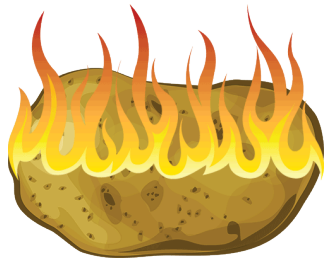


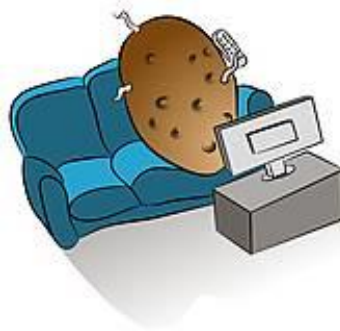


Idiom #16 Potatoes in Idioms



A **hot potato** is a problem so controversial and sensitive that it is risky to deal with.

Gun control is a political hot potato.



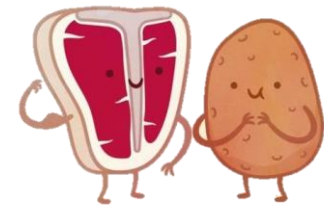
A **couch potato** is someone lazy who loves spending their time channel-surfing on the sofa.

My cousin Steve hardly ever goes out: he's a real couch potato!



The expression '**small potatoes**' designates something trifling or of little account.

This contract is small potatoes, but I'll make it do for the time being.



The **meat and potatoes** are the most important or basic part of a situation.

The meat and potatoes of broadcasting are sports and the news.