

Age Idioms - Guided Notes

What Are Idioms?

Idioms are special _____ that have meanings different from the regular words. When you use idioms correctly, it makes **native English speakers** very happy! Today we will learn about age idioms.

Idioms About Being Old

No Spring Chicken

- Meaning: No longer _____
- Example: After climbing the hill, I realized I'm no spring chicken.

Getting On In Years

- Meaning: Getting _____
- Example: Becky is worried she's getting on in years after spotting more gray hairs.

As Old As The Hills

- Meaning: Extremely _____
- Example: Sunj feels as old as the hills when his kids talk about technology.

Over The Hill

- Meaning: Old, past my _____ years
- Example: I can't come to that nightclub with you. I'm over the hill.

Long In The Tooth

- Meaning: _____
- Example: I'm too long in the tooth to try out skydiving.

Idioms About Being Young

Wet Behind The Ears

- Meaning: Young and _____
- Example: My assistant is a bit wet behind the ears. He still has a lot to learn.

Bright Young Things

- Meaning: Young, enthusiastic, fashionable or _____ people
- Example: These bright young things have just started college.

Tender Age

- Meaning: Very _____ age
- Example: Sally first sang on stage at the tender age of seven.

Knee High To A Grasshopper

- Meaning: Very _____
- Example: Katie started learning piano when she was knee high to a grasshopper.

Special Age Expressions

Young At Heart

- Meaning: Youthful despite being _____
- Example: Angela might be 84, but she is still young at heart.

Acting Your Age

- Meaning: Behaving in a way appropriate to your _____
- Example: Brenda's teacher told him to start acting his age.

Prime Of Life

- Meaning: At your best, _____ and successful
- Example: I've just turned 40 and I'm in the prime of my life.

Come Of Age

- Meaning: Reach maturity or have the same _____ rights as adults
- Example: In my country, there is a big celebration when young people come of age.

Answer Key

Section 1 - What Are Idioms?

- expressions

Section 2 - Idioms About Being Old

- No Spring Chicken: young
- Getting On In Years: old
- As Old As The Hills: old
- Over The Hill: best
- Long In The Tooth: old

Section 3 - Idioms About Being Young

- Wet Behind The Ears: inexperienced
- Bright Young Things: ambitious
- Tender Age: young
- Knee High To A Grasshopper: young

Section 4 - Special Age Expressions

- Young At Heart: old
- Acting Your Age: age
- Prime Of Life: healthy
- Come Of Age: legal