



Vocabulary and idiom

Body language

1 Which part of Prince Charles' body did his school friends make fun of? Why? As a class brainstorm parts of the body. Write them on the board.

2 Say which parts of the body you use to do the following things.

bite	blow	clap	climb	hit	hug	kick	kneel
point	scratch	stare	whistle	lick	march		

3 Work with a partner. Which verbs in 2 go with these nouns and phrases?

Kick a football.

a football	a ladder	like a soldier	a tune
someone tight	an ice cream	down to pray	your nails
up a balloon	an insect bite	your hands	a gun
out of the window		a nail with a hammer	

7.6 Listen and check. What does 'kick the habit' mean? Look at the list again with your partner. Can you remember the situations?

4 There are many idiomatic expressions to do with the body. The sentences all contain idioms. Work out their meanings from the context.

- No one in my class is speaking to me. Why are they **giving me the cold shoulder**?
- I don't get on with my brother. We don't **see eye to eye** about anything.
- I saw a programme on TV about quantum physics, but I'm afraid **it went straight over my head**.
- Don't waste your breath** trying to explain it to me. I'll never understand.
- Did you hear about Millie's party? People drank too much and the whole thing got **out of hand**.

6 The house was such a mess and when her parents came back they **kicked up such a fuss**. I don't blame them.

7 My dad keeps a stack of chocolate in his desk for while he's working. He's **got such a sweet tooth**.

8 I feel silly. I got so excited when he said I'd won the lottery, but he was only **pulling my leg**.

5 Replace the idioms in 4 with their literal meanings from the box. Read the sentences aloud with both expressions.

loves sweet things	I didn't understand a word
were absolutely furious	agree
ignoring me completely	out of control
It's not worth	joking

6 Look these words up in a dictionary. Choose one idiomatic expression for each. Tell the class.

heart	head	hand	foot	hair
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