

## BLOOD IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS

idiom	meaning	example
bad blood	bitterness/hostility between people	There is bad blood between us. We fell out over a fence years ago.
blood brothers	men who swear to treat each other as brothers	This means that we're blood brothers and that we'll always have to stand by each other.
blood is thicker than water	family is more important than any other relationship	Do I go to my cousin's wedding or a festival with my friends? Blood is thicker than water.
blood money	money received due to others misfortune/suffering	I could never be a hitman; blood money makes me sick.
blood runs cold	be terrified/frightened	The screams of the trapped workers made everyone's blood run cold.
draw blood	make someone bleed	My parrot bit me. Luckily it didn't draw blood, they have sharp beaks.
draw first blood	the first person to score/succeed/attack	The greens have drawn first blood, this is going to be one hell of a match.
flesh and blood	a close relative	Mary shopped her son to the police. How could she do that to her own flesh and blood.
have blood on one's hands	be responsible for someone's death	The president sent the troops to war without proper weapons. He's got blood on his hands.
in cold blood	deliberately, ruthlessly, without emotion	Joey was killed in cold blood whilst walking home from a party.

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in one's blood	a skill/characteristic you have inherited from your family	I'm good with numbers, it's in my blood. My dad and grandad are accountants.
like getting blood from stone	very difficult to get something from someone	Good luck trying to get your money back from Michael. It's like getting blood from a stone.
make one's blood boil	makes you very angry	It makes our blood boil to think he was living under our roof and stealing from us.
out for blood	determined to beat/punish someone	Jeff slapped his girlfriend. Her brothers are out for blood.

