

From head to toe

1. Complete the idioms with the missing body parts . The scrambled up words are the missing body parts you need. I thought I would help you out a bit to get you started ;)

1. You must *be off your head* (eadh) if you think you can retire at 45.
2. I don't know anyone at my new job but I am sure I will manage really well when I *find my feet* (eetf).
3. The meeting *got out of hand* (ndba) and we were forced to call it off until everyone calmed down.
4. I thought I would *get a slap on the wrist* (sitrw) for being late again, but I got suspended without pay for an entire week.
5. I thought my new colleague really liked me, but the next day she *gave me the cold shoulder* (redhslou).
6. It is not a great job, but if you *keep your nose (sone) clean*, you should be promoted by the end of the year.
7. With surprise inspections every week, the boss *keeps her employees on their toes* (oest).
8. We can't make a decision yet. Let's just *play it by ear* (rae).
9. I am going to *stick my neck* (cken) *out* to ask for a payrise.

2. Match the idiomatic expressions to their definitions. Look at the sentences above to help you figure out the meaning of the expressions.

1. To behave oneself *To keep one's nose clean*
2. To be crazy or insane *To be off one's head*
3. To become familiar with a new situation *To find one's feet*
4. To cause someone to be alert *To keep someone on their toes*
5. To go with the flow *To play it by ear*
6. To intentionally ignore someone *To give someone the cold shoulder*
7. To receive a small punishment *To get a slap on the wrist*
8. To be out of control *To get out of hand*
9. To take a risk *To stick one's neck out*

3. Complete the sentences 1 to 9 with the missing body parts and then answer the questions.

1. What is the biggest slap on the *wrist* you have been given?
2. Do you think people who change careers late in life are off their *heads*?
3. Did it take you long to find your *feet* when you started your current English course?
4. Have you ever had a disagreement that got out of *hand* and people started shouting?
5. Has anyone ever given you the cold *shoulder*?
6. When was the last time you had no time to prepare for a presentation and had to play it by *ear*?
7. Did you always keep your *nose* clean when you were at school?
8. Do you think it is necessary for employers to make regular inspections in order to keep employees on their *toes*?
9. Would you stick your *neck* out to defend a stranger against an attacker?

4. Complete the sentences below with the missing idioms, not just the body parts this time ;)

1. I am going to *stick my neck out* and say that Madrid will lose the next match against Manchester.
2. With a test every Monday, the English teacher *keeps* her students *on their toes*.
3. He had only been out of prison for a month, so he was trying to *keep his nose clean*.
4. I don't know exactly what I am going to do this weekend. I am going to *play it by ear*.
5. After I got the promotion, a few of my co-workers started *giving me the cold shoulder*.
6. Police were called when the situation began to *get out of hand*.
7. Chris said I could stay at her place for a while, until I *found my feet*.
8. You must be *off your head* taking out another loan. How are you going to pay it back?
9. He should be in jail for what he did, but he got off with just *a slap on the wrist*.