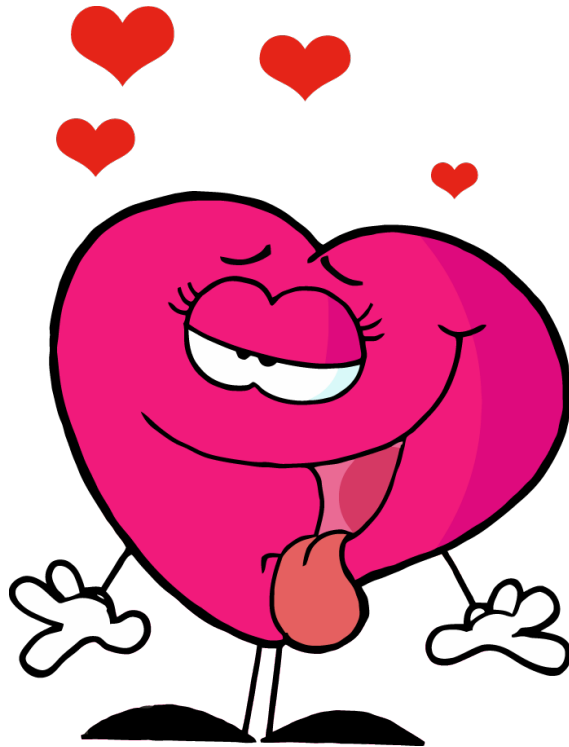


Valentine's Day Idioms



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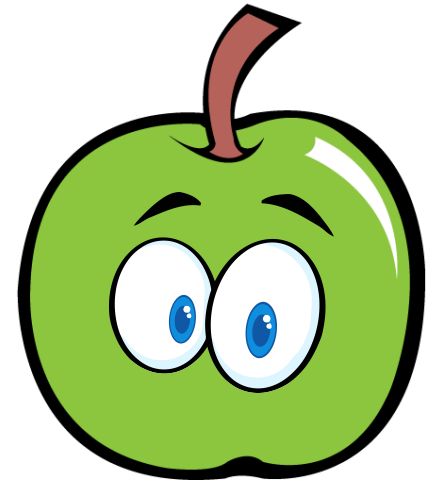


Above is an Idiom wreath that I made with my kiddos. I picked several love/heart themed idioms to add to our wreath.

My kids didn't really know any of the idioms I tried to use, so I made them booklet for their reference. It took us a couple sessions to make these wreaths. The kids copied the idioms to their hearts. Before they could add it to the wreath, they needed to explain it to me, without referencing the example book!

Apple of your eye

Karen is the apple of my eye.



Meaning: A person or thing that is greatly loved, treasured and adored.

Origin: Ancient people thought that the pupil of the eye was solid and shaped like an apple. The pupil (apple of the eye) was precious because without it, you couldn't see.

Head over heels

He fell head over heels in love with his piano teacher.

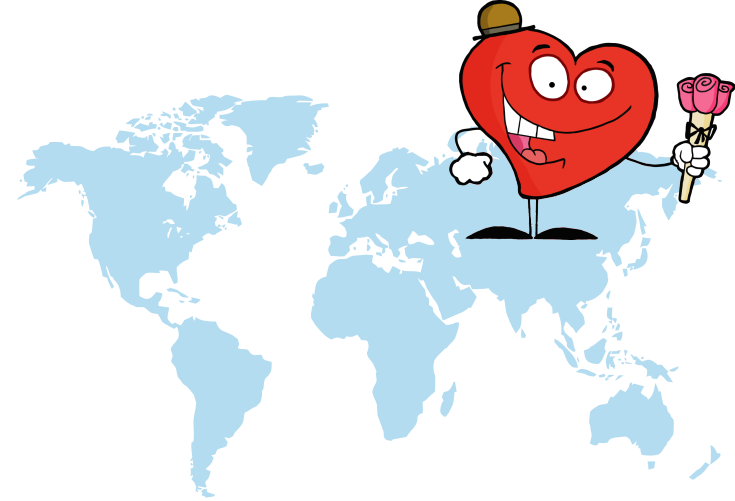


Meaning: Completely and helplessly in love.

Origin: Ancient Romans used this and it means being in love makes emotions topsy-turvy, upside down.

Heart in the right place

Kevin messes up sometimes, but
His heart's in the right place.

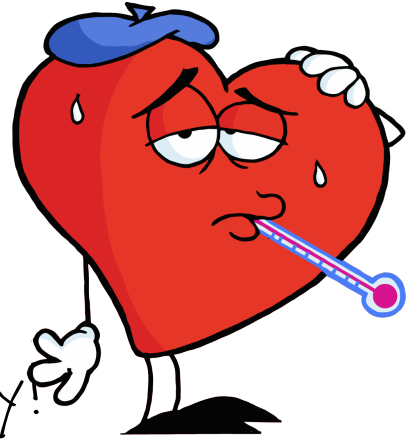


Meaning: To be well-meaning and kindhearted; to have good intentions even though mistakes occur.

