



<sup>1</sup> head/hands/bed  
<sup>2</sup> smart/right/good

<sup>3</sup> wit/mind/brain  
<sup>4</sup> none/one/gone

<sup>5</sup> stated/mentioned/said  
<sup>6</sup> hugely/uncommonly/awfully

<sup>7</sup> curls/beard/locks  
<sup>8</sup> supple/fit/nimble

<sup>9</sup> cake/suet/jelly  
<sup>10</sup> body/feathers/beak

<sup>11</sup> ease/day/night  
<sup>12</sup> tongue/jaw/chin

<sup>13</sup> steady/true/focused  
<sup>14</sup> skilful/clever/able

<sup>15</sup> airs/manners/away  
<sup>16</sup> rubbish/stuff/nonsense

## Vocabulary

### Metaphors and idioms – the body



- 1 Which parts of the body do you associate with ... ?
- intelligence
  - emotions
  - manual skills
- 2 In which one of these sentences is the word in *italics* used literally? Rephrase the words used metaphorically.
- 1 Can you give me a *hand* to move this sofa?
  - 2 She's so clever. She's *heading* for great things in life.
  - 3 But she's not at all *big-headed*.
  - 4 We shook *hands* and introduced ourselves.
  - 5 My daughter has a very good *head* for business.
  - 6 I'd help, but I've got my *hands* full at the moment.
  - 7 She shouts a lot, but she's got a *heart* of gold.
  - 8 After a *heart-to-heart* talk, things are much clearer now.
  - 9 I trained to be a lawyer, but my *heart* wasn't in it.
- 3 Complete the sentences with one of these expressions.

face the fact    putting a brave face    on its last legs  
pulling your leg    goes to their heads    a sharp tongue  
finding my feet

- 1 My car's done over 200,000 kilometres. It's \_\_\_\_\_ now. I'll have to buy a new one.
- 2 With so many celebrities, success \_\_\_\_\_ and they start to believe they're really very important.
- 3 I know she's in a lot of pain, but she's \_\_\_\_\_ on it.
- 4 I'm in my first term at uni, and it's all a bit strange, but I'm slowly \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 I'm nearly 75. I simply have to \_\_\_\_\_ that I'm not as young as I was.
- 6 'Sue says some really cruel things.'  
'Yes, she's got \_\_\_\_\_.'
- 7 'Did you really tell Pete I don't like him?'  
'No, of course not! I'm just \_\_\_\_\_.'

- 4 **10.10** The lines below are from **two** conversations.

Listen and replace the underlined phrases with the body expressions you hear.

- I'm still getting used to it.
- Underneath it all, she's kind and generous.
- She understands business very well.
- You'd better accept the fact that your computer's ancient.
- It's been about to stop working for years.
- Are you joking?

- 5 Look up another part of the body in a dictionary. Find idioms and explain them to the rest of the class.

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