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## English Egg Idioms

I thought I'd be a good egg and make a video about food idioms.

Then I realised I'd have egg on my face if I tried to put all my eggs in one basket.

If I tried to put all the food idioms in English in one video, I would simply over-egg the pudding.

You see, if this video is popular, it could be a nice little nest egg for my future.

So, I had to be a bit of a bad egg and leave out any idiom that was not about eggs.

Still, you can't make an omelette without breaking eggs!

Any of your favourite idioms not here will be in a future video.

Now look! I've got myself walking on eggshells.

I have to tell you that you can't teach your grandmother to suck eggs.

So, no matter how much you egg me on, only egg idioms are getting into this cracking video.

I didn't want this video to end up as something of a curate's egg.

Don't think I'm a rotten egg because I only included egg idioms.

If I made poor quality videos, I could end up killing the goose that lays the golden egg.

Let's stop for a moment, shall we?

How many egg idioms did I just use?

Replay the first bit and see, if you're not sure.

As sure as eggs is eggs, you are bound to have missed one or two.

Okay, there are actually a baker's dozen – 13.

Here they are in order of appearance:

a good egg

having egg on your face

over-egg the pudding

nest egg

bad egg

make an omelette without breaking eggs

walking on eggshells

you can't teach your grandmother to suck eggs

egg someone on

a curate's egg

a rotten egg

kill the goose that lays the golden egg

as sure as eggs is eggs

You can guess the meaning from the context in some cases.

But I'll be a good egg and tell you what they all mean in detail.

You can see examples in the box at the top.

A good egg, a bad egg and a rotten egg refer to people and the meaning is clear.

If you're embarrassed, you have egg on your face.

To try to put too much in to something and spoil it is to over-egg the pudding.

A nest egg is some funds put away for the future.

You can't make an omelette without breaking eggs means that sometimes you have to break something to get something more worthwhile.

If you are trying to be very diplomatic, you are walking on eggshells.

If you want to tell someone to do something when they know better than you how to do it, you are trying to teach your grandmother to suck eggs.

To egg someone on means to encourage them to do something unwise.

A curate's egg is something that has a mix of good and bad points.

When you kill the goose that lays the golden egg you destroy that which is profitable to you.

When something is absolutely certain, the British say, as sure as eggs is eggs.

Note the use of the verb to be here!

Anyway, I have to crack on with the next video, so I'll say goodbye and don't forget to do the **Extras** that go with this video.

Here's one I almost forgot about. If you learn all of these idioms, people will think you are an egghead!

An egghead is a very intelligent person. Just like you, in fact!

If you really are an egghead, you will know that there were really 14 egg idioms at the start of the video, not 13.

Do you know which one I didn't mention in the definitions?

No chickens or any other birds were harmed during the making of this video.

The missing idiom will be revealed at [Linguaspectrum.com](http://Linguaspectrum.com)