

TONGUE IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS

idiom	meaning	example
bite one's tongue	stop yourself saying something bad/offensive/inappropriate	Mia was talking about how wonderful her husband is. I had to bite my tongue.
cat got one's tongue	a comment you make to someone when they are quiet	I think the cat has got Harry's tongue; he hasn't said a word all morning.
mother tongue	one's native language	French is my mother tongue, but I also speak English, Spanish, and German.
on the tip of one's tongue	can almost remember a word but not quite	I know this song! It's on the tip of my tongue.
slip of the tongue	say something you didn't mean to say	I called Noah by his brother's name. It was a slip of the tongue, but he wasn't pleased.
tongue in cheek	something is said as a joke although it may seem real	Dave said he loves Donald Trump; I hope it was a tongue in cheek comment.
tongue-tied	you can't speak due to embarrassment, nervousness, or shyness	Kelly is a main part in the school play. I hope she doesn't get tongue-tied.

