

## Idioms #2: Body

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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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some of my favorite English body idioms

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English idioms probably drive you crazy

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idioms are really common expressions and

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together the meaning of these

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expressions is different than the

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individual meaning of each words so in

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this example we're not talking about a

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crazy driver if someone or something is

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driving you crazy they're really

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annoying together the words have a

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different meaning than individually of

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course there are hundreds and hundreds

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of English idioms and actually you might

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recognize some of them because they

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might be similar to expressions and

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idioms in your own language in English

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there are really commonly used idioms

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and there are some that are more obscure

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or less commonly used so in this video

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I'm going to be focusing on a few that

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are very commonly used now idioms are

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really creative imaginative and fun ways

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to use language if you're studying for

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your IELTS or your TOEFL exam or

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generally you just want to impress

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someone with your English then learn to

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use a few idioms anyway

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let's get started remember that I've

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chosen these idioms because they all are

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to do with the human body somehow pain

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in the neck

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now this idiom is similar to the first

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one we spoke about drive you crazy so if

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something or someone is a pain in the

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neck they're really annoying

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they said that my car was going to be at

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the mechanics for over a week it's such

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a pain in the

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neck or I hope he doesn't bring Peter he

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can be a real pain in the neck stop it

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you're being a real pain in the neck now

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you can also use pain in the butt or

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pain in the ass and so these two options

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are a little more crude a little ruder

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you probably wouldn't well you

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definitely wouldn't use those with your

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boss or someone you just met but you

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know with your friends or when you're

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being quite casual you can say pain in

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the butt or pain in the ass

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same meaning so the next one play it by

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ear so this is when you don't have a

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plan and you deliberately you choose not

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to have a plan you want to just make it

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up as you go be a bit flexible do

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whatever you feel like at the time for

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example we don't really have a plan for

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tonight we're just going to play it by

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ear you know if you're hungry you'll eat

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if you want to dance your dance if you

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want to go for a walk you'll go for a

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walk if you decide you want to go to the

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movies you go to the movies you just

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make it up and you do whatever you feel

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like at the time you're playing it by

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ear

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here's another we don't know what the

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weather is going to be like this weekend

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for the camping trip so we might have to

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play it by ear it's kind of like wait

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and see and we'll make up our plan

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closer to the time I'm sure you've heard

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of this one too cost an arm and a leg so

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then something is really expensive if it

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costs an arm and a leg it's expensive

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taking a family of five on a trip to

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Fiji it's going to cost an arm and a leg

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I love their new kitchen but it must

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have cost them an arm and a leg I want

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my kids to have the best education

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possible but the school fees are costing

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an arm

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Legg I just don't know if it's worth it

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to get something off your chest so if

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you have a problem or something's

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bothering you and you need to tell

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someone about it then you're going to

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get it off your chest

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thanks for listening to me complain

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about my boss I just needed to get it

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off my chest

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he's been frustrated about this for

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months he just needs to talk to him

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about it and get it off his chest ok I

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need to get something off my chest

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I've been waiting to tell you about it

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for weeks to keep an eye on something to

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keep an eye on something it means to

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take care of something or to watch over

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something and protect it I'll keep an

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eye on dinner while you're on the phone

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I'll watch dinner I'll make sure that it

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doesn't burn while you're on the phone

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Oh

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Sara said she'd keep an eye on the kids

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while we go out another one I'm all ears

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I'm all ears

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it means that you're fully listening and

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you're paying attention give me just a

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minute to finish this then I'll be all

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ears

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well if you've got a better idea then

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I'm all ears if you think that you've

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got a better idea then tell me about it

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I'm listening have you ever gotten cold

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feet do you have cold feet so this is an

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idiom that you use when you're feeling

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really nervous right before an important

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event or a big event so if you decided

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you wanted to go skydiving and you put

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all of the gear on the special clothing

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and you fly up into the sky in the plane

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and suddenly you look down and you

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realize how far away the ground is and

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you get cold feet you get really nervous

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and you think maybe I don't want to do

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this after all that's a good example of

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getting cold feet he was so nervous

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before his presentation I thought he was

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going to get cold feet so how did it go

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or did you get cold feet now this last

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one I know you're going to love and

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appreciate if something goes over your

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head it means you don't get it

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you missed the meaning you haven't quite

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understood what's happening now when

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you're learning a new language this

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happens all the time someone says



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something to you and you're not quite

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sure what it means it's gone over your

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head it didn't go into your head so that

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you understood it it went over your head

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now this is a really awesome one for you

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to try out when you're in an English

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conversation and somebody says something

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that you don't quite understand you're

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not sure about the meaning you can say

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to them sorry

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that would straight over my head can you

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say it again

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you

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well that's it for this lesson I hope

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that you've learned a few new English

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idioms that you can try out soon make

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