

TOOTH/TEETH 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.
fight tooth and nail	use all your effort/strength to fight	I'm going to fight tooth and nail to get what I'm deserved in the divorce settlement.
fine-toothed comb	thoroughly investigate/check	Make sure you go through your assignment with a fine-toothed comb before submitting it.
get one's teeth into something	get involved in a project/job/task etc. with great determination and effort	I really got my teeth into renovating the house. I can't wait to do it again.
have a sweet tooth	someone who loves eating sweet foods	I had a sweet tooth when I was younger. Now, I prefer savoury foods.
kick in the teeth	emphasising disappointment	Losing 1-0 in the 92nd minute was a real kick in the teeth for County.
long in the tooth	too old for something, getting old	We are too long in the tooth for clubbing. You youngsters go and enjoy yourselves.

