

Read the sentence and tell what you think the underlined idiom means.

On the face of it, the problem looks easy to solve.

Yes, I'd love to hear the gossip about Tim and Carolyn. Tell me, I'm all ears.

I am telling you the truth, cross my heart.

The victim yelled at the top of her lungs, but no one heard her.

We need a keen, energetic young person with a good eye for detail to start work immediately as a trainee flower arranger.

I offered to help him but he just told me to keep my nose out of it.

I've got a lot of things to do today. Can you lend me a hand?

It was over twelve years ago that I first set my heart on becoming a lawyer and today I have finally passed my law exams.

There's nothing anybody can do about the train delays so we just have to try to put a brave face on it. Certainly, it doesn't help to complain.

If you wear that dress at the funeral it is sure to raise a few eyebrows. I think maybe you should wear something less colorful.

It is always harder for an older worker to lose a job. The young generally land on their feet within a year or so but somebody over 50 may never work again.

Tim and Carolyn had a heart to heart talk and decided not to buy a new house right now.

It didn't cross my mind that inviting Ben to the party would make Bill jealous.

I'm up to my eyeballs in work right now. We'll have to go on vacation later in the month.

You've got to hand it to Jim. He decided he wanted to attend college and he worked until he could pay his tuition.

My boyfriend broke up with me today. I need a shoulder to cry on.

Off the top of my head, I can't think of a single person who is willing to help you.

After the divorce, she turned a deaf ear to his demands to see the children.

The pirates were armed to the teeth when they boarded our boat.

Vocabulary

Look at page 106 in the OPD. Ask the teachers any questions you have about body parts.

Discuss where these body parts are located: scalp, temple, nape of the neck, hairline, ear lobe, eyebrow, eyelash, pupils, part (of your hair)

Group Discussion:

1. If you thumb through a catalog, you look through it quickly. EX: I thumbed through the catalog to see if they had any black dresses. What is the difference between a catalog and a magazine?

Do you get a lot of catalogs in the mail?

Do you ever order any thing from a catalog?

What are your favorite catalogs?

In your country, is it common for people to order clothes from catalogs?

What magazines do you enjoy reading?

2. Read these sentences and tell what "pick your brains" means. Can I pick your brains for a minute, I'm having trouble with my computer. I just can't quite figure out what the problem is.

You could pick my brains about history or art, but don't pick my brain about math. I'm horrible at math.

If I were to pick your brains, what is something you know a lot about?

3. Some countries are experiencing a brain drain. The most intelligent people are moving away to other countries where the economic opportunities are greater.

Talk about this issue. Has your country ever experienced a brain drain? Or has your country benefitted from a brain drain somewhere else?

What is the effect of a brain drain on a country?

4. The police were nosing around her apartment earlier. I wonder if they found anything.

Someone who lies to nose around is called nosey. A nosey person might ask you a lot of questions trying to find out things about you.

Do you know anyone who is nosey?

Do nosey people bother you?

Are you a very private person?

A reply to a nosey person is, "mind your own business". Have you ever told anyone to mind their own business?

5. I spent hours looking for my lost wallet, and it was right under my nose the whole time.

Do you lose things often, then find them later in an obvious place?

Do you have a place you always put your keys and purse when you come in the house?

Do you have a high tolerance for clutter? Does your spouse?