

Tongue loose

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In this section the idea is to have fun ... but in English, and many times with English, because many times we will be making fun of the language itself. Together with laughter, many times humor carries a deep reflection on language and sometimes an outstanding use and almost manipulation of the language. That is why it is said that humor is the last thing you get to understand in a language. Today's page was made with two things from internet. I welcome humorous contributions for this page:

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TO teach idioms using parts of the body

IDIOMS PARTS OF THE BODY

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Preparation

Previous session revise parts of the body (could ask students to study them on their own) by labelling a body in pairs and then playing Simon says

1

Make 1 copy of the corresponding page of the dictionary that contains each of the following parts of the body Blank out every time the part of the body appears
Divide class into 6 groups. Sts should firstly read all sheets to quickly identify the part of the body that has been blanked out.

Key: 1) EYE 2) FACE 3) HEAD 4) HAND 5) FOOT 6) HEART

2

Each group chooses one part of the body to work on. Give them the corresponding sheet. They should now read through the list and choose a minimum of 6 idioms they find interesting or useful. They then design a poster to put up on classroom walls which will teach/show others their idioms. The poster could include a drawing or be cut in the shape of the part of the body they have chosen. The posters should contain either a list of the idioms plus their meanings or something more creative like a crossword or a matching game.

Apart from the posters each group should write 3 sentences with a blank (the blank being the part of the body) highlighting one idiom each. These sentences are handed in to the teacher.

3

Teacher puts together all sentences produced by groups on one worksheet
Following session sts are asked to fill in the blanks on their sheets by reading each other's posters.

4 For further practice play bingo.

IDIOMS PARTS OF THE BODY (BINGO)

1

- 1 To do something behind someone's (act deceitfully)
- 2 To keep a straight (not to laugh)
- 3 To have an for something. (have good judgement)
- 4 To set one's on something.(to be very anxious to obtain something)
- 5 To live from to mouth (to spend all one's earnings on living)

2

- 1 To give someone a with something (help someone)
- 2 To lose..... (to lose one's dignity)
- 3 To turn a blind to something (deliberately ignore something)
- 4 To go to someone's (make someone drunk)
- 5 To learn something by..... (using one's memory)

3

- 1 To put one's down. (to refuse to give way)
- 2 To be above one's (beyond one's understanding)
- 3 To have a big (be generous)
- 4 On the of it (apparently at first glance)
- 5 An opener (something that provides unexpected knowledge)

4

- 1 To keep an on sthing or someone (to watch, supervise)
- 2 To fall on one's (pl) (to escape a difficulty)
- 3 To know something at (deep down)
- 4 To be at (within easy reach)
- 5 To have a sweet..... (like eating sweet things)

5

- 1 To set one's against something.(to be unmovably opposed to something)
- 2 To try one's at something (try to do something new)
- 3 To pull someone's (tease someone)
- 4 To have a lump in one's (be about to cry)
- 5 To take something into one's(come to wrongly believe something)

6

- 1 To be all(listen carefully)
- 2 To put one's into it. (say something embarrassing or stupid)
- 3 To be over heels in love.(be completely in love)
- 4 To have one 's..... in one's mouth.(be frightened)
- 5 To look sb in the (look at somebody without fear or embarrassment)

7
1 To catch someone's(attract someone's attention) 2 To have green (be good at gardening) 3 To have one's..... screwed on. (be sensible) 4 To make up one's(decide) 5 To put one's (relax, rest)
8
1 To be out of (out of control) 2 To set off on the wrong(start wrongly from the very beginning) 3 To open somebody's(cause sb. to realize) 4 To eat one's out.(suffer because of frustration) 5 To keep one's on.(not become angry)
9
1 To get cold (be afraid, lose courage) 2 To have one's full.(be very busy) 3 To see to..... with somebody.(to agree) 4 To have the to do something.(to have the insolence) 5 To keep one's above the water.(avoid sinking into difficultuies)

KEY

CARD 1

1 BACK

2 FACE

3 EYE

4 HEART

5 HAND

CARD 2

1 HAND

2 FACE

3 EYE

4 HEAD

5 HEART

CARD 3

1 FOOT

2 HEAD

CARD 5

1 FACE

2 HAND

3 LEG

4 throat

5 HEAD

CARD 6

1 EARS

2 FOOT

3 HEAD

4 HEART

5 FACE

CARD 7

1 EYE

2 FINGERS

CARD 9

1 FEET

2 HANDS

3 EYE

4 FACE

5 HEAD

3 HEART

3 HEAD

4 FACE

4 MIND

5 EYE

5 FEET

CARD 4

CARD 8

1 EYE

1 HEART

2 FEET

2 FOOT

3 HEART

3 EYES

4 HAND

4 HAND

5 TOOTH

5 HEAD

EYE	THROAT	HAND	BACK
TOOTH	HEART	FACE	EYE
FOOT	HEAD	HAND	HEART
EYE	HEAD	EYE	EYE
HEART	HEART	FACE	HEART
EARS	FINGERS	HANDS	EYES
FOOT	FACE	FACE	HAND
FOOT	HEART	HEAD	LEG
FEET	FACE	HEAD	EYE
MIND	HAND	FACE	FEET
HEAD	FEET	HAND	HEAD
HEAD	FACE	HEART	HEART
HEART			