

ANIMAL IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS

idiom	meaning	example
as drunk as a skunk	very drunk	You were as drunk as a skunk last night. You couldn't even speak.
as sly as a fox	smart, cunning	You need to be as sly as a fox. Walk in, take the cash box, and run back to the getaway car.
as strong as an ox	very strong	Nico will help you carry the boxes, he's as strong as an ox.
badger someone	annoy/pester someone	Go and badger your mum, she'll give you some money.
eager beaver	a keen/enthusiastic person	The new trainee is an eager beaver, she has volunteered for lots of projects already.
guinea pig	the subject of a test or experiment	I need to wax 3 people's legs for my beauty course. Will you be one of my guinea pigs?
like a bear with a sore head	annoyed, grumpy, irritable	Get me a coffee! I'm like a bear with a sore head today.
make a mountain out of a molehill	exaggerate a minor issue	Andy is such a drama queen; he is always making mountains out of molehills.
party animal	someone who loves to party	My sister was a party animal, she has calmed down now.
silver fox	a handsome grey-haired man	Rufus was a geek at school, now he's a silver fox.
snail's pace	very slowly	My essay writing is going badly, I'm writing at a snail's pace.

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social chameleon	a person who changes the way they act with different people	I can slum it with kids from the estate of hobnob with royalty. I'm a social chameleon.
squirrel away	save something in a safe/secret place for a later date	I need a new roof for my house. Luckily, I have some money squirrelled away.
the straw that broke the camel's back/the last straw	the final small thing that causes failure	Callum arrived late again. That was the last straw, he was fired immediately.
weasel one's way out of something	avoid doing something	I weaseled my way out of my date with Henry. He's not really my type.

