

FACE IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS

idiom	meaning	example
cut off one's nose to spite one's face	perform a vengeful act that hurts oneself more than another person	Lisa stopped me seeing the kids, she cut off her nose to spite her face. Now she has no free time to spend with her new boyfriend.
face like a bulldog chewing a wasp	a very ugly face	Harley's new girlfriend looks like a bulldog chewing a wasp.
face like a wet weekend	look miserable	What's wrong with you? You've had a face like a wet weekend all day.
face like thunder	a very angry/hostile facial expression	Lara has had a face like thunder all week. Do you know what is bothering her?
face the music	deal with the consequences of your actions	The president has been arrested for stealing public money. Today, he faces the music.
face up to something	accept something unpleasant	She has to face up to the fact that he's not coming back.
face value	the value indicated or accept what someone says without questioning	Don't take what Eric says at face value, he lies a lot.
have a face like the back end of a bus	ugly	Her baby has a face like the back end of a bus.
have egg on one's face	look stupid or be embarrassed/humiliated	If you accuse him and he is innocent, you'll end up with egg on your face.
on the face of it	on the surface, how something seems	It looked like a good deal on the face of it, but he was overcharging.

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put on a brave face	pretend you're not upset, afraid, in pain etc. when you really are	Carlos is putting on a brave face, but I know he is still upset about losing Katie.
save face	avoid humiliation by covering up your mistake	There is no way the goalie can save face; he's let in 9 goals in 2 matches.
show one's face	attend an event/make an appearance	This is the first time Walker has shown his face this season, what an appearance it was.
stuff one's face	eat lots very quickly	You stuffed your face all weekend. You need to hit the gym hard this week.
two-faced	a person who is nice to someone's face but horrible behind their back	I'm not two-faced so I won't say anything bad about her.
until one's blue in the face	angry, irritated, frustrated, exhausted	I complained to the council until I was blue in the face, but they still didn't sort the problem.

