

MOUTH IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS

| idiom | meaning | example |
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| all mouth and no trousers | someone says they are going to do something but never do | Stop being a wimp and ask him out, you're all mouth and no trousers. |
| born with a silver spoon in one's mouth | born into a rich family | I would hate to have been born with a silver spoon in my mouth. I like working for my things. |
| don't look a gift horse in the mouth | don't be ungrateful, graciously accept gifts | I know you shouldn't look a gift horse in the mouth, but I really can't accept £500. |
| foot in mouth disease | say inappropriate/insensitive things at the wrong time | Please don't let Andy speak to the clients, he's got foot in mouth disease. |
| have a big mouth | someone talks a lot and can't keep secrets | Corey has a big mouth; I hope a year 11 shuts him up one day. |
| like butter wouldn't melt (in someone's mouth) | someone gives the impression of being sweet and innocent | My kids look like butter wouldn't melt, but they're little devils. |
| live from hand to mouth | very poor, have just enough money to survive | We are living from hand to mouth at the moment and we have another baby on the way. |
| make one's mouth water | your mouth is full of saliva because of the smell/taste of food | The smell of my grandma's cooking always made my mouth water. |
| put one's money where one's mouth is | make a bet or do something instead of just talking about it | The kitchen will be finished by summer. I'll put my money where my mouth is. |

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| put words into someone's mouth | inaccurately report what someone has said | The journalist put words in my mouth. I didn't say any of those horrible things. |
| straight from the horse's mouth | hear something from the source/most reliable person | I don't believe you. I need to hear it straight from the horse's mouth. |
| watch one's mouth | be careful about what you say | I have to watch my mouth around the children. They pick up bad words very quickly. |
| word of mouth | hear about something from people not through adverts | Most of our business comes from word of mouth. |

