

## Body Idioms- Presentation And Speaking

Choose one problem below and try to think of ideas that could solve that problem for the people involved. Discuss your ideas with your partner, then take turns doing the same thing with other problems from below.

- It's hard to *keep your head above water* (= You often spend all the money that you earn)
- Other people *look down their noses at you* (= Other people don't respect you/ think that they are much better than you)
- In your company, *the right hand doesn't know what the left one is doing* (= People in the company make different decisions, don't share information or don't work together)
- You are *up to your eyes in work* (= You have so much work that you nearly can't manage or can't manage)
- You are worried about *getting the elbow* at work (= being fired/ being dismissed/ being sacked)
- You *can't make head or tail of English* reports that you have to read (= can't understand at all)
- You *get butterflies in your stomach* when you have to speak in public (= get incredibly nervous)
- You have *time on your hands* (= too much free time and nothing to do)
- You have *two left feet* (= You can't dance)
- You have very *nosy* neighbours (= people who want to know everything about other people's private lives)
- You need *a shoulder to cry on* (= someone to listen to you talk about your problems)
- You need someone to *lend you a hand* (= help you)
- You often *put your foot in it* during conversations (= mention the wrong topic or say the wrong thing)
- You want to *learn* your English presentation *by heart* (= learn perfectly/ learn every word)
- You wanted to study abroad but *lost your nerve* (= were too worried to do something)
- Your boss makes your *blood boil* (= makes you very angry)
- Your computer is *on its last legs* (= nearly totally broken or nearly totally useless)
- *Your eyes are bigger than your stomach* (= You order or cook more food than you can or should eat)
- Your rent *costs an arm and a leg* (= is incredibly expensive)
- Your subordinates are *getting out of hand* (= You can't control your subordinates)
- Your tennis partner always *wins hands down* (= wins easily)

Ask about anything above you can't understand or can't think of solutions for, discussing possible solutions to those problems as a class each time.

Without looking above, fill the gaps below with one body part word.

- It's hard to keep your \_\_\_\_\_ above water (= You often spend all the money that you earn)
- Other people look down their \_\_\_\_\_ at you (= Other people don't respect you)
- In your company, the right \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't know what the left one is doing (= People in the company make different decisions, don't share information or don't work together)
- You are up to your \_\_\_\_\_ in work (= You have so much work that you nearly can't manage or can't manage)
- You are worried about getting the \_\_\_\_\_ at work (= being fired/ being dismissed/ being sacked)
- You can't make \_\_\_\_\_ or tail of English reports that you have to read (= can't understand at all)
- You get butterflies in your \_\_\_\_\_ when you have to speak in public (= get incredibly nervous)
- You have time on your \_\_\_\_\_ (= too much free time and nothing to do)
- You have two left \_\_\_\_\_ (= You can't dance)
- You have very \_\_\_\_\_ neighbours (= people who want to know everything about other people's private lives)
- You need a \_\_\_\_\_ to cry on (= someone to listen to you talk about your problems)
- You need someone to lend you a \_\_\_\_\_ (= help you)
- You often put your \_\_\_\_\_ in it during conversations (= mention the wrong topic or say the wrong thing)
- You want to learn your English presentation by \_\_\_\_\_ (= learn perfectly/ learn every word)
- You wanted to study abroad but lost your \_\_\_\_\_ (= were too worried to do something)
- Your boss makes your \_\_\_\_\_ boil (= makes you very angry)
- Your computer is on its last \_\_\_\_\_s (= nearly totally broken or nearly totally useless)
- Your \_\_\_\_\_s are bigger than your stomach (= You order or cook more food than you can or should eat)
- Your rent costs an arm and a \_\_\_\_\_ (= is incredibly expensive)
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Check with the previous page. In most or all cases, no other answers are possible.