

# Food Idioms

## **1. acquire a taste for (something)**

to develop a liking for some kind of food or drink or something else

*Example: My friend has recently acquired a taste for classical music*

## **2. as cool as a cucumber**

to be calm, to be not nervous or anxious

*Example: The man is as cool as a cucumber and never worries about anything.*

## **3. big cheese**

an important person, a leader

*Example: My uncle is a big cheese in his company so you should be very nice to him.*

## **4. bite off more than one can chew**

to try to do or eat more than you can manage

*Example: I bit off more than I can chew when I began to work in the evening.*

## **5. Bottoms up!**

everybody should drink now (this expression is used at the end of a drinking toast)

*Example: "Bottoms up," our host said at the beginning of the dinner.*

## **6. bring home the bacon**

to earn your family's living

*Example: Recently, I have been working hard to bring home the bacon.*

## **7. couch potato**

someone who spends a lot of time on a couch watching television

*Example: My cousin is a couch potato and he never wants to leave his house.*

## **8. cream of the crop**

the best of a group, the top choice

*Example:* Our company is always able to hire the cream of the crop of university graduates.

**9. eat like a horse**

to eat a large amount of food

*Example:* I usually eat like a horse after I work hard all day.

**10. food for thought**

something to think about, something that provides mental stimulation

*Example:* The advice from the bank manager was food for thought when I made my financial plan.

**11. icing on the cake**

something that makes a good situation or activity even better

*Example:* I found a good job and the fact that I can work where I want is the icing on the cake.

**12. melt in one's mouth**

to taste very good

*Example:* The pastry melted in my mouth.

**13. spill the beans**

to tell a secret to someone who is not supposed to know about it

*Example:* "Please do not spill the beans about my plans to return to school next year."

**14. like two peas in a pod**

very close or intimate with someone

*Example:* The sisters are like two peas in a pod and they do everything together.



