

BIG IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS

idiom	meaning	example
a big fish in a small pond	someone who is important in a small area	Joe was a big fish in a small pond. When he went to uni, that all changed.
big brother	a person/ government/ organisation that watches and controls people	There are so many cameras in the city centre, Big Brother is watching.
big bucks	lots of money	If we get this contract, it means big bucks for our company.
big cheese	a very important person	The big cheese is coming tomorrow. Please make sure you arrive on time.
big headed	an arrogant person	My cousin is a top actor. He's really down to earth and not big headed.
big picture	the whole perspective of an issue/situation	Look at the big picture. If you keep giving him chocolate, you'll have huge vet bills down the line.
big time	to a great extent	I've messed up big time. I wouldn't be surprised if she never spoke to me again.
bigwig	an important person	Make sure you're polite to that guy in the pink shirt, he's a government bigwig.
eyes bigger than one's belly	take more food than you can eat	We always have eyes bigger than our bellies when we go to sushi restaurants.
have a big mouth	someone talks a lot and can't keep secrets	Corey has a big mouth, I hope a year 11 shuts him up one day.

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have bigger fish to fry	have more important/interesting things to do	I can't help you look for a new bike. I've got bigger fish to fry.
hit the big time	become rich/famous/successful	I've got a part in a Hollywood blockbuster, I've hit the big time.
the Big Apple	New York	I've always wanted to live in the Big Apple.
too big for one's boots	cocky, arrogant, overconfident	Jake has become too big for his boots since he started trials for Manchester City.

