

Heart Idioms

We often associate the heart with feelings of love and affection, but this is not always the case. See you if you determine the meanings of the following idioms that all have to do with the word HEART.

An idiom is a phrase or expression that has a meaning beyond the literal words. Idioms come from different sources and from all over the world. Some become popular phrases because they rhyme (“snug as a bug in a rug”), or have alliteration (“spick and span”). Some are casual or playful language (“easy come, easy go), or short sayings that express practical, basic truths (“necessity is the mother of invention”). We don’t usually know the origin of idioms, but they are interesting ways to express common experiences.

Directions: Match the idiom in the right column with its meaning in the left column.

IDIOMS	MEANINGS
_____ 1. broken heart	a. very compassionate and caring towards others
_____ 2. have your heart set on	b. to feel unhappy about a hopeless situation
_____ 3. eat your heart out	c. to be merciful
_____ 4. heavy heart	d. to want something badly
_____ 5. change of heart	e. to feel something deeply
_____ 6. bleeding heart	f. to show emotions and feelings openly
_____ 7. know it by heart	g. to be extremely frightened about something
_____ 8. have your heart in your mouth	h. change your mind
_____ 9. cry your heart out	i. have something memorized
_____ 10. heartfelt	j. great sadness
_____ 11. have a heart	k. to lose love
_____ 12. wear your heart on your sleeve	l. to be kind and well-meaning
_____ 13. have your heart in the right place	m. to be very sad

