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## Speaking Exercise

### “Food idioms”

1. **A couch potato** – A lazy person who spends too much time on a couch.
2. **To be in a pickle** – To be in a bad situation/to be in trouble.
3. **To have a bun in the oven** – If someone has a bun in the oven; it means that they are pregnant.
4. **To be as cool as a cucumber** – If someone says that you are as cool as a cucumber, it means that you are relaxed.
5. **A piece of cake** – If your friend says that learning English is a piece of cake for them, it means that they find it very easy to do.
6. **To put all your eggs in one basket** – This phrase means to rely on one thing or person to succeed.
7. **To egg someone on** – To egg someone on, is to encourage them to do something (often something that they shouldn't do).
8. **A smart cookie** – To be a smart cookie means that you are intelligent