

# Body Part Expressions

Work with a partner and put the words from the table into the expressions below. When you are finished, try to guess what the expressions mean.

fingers	hand	teeth	shoulder	cheek
toe	tongue	foot	leg	knee
eyebrows	throat	back	eye	neck

## Your Answers

### Head

1. AH! What is that actor's name? It's on the tip of my \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Our company is hanging on by the skin of its \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_
3. We had a bird's \_\_\_\_\_ view of Toronto from the top of the CN Tower. \_\_\_\_\_
4. I don't think she was being serious. She said it tongue-in-\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_
5. John's sudden marriage to Ann raised a few \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_

### Upper Body

6. You can't let this opportunity slip through your \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Come on! Put your \_\_\_\_\_ into your work, we're almost done. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Can you give me a \_\_\_\_\_? I need some help with this report. \_\_\_\_\_
9. I would never stick my \_\_\_\_\_ out and help someone like you. \_\_\_\_\_
10. It feels like I have a frog in my \_\_\_\_\_ whenever I speak in public. \_\_\_\_\_
11. I thought we were friends, but now she's giving me the cold \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_

### Lower Body

12. The huge coat covered the small child from head to \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_
13. To make a good impression we should put our best \_\_\_\_\_ forward. \_\_\_\_\_
14. With one of his typical \_\_\_\_\_-jerk reactions, he said no immediately. \_\_\_\_\_
15. Opening new shops should give us a \_\_\_\_\_ up on the competition. \_\_\_\_\_

## Discussion Questions

1. Would you ever climb to the top a very high place to get a **bird's eye view** of the surrounding area?
2. When you were at school which classes were easy for you? Were there any classes that you passed **by the skin of your teeth**?
3. Have you ever made a decision that **raised a few eyebrows** among your friends and family?
4. Do you enjoy speaking in public, or does it feel like you **have a frog in your throat**?
5. How can you **put your best foot forward** when interviewing for a job?
6. Describe the outfit you are wearing today **from head to toe**.
7. Have you ever let a great opportunity **slip through your fingers** because you were too nervous or distracted? What was the opportunity?
8. When you are dancing at a party, do you really **put your back into it**?
9. If your friend told you that they won a million dollars, what would your **knee-jerk reaction** be?
10. Do you like making **tongue-in-cheek** comments? What is something funny you have said or heard recently?

## Answer Key

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| 1. tongue   | 9. neck      |
| 2. teeth    | 10. throat   |
| 3. eye      | 11. shoulder |
| 4. cheek    | 12. toe      |
| 5. eyebrows | 13. foot     |
| 6. fingers  | 14. knee     |
| 7. back     | 15. leg      |
| 8. hand     |              |

## Definitions

**tip of my tongue:** when you almost remember something, but can't quite think of it

**skin of my teeth:** just barely managing to do something

**bird's eye view:** seeing something from high above

**tongue-in-cheek:** something said as a joke, not meant to be taken seriously

**raise a few eyebrows:** to do something that surprises or shocks people

**slip through my fingers:** to lose an opportunity

**put my back into it:** to give a task all your effort; to work extra hard

**give me a hand:** to help with something

**stick my neck out:** to take a risk by doing or saying something

**frog in my throat:** temporary difficulty in speaking because of nervousness

**give you the cold shoulder:** ignore you or treat you in an unfriendly way

**from head to toe:** covering or affecting the whole body

**put your best foot forward:** to try your best to make a good impression

**knee-jerk reaction:** a quick, automatic response without thinking carefully

**get a leg up on:** to get an advantage over someone else