slow down / consider things carefully



## let the cat out of the bag

- to reveal a secret, usually unintentionally



## knock one's socks off

- to delight, thrill, amaze / impress



## 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



## at the drop of a hat

- immediately, without any delay or hesitation



## caught between two stools

- to be unable to choose between two alternatives



## Cold feet

- to lose courage to do something you had planned



## hit the sack

- to go to bed



## all ears

- to be eager to hear / listen attentively



## lose one's marbles

- to act in a crazy or strange way

Complete the sentences with these idioms.

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- 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) If I had the opportunity, I would do it again \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 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) I don't know how you could afford this sports car. It must have \_\_\_\_\_ .
- o) If you try to please both your father and your girlfriend, you can end up \_\_\_\_\_ .