

## 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.)

## Fill in the Blanks

Using the idioms, fill in the blanks in the following sentences:

1. Jake and Julie dated for several years. They got engaged last winter, but on the day of the wedding, Jake \_\_\_\_\_ and cancelled it. The next day, Jake explained to Julie that he had a \_\_\_\_\_ and that he didn't want to get married anymore. Julie is devastated.

2. Chris just found out that he got a perfect score on his test and will go to the best school in town. Because of this accomplishment, his parents are going to buy him a car. Nothing can upset him right now. He is \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Son, your teacher called today and said that in the middle of a class discussion about religion, you yelled at your classmate and called her stupid. Is that true? You need to \_\_\_\_\_. If you did that, then you need to apologize to her because that is a \_\_\_\_\_ and you know it.

Now, do the opposite. Read the last sentence, and write the sentences before it that describe the situation!

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ It's a catch-22!

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ So I said, "What's the matter? Cat got your tongue?"

6. \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ He asked for my advice, so I told him, "Curiosity killed the cat."