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**PARTS OF THE BODY IN ENGLISH IDIOMS: MEANING OF THE COMMON SET EXPRESSIONS**

**Introduction.** Most languages contain numerous idioms that often come up in conversation. People use idiomatic expressions to make their language more splendid and vivid and to express the nuances of meaning or purpose. Idioms can be more precise than the literal words, and are often used to substitute the exact words and better describe the shades of the meaning.

Idiom is a group of words in a fixed order that has a particular meaning that is different from the meanings of each word on its own [1]. An idiom is a group of words, a saying, or a phrase with a symbolic rather than literal meaning that is accepted in common usage. It is a form of artistic expression characteristic of a movement, period, individual, medium, or instrument [2].

Idioms in any language take on a totally different meaning than the separate words indicate. These set expressions allow people communicate their feelings, illustrate some situations and even manage some complex social contexts in a nuanced way.

Idiomatic expressions are the building blocks of civilization and language. They make the language evolve. The great intensity of idioms makes a language dynamic and interesting. Many different idioms exist, and people use them commonly in all languages. English language has an unlimited number of idiomatic expressions [2].

**Purpose of the study.** English idioms and set expressions are an essential part of daily English. They crop up all the time in both written and spoken English. Since idiomatic expressions do not always make sense literally, it is necessary to familiarize oneself with the meaning and application of the most common idioms, particularly the expressions with parts of the body, being some of the most numerous categories in English idioms.

**Methods of research.** Considering the purpose of the research and due to the methods of monitoring and comparative analysis of internet and printed resources [3; 4; 5], the main research outcomes appear to be as follows.

**Research results and their discussion.** Since English idioms with parts of the body are very common in everyday conversation and familiar to any native speaker, it is essential to use them in appropriate context in order to be more confident and sound more native. Hence, the meaning of commonly used set expressions with parts of the body are examined below:

- *skeleton in the closet* – a secret that you don't want to disclose;
- *fight tooth and nail* – to fight very fiercely;
- *pat on the back* – to receive or express praise for a job well done;
- *heart touching* – an event that makes you feel happy;
- *on the tip of my tongue* – something that you know but cannot remember;
- *from the bottom of my heart* – with sincere and deep feeling;
- *music to ears* – something that is soothing to your ears;
- *broken hearted* – emotionally sad or grief-stricken;
- *slip of the tongue* – a mistake in speech or writing;
- *heart and soul* – with all the effort you can put into it;
- *warm-hearted* – kind and loving;
- *hold tongue* – to keep quiet when one would rather speak;



- *on the other hand* – from a different point of view;
- *pain in the neck* – anything that is particularly annoying, difficult or irritating;
- *button your lip* – to stop speaking;
- *head in the clouds* – daydreaming or absentminded;
- *butterflies in stomach* – to feel very nervous and restless;
- *bite tongue* – to keep from saying something that you really want to say;
- *over my dead body* – in no way, under no circumstances.

**Conclusions.** On the grounds of the research findings, the following conclusions can be made. Learning to use the widespread idioms will make one's language sound more native, so it is a good idea to master some of these expressions. Parts of the body in English idioms are a common part of daily speech and conversation. Idiomatic expressions are widely used in written and spoken English and do not always make sense literally. Therefore, it is crucial to understand what they mean and how to utilize them properly.

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