

Guess the body part from idioms pairwork

Student A

Choose one of the body parts below and then choose the most difficult idiom for your partner to guess. Read out the idiom with a gap and give your partner one chance to guess the missing body part. If they are wrong, you get one point and should give them the meaning. If their next guess is wrong, you get another point and should choose another idiom with the same missing body part and continue in the same way until they get it right. If they still haven't guessed when you have run out of examples, give more hints until they do.

Eye

Up to my _____s in work (= overwhelmed by how much work I have)

Keep your _____s on the prize (= remember the reason for doing something)

Your _____s are bigger than your stomach (= You chose more food than you could eat)

Keep an _____ on something (= watch carefully to make sure nothing happens)

Hand

A bird in the _____ is worth two in the bush (= it's better to have something sure rather than take a risk for a huge gain)

Lend someone a _____ (= help)

The right _____ doesn't know what the left one is doing (= two parts of a company don't know what each other are doing)

Nose

Look down your _____ at someone (= think that you are superior to someone)

Turn up your _____ at something (= reject something)

Keep your _____ out of other people's business (= don't ask personal questions)

Powder your _____ (= go to the toilet)

Shoulder

_____ your responsibilities (= do what you should do)

a _____ to cry on (= a sympathetic listener)

An old head on young _____s (= someone who is mature for their age)

Face

_____ the music (= go into a difficult situation you are trying to avoid)

Keep a straight _____ (= not laugh)

A long _____ (= looking miserable)

Egg all over your _____ (= an embarrassing failure)

Two-_____d (= Someone who insults people behind their backs)

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Chest

Get it off my _____ (= say something that was burdening me/ feel relieved after talking about something)

Keep your cards close to your _____ (= not give away too much information)

Back

I'll _____ you up (= support you)

Like water off a duck's _____ (= immune to criticism)

Behind his _____ (= without him realising)

Foot/ feet

Two left _____ (= clumsy/ bad at dancing)

Both _____ on the ground (= realistic/ practical)

Put your _____ in it (= say something insensitive)

Hand

I know this city like the back of my _____ (= I know it really well, e.g. like a taxi driver)

Time on my _____s (= time to kill/ too much free time)

Give someone a big _____ (= clap/ applaud)

Be able to do something with your _____s behind your back (= do something, e.g. defeat someone, easily)

Head

_____ in the clouds (= unrealistic/ a dreamer)

Keep your _____ above water (= survive/ not go bankrupt)

Eyes in the back of your _____ (= able to tell what is going on behind you, like a teacher)

Leg

Pull someone's _____ (= tease them/ say something which isn't true as a joke)

Break a _____! (= Good luck!)

Cost an arm and a _____ (= Cost a fortune/ Be expensive)

Give a _____ up to someone (= Help them progress/ Help them get a promotion)