

## CLEAN IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS

idiom	meaning	example
as clean as a whistle	very clean or not guilty	Peter didn't steal the money, he's as clean as a whistle.
clean bill of health	a report to say someone/something is fit and healthy	The doctor gave Ian a clean bill of health. He can fly to the wedding in New Zealand.
clean sheet	start afresh with no past mistakes/problems or concede no goals/points in a sports match	After 5 matches, the Canaries still have a clean sheet.
clean someone out	take/use all of someone's money	The lad's poker night cleaned me out. The wife won't be happy when she finds out.
keep one's nose clean	stay out of trouble, behave	Lewis has kept his nose clean since becoming a father.
spring clean	thoroughly clean a house/room and throw away unwanted things	We've had a spring clean. Would you like some cutlery for your kitchen?
take someone to the cleaners	unfairly take all someone's money/property/possessions	Gordon won the poker night. He took everyone to the cleaners.
wipe the slate clean	erase debts/problems or mistakes and start again	The prisoner's slate was wiped clean, and he was free to leave jail and start afresh.

