

FINGER IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS

idiom	meaning	example
all fingers and thumbs	a clumsy person	Don't pass the ball to Hannah, she's all fingers and thumbs.
five-finger discount	shoplifting, stealing	Do you like my new shoes? I got them with my five-finger discount.
have green fingers/green fingered	good at gardening	My nan was green fingered. I must get it from her.
have one's fingers in lots of pies	be involved in many different things	She does yoga, Pilates, running and karate. That woman has her fingers in lots of pies.
keep one's fingers crossed	hope for good luck/a good outcome	Good luck with your driving test tomorrow. I've got my fingers crossed for you.
not lift a finger	do nothing to help	My teenagers don't lift a finger around the house. I'm fed up of being treated like a slave.
point the finger	accuse/blame someone	Someone stole money from my desk. I don't want to point the finger, but I think it was Katy.
pull one's finger out	stop wasting time and start working/concentrating	Logan has pulled his finger out and is working to support his child.
put one's finger on something	identify something	I can't put my finger on which employee is stealing from me. I've narrowed it down to 3.
sticky fingers	a tendency to steal things	Don't leave your bag lying around. I bet the people who drink here have sticky fingers.

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work one's fingers to the bone	work very hard	My dad worked his fingers to the bone then dies a week after he retired.
wrap around one's little finger	have complete control over somebody	I caught my teacher doing something wrong. Now, he's wrapped around my little finger.

