



ANIMAL IDIOMS – WHAT DO THESE MEAN?



- To have ants in your pants. To be very restless.
- Bark worse than bite. To be somebody who pretends to be tough but is not.
- To be like a bear with a sore head. To be grumpy.
- To be like a bull in a china shop. To be clumsy.
- To open a can of worms. To accidentally make something much worse.
- A cold fish. To have no passion, feeling.
- To be as sly as a fox. To be very intelligent but not for good purposes.
- A dark horse. To be mysterious.

SENTENCES WITH IDIOMS

- Nobody likes Peter very much because he is so annoying. He is a right **pain in the neck!**
- Andy is so boring. Did you know that his idea of a perfect day is going to the station to collect train registration numbers? What an/a **anorak/nerd!**
- Andria is an excellent and intelligent manager who runs the department well and deals effectively with any problems that come up. Everyone agrees that she is a **smart cookie.**
- You have been sitting in front of the television for almost four hours. Why don't you turn it off and go for a walk? You are turning into a **couch potato!**
- Do not be such a **chatterbox!** If you concentrated instead of speaking all the time, you would get more work done.
- I hope Rick comes out with us tonight. He is such good fun, always **the life and soul of the party.**



'The great enemy of clear language is insincerity. When there is a gap between one's real and one's declared aims, one turns, as it were, instinctively to long words and exhausted idioms, like a cuttlefish squirting out ink.' - George Orwell