

<i>GRAB A BITE</i>	<i>CATCH THE BUS</i>
<i>LIVING ON EASY STREET</i>	<i>YOU HAVE A CHIP ON YOUR SHOULDER</i>
<i>CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE?</i>	<i>JUST KILLING TIME</i>
<i>HOLY COW!</i>	<i>BUG OFF!</i>
<i>HANGING OUT</i>	<i>LOOK OUT!</i>
<i>IT'S RAINING CATS AND DOGS</i>	<i>BORN WITH A SILVER SPOON IN HER MOUTH</i>
<i>HAVE A HEART</i>	<i>GIVE ME A BREAK</i>
<i>SUBMARINE SANDWICH</i>	<i>HE STRUCK OUT</i>
<i>PRETTY UGLY</i>	<i>HAVE A BALL</i>
<i>PLEASE HOLD (when on phone)</i>	<i>GET A GRIP</i>

EXPRESSIONS WE HAVE ALL GROWN UP WITH ARE TAKEN FOR GRANTED AS UNDERSTOOD, BUT, ARE MOST CONFUSING TO FOREIGN STUDENTS WHO INTERPRET THEM LITERALLY. THE IDIOMATIC EXPRESSION GAME ILLUSTRATES THIS WELL, AS YOU WILL SEE. CUT OUT THE EXPRESSIONS. PLACE THEM IN AN ENVELOPE. LET EACH STUDENT DRAW TWO. ASK THEM TO READ THE EXPRESSION, ATTEMPT TO DEFINE IT, AND THEN IF HE OR SHE FAILS TO GET THE MEANING HAVE THEIR HOST PARENTS EXPLAIN THE MEANING TO THEM. THIS WILL HELP YOUR AUDIENCE TO BE CAUTIOUS IN THEIR CHOICE OF WORDS.