

## Chapter 2

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### IDIOMS OF PERSONALITY

a) **NERD**

Someone who is very  
Interested in science or technology, particularly in computers.



b) **Chatterbox** – A person who talks a lot.



C) HAPPY CAMPER – a person who is always happy and satisfied. ‘Happy camper’ is often used in the negative.



### 1. English idioms

- Find fault with someone or something – criticize, complaint about
- First things first – important things come before others
- Fly off the handle – get angry
- Foot the bill – pay the bill
- For good – forever
- For the time being – for now, at this time
- From now on – from the very beginning
- Get cold feet – be afraid to do something
- Go to pieces – get very upset, fall apart
- Have a ball – have a good time
- Hit the nail on the head – say exactly the right thing
- Ill at ease – uncomfortable
- In cold blood – mercilessly

## 11 Plus Help to Success

- In the clear – in the same situation
- Jump at the opportunity – accept the opportunity eagerly
- Jump in case – to be on the safe side
- Keep one's word – fulfil a promise
- Keep someone posted – inform someone
- Have a heart – be merciful
- Eat your heart out – we say this when we make someone jealous
- Broken heart – to lose love
- Wears heart on his sleeve – always lets feeling be known

## 2. Similes

- As cute as a kitten
- As happy as a clam
- As light as a feather
- As blind as a bat
- As bold as brass
- As bright as a button
- As shiny as a new pin
- As cold as ice
- As common as dirt
- As hot as hell
- As innocent as a lamb
- As tall as a giraffe
- As sweet as sugar
- As black as coal
- As white as a ghost

### Similes Add Depth to Writing

- You were as brave as a lion
- They fought like cats and dogs
- He is as funny as a barrel of monkeys
- The house is as clean as a whistle
- He is as strong as an ox
- Watching the show was like watching grass grow
- That is as easy as shooting fish in a barrel.
- That guy is as nutty as a fruitcake
- She is as thin as a rake
- I am so thirsty that my throat is as dry as a bone