

EYE IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS

| idiom | meaning | example |
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| a sight for sore eyes | someone/something that is very attractive/you're pleased to see | An English breakfast after a night on the beer is a sight for sore eyes. |
| apple of one's eye | a person who is cherished above everyone else | Laura is the apple of Steve's eye. I think he's going to propose soon. |
| bat an eyelid | show no emotion/reaction | Dominic is brave! He got hit in the face with a cricket ball and didn't even bat an eyelid. |
| bird's eye view | see something from above | I'd love a helicopter ride over the Grand Canyon. The bird's eye view would be amazing. |
| black eye | a bruise around your eye | Terry has a black eye, he won't tell me how he got it. |
| blue-eyed boy | a young man who is favoured and treated well by others | Damian will get the promotion, he's the manager's blue-eyed boy. |
| catch someone's eye | get someone's attention | A dress caught my eye in the bridal shop. I think I've found the one. |
| cry one's eyes out | cry a lot and for a long time | The kids are crying their eyes out watching The Lion King. |
| eagle-eyed | a very observant person | The mother kept an eagle-eye on her son to make sure he didn't try to escape. |

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| easy on the eye | attractive, good looking | The guy I'm seeing is easy on the eye, but he isn't intelligent. |
| eye candy | a person who is good to look at but maybe not that intelligent | The film was ok. It's full of eye candy but the plot is weak. |
| eye of the storm | at the centre of a disagreement | It's time for me to see the boss. It's like walking into the eye of a storm. |
| eye-catching | something is visually attractive | I'm trying to design a new eye-catching logo for my business. |
| eyes are the window to the soul | looking into someone's eyes can tell you what they're feeling/thinking | They say the eyes are the window to the soul. Trevor has devious eyes. |
| 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. |
| four-eyes | someone who wears glasses | Don't let four-eyes play, he's rubbish at football. |
| have eyes in the back of one's head | someone who knows everything you are doing | I can't cheat in Miss Johnson's class, she has eyes in the back of her head. |
| hit the bull's eye | achieve the best result | We really hit the bull's-eye with our latest product. The customers are loving it. |
| in the blink of an eye | very quickly | Jason was a millionaire. In the blink of an eye, the money was gone. |

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| keep an eye on | watch closely | I've got to keep an eye on my brother at school. I think he is being bullied. |
| keep an eye out for someone/something | watch carefully for something to appear | My earring fell out in the bathroom, keep an eye out for it please. |
| keep one's eye on the ball | stay focused | We need to keep our eye on the ball, our final exams start in a month. |
| keep one's eyes peeled | watch carefully, be alert/vigilant | My earring fell out somewhere in the kitchen. Keep your eyes peeled. |
| look someone square in the eye | look at someone directly | He looked me square in the eye and told me he was sleeping with my girlfriend. |
| make eyes at | make suggestive eye contact with someone, flirt | I made eyes at her all night, but she left with another guy. |
| more than meets the eye | a situation is more complex than it first seems | This proposal seems too good to be true. I think there is more than meets the eye. |
| naked eye | something that can be seen without a microscope | Atoms are so small, they can't be seen with the naked eye. |
| only have eyes for | be interested in one particular person | Noah only has eyes for Letitia, but she's moving to Italy. |
| pie-eyed | drunk, intoxicated | My dad is always pie-eyed. I think he has a problem. |

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| see eye to eye | fully agree with someone | Me and my siblings see eye to eye about putting our great aunt into a home. |
| turn a blind eye | pretend not to notice something and ignore it's happening | The police turned a blind eye to the poor child who stole some milk to feed his sister. |
| 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. |