Origin: Everyone's heart is right in the middle of the chest. Since the heart is often considered the center of people's emotions and feelings, this expression means that even if what you try to do comes out wrong, your intentions are right.

Bleeding Heart

Kenley is such a bleeding heart.
She donates to any fundraiser that asks for money!

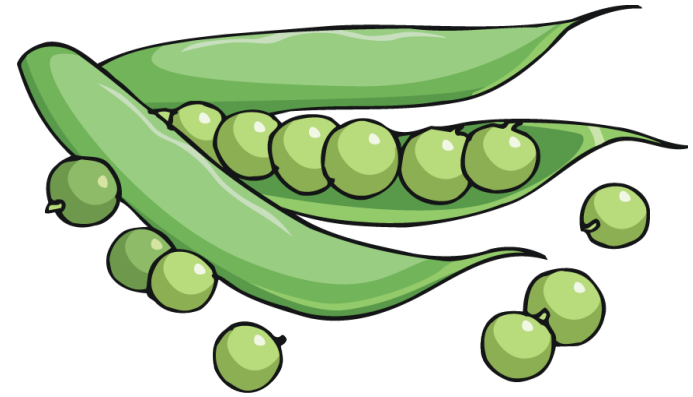


Meaning: An extremely soft hearted person who feels compassion towards all people, including those who might not deserve sympathy.

Origin: 20th century America. This controversial term comes from those who say the government or private charities should do more to help relieve the suffering of the sick, homeless or unemployed.

Two peas in a pod

Kyle and his brother are like
two peas in a pod!

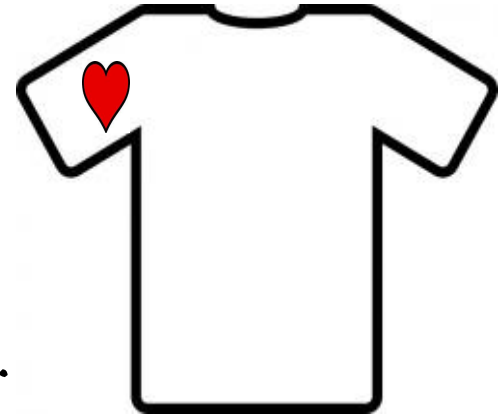


Meaning: identical; alike in looks and behavior.

Origin: a pod is a seedcase that holds beans or peas.

When it is ripe, the pod splits open to let go of what's inside. Peas lying cozily in a pod seem alike in size and color.

Wear your heart on your sleeve



Everyone in the school know Mack is in love with Ellie, because he wears his heart on his sleeve.

Meaning: to show emotions and feelings openly

Origin: Shakespeare used the expression in Othello in the year 1600. In those days it was custom for girls to tie a ribbon around the arm of her boyfriend. The boy wore it to show his affection for the girl to everyone who saw him.

Have your heart in your mouth

My heart was in my mouth when I reached the top of the roller coaster.

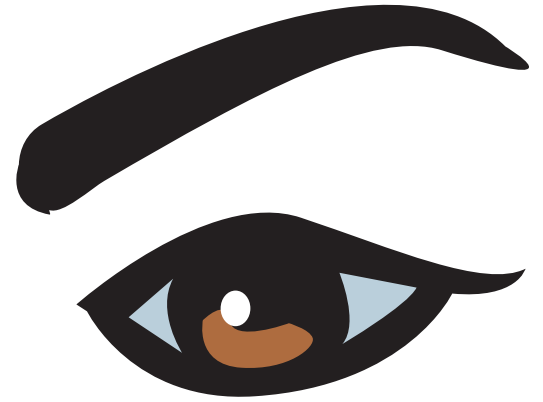


Meaning: to be extremely frightened about something

Origin: Homer used this expression in the poem the Iliad. When you're terrified your heart starts to pound and there's a choking feeling in your throat.

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder

Hudson thinks his dog's haircut is cool.
I guess beauty is in the eye of the beholder.



Meaning: There is no standard of beauty, so what one person likes or sees in someone, is not necessarily what others see; different people have different opinions.

Origin: The 'eye' is really the mind, thoughts, feelings and emotions of the 'beholder' or the person who is looking at the person or thing.

Catch more flies with honey than with vinegar



Ask her nicely. Remember, you can catch
More flies with honey than with vinegar.

Meaning: more can be accomplished by being pleasant
than by being disagreeable.

Origin: Flies are attracted to sweet things like honey or
fruit and aren't attracted to sour things like vinegar.
In the same way, you're more likely to get what you
want from people by being sweet rather than bitter or
sharp.

Sweep you off your feet

Maria married Carlos, her millionaire boss.
She just swept him off his feet.



Meaning: to make a good impression; to affect someone with strong emotion or enthusiasm.

Origin: 19th century. This expression suggests that sometimes emotions are so intense that you can't even remain standing when you're hit by one of them.