

Sea idioms

Can you guess the meaning of these idioms? Which idiom was taken from the play?

1. To be a shrimp	2. The world is your oyster
3. To have a whale of time	4. Fish out of water
5. Smell something fishy	6. Drink like a fish
7. Happy as a clam	8. Plenty more fish in the sea
9. A drop in the ocean UK/ a drop in the bucket US	10. Make waves

- a) to be extremely happy
- **b)** to have a suspicion that something is wrong
- c) to shock or upset people with something new or different
- d) a very small amount
- e) someone who is uncomfortable in a specific situation
- f) extremely short person
- g) there are many other people that you could have a relationship with
- h) you have the ability or opportunity to achieve anything you want in your life
- i) to enjoy yourself
- j) drink too much alcohol



Answers

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

Background note:

"The world is your oyster" is an idiom created by William Shakespeare in his play "The Merry Wives of Windsor".