

NECK IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS

idiom	meaning	example
a pain the ass/neck	an annoying person or thing	Filling in all these forms for university is a pain in the ass.
break one's neck to do something	use a lot of effort to achieve a goal	I broke my neck cleaning for the in-laws, but they didn't show up.
breathe down someone's neck	monitor someone closely in an irritating way	My mum caught me smoking so she's been breathing down my neck ever since.
get it in the neck	be severely told off/punished	Stop messing around! If our project isn't ready tomorrow, we'll get it in the neck.
neck and neck	equal	The voting is neck and neck, anyone could take the crown.
neck of the woods	a location, neighbourhood	When you come to our neck of the woods, pop in for a cup of tea.
stick one's neck out	take a risk, put yourself in a vulnerable/unpopular position	I stuck my neck out and asked my boss to employ Chris. I hope he doesn't let me down.
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.
wring someone's neck	you are very angry with someone	If I ever find the kids who defaced my mum's gravestone, I'll wring their necks.

