

Using Idioms: Read the sentence. Underline the idiom or idioms and tell what you think they mean.

- I told Ann her hair looked more beautiful than I had ever seen it. I really put my foot in my mouth, because she was wearing a wig.
- Jane's husband wanted her to buy a sports car, but Jane wanted a van. Jane put her foot down and they bought the van.
- Let's go out to eat. Last time you paid, so this time I'll foot the bill.
- A telephone conversation won't work. We need to talk face to face.
- Did you and John settle the argument. No, we don't see eye to eye on this issue.
- Diane had a temper tantrum. She slammed the door so hard that it broke. She had to face the music when her father came home.
- The council voted in favor of building a new park, but the mayor didn't want to spend the money. The mayor had to back down. He wasn't able to face down the whole council.
- Could you tell me the most convenient way to get downtown. Off the top of my head, I'd say the easiest way to get downtown is on the bus.
- My nosey aunt always tries to find out who I'm dating.
- The quarrel came to a head when Jack announced he would quit if he had to work for a new boss.
- I know Jack said some rude things, but I think you should turn the other cheek.
- Jim thinks his girlfriend is cheating on him. Bob was teasing Jim about it. I said to Bob, "Don't add fuel to the fire".
- I dropped my coffee cup for the second time. I'm all thumbs today.
- Tom is getting cold feet about asking Jenny to the prom.
- Mr. Jonas yelled at me today when I came to class late. He really scared me. But my friends tell me not to worry that his bark is worse than his bite.
- My mother lost her temper when my brother came home with a bad report card.
- Mother's car accident was a blessing in disguise. No one was hurt and it convinced Mother that she was too old to drive.
- John hit the nail on the head when he said the new employees need more training.
- I've got to get some shut-eye. I've stayed up late every night this week.
- I get goose bumps every time I think about how close we came to hitting that truck.
- They put speed bumps on the street in front of the school to slow down the traffic.
- I know you are still upset that Sue got the job you wanted. But you can't stay mad at her forever. It's time to let bygones be bygones. After all, you can't hold a grudge forever.

Building Vocabulary: Read the definition and example. Then answer the question.

1. A **whim** is a sudden notion or idea. EX: He started a website on a whim and became an overnight millionaire.

Are you the kind of person who does things on a whim or do you consider every decision carefully before acting?

2. If you are **engaged**, it might mean you are busy and involved. It also could mean you have agreed to marry. EX: I think staying engaged with life keeps you young longer. Sara and Frank are engaged. They will marry in June.

Tell the story of your engagement. Did your spouse ask permission of your parents before asking you to marry? Is this the custom in your country?

Are you engaged most weekend nights, or do you prefer to stay home alone.

3. **Accommodation** means a place to stay. EX: Our hotel only has accommodations for 20 people.

Many Americans have “guest rooms” in their homes. How do you accommodate overnight guests in your house? What kinds of accommodations do you prefer when you travel?...hotels, bed and breakfasts, rental homes

Writing Paragraphs: Invent and write down a brief story (a few sentences) of what you think is happening in each picture. Then read and compare the stories of everyone in the group.

