**Idioms**

Idioms are fixed combinations of words whose meaning is often difficult to guess from the meaning of each individual word.

* **Idioms from Parts of the Body**

**A big mouth** – My brother has such a big mouth. He told everything I said to our mother.

* A person who talks too much and does not keep secrets

**By heart** – I know all my friends’ telephone numbers by heart.

* By memory

**To cost an arm and a leg** – Everything in that fancy department store costs an arm and a leg. I can’t afford to buy anything there, not even a pencil.

* To be very expensive

**To have a sweet tooth** – I know you have a sweet tooth, so I bought you a box of chocolates.

* To like sweet food very much

**A long face** – Because Judy didn’t get an invitation to the party, she’s walked around with a long face since yesterday.

* A sad, dissatisfied expression

**A pain in the neck** – Waiting for the bus on the cold, windy corner is a pain in the neck.

* Something or someone that annoys or bothers a person

**To shake a leg** – Shake a leg! We have to be at school in twenty minutes.

* To hurry up, move faster

**To break a leg –** You have an exam tomorrow? Break a leg!

* good luck, best wishes, to wish someone luck especially before a performance
* **Idioms from Animals**

**As blind as a bat** – I’m as blind as a bat without my glasses.

* Not able to see well because of very bad eyesight

**As quiet as a mouse** – When the teacher walked into the room, each student was at his or her desk, reading a book, as quiet as a mouse.

* Making almost no noise, being shy and not talking much

**A bookworm** – Howard reads twelve books a week. He’s a real bookworm.

* Someone who reads a lot

**Chicken** – Richard is too chicken to try waterskiing.

* Afraid, scared

**An early bird** – Allan arrives at the office before everyone else. He’s an early bird.

* The first person to be somewhere, a person who gets out of bed early

**A night owl**- In order to earn their bread so many people now have to turn into night owls.

* Someone who is vigilant late at night.

**To eat like a horse** – Every time Jess goes walking in the mountains, he comes home with a big appetite, and he eats like a horse.

* To eat a lot

**To smell a rat** – I could smell a rat. Someone stopped me on the street and offered to sell me a gold watch for five dollars.

* To think there may be something wrong

**To talk turkey** – Let’s stop being polite and talking around the problem. Let’s start to talk turkey.

* To talk openly and directly

**To work like a dog** – Jack works two jobs and goes to college. He works like a dog because he wants to get a good education.

* To work very hard
* **Idioms from Geography**

**Down-to-earth** – John is always willing to give advice, and his advice is usually valuable. He’s down-to-earth.

- Honest and direct, sensible and practical

**On cloud nine**- She's been on **cloud nine** since she heard the news of her promotion.

* Very happy

**Once in a blue moon** – Katie is so busy that she sees her brother Kevin only once in a blue moon.

- Almost never, very seldom

**Out of the woods** – He was very ill, but he’s getting better. He’s out of the woods.

- Out of the trouble or difficulty

**The tip of the iceberg** – John seems very unhappy. He says that he’s having trouble in school, but I think that’s only the tip of the iceberg.

- Small part of a larger problem

**Out of this world**- The ice cream at that store is out of this world. I’d walk a mile to buy some.

* Excellent, very good

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