

# Put on Your Thinking Cap (Fun with Idioms)

People sometimes refer to idioms as expressions or "old sayings" as many of these phrases have been used for decades or even centuries. Idioms have been used by historical people, famous authors and in books, movies, etc. Most of us use "catch phrases" everyday and don't even realize it—some were already old when our grandparents used them! We can be pretty sure about some of their origins, but there are others that we can only guess at.

Here is an example of an everyday idiom you may have heard:

**"You look like you've got ants in your pants!"**

This really means that you appear restless, as you can't seem to sit still.

See if you can guess the real meaning behind each of the hat-related idioms shown below. Use the library, internet or other reference materials to check how close your guesses were. Afterwards, see if you can come up with any other hat idioms to add to the list.



**At the drop of a hat:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Bee in your bonnet:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Eat your hat:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Feather in your cap:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Hat trick:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Keep something under your hat:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Mad as a hatter:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Old hat:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Pulling a rabbit out of your hat:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Wearing many hats:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

