

## SKIN IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS

idiom	meaning	example
by the skin of one's teeth	by a very narrow margin	I thought I was going to be late for my interview, but I got there by the skin of my teeth.
couldn't knock the skin off a rice pudding	wimpy/cowardly/weak	Gary said I couldn't knock the skin off a rice pudding. I'll show him in the ring.
have thick skin	you don't easily get upset by criticism/insults	You need to be thick skinned if you want to become a politician.
jump out of one's skin	something shocks/scares you very much	A huge spider ran across my leg. I nearly jumped out of my skin.
more than one way to skin a cat	there are many ways to accomplish a goal	I didn't get tickets to the concert, but there is more than one way to skin a cat.
no skin off one's nose	you don't care if something happens or not	It's no skin off my nose if you don't pass your finals.
skin and bones	very thin and underweight	We found a sick dog on the street. He was skin and bones and infested with maggots.
skin someone alive	severely punish someone	I cracked the TV. My mum is going to skin me alive when she gets back.
skinflint	a person who hates spending money	My mum is such a skinflint, she won't give me £1 for the charity cake sale.

