

Idioms – C

Cat got your tongue?

- We say this when someone should be talking or answering a question, but they don't (because they might be surprised or embarrassed).

Catch-22

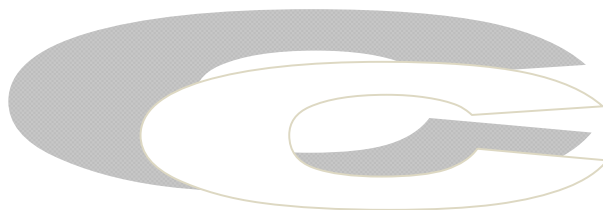
- A "catch-22" is a situation in which it is impossible to get the result that you want. (For example: "I can't work because I don't have a car, but I can't get a car because I don't have a job." This is a "catch-22.")

Change of heart

- If you have a "change of heart," this means that you change the way that you think or feel about something.

Cheap shot

- A "cheap shot" is words that are mean or unfair. (For example, if two people are arguing about politics, and one of them calls the other "fat" or "ugly," this is a "cheap shot.")



(on) Cloud nine

- If someone is "on cloud nine," then they are extremely happy.

(get) Cold feet

- to get scared or to lose the courage to do something (usually used when someone decides that they don't want to get married).

Come clean

- means to be honest or admit that you did something wrong.

Curiosity killed the cat.

- This is a warning against being too curious about things that you might not need to know. (Cats, for example, are very curious, and this can cause them to get hurt or killed.)