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Idioms

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Apple of my eye



A person or thing that is very special or loved the most.

Pain in the neck



Someone or something that is annoying.

Butterflies in my stomach



A nervous feeling.

All ears



To listen eagerly and carefully.

Break a leg



To wish someone good luck, especially before a performance.

Cost an arm and a leg



Something that is very expensive.

One smart cookie



An intelligent person.

Bad/ rotten apple



A bad person, often someone who causes trouble.

Cup of tea



Something you are good at or enjoy doing.

Feel blue



To feel sad.

Once in a blue moon



Something that happens very rarely.

Green fingers



Someone who is good at gardening.

Back to square one



To start from the beginning again.

Sweet tooth



A strong liking for sweet foods.

Lips are sealed



To promise to keep a secret.

See eye to eye



To agree on something.

Raining cats and dogs



It is raining heavily.

Spill the beans



To reveal the truth or secret.

A piece of cake



A task that can be done very easily.

Couch potato



A person who takes little exercise and watches a lot of television.



Barking up the wrong tree.

Literal meaning: Dog barking at wrong tree.

Deeper meaning: Directing efforts at the wrong person or thing.

Under the weather.

Literal meaning: Under a storm.

Deeper meaning: Not feeling well.



Crocodile tears.

Literal meaning: Crocodile crying.

Deeper meaning: Fake tears or fake sadness.

As cool as a cucumber.

Literal meaning: A cool cucumber.

Deeper meaning: Very calm, not nervous.



Clammed up.

Literal meaning: Closed clam.

Deeper meaning: Refuse to talk.

