Idioms Words List

Arranged by Category

**ANIMALS**
- ants in his pants
- black sheep of the family
- cat nap
- chicken out
- couch potato
- eats like a bird
- frog in my throat
- horse around
- in a nutshell
- kill two birds with one stone
- lame duck
- let the cat out of the bag
- let’s talk turkey
- monkey business
- open a can of worms
- packed like sardines
- raining cats and dogs
- rat race
- snake eyes
- sounds fishy
- spill the beans
- straight from the horses mouth
- wake up and smell the coffee
- wild-goose chase

**BODY PARTS**
- all choked up
- all ears
- all thumbs
- big mouth
- break a leg
- broken-hearted
- came up empty handed
- cold feet
- face the music
- frog in my throat
- get off my back
- get up the nerve
- get your foot in the door
- give me a hand
- hold your tongue
- I’d like to pick your brain
- in one ear and out the other
- in poor taste
- keep a straight face
- keep my head above water
- level-headed
- lost my head
- my lips are sealed
- on the tip of my tongue
- piece of my mind
- play it by ear
- put your best foot forward
- put your foot in your mouth
- see eye to eye
- sharp tongued
- stick your neck out
- swallow your pride
- tongue tied
- two-faced
- under my nose
- use your head
COLORS
born with a silver spoon in his mouth
caught red-handed
feeling blue
green thumb
green with envy
heart of gold
in the pink
red tape
roll out the red carpet
rose-colored glasses
show your true colors

FOOD
apple of my eye
break the ice
chip in
cry over spilled milk
go bananas
hard nut to crack
in hot water
not my cup of tea
nuts about you
piece of cake
put all your eggs in one basket
she’s a peach
sour grapes

OTHER
adding fuel to the fire
all the bells and whistles
an accident waiting to happen
back off
backseat driver
beat around the bush
bend over backwards
call the shots
cut corners
cut it out
cutting edge
dime a dozen
don’t air your dirty laundry
dragging your feet
fly off the handle
hit the ceiling
hold your horses
in limbo
in the spotlight
loose ends
off the top of my head
on cloud nine
out of line
over the hill
playing with fire
pull some strings
quit horsing around
ring a bell
rock the boat
shape up
skating on thin ice
sleep on it
take a rain check
the last straw
throw in the towel
top of the world
two cents
under the weather
wrap it up