

# 'Colorful' And 'Fruitful' Games!



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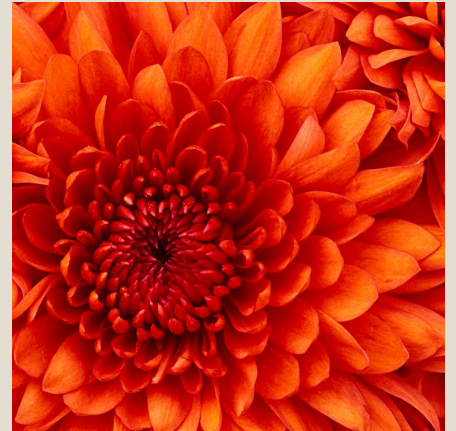
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# Colors

## Idiomatic Use



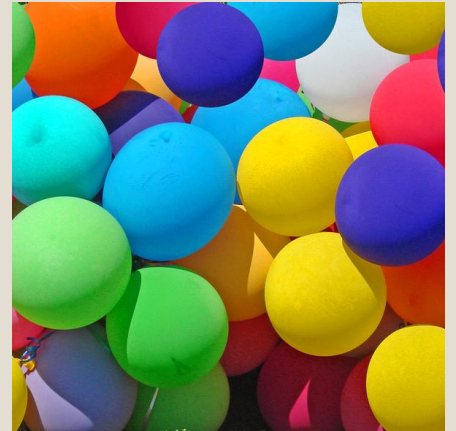


**We often use ‘color’ words in an idiomatic sense. Complete these sentences.**

- 1) No! I can't let you have any more money! We're in the .....already!
- 2) I daren't ask the boss for the afternoon off; I'm already in his .....  
books.
- 3) We were wondering where we could go for our summer holiday when  
out the .....came this invitation from my cousin to visit him in  
Spain.
- 4) I'm glad Mary didn't come to the show; some of the jokes were very  
.....and she would have been quite shocked.
- 5) As soon as we get the .....light from the authorities, we can start  
planning.
- 6) My wife has .....fingers. Any little pieces of plant that she puts in  
the garden seem to grow well.
- 7) 'Go on!' Mary screamed to Jack. 'Hit him! Why don't you hit him? Are  
you .....or something?'
- 8) I fell down so many times during my first skiing lessons that I was  
.....and.....all over.
- 9) Last Thursday was a .....letter day. I got engaged. And on the very  
same day I got a pay increase.
- 10) When he started criticizing my work, I really saw .....
- 11) It's only once in a .....moon that you get an opportunity like this.
- 12) All the family is in the .....



# Similes





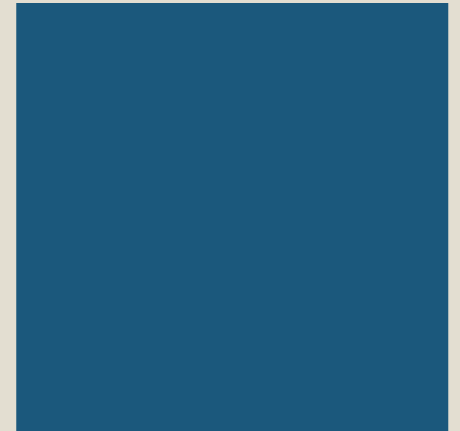
**It's fun to think of similes in terms of colors. This may be an easy way to begin learning about similes.**

**Try to think of a word to fill in each blank. You should be able to think of one word to describe each of the colors below.**

- 1- The shirt was as RED as .....
- 2- Her eyes were as GREEN as .....
- 3- The dog was as BROWN as a .....
- 4- The paper was as WHITE as .....
- 5- The backpack was as BLACK as .....
- 6- The ball was as BLUE as .....
- 7- My love is like a RED, RED .....
- 8- Her eyes are GRAY like .....
- 9- The sign was as ORANGE as .....
- 10- His face grew YELLOW as .....



# Color Words as Verbs





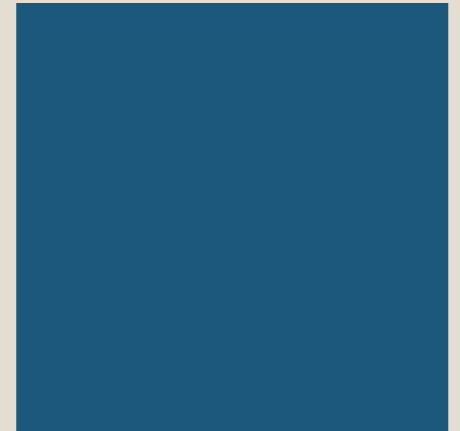
**Complete the following sentences using a verb (in an appropriate tense) which denotes a color.**

- 1-The special air fare discount will be .....out by the airlines over the holiday weekend,.
- 2-The white stationery had .....with age.
- 3-The power failure .....out the southern half of the state.
- 4-He .....out at the sight of blood.
- 5- I don't .....well. I just get red.
- 6-Mary likes to .....out. She's been gone for thirty minutes or more...just decided she was done with this party.
- 7-She .....onions before adding them to the stew.
- 8-Earth Day advocates were busy .....up the city's parks.



