

# Common idioms 1



13 \_\_\_\_\_  
M: \_\_\_\_\_



12 \_\_\_\_\_  
M: \_\_\_\_\_



11 \_\_\_\_\_  
M: \_\_\_\_\_



10 \_\_\_\_\_  
M: \_\_\_\_\_



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M: \_\_\_\_\_



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M: \_\_\_\_\_



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M: \_\_\_\_\_



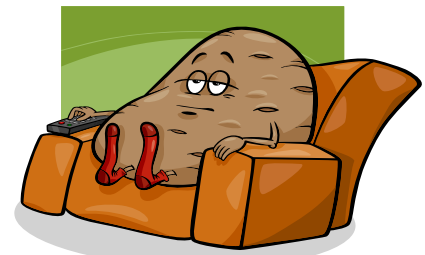
1 \_\_\_\_\_  
Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_



2 \_\_\_\_\_  
M: \_\_\_\_\_



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M: \_\_\_\_\_



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M: \_\_\_\_\_



5 \_\_\_\_\_  
M: \_\_\_\_\_



6 \_\_\_\_\_  
M: \_\_\_\_\_

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up the wrong tree

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## Common idioms (answers)

- 1 Barking up the wrong tree.  
Looking for the answer in the wrong place.
- 2 Don't put all your eggs in one basket.  
Don't focus all your resources on one thing or you might lose everything.
- 3 On top of the world.  
Feeling great..like you are unbeatable.
- 4 Couch potato.  
Someone who is lazy...watches a lot of TV.
- 5 Hot potato.  
This is a problem no one wants and they try to hand it off to other people.
- 6 Digging yourself into a hole.  
Making a difficult situation worse and worse (perhaps by not listening to advice).
- 7 You hit the nail on the head.  
To describe a problem or situation perfectly.
- 8 His head is in the clouds.  
It can mean he is a dreamer or visionary but it might mean someone cannot concentrate on practical matters.
- 9 Every cloud has a silver lining.  
Something good can come out of every bad situation.
- 10 Don't ignore the elephant in the room.  
A big problem that no one wants to talk about.
- 11 Can of worms.  
To try to solve a problem only to find it is much more complicated than you thought.
- 12 Blind leading the blind.  
A person who has no idea what he is doing is leading other people who also have no idea what they are doing.
- 13 Can't get the monkey off my back.  
A problem you can't solve no matter what you do about it.