

# 10 the most unusual English idioms

Read the idioms and find their meanings.  
Make sentences with them. Which of these idioms are informal?

1. Cost an arm and a leg


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6. Pull yourself together


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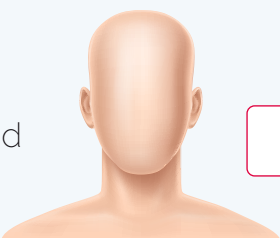
2. By the skin of your teeth


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7. Cat got your tongue


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3. Hit the nail on the head


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8. Chew the fat

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4. Play by ear


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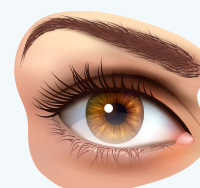
9. Donkey's years


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5. Put your finger on sth


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10. Turn a blind eye


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**Meaning:**

- a) to ignore something that you know is wrong
- b) to talk with someone in an informal and friendly way
- c) to decide what to do when you know what is happening, rather than planning in advance
- d) to become calm and behave normally again after being angry or upset
- e) to be very expensive
- f) something you say to someone when you are annoyed because they will not speak
- g) a very long time
- h) to know or understand something, and be able to say exactly what it is
- i) to describe exactly what is causing a situation or problem
- j) you just manage to do it but very nearly fail

# Answers

- 1. e)
- 2. j)
- 3. i)
- 4. c)
- 5. h)
- 6. d)
- 7. f)
- 8. b)
- 9. g)
- 10. a)