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Fancy a Pop at Idioms?

Fun with Idioms, and the Words FANCY and POP



POP

“POP” has so many meanings and you wouldn’t believe how often we use it!

Here are some prime examples:

- Pop – a light explosion sound – *The champagne bottle popped and everyone cheered.*
- Pop – when you play with a pimple – *I’ve just popped a spot.*
- Pop – a fizzy soft drink – *I’ve drunk so much pop today I feel so bloated.*



- Pop – when something suddenly opens – *My button has just popped open.*
- Pop – when your eyes widen with surprise – *My eyes popped when I saw the diamond ring he bought me.*
- Pop – when you quickly put something small into your mouth – *He popped the*

pill into his mouth and took a sip of water.

- Pop into – put something somewhere quickly – *She popped her umbrella into her bag before leaving the house.*
- Pop by – when somebody comes and visits you without notice – *Susan just popped by for some sugar.*
- Pop round – go and visit somebody without notice – *I’m just going to pop round Jack’s to borrow some sugar.*
- Pop back – return from a somewhere soon – *Jack will pop back in a minute!*
- Pop out – go somewhere for a few minutes – *I’m sorry, Mr Jones is unavailable at the moment. He’s just popped out.*
- Pop out – go somewhere quickly without notice – *Sorry, I just need to pop out for a minute.*
- Pop out – appear suddenly – *That bear just popped out from nowhere.*
- Take a pop at somebody – criticise someone to his face/or in public – *I was so surprised when the train driver took a pop at me because I had bought the wrong ticket.*

- A pop – in every occasion or circumstance – *She gets paid £50 a pop.*
- Ready to pop – when someone has eaten too much or is about to give birth – *I am so full I might pop! I am so big now.... I can't wait to have this baby! I'm ready to pop!*



Can you think of any others?

- Check our [Idiom](#) of the Week every Wednesday to help broaden your knowledge of English expressions.
- Read our bi-weekly [blog](#) which includes study tips, interesting aspects of the English language, worldwide facts and much more!

FANCY

It has so many different meanings and is one of the most versatile and fun words in [British English](#).

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Do you fancy a drink tonight?2. Last night I went to a fancy restaurant.3. I've been invited to a fancy dress party.4. Fancy meeting you here!5. My friend fancies you6. He fancies himself as a bit of a singer7. I've just passed my exam-fancy that!8. Thinking about marrying Ryan Gosling was just a passing fancy.9. He's prone to flights of fancy | <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Like (in a romantic manner)b) Think to bec) To express surprise or shockd) Hard to imaginee) The faculty of imagination.f) A superficial or transient feeling of liking or attractiong) Something elegant or poshh) Feel a desire or liking fori) A Costume |
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Answers: 1 h, 2 g, 3 i, 4 c/d 5 a, 6 b, 7 c/d, 8 e, 9 f



Just remember that:

Fancy can be a verb: *Do you fancy a drink tonight? My friend fancies you*

Fancy can be an adjective: Last night I went to a *fancy* restaurant

Fancy can be a noun: just *a passing fancy*, prone to *flights of fancy*

Fancy can be part of a stand-alone fixed expression: *Fancy that!*

Fancy can be part of a fixed expression followed by [verb+ing]: *Fancy meeting/seeing you here!*

So, if you fancy trying some out, see which ones take your fancy and use them in conversations outside the classroom. I am sure people will be impressed and will probably say or think "Fancy that!".

Fun with Idioms

Match the pictures to the idioms below.



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6



Figure 7



Figure 8



Figure 9



Figure 10

Match the picture to the idiom:

1. Pleased as Punch.
2. Sell like hotcakes.
3. To give someone the third degree.
4. Have skeletons in the closet.
5. Be in the doghouse.
6. Apple of my eye.
7. Bring home the bacon.
8. Good as gold.
9. To knuckle down.
10. Cat got your tongue.

Answers: Fig 1/4, Fig 2/5, Fig 3/7, Fig 4/2, Fig 5/1, Fig 6/3, Fig 7/10, Fig 8/6, Fig 9/8, Fig 10/9