

Idioms - In seventh heaven!

Every month we have a look at some interesting idioms. Back in June this year we focused in on face related idioms - how many can you remember? This month we're zooming in on some idioms featuring numbers. Enjoy!

Be on cloud nine

A person who is on cloud nine is very happy because something wonderful has happened.

"When the boss announced my promotion, I was on cloud nine!"

Be in seventh heaven

If you are in seventh heaven, you are extremely happy.

"Every time she wins a match she's in seventh heaven!"

Dressed up to the nines

To describe someone as dressed up to the nines means that they are wearing very smart or glamorous clothes.

"Caroline must be going to a party - she's dressed up to the nines!"

Talk nineteen to the dozen

If someone talks nineteen to the dozen, they speak very quickly.

"He was talking nineteen to the dozen so I didn't catch the whole story!"



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Look/feel like a million dollars

If you look/feel like a million dollars, you look/feel extremely good.

"With a tan and a new hairstyle, she looked like a million dollars."

One-track mind

If you have a one-track mind, you have a tendency to think about only one subject.

"That boy has got a one-track mind; all he thinks about is football!"

Catch twenty two

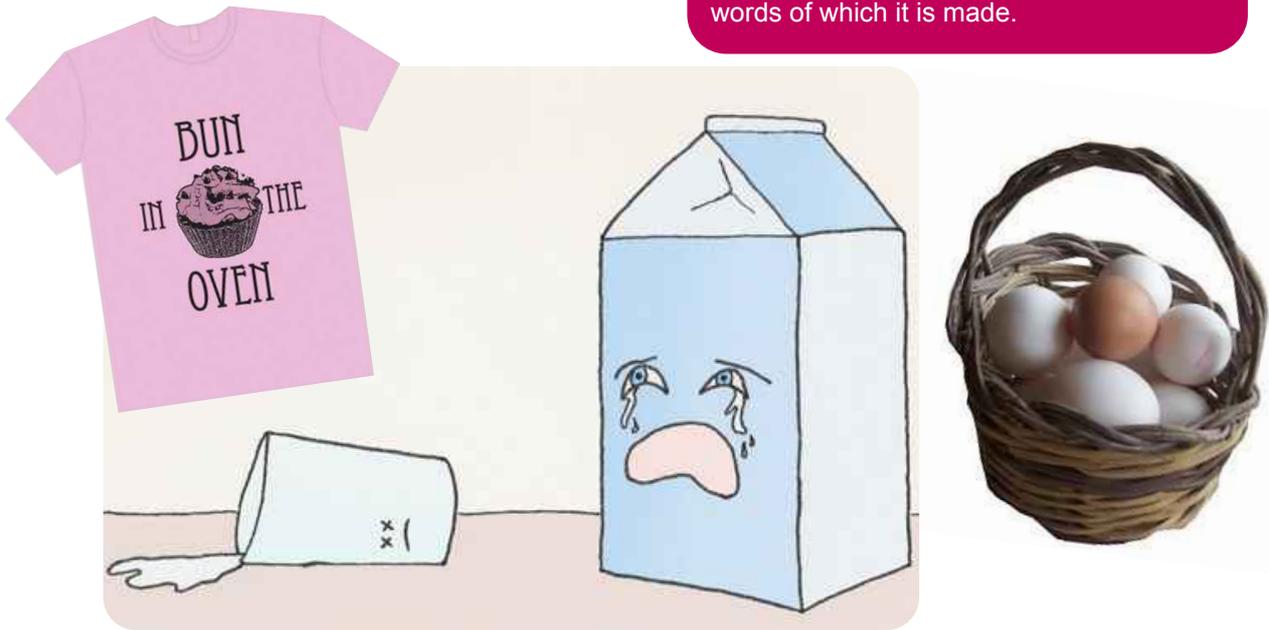
A catch 22 situation refers to a frustrating situation where you need to do one thing before doing a second, and you cannot do the second before doing the first.

"I can't get a job without a work permit, and I can't get a work permit without a job. It's a catch 22 situation!"

Idioms - Cool as a cucumber!

