

IDIOMS

Down to Earth	Practical, realistic; likes everyday things not power or glamour, ordinary	Who do you know who is down to earth ?	My mom is very down to earth . She doesn't spend a lot of money on clothes and food.
True Blue	Loyal, faithful	Name a true blue friend	My best friend is true blue . She always helps me and gives me advice.
Under the weather	Sick, not feeling well	What do you do when you are under the weather ?	I have the flu. I am feeling under the weather .
No spring chicken	Old; not young	Name someone in your family who is no spring chicken .	My dad is no spring chicken . He is 80 years old.
Rolls with the punches	Someone who is always calm and not bothered	Would you say you are someone who worries about everything or one who rolls with the punches ?	My sister rolled with the punches when our plans changed and she did not get upset.
Red tape	Things that must be done in order to get what you want; takes time	If your child wanted to stay out late would they have a lot of red tape to go through or would you let them go?	I ran into red tape when my dad said I could not go to the party. I asked and asked and he still said no.
Lose your marbles	Go crazy over something	What is something that makes you lose your marbles ?	I lose my marbles when my daughters make a mess with their toys after I cleaned the house.
Bottom Line	Main point, final decision or thought	What is your bottom line when it comes to your child's grades?	The bottom line is you cannot go shopping with your friends until your room is clean.
On the ball	Be current, up to date	Who do you know who is on the ball with current events in your family?	I am on the ball . I always know what I need to get from the store and what everyone wants to eat.
Big wig	Someone who is important or thinks he's important	Who in your friend group always acts like a big wig ?	My husband is the big wig at his job. He is the head boss.
For the birds	Not worth much, worthless	Name a show or movie that you think is for the birds .	Getting up early when I can sleep in is for the birds .

Green thumb	Special talent for growing plants and flowers.	Name someone who has a green thumb .	My sister has a green thumb . Her plants always grow beautifully and mine die.
Sit shotgun	To sit in the car next to the driver.	Who in your family usually sits shotgun ?	My husband sits shotgun when I am driving the car.
Play hookey	To run away, not do something you should	Should kids be allowed to play hookey from school?	My daughter didn't want to go to school today so we played hookey and went to disneyland.
Take the bull by the horns	Take charge, solve a problem right away	Who in your group of friends will take the bull by the horns and plan events?	I took the bull by the horns and bought a new car because my car broke and I needed to solve my problem.
Upper hand	To have an advantage	In an argument with a friend, who always seems to have an upper hand ?	I have the upper hand in the classroom because I am the teacher and we do what I want.
Throw in the towel	To give up	When your team is losing, are you more likely to throw in the towel or fight to the finish?	I threw in the towel when my daughter wouldn't stop crying. I walked away and left her alone.
Cut from the same cloth	Very similar to each other	Would you say that you and your spouse are cut from the same cloth or different?	My best friend and I are cut from the same cloth . We like the same food, clothes, and movies.
Shed crocodile tears	Pretend to be sad about something when you are not.	Someone you don't like struck out in a baseball game. Would you shed crocodile tears or clap?	My daughter shed crocodile tears when I told her she needed to go to bed but her dad told her she could stay awake and then she smiled.
Raining cats and dogs	Raining hard, storming	What do you like to do when its raining cats and dog ?	I hate going out when its raining cats and dogs . The streets are soaked and I get wet.
Missed the boat	Be too late to take advantage of an opportunity	Tell about a time when you missed the boat on something.	I missed the boat because I didn't go to the store when they had a good sale on decorations so I didn't get anything new.

Feeling blue	sad		I felt blue when my dog was sick and he wouldn't get up. I thought he was going to die.
Stomach is growling	hungry		Last night before I ate dinner my stomach was growling because I hadn't eaten anything all day.
Can't keep my eyes open	tired		After a long day of work I was so tired I couldn't keep my eyes open .
Jumping for joy	happy		I was jumping for joy when I saw my new car at my house because I waited so long for it.
Seeing red	mad		When I got in a car accident I was seeing red because the man who hit me was yelling at me and made me cry.
On pins and needles	nervous		I was on pins and needles waiting for my test results for the doctor. I hope I am not sick.
Shaking like a leaf	scared		During the lightning storm my dog was hiding and shaking like a leaf because the noise scared him.
Ashamed to look them straight in the eye	embarrassed		I was ashamed to look them straight in the eye after I broke their favorite toy.