

What people say and what they mean!

Match idioms to (illustrations and discover) the meanings.

Idioms	Meaning
Coming out of my shell	Losing my shyness.
Mind your Ps and Qs	Behave with good manners.
A hat trick	Scoring three goals in one game
The bee's knees	Perfect!
Pull your socks up!	Try harder
Face the music	Own up to something and take the consequences
Let the cat out of the bag	Tell a secret that you should have kept
Sleep tight	Sleep well
A wet blanket	Someone who spoils another's time by being miserable
Life is a bed of roses	An easy and comfortable life
He wouldn't say boo to a goose	He is so quiet that he would never upset anyone
In the dog house	In trouble
Blow your own trumpet	Boast about how great you are
Donkey's years	A very long time
Get your skates on	Hurry up
Turn over a new leaf	Begin again, trying to be better
Take the bull by the horns	Start a difficult task that you have been avoiding
Pull the wool over their eyes	Make people believe something is true when it isn't
That rings a bell	That reminds me of something
Beaver away	Work very hard
Mum's the word	I will not tell anyone
They get on like a house on fire	They get on very well indeed
Eat a square meal	Eat a good, satisfying meal
Call a spade a spade	Say exactly what you mean
Stay on your toes	Be ready for anything
I'm all ears	I'm listening very carefully to what you're saying
Bite off more than you can chew	Take on more tasks than you can manage
Butterflies in my tummy	I'm feeling nervous about doing something
Put your oar in	Interfere with someone else's business
Full of beans	Lots of energy
Save for a rainy day	Save your money until you really need it
I have a frog in my throat	My voice has gone croaky
Feeling under the weather	Feeling poorly
I'm at the end of my tether	I can't cope with any more
Down in the dumps	Feeling a bit sad
Back to the drawing board	Start at the beginning again
Keep your shirt on	Don't lose your temper
Bend over backwards	Put special effort into helping
Not a sausage	Nothing at all
Barking up the wrong tree	You have the wrong idea about something