

Tutti Frutti

1. Look at the idioms below and complete them with the missing fruit. I have given you some clues to help you out a bit ;)

Apple, apples, bananas, cherry, cherry, fig, grape, oranges, pear, plum, prune

Idioms

- 🍎 Apples and oranges
- 🍎 A plum job
- 🍎 Not give a fig
- 🍎 The apple of your eye
- 🍎 The cherry on the cake
- 🍎 To cherry-pick
- 🍎 To prune smth
- 🍎 To go bananas
- 🍎 To go pear-shaped
- 🍎 To hear (smth) through the grapevine

Some clues to help you out

- Computer company and a colour
- Fruit with a stone
- A purple fruit with many seeds
- Popular pie fruit
- Bright red fruit
- Rhymes with merry
- Dried plum
- Monkeys love them
- Apple's cousin
- We use it to make wine

2. Now match the idiomatic expressions with their definitions:

- 🍎 An easy job that pays well **A plum job**
- 🍎 Not comparable **Apples and oranges**
- 🍎 The final thing that makes something perfect **The cherry on the cake**
- 🍎 The person that someone loves most **The apple of your eye**
- 🍎 To become crazy **To go bananas**
- 🍎 To go wrong **To go pear-shaped**
- 🍎 To hear smth via an informal source **To hear (smth) through the grapevine**
- 🍎 To not care about something **Not give a fig**
- 🍎 To reduce the number or amount of smth **To prune**
- 🍎 To select only the best **To cherry-pick**

3. Look at the sentences below and complete them with the missing fruit.

- 🍏 Firms are cutting investment and **pruning** their product ranges.
- 🍏 I don't give a **fig** what my bosses think, they can fire me if they are not happy with my performance.
- 🍏 I heard through the **grapevine** that our company would be taken over by another one, but I don't know anything further.
- 🍏 I planned to take a sabbatical for six months, but it all went **pear**-shaped.
- 🍏 My boss went **bananas** when he found out how I handled our biggest client's complaint.
- 🍏 She has landed a **plum** job at the BBC.
- 🍏 The boss's favourite was accused of **cherry**-picking the most lucrative projects.
- 🍏 The high salary is not my main reason for applying for this job, but it's the **cherry** on the cake.
- 🍏 To compare remote work and work from home is to compare **apples** with **oranges**.
- 🍏 While my boss respected all of us, our youngest colleague was clearly the **apple** of her eye and treated with special favour.

4. All the fruits got mixed up. A fruit salad :) Correct the mistakes in the sentences below.

- 🍏 He is the **apple** of his boss's eye. He always gets the best assignments.
- 🍏 He left the company and then **cherry**-picked the best employee in my department.
- 🍏 I always **prune** my reports of irrelevant details before I present them to my superiors.
- 🍏 I don't give a **fig** about climbing the corporate ladder. I want to do something with my life and help others.
- 🍏 I heard she handed in her resignation through the **grapevine**.
- 🍏 It is difficult to land a **plum** job straight after graduation.
- 🍏 I would end up going **bananas** if I had to work in an open-plan office. I would not be able to concentrate.
- 🍏 She really wanted that job, so she said the company car was really the **cherry** on the cake.
- 🍏 Things seem to be going **pear**-shaped at work and a lot of people are being made redundant.
- 🍏 You can't compare those two companies. They are **apples** and **oranges**.