



## Elementary

Try to match the idioms to their definitions.

Idiom Category: Food

1. As cool as a cucumber
2. Bad Apple
3. Bad egg
4. Banana republic
5. Banana skin

- a, A person who cannot be trusted is a bad egg. Good egg is the opposite.  
b, If someone is as cool as a cucumber, they don't get worried by anything.  
c, Banana republic is a term used for small countries that are dependent on a single crop or resource and governed badly by a corrupt elite.  
d, A person who is bad and makes other bad is a bad apple.  
e, (UK) A banana skin is something that is an embarrassment or causes problems.

## Intermediate

Idiom Category: Drugs

Try to match the idioms to their definitions.

1. Cigarette paper
2. Close but no cigar
3. Dry as snuff
4. High as a kite
5. Pipe dream
6. Put that in your pipe and smoke it
7. Smoke like a chimney
8. Smoke the peace pipe

- a, (USA) If you are close but no cigar, you are close to success, but have not got there.  
b, If someone's as high as a kite, it means they have had too much to drink or are under the influence of drugs.  
c, If you cannot get or put a cigarette paper between people, they are so closely bonded that nothing will separate them or their positions on issues.  
d, If something is as dry as snuff, it is very dry indeed.  
e, This is used as an unsympathetic way of telling someone to accept what you have just said.  
f, A pipe dream is an unrealistic, impractical idea or scheme.  
g, If people smoke the peace pipe, they stop arguing and fighting  
h, Someone who smokes very heavily smokes like a chimney.



## Advanced

Idiom Category: Gambling

Try to match the idioms to their definitions.

1. Ace in the hole
2. Ace up your sleeve
3. All bets are off
4. Card up your sleeve
5. Go for broke
6. Hedge your bets
7. In the cards
8. Let the chips fall where they may
9. Luck of the draw
10. Make bets in a burning house
11. Poker face
12. Put your cards on the table
13. Queen of Hearts
14. Russian roulette

a, If someone goes for broke, they risk everything they have for a potentially greater gain.

b, If something is in the cards, it is bound to occur, it is going to happen, or it is inevitable.

c, If you hedge your bets, you don't risk everything on one opportunity, but try more than one thing.

d, This means that we shouldn't try to control events, because destiny controls them.

e, Someone with a poker face doesn't show any emotion or reaction so that people don't know what they are feeling.

f, If you put your cards on the table, you make your thoughts or ideas perfectly clear.

g, An ace in the hole is something other people are not aware of that can be used to your advantage when the time is right.

h, If you have an ace up your sleeve, you have something that will give you an advantage that other people don't know about.

i, (USA) If all bets are off, then agreements that have been made no longer apply.

j, To have the 'Luck of the draw' is to win something in a competition where the winner is chosen purely by chance.

k, A woman who is pre-eminent in her area is a Queen of Hearts.

l, If you have a card up your sleeve, you have a surprise plan or idea that you are keeping back until the time is right.

m, (USA) If people are making bets in a burning house, they are engaged in futile activity while serious problems around them are getting worse.

n, If people take a dangerous and unnecessary risk, they are playing Russian roulette.