

## Body idioms - Drawing games

### Body idioms drawing competition

Choose one of the body idioms below. Everyone will draw something to represent both the wording of the idiom and its meaning, e.g. drawing both something coming off someone's chest and someone moving from having a stressed face to a happy face. Vote on the best picture(s), then take turns doing the same for other idioms below.

When your teacher stops you, ask about body idioms any which you don't understand, were not sure how to draw, are not sure that anyone drew well, etc, working together to make suitable drawings as a class each time.

### Body idioms drawing guessing game

Choose one of the idioms below but don't say which. Draw the wording of the idiom and/or the meaning until someone can say both the idiom and its meaning. Discuss how suitable the pictures are, then take turns doing the same with other idioms below.

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Test each other on the idioms in other ways:

- say the meaning and then say the idiom with a missing word, and see if your partner can complete it
- say an idiom and see if your partner can say its meaning
- say the meaning and a key word, and see if your partner can make the idiom
- say a key word and help your partner make a related idiom
- say an idiom and see if your partner can use it in an example sentence
- say a meaning and see if your partner can say a related idiom in an example sentence

### Body idioms and meanings to draw

have a shoulder to cry on	have someone you can talk to about your problems such as a sympathetic friend
put your foot in it	say something insensitive that you should have avoided saying
get it off my chest	feel relieved because I talked about something that was worrying me such as something I wanted to complain about
up to my eyes in work	almost overwhelmed by work, as if I am nearly drowning
thick skinned/ like water off a duck's back	criticism has no effect or is not even noticed

look down your nose at	feel no respect for/ think is inferior to you/ feel snobbish about
give someone a big hand	clap/ give a round of applause to congratulate etc
keep an eye on	supervise/ check carefully to make sure nothing bad happens
see eye to eye (on...)	have the same opinion about something
stretch your legs	go for a walk, such as a quick walk after sitting for too long
hold your tongue	not say something that you want to say, for example keeping a secret
caught red handed	seen actually doing something wrong, so that there is no doubt that you did it
put your foot down	insist that someone does what you say/ that they do what they don't want to do
head over heels (in love)	instantly and/ or passionately in love
your eyes are bigger than your stomach	think you want more than you really need, e.g. a dish that is too big for you to eat
powder your nose	go to the toilet
two left feet	a bad and/ or clumsy dancer
head in the clouds	with unrealistic dreams
cost an arm and a leg/ pay through the nose	be very expensive/ pay a lot
win hands down	easily win/ win by a wide margin