

SHEEP IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS

idiom	meaning	example
a wolf in sheep's clothing	a dangerous person who pretends to be harmless	Be wary of Lucas. I've got no proof, but I think he's a wolf in sheep's clothing.
be a lamb	an endearing way to ask someone to do something for you	Can you be a lamb and drive me to work as it's raining?
by hook or by crook	by any means possible (honestly or dishonestly)	We're going to win this competition by hook or by crook.
count sheep	if you can't sleep, you should count sheep	I counted over 3000 sheep last night. I just couldn't sleep.
in two shakes of a lamb's tail	in a very short time	I'll be with you in two shakes of a lamb's tail. I've got to send a couple of emails first.
like a lamb to the slaughter	be calm and unaware of the danger to come	Four boys waited like lambs to the slaughter outside the headmaster's office.
make sheep's eyes at	look at someone with affection	I swear Lisa's boyfriend has been making sheep's eyes at me all night.
one might as well be hanged for a sheep as a lamb	you will get the same punishment for a crime so may as well commit a bigger offence	I'll borrow my sister's shoes too; I might as well be hanged for a sheep as a lamb.
mutton dressed as lamb	an older woman who dresses in clothes that suit a much younger woman	My mum looks like mutton dressed as lamb; she should dress more appropriately.

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separate the sheep from the goats	decide from a group which is good, and which is bad	We have a training session tomorrow. Coach wants to separate the sheep from the goats.
the black sheep of the family	the naughty/odd/different one	All my family are doctors, but my brother is unemployed. He's the black sheep.

