

**Choose one of these actions. Demonstrate it to the class. Ask the class to guess what you are doing. Everyone should cross out that action once it is used.**

**Demonstrate:**

Blink your eyes.	Point to your armpit.	Lick your lips.	Bend your elbow.
Wiggle your fingers.	Rub your chin.	Touch your forehead.	Show your calf.
Make a fist.	Pat your shoulder.	Point to your knuckles.	Scratch your nose.
Pinch your cheek.	Touch your neck.	Bend your wrist.	Nod your head.
Pull your hair.	Stick out your tongue.	Rub your tummy (stomach).	Show "thumbs up".
Walk on your heels.	Walk on your toes.	Point to your eyebrows.	Shrug your shoulders.
Show your teeth.	Raise your hand.	Show the palm of your hand.	Point to your jaw.
Put your hands on your waist.		Point to your Adam's apple	Cross your arms.
Bite an imaginary apple		Blow a kiss.	

**Explain the difference between these verbs. Demonstrate the difference.**

1. swallow and sip-
2. blow and whistle-
3. sing and hum-
4. touch and stroke ( as in a kitten )-
5. slap a mosquito or flick a mosquito-
6. tap your feet or kick your feet-
7. leave a room or flee a room-
8. swagger or march-
9. stumble or limp-
10. tiptoe or stagger-
11. wade or swim-
12. hike or wander-

**Read these paragraphs and explain the meaning of the underlined idioms. Then discuss the question in your group.**

1. Jack is a little odd. He never seems to look at things the way most people do. He marches to the beat of his own drummer.

Are you a person who marches to the beat of his own drummer? Or do you like to do what everyone else does.

2. My husband came home from the basketball game and gave me a blow by blow description of the game. I finally told him that I wasn't that interested in basketball.

Are you and your spouse interested in the same things? Do you ever feel like you are boring your spouse by giving them too many details about something?

3. We'd really love to buy a house here, but the high prices are a huge stumbling block.

What stumbling blocks have you found since living here?

4. The boys hiked up their pants so they wouldn't get wet as they crossed the creek. The hotels hike up their prices when the Formula One race is in town.

Explain the difference in these two similar idioms. Do you think it's fair for hotels to hike up the prices on popular weekends?

5. Ben really tiptoes around his wife. She has a hot temper and he doesn't want to make her angry. So he doesn't bring up any subject that might set her off.

Do you have a hot temper? Do you have to tiptoe around anyone for fear of angering them?

TEACHERS: If you finish this lesson early, pick up a copy of the advanced lesson and discuss those idioms.