**Some Common English Idioms**

1. **Choose the correct idiom.**

**1**. Jack has egg \_\_\_\_\_\_ because he couldn't remember how to spell "Batman"!

1. on his teeth
2. on his face
3. on his shirt
4. on his fingers

**2**. As the maestro lifted his baton the theatre was so still you could hear \_\_\_\_\_.

1. his heartbeat
2. a pin drop
3. bird wings
4. the drum beating

**3**. I don't agree with you, but your idea certainly gives me food \_\_\_\_\_.

1. for fun
2. for consider
3. for thought
4. for thinking

**4**. I think I understand the nuts and \_\_\_\_\_ of the operation.

1. screws
2. hammer
3. nails
4. bolts

**5**. I'm afraid hip hop isn't my cup of \_\_\_\_\_.

1. tea
2. java
3. coffee
4. wine

**6**. Just a moment... I've got the answer on the \_\_\_\_ of my tongue.

1. top
2. tap
3. tip
4. back

**7**. Look, I will pay you back. Would you please call the \_\_\_\_?!

1. hunters off
2. tigers off
3. dogs off
4. apes off

**8**. Ever since he married Jane, he's had a new \_\_\_\_ on life.

1. rent
2. lease
3. title
4. loan

**9**. Oh, I'm sorry. I shouldn't have said that. I guess I really put my \_\_\_\_\_ in my mouth.

1. foot
2. hand
3. elbow
4. knee

**10**. I'll be back in the twinkling of \_\_\_\_.

1. an eye
2. a lighting bolt
3. a smile
4. a laugh

**11**. My friend is as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ these days. He never gets time to relax.

1. busy as a ant
2. busy as a bee
3. busy as children
4. busy as sheep

**12**. You need to \_\_\_\_\_ for this problem. It requires a lot of concentration.

1. place your thinking cap
2. wear some good clothes
3. put on your thinking cap
4. put on your helmet

**13**. Franklin went from \_\_\_\_\_\_ in his life. He started with nothing and ended up a very wealthy   
 person.

1. rags to riches
2. riches to rags
3. bad to better
4. good to best

**14**. My boss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at work because it was my first week.

1. played me the ropes
2. asked me the ropes
3. showed me the ropes
4. told me the ropes

**15**. I'm sure the situation will improve. It will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. work out for the better
2. work out for the best
3. work into the best
4. work out of the best
5. **Match the idioms with their appropriate definition / explanation.**

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| **1** | to have egg on your face | **A** | the details / basics of sth. |
| **2** | You could hear a pin drop. | **B** | to say sth.by [accident](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/de/worterbuch/englisch/accident) that [embarrasses](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/de/worterbuch/englisch/embarrass) or [upsets](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/de/worterbuch/englisch/upset) sb. |
| **3** | food for thought | **C** | almost remember sth., but not be able to remember |
| **4** | nuts and bolts | **D** | to have a completely new feeling about your life |
| **5** | to not be sb.’s cup of tea | **E** | despite having difficulties the final result is a good result |
| **6** | to have sth. on the tip of my tongue | **F** | a place is extremely [quiet](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/quiet), [especially](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/especially) because everyone is [waiting](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/wait) for sb.to speak or when sb. has made a [shocking](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/shock) [remark](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/remark) |
| **7** | to call the dogs off | **G** | to concentrate on a question with great intent |
| **8** | to have a new lease on life | **H** | to enjoy doing things and to always keep oneself busy |
| **9** | to put your foot in your mouth | **I** | to go from poverty to great wealth |
| **10** | to happen in the twinkling of an eye | **J** | to be embarrassed by a serious mistake you make |
| **11** | to be busy as a bee | **K** | to [tell](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/tell) sb. to stop [criticizing](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/criticize), attacking, or [damaging](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/damage) another person |
| **12** | to put on your thinking cap | **L** | to explain how sth. works to sb. |
| **13** | to go from rags to riches | **M** | information that you should think about |
| **14** | to show someone the ropes | **N** | to happen very quickly |
| **15** | to work out for the best | **O** | not the type of thing that you like |

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| **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** | **9** | **10** | **11** | **12** | **13** | **14** | **15** |
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**Present Perfect Simple or Continuous**

1. **Have** they already **arrived**?
2. I **have been cleaning** all morning – I’m fed up!
3. Lucy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (run) 2000 metres today.
4. How long \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you / know) Simon?
5. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (drink) more water lately, and I feel better.
6. Sorry about the mess! I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (bake).
7. How many times \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you / take) this exam?
8. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (eat) six bars of chocolate today!
9. Julie \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (cook) dinner. Let’s go and eat!
10. The students \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (finish) their exams. They’re very happy.
11. The baby’s face is really dirty! What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (he / eat)?
12. Iona is exhausted these days. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (work) too hard recently.
13. Luke \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (never / be) abroad.
14. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for three hours already !
15. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you / finish) your homework yet?
16. How long \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you / be) a lawyer?
17. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (read) your book all day. It’s very interesting, but I’m only on chapter 2.
18. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (drink) ten glasses of water!
19. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) my dog for sixteen years.
20. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you / buy) your train ticket yet?
21. The kitchen is a complete mess! What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   
    (the children / do)?
22. Julie \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (learn) to drive for six years!
23. Amanda \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (already / have) lunch, so she’ll meet us later.
24. How much coffee \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (she / drink) this morning?
25. Simon \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (write) three books.
26. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (do) everything I needed to do today! Hurray!
27. It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not / rain) all summer, so the garden is dead.
28. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (read) your book. Here it is, thank you.
29. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (forget) how to get to my house.
30. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (work) in the garden all day and I need a rest.
31. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (make) three cakes. They look delicious!
32. David feels great these days. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (get) up early lately.
33. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (always / hate) rush hour traffic.
34. Recently, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (study) a lot. My exams are in a few weeks.
35. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (write) this book for months and months.
36. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (always / love) chocolate.
37. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (want) to go back to university for a long time.
38. What’s that delicious smell? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you / cook)?

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