

# personal english



**IDIOMS**  
Two heads are better than one.  
**EYES ON ME**  
shooting the breeze  
**Zip your lips.**  
Something fishy is going on.  
**I'M ON CLOUD NINE!**  
Keep your eyes peeled.

## Idiom #4

### *In Stitches* and *Side-splitting*



1- Stitches



2- Side-splitting

**TOM:** Yesterday night Jenny had us **in stitches** with all her jokes.

**PAUL:** Well, not surprisingly: her sense of humor is **side-splitting**.

Literally, **stitches** are what you see in picture 1; metaphorically, you are in stitches when you **laugh out loud**. This figurative expression is tightly related to the use of the adjective **side-splitting** (literally: having you **burst into** laughter) to refer to something **hilarious**. The image offered is that of laughter ripping your sides open – which will obviously cause you to need surgical stitches.