

Idioms #3: Food

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hello I'm Emma from English and in this

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video I'm going to show you how to use

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my favorite English food idioms English

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idioms are a piece of cake now if you

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don't know what English idioms are

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they're expressions in English that are

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really commonly used or lots of them are

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really commonly used but the individual

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meaning of each word each word on their

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own is different to the meaning of the

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expression when all of these words are

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together so this expression means that

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something is easy or simple to do I'm

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confident I passed the exam it was a

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piece of cake now there are hundreds and

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hundreds of English idioms

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so trying to learn them all is a pretty

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overwhelming task isn't it even just

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knowing which ones to focus on which

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ones to try and learn and which ones to

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use some idioms are commonly used and

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others are not so my advice to you when

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you're learning idioms is not to use a

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huge long list of hundreds and hundreds

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of idioms in this lesson I'm going to

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share with you a few idioms that I use

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all the time almost every day and all of

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these idioms are to do with food ready

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let's try them out to put all of your

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eggs in one basket

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now this idiom is used to describe when

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you risk everything at once and it

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usually relates to money or opportunity

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or hopes for the future and it's based

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on the idea that if you drop the basket

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that's full of eggs

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you'll lose everything perhaps it's a

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better idea to put your eggs in a few

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different baskets so that if you drop

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one you'll still have some others for

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example while my brother trained to be a

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professional footballer he also studied

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a degree in engineering because my dad

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told him not to put all of his eggs in

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one basket or my uncle invested all of

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his savings into a company that went

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bankrupt I don't know why he put all of

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his eggs in one basket to be in a pickle

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we use this idiom when we're in a

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difficult situation or we have a problem

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and it's often said to be in a bit of a

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pickle especially when it's not a

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serious problem and you want to make it

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seem less serious than it really is I'm

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in a bit of a pickle for example we're

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in a pickle

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we've just locked the keys in the car or

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I promise to pick up my sister from the

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airport but I'm still at work and I

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can't leave yet I'm in a bit of a pickle

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can you help to buy it off more than one

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can chew this is one of my favourite

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ones it's when you try to do something

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that is too difficult for you and you're

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not able to do it maybe you don't have

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the skills or you don't have the time to

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make sure that you can do it for example

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he's been working back late every night

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this week trying to finish the project

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I think he's bitten off more than he can

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chew or I'm so sorry I haven't got time

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to meet you for lunch today I'm

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organizing my sister's surprise party

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and I've bitten off more than I can chew

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there's so much to do another good one

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to butter someone up now this idiom

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means that you be really nice or

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friendly to some

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so that you can get something from them

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you want them to do something for you so

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you're very nice to them you're

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buttering them up have you ever cooked

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your mum a really nice meal or maybe

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taking her out for dinner and then asked

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her if you could borrow some money

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then you've buttered her up here are

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some more examples I know that Paul has

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a spare ticket to the concert

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perhaps if we butter him up he might

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offer it to us or he'll have to butter

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his boss up if he wants to take extra

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leave at Christmas in a nutshell

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now this idiom is used to show that

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you're talking about something or

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describing something in a really simple

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way you're not using many words you're

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trying to be as clear and as simple as

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possible for example your friend asked

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you about a movie that you saw in the

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weekend and you answer well it's a

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complicated story but in a nutshell it's

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about three astronauts who disappear for

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about 30 years before returning to earth

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with no memory of anything that had

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happened another example I don't want to

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explain their whole history but in a

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nutshell they just wanted different

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things out of life she wanted travel an

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adventure he wanted to focus on his

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career so in the end they broke up it's

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really sad so they are my favourite

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