personal english



Idiom #22

Book Idioms



A closed book

1. Something that you accept has completely ended; 2. something or someone that is very difficult to understand.

An open book

Something or someone that is easy to know about because nothing is kept secret.

Don't judge a book by its cover

Used for saying that you should not form an opinion about someone or something only from their appearance.

Read someone like a book

To be able to understand easily what someone is thinking or feeling.



is pleased with you.



The oldest trick in the book

A dishonest method of doing something that you know about because it has been used many times before.

Cook the books

To change accounts and figures dishonestly, usually in order to get money.

Bring someone to book

To punish someone, or to make them explain their behavior publicly when they have done something wrong.

Take a leaf out of someone's book

To copy what someone else does because they are successful at doing it.



By the book

Correctly, following all the rules or systems for doing something in a strict way.

