

Eating Idioms

It's not my cup of tea = I don't like it

I had to eat my words = I was proved to be wrong

I had to swallow my words = I was proved to be wrong

I had to swallow my pride = I had to accept that I failed

I've had my fill = I don't want any more

That didn't go down well = It wasn't popular

I bit his head off = I spoke angrily to him

I made a meal of it = I took a long time to do it

I could eat a horse = I am extremely hungry

I've got a sweet tooth = I love sweet food

It left a bad taste in my mouth = It was a bad experience

I need something to get my teeth into = I need something challenging to do

I bit off more than I could chew = I took on something that I can't handle

I need to digest all the details = I need to understand all the details

You can't have your cake and eat it = You can't have it all

I want a second bite of the cherry = I want a second chance

Exercise. Complete the following with idioms from above.

A: I can't afford the rent on my flat. My parents have said I can go back and live with them, but I'd feel such a failure.

B: I think you'll just have to _____ and accept their help.

A: Keep away from Rachel this morning. She's in a bad mood.

B: I know. She _____ for no reason when I arrived.

A: Has Tom apologised to you for what he'd said earlier?

B: Yes, but the whole experience has _____.

A: I thought you liked your job? Why do you want to change?

B: My job is boring. I need a fresh challenge - _____.

A: I'm going to try to fix the car myself.

B: Well, if it's difficult, don't do it. Don't _____.

A: So, what do you think about the new budget proposals?

B: I haven't really had time to _____ all the details yet.

A: I feel like taking a few days off work, but I don't want to reduce my salary this month.

B: The problem with you is that you always want to _____.

A: I've failed my university exam. I'm not sure if I can re-take it.

B: I think you can. I think you're allowed _____.