# Parts of the Body

## 3-Letter Words

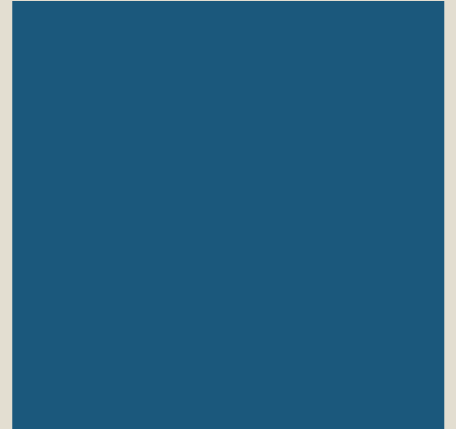




**Can you name ten parts of the human body  
(no slang words) that have only three  
letters?**



# Idiomatic Use



**Complete the following sentences using a verb (in an appropriate tense) which denotes a part of the body**



- 1) ..... me those matches, will you?
- 2) Two men have escaped from prison. They're .....and dangerous.
- 3) We're .....the candidate from the Liberal Party because we feel only he can deal with today's problems
- 4) Since her parents were killed in the plane crash, she has been .....all the family responsibilities.
- 5) Please don't .....that. You might get it dirty.
- 6) I want you all to come to dinner to help me celebrate my getting a raise.

I'll .....the bill.

- 7) I really can't .....him. I hope you won't invite him here anymore.
- 8) The senator from Texas is .....the committee to study the new tax proposal.
- 9) Look at those children. They're .....the chocolate cake in the bakery window.
- 10) Look at that kid. He's .....his way to the front of the crowd. The nerve of him to push like that.



# Crossword Puzzle





# Complete the sentences with verbs that are also body parts.

### Across

- 3. I can't \_\_\_ all the violence shown on TV.
- 5. I like to \_\_\_ the words while my sister sings the song.
- 8. Let's \_\_\_ the problem, shall we?
- 9. They go to the porch to \_\_\_ in the dark.

### Down

- 1. We missed the bus, so we have to \_\_\_ it now.
- 2. I'll \_\_\_ the responsibility for my behavior.
- 4. They had to \_\_\_ the warships with nuclear weapons.
- 6. The president has to \_\_\_ the committee.
- 7. Who can \_\_\_ the car out of the garage.

		1				2		
3				4				
				5				6
				7				
			8					
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# Questions





**Answer the following questions with parts of the body.**

- 1-Where do pirates store their treasure?
- 2-What does a comb have?
- 3-What is another word for 'student'?
- 4-What is another word for a ship?
- 5-What is a part of a bottle?
- 6-What do carpenters use?
- 7-What does a pin have?
- 8-What does a needle have?
- 9-What does a clock have?
- 10-What do dogs like?
- 11-What does a shoe have?
- 12-What is a part of a book?



# Fruits AndVegetables

## The Alphabet





**You are given the whole alphabet to be filled in with a fruit or vegetable. How many can you find?**

**A-  
B-  
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# Similes



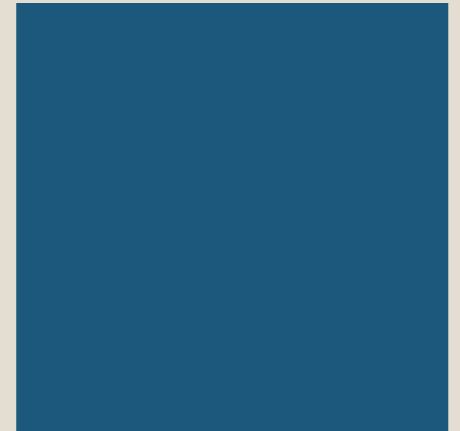


**It is fun to think of similes in terms of fruits and vegetables.  
Try to think of a word to fill in each blank.**

- 1- The car was as red as a .....after its new paint job.
- 2- As cool as a .....
- 3- As easy as .....-pie.
- 4- Identical twins are as alike as two .....in a pod
- 5- When a person is embarrassed, he turns as red as a.....
- 6- Her eyes were as green as .....
- 7- The dog was as brown as a .....
- 8- As sweet as a .....
- 9- As queer as a chocolate .....
- 10-Hamburgers are as American as .....



# Idiomatic Use





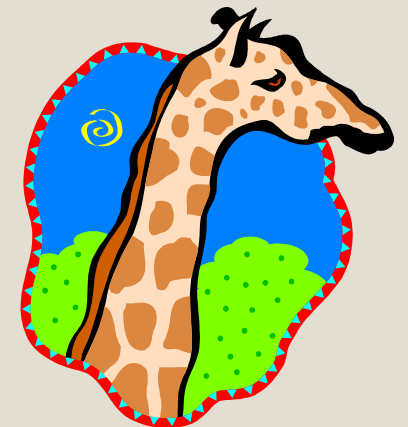
# We often use vegetables and fruits in English idioms. Complete these idioms and proverbs.

- 1-Mary was his favorite grand-daughter. She was the .....of his eye.
- 2-He's a couch ..... He's always watching TV.
- 3-I don't know .....about computers. I've never even used one.
- 4-Identical twins are as alike as .....in a pod.
- 5-Life is just a bowl of .....
- 6-The .....never falls far from the tree.
- 7-We asked Mary not to tell anyone about the party, but she spilled the .....
- 8-Stop comparing .....to .....! There's no comparison to make here.
- 9-He took a .....-and-stick approach to the rehabilitation of juvenile offenders.
- 10-They bore an ..... branch to the new round of negotiations.



# Animals

## The Alphabet





**You are given the whole alphabet to be filled with animals.  
How many can you find?**

A-  
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# Similes





**It's fun to think of similes in terms of animals. Try to think of a word to fill in each blank.**

- 1- As brave as a .....
- 2- As gentle as a .....
- 3- As proud as a .....
- 4- As quiet as a .....
- 5- As stubborn as a .....
- 6- As weak as a .....
- 7- As wise as an .....
- 8- As cunning as a .....
- 9- As poor as a .....
- 10- As strong as a .....
- 11- As big as an .....
- 12- As busy as a .....on a hot tin roof
- 13- As hungry as a .....
- 14- As innocent as a .....
- 15- As scarce as .....’s teeth
- 16- As slow as a .....
- 17- As tall as a .....
- 18- As timid as a .....
- 19- As playful as a .....
- 20- As happy as a.....



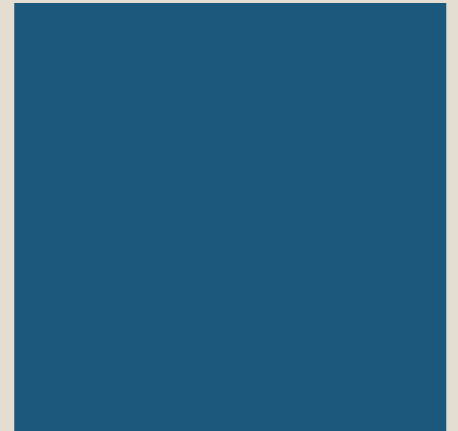
# Idiomatic Use






## We often use 'animal' words in an idiomatic sense. Complete these sentences.

- 1- They fought like .....and .....
- 2- It's been a hard day's night, and I've been working like a .....
- 3- Here's the reply, straight from the ..... 's mouth.
- 4- It's no good appointing a person like that to conduct the negotiations on our behalf; he couldn't say 'Boo' to a .....
- 5- Poor woman! She's had a .... 's life since she married that man.
- 6- He was up and down, here, there and everywhere, like a ..... on hot bricks.
- 7- I wonder what Mary is doing thesedays. I haven't seen her for ..... 's years.
- 8- If John doesn't get a good night's sleep, he's like a .....with a sore head.
- 9- We were hoping to keep our engagement a secret, but my mother let the .....out of the bag
- 10 -I've been running around like a headless .....all day. I haven't had a moment to sit down and relax.
- 11- When Mary won the award for employee of the year, she sat in front of us all grinning like the .....that got the cream. I was so jealous.
- 12- When Nancy first moved to Spain, she felt like a .....out of water, but she soon got used to the Spanish way of life.



# The Animal In People!



**Here are some types of people, each one a man (or a woman) who is a 'beast'. For a starter, a man with nothing but girls on his mind: a WOLF.**

- 1- A stubborn fellow
- 2- A spiteful woman
- 3- A greedy fellow
- 4- A slow JOE
- 5- A hero, an idol
- 6- A detective
- 7- A hard-working man
- 8- One that doesn't look at facts
- 9- A stay-out-at-nighter
- 10- A timid person
- 11- An easy crier
- 12- A chattering female



# Animal Words as Verbs





**This exercise practices words denoting animals, which can be used with other meanings, often as verbs. Remember to use the correct form of the word depending on its use in the sentence.**

- 1- The pressure was more than he could .....
- 2- I'm fed up with .....what they say. I have a mind of my own, and I want to express my own opinion.
- 3- This problem has been .....me ever since I was a teenager.
- 4- Don't .....down your food so quickly. You'll get a bad stomach.
- 5- He threatened me, but I'm not .....at all. I won't let him hurt me.
- 6- Who's been .....around with the video controls? Nothing seems to work.
- 7- Can you children stop .....around in here? You'll break something. Why don't you go out and play?
- 8- The last question .....even the experts.
- 9- He .....through the press horde that encircled the car.
- 10- We shook hands, .....the bargain.



# Riddles!





## What about these riddles?

- 1- What do tigers have that no other animals have?
- 2- What is as big as a horse but doesn't weigh anything?
- 3- What's the difference between a lion with toothache and a wet day?
- 4- What do you call a fish that only cares about himself?
- 5- What do cows like to read?
- 6- Why did the pony have a sore throat?
- 7- Where do cows go for entertainment?
- 8- Why do cows have bells?
  
- 9- Why is the A like a flower?
- 10- Why did the tomato blush?
- 11- What flowers have two lips?
  
- 12- What's the most colorful state of the U.S.A?