

Animals used in Idioms (Part 1)



Let the **cat** out of the bag

means

Tell a secret or reveal a hidden topic, usually by mistake

example

She **let the cat out of the bag** when she told Jason about the surprise party.

A **fish** out of water

means

Feel uncomfortable and out of place

example

I can't work with computers; I feel like **a fish out of he water**.

A **fly** on the wall

means

Be unnoticed so you can hear what other people say

example

I wish I was **a fly on the wall** so I can hear what these two say.

The **elephant** in the room

means

Big and important topic

example

The presidential election is **the elephant in the room** in every house these days.

Rat someone out

means

Being disloyal by telling authority (e.g. parents, teacher) about something wrong someone has done; snitch

example

He **rat his friends out** to the teacher.

Monkey see, monkey do

means

To imitate or copy what someone does without thinking of consequences

example

Copying his dad, the little boy tried to shave his own beard; **monkey see, monkey do!**