Back once again with some idioms for you. This month we're hungrily devouring idioms featuring foods!

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Bring home the bacon

A person who brings home the bacon earns the money that a family live on.

"When we had our son, we decided that I would stay at home with the kids and Jane would bring home the bacon."

Butter wouldn't melt in their mouth

If someone looks as if butter wouldn't melt in their mouth, they look very innocent.

"She sat there looking like butter wouldn't melt in her mouth, when I knew full well she had cheated on the test!"

Chalk and cheese

Things, or people, that are like chalk and cheese are very different and have nothing in common.

"Olivia and Sam are really happy even though she's a Jewish, vegetarian liberal and he's a Muslim, meat-loving conservative! They're like chalk and cheese!"

Don't cry over spilt milk

When something bad happens and nothing can be done to help it people say, 'Don't cry over spilt milk'.
"You failed the test? Well you'll just have to study hard and take it again! There's no use crying over spilt milk."

About as useful as a chocolate teapot

Someone or something that is of no practical use is about as useful as a chocolate teapot.

"Some of our politicians are about as useful as a chocolate teapot when it comes to sorting out this financial crisis!"

All your eggs in one basket

If you put all your eggs in one basket, you risk everything at once, instead of trying to spread the risk.

"If I were you, I would try a few different gyms before you join one. That way you're not putting all your eggs in one basket."

As cool as a cucumber

If someone is as cool as a cucumber, they don't get worried by anything.

"Everyone around her was going mad, but she was cool as a cucumber!"

Bun in the oven

If a woman has a bun in the oven, she is pregnant.
"Have you heard? Tim and Sandra have got another bun in the oven!"

Idioms - Away with the Fairies!

This month we have gone bananas for idioms related to madness!

Away with the fairies

To say that someone is away with the fairies means that they are in such a dreamy state that they are not totally in touch with reality and give the impression of being slightly mad.

"It's no use trying to explain the problem to her - she's away with the fairies!"

Go bananas

If someone becomes very emotional and starts behaving in a crazy way, they go bananas.

"If you announce that you're going to drop out of school, your parents will go bananas!"

Basket case

A person who's agitated mental state leaves them helpless or unable to cope with things is called a basket case.

"Jenny will turn into a basket case if this stressful situation continues."

The lights are on, but no one is home

A humorous way of referring to a person who is lacking intellect and/or sanity, or to someone who is simply preoccupied and not paying attention.

"Forget about Andy today - the lights are on but no one is home!"

Have you gone out of your mind?

If you ask someone if they've gone out of their mind, you think they are crazy, foolish or insane.

"You're going to ask for a 100% increase in salary? Have you gone out of your mind?"

Go nuts

To say that a person has gone nuts means that they have become completely foolish, eccentric or mad.

Have a screw loose

If someone has a screw loose, their behaviour is strange and they appear slightly mad.

"She wears a fur coat in summer - she must have a screw loose!"

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Idioms - What a pain in the neck!

This month we're getting carried away with idioms related to parts of the body!

At each other's throats

Fighting or arguing all the time.

The two boys were at each other's throats when they entered the room.

Shout at the top of your lungs

Shout with a very loud voice.

I yelled at the top of my lungs to get the man's attention.

Difficult to stomach

To be unable to accept someone, to be unable to accept something that you think is unpleasant or wrong.

It is difficult to stomach my friend when she begins to complain about things.

Eyes bigger than your stomach

Taking more food than one can eat.

I took an extra helping from the buffet, but my eyes were bigger than my stomach, because I couldn't finish it!

Give someone the cold shoulder

To be ignored or rejected (by someone).

I saw Sarah the other day but she gave me the cold shoulder!

Keep your chin up

To not allow oneself to get depressed or intimidated.

Don't lose hope! things will get better. You have to keep your chin up and be positive.

A pain in the neck

An annoying or bothersome person or event.

Our customer is a pain in the neck and is always complaining about something.

A shoulder to cry on

Someone who you can tell your problems to and then ask for sympathy and advice.

I gave my friend a shoulder to cry on when I met him at the coffee shop.

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