



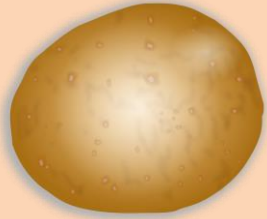
Topic

Conversation
for Idioms

Lesson 42
Vegetables

Lead-in

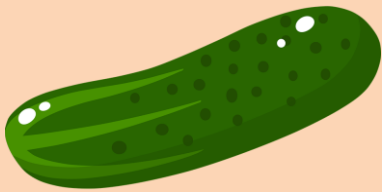
Fill in the blanks with the name of a vegetable.



hot _____



spill the _____

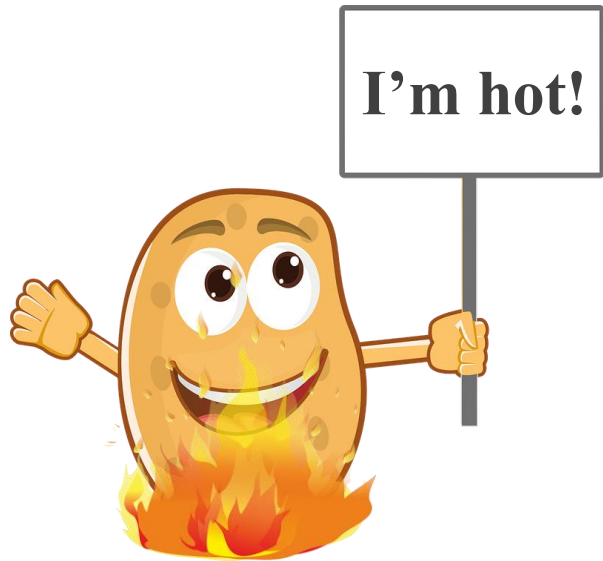


cool as a _____



two _____ in a pod

1. The report we gave to the police was turning into a **hot potato**. They didn't want to talk about it.



Which sentence uses the idiom '**hot potato**' correctly?



He refused to answer the questions.
He is now becoming a hot potato.



He refused to answer the questions.
It was a hot potato.

2. Johnny was told to keep everything a secret but he **spilled the beans**.

Origin

This is drawn from the ancient Greeks, where people would use beans to vote anonymously. These votes were cast in secret, so if someone knocked over the beans in the jar — whether by accident or intentionally — they “spilled the beans” and revealed the results of the votes prematurely.

 How do you deal with deep secrets?



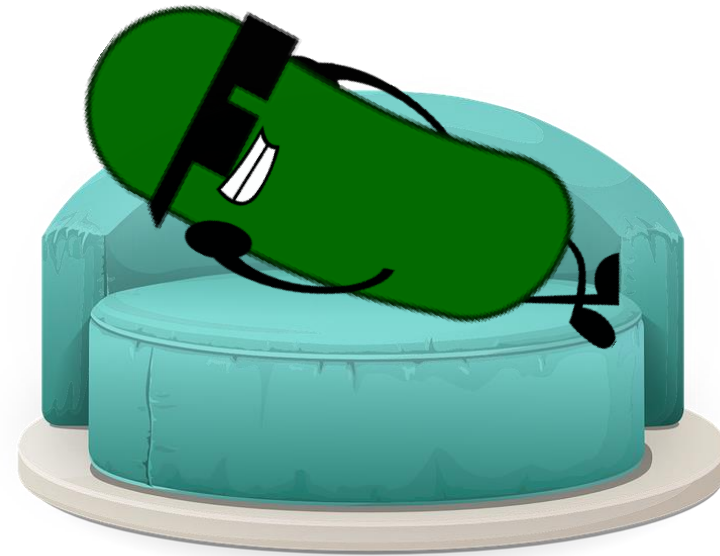
3. Even though he has got loads of work to do, he is still as **cool as a cucumber**.



Guess the meaning of the idiom.



Create a sentence using the idiom.



4. I still cannot identify the twins. They are totally like **two peas in a pod**.

Q What does 'two peas in a pod' mean?

do the same things as another person

very similar, especially in appearance



VEGETABLES



**hot
potato**

a topic no
one wants
to deal with



**spill the
beans**

to let secret
information
be known



**cool as a
cucumber**

very calm
and
relaxed



**two peas
in a pod**

very similar,
especially in
appearance

Practice

Arrange the jumbled words to complete the sentence.

1



potato / turning / hot / into / a

The case we filed 3 years ago is _____.

2



cucumber / as / but / still / he / as / is / a / cool

He is asked to be hasty _____.

Practice

Arrange the jumbled words to complete the sentence.

3



the / always / beans / because / spill / I

My friends do not trust me _____.

4



a / like / pod / they / two / in / are / peas

_____ because they wear the same clothes.

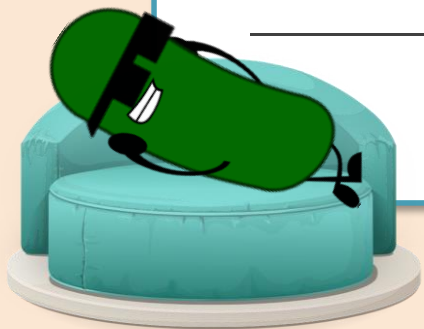
A

1. The police did not pursue the investigation.
2. The girls wear the same smile.
3. I should keep my mouth shut.
4. Our manager is always cool as a cucumber.

B

- a. I bet this will turn into a hot potato soon.
- b. I must not spill the beans again.
- c. He doesn't panic even if he struggles.
- d. They look like two peas in a pod because of it.

MY FORM OF RELAXATION



- ❖ Is it easy for you to stay as cool as a cucumber even under pressure? Why or why not?
- ❖ How important are rest and relaxation for you?