

English

English Food Idiom	Meaning	English Food Proverbs
A hot potato	Speak of an issue (mostly current) which many people are talking about and which is usually disputed	"An apple a day keeps the doctor away"- Benjamin Franklin
A lemon	Something that you buy which turns out to have problems - it is defective / it doesn't work well.	"If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world." -J.R.R. Tolkien
Apple of his eye	A favorite	"Wine is bottled poetry" - Robert Louis Stevenson
As busy as popcorn on a skillet	Very active	"Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food" – Hippocrates
As easy as apple pie	Something simple	"If you cant' feed a hundred people, then just feed one" - Mother Teresa
As flat as a pancake	Very flat	Whose bread I eat, his song I sing.
As hungry as a bear	Very hungry	Too many cooks spoil the broth.
As nutty as a fruitcake	Crazy	"To eat is human, to digest, divine". –Mark Twain
As slow as molasses in January	Very slow	It is easier to halve the potato when there's love. –Ireland
As sour as vinegar	Disagreeable	He that eats till he is sick must fast till he is well. ~ English Proverb
As sweet as honey	Very sweet	Don't dig your grave with your knife and fork. ~ English Proverb
As thick as pea soup	Very thick	You must crack the nuts before you can eat the kernel. ~ Irish Proverb
As warm as toast	Very warm	The proof of the pudding is in the eating. ~ English Proverb
Bad apple	Bad person	Revenge is a dish that should be eaten cold.
Bad egg	A person who is often in trouble	
Be in a pickle	To be in a difficult situation	
Be pickled	To be intoxicated	
Bear fruit	Get results	
Best thing since sliced bread	A good invention or innovation. A good idea or plan.	
Big cheese	Important person	
Big enchilada	Important thing or person	
Bring home the bacon	Provide the financial resources for the family	
Butter somebody up	Praise or flatter someone because you want something from them	
Cheesy	Someone who is silly	
Cool as a cucumber	Someone who is very relaxed	
Cry over spilt milk	When you complain about a loss from the past.	
Don't count your chickens before the eggs have hatched	Don't make plans for something that might not happen.	
Eat crow	Admit a mistake	
Eat dirt	Be humble	
Eat humble pie	Be forced to admit you were wrong, to humble yourself in front of others.	
Fat is in the fire	There is a big problem	
Finger in every pie	Someone who is involved in many activities and has a lot of influence or power.	
Full of beans	Someone who has a lot of energy	
Have bun in the oven	Be pregnant	
Have one's cake and eat it too	To want more than someone can handle or deserves; to try to have two incompatible things.	
Not my cup of tea	Something or someone that a person doesn't like.	
Packed in like sardines	Crowded	
Pie in the sky	A dream	
Piece of cake	Something that is very easy to complete	
Rotten to the core	Very bad	
Sell like hotcakes	Sell a lot	
Slice of the pie	A share of something	
Small potatoes	Unimportant	
Spill the beans	Reveal the truth	
Take with a pinch of salt	You should not completely believe what you are told. Someone is telling you something which may not be true or it is exaggerated.	
Top banana	Leader	
Variety is the spice of life	Differences make life interesting	
Walk on eggshells	Be cautious	
Whole enchilada	Entire thing	