

Clothes idioms

I *wouldn't like to be in his* _____ when his mum finds out he crashed her new car.

The organisers say they are \$50,000 *out of* _____ after bad weather meant many people stayed away from the festival.

The politician apologised for calling his opponent a 'dummy', he said it was an *off the* _____ remark and wasn't intended to be reported.

I've got some great news Myleen, it looks like I'm going to be promoted. But *keep it under your* _____, it isn't official yet.

I think Wendy has been *getting too big for her* _____ since she got that new job. She acts like she's better than us now.

We've got a lot of work to do if we want to meet Friday's deadline so let's *roll up our* _____ and get started.

The _____ *are off* in this dispute with both sides accusing the other of using unfair tactics.

That's a bit *below the* _____, isn't it? You know he's very sensitive about his weight.

<i>sleeves</i> <i>sock</i> <i>hat</i> <i>shoes</i> <i>gloves</i> <i>cuff</i> <i>belt</i> <i>pocket</i> <i>boots</i>

Do you have any similar idioms in your own language?

Rearrange the sentences

1. your shoes I home to be gets like Dad in wouldn't when
2. out We pocket \$500 of are
3. gave the an cuff speech I off
4. news your keep under hat the Please
5. your You are too getting big boots for
6. fight The in off gloves are this
7. up started sleeves and roll our get Let's
8. comment the that was below belt

Replace the underlined part of the sentence with a suitable idiom

1. I wouldn't want to be him when his parents discover the truth.
2. Unfortunately, low turnout has left us making a loss.
3. I made some spontaneous comments which I now regret.
4. Don't tell anyone, but I'm writing a new book.
5. She thinks she's better than us, just because she's going to university.
6. There is no holding back in the fight to dominate this market.
7. We have no choice, we just have to prepare for hard work and get on with it.
8. It was unfair for you to bring up my past like that.

Discussion questions

Can you think of a time when you wish you had been in someone else's shoes?

Have you ever known someone who got too big for their boots?

Are you good at keeping secrets?