

Idioms | Lesson 40

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Example Dialogue

Clara : Have you ever thought of doing any volunteer work?

Megan : I already have a finger in the pie. I spend time every day with elderly people at a retirement home.

Clara : Wow! I would like a piece of that pie, if you can help me.

Megan : Of course! I'll cut up the pie with you!

Clara : What would I have to do?

Megan : Oh, it's easy as pie! You can come with me tonight after work and I will introduce you to the people at the retirement home. You can read to them, play board games with them or just sit and talk. It's up to you!

Clara : Thank you so much for being as nice as pie to me! I will definitely join you tonight!



Try to figure out the meaning of these idioms.

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Example Passage

Clara is thinking about doing some volunteer work. She is asking Megan if she knows anything about the topic. Megan already has a finger in the pie, as she is volunteering at a retirement home. Clara says that she would like a piece of that pie and wants to join Megan. Megan is willing to cut up the pie with her friend and explains that it is easy as pie to be a volunteer. After she explains everything, Clara thanks Megan for being as nice as pie and promises to join her in the volunteer work.



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Definitions

a piece of the pie | a share in something

*We all need money and we are working hard for **a piece of the pie**.*

*All of our investors take **a piece of the pie**.*

easy as pie | very easy

*Algebra is **easy as pie** once you understand the basics.*

*You make it sound **as easy as pie**, but I don't think I can do it.*

nice as pie | to be very friendly when you don't necessarily expect that person to be friendly

*I wonder why my boss has been **as nice as pie** to me during yesterday's meeting.*

*The man I approached to ask for directions was **as nice as pie**.*

cut up the pie | to divide something up

*Everyone can get a fair share of the profits. It depends on how you **cut up the pie**.*

*How should I **cut up the pie**? You all worked very hard!*

have a finger in the pie | to have a role in something; to be involved in something

*We can ask my brother for financial advice. He already **has a finger in the pie** because he works in a bank.*

Make sure you can understand the meaning of these idioms.

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Practice

Use the correct **idioms** (in the correct form) to complete the sentences.

- 1 | That's weird. He has been _____ to me all week.
- 2 | I will give you _____ if you come and work with me on the farm.
- 3 | Some people think that raising children is _____ but it is the exact opposite.
- 4 | The government should _____ more evenly among the population.
- 5 | He _____ because his father is a famous movie director. It will be easy for him to become an actor.
- 6 | A lot of people went to the USA in search of the "American Dream." Everybody wanted _____!
- 7 | You should try riding a bicycle to work. It is healthy, quite fast and _____.
- 8 | People have been _____ to her after she was hired in the company.



APPLICATION: Create your own sentences using these idioms.

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Exercise

Use the correct **idioms** (in the correct form) to complete the dialogue.

(Jacob and Olivia are talking about spring cleaning.)

Jacob : There are a lot of chores to be done, so let's _____, alright?

Olivia : Yes! I will clean the windows and do the dusting and you will clean the floors and move the furniture around. Is that ok?

Jacob : Perfect! _____! I already _____ as I've removed the carpets last night.

Olivia : Well, I'm satisfied with my _____ as well.

Jacob : Actually, you know what? Let me also clean the windows and you just do the dusting. I know you have had a pretty hard week at work already.

Olivia : Wow! You're as _____! Thank you so much, I really appreciate it!

Jacob : It's my pleasure.



APPLICATION: Create your own dialogue using these idioms with your teacher.

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