

EAR IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS

idiom	meaning	example
all ears	ready and eager to listen	I've got a proposition for you, when you're all ears, I'll begin.
ears are burning	the feeling when someone is talking about you	I bet your ears were burning earlier, I heard a girl talking about you.
fall on deaf ears	be ignored by the people you want to listen to you	Her cries for help fell on deaf ears, everyone walked on by.
go in one ear and out the other	something is heard then forgotten	Teenagers are useless. Anything I tell my two goes in one ear and out the other.
keep one's ear to the ground	listen for information or gossip	I'm not sure when the tickets go on sale, I'll keep my ear to the ground.
make a pig's ear of something	make a complete mess of something	My wife always makes a right pig's ear of the dinner.
music to one's ears	hear a piece of information that makes you happy/excited	My attacker has been caught and locked up, it's music to my ears.
not believe one's ears	you don't believe or are shocked by something you hear	We couldn't believe our ears when the doctor told us we were expecting triplets.
out on one's ear	forced to leave a job or the place where you live	Danny stole from my company so he's out on his ear.
play it by ear	don't follow a plan, deal with things as they happen	I'm not sure who should run with the project, we'll just play it by ear.

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up to one's ears/eyes/eyeballs/neck	extremely busy	Josh is up to his neck in boxes. He's moving tomorrow so he can't come out.
wet behind the ears	immature, naive, inexperienced	The new apprentice is a little wet behind the ears, but he'll be great in a few months.

