

SWEETS AND DESSERT IDIOMS

idiom	meaning	example
a jam session	an unrehearsed performance by musicians	I can't work on today. I'm going to a jam session straight after work.
a piece of cake	easy	The exam was a piece of cake. I finished it with 40 minutes to spare.
a smart cookie	an intelligent person	Leo is the smart cookie of the family. He goes to Oxford university.
a stud muffin	a fit/attractive man	Your brother is such a stud muffin these days. He was a geek at school.
a sugar daddy	a rich older man who spends lots of money on a younger lover	Those shoes are really pretty. Can't you get your sugar daddy to buy them for you?
a tough cookie	a physically and emotionally strong person	I need you to be a tough cookie. The doctor will give you 4 injections to stop you getting sick.
as flat as a pancake	very flat (level, no air, no charge)	My phone is as flat as a pancake. I forgot to charge it before we left.
as much use as a chocolate teapot	totally useless	I hired a new guy, he's as much use as a chocolate teapot.
as nutty as a fruitcake	crazy, completely mad	Sasha is as nutty as a fruitcake. That's why we get along so well.
brownie points	imaginary points gained by doing good things	I've done lots of overtime this week. I've earned some brownie points with the boss.
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.
cowardy custard	a coward/wimp	Doug is a cowardly custard, he's afraid of every insect.
eye candy	a person who is good to look at but perhaps not that intelligent	The film was ok. It's full of eye candy but the plot is weak.
have a sweet tooth	someone who loves eating sweet foods	I had a sweet tooth when I was younger. Now, I prefer savoury foods.

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have one's cake and eat it	enjoy two things that contradict each other	You can't have your cake and eat it. It's uni or travelling, not both.
life is like a box of chocolates	life can be unpredictable; you don't know what will happen	I'm going to quit my job and travel. Life is like a box of chocolates.
like taking candy from a baby	very easy	Beating them will be like taking candy from a baby.
sell like hot cakes	something will sell quickly and in large quantities	My collection of rare records sold like hot cakes. I made a mint.
sugar-coat	make something seem more pleasant	There is no way I can sugar-coat this. Rover was hit by a car and killed.
take the biscuit	emphasise your surprise at something bad/annoying/stupid etc.	The train is usually a bit late, but an hour late really takes the biscuit.
that's the way the cookie crumbles	that's how it is, you must accept the situation	I didn't get the job, but that's the way the cookie crumbles.
the icing on the cake	something additional that makes a good situation even better	The fourth goal was the icing on the cake for the away side.
the proof of the pudding is in the eating	something can only be judged once it has been used/tried/tested/experienced	The idea is great, but the proof of the pudding is in the eating.

