

Idioms



1. Look at the cartoons. They all represent a common idiom in English. Match the correct idiom with each cartoon. Then match each idiom with its correct meaning.



1. My exam was a piece of cake!
2. It's really not my cup of tea.
3. I slept like a log.
4. I could eat a horse.
5. I felt like a fish out of water.
6. He's always got ants in his pants!
7. He drinks like a fish.
8. I can smell a rat.
9. He is the black sheep of the family.
10. Robert is the teacher's pet.

Meanings

1. To feel out of place.
2. The teacher's favourite pupil.
3. Something is very easy.
4. To be really hungry.
5. To dislike something.
6. To drink too much alcohol.
7. A person who can't sit still for long.
8. To suspect something suspicious about a situation or a person.
9. Someone who is always in trouble and brings shame to his family.
10. To sleep really well.

2. Are any of these idioms the same in your language?

3. What do you think the following idioms mean?

1. Jules was like a bear with a sore head this evening. I wonder what upset him at work?
2. He thinks he is the bee's knees. But actually he isn't any better than anyone else!
3. Her garden looks beautiful. She must have green fingers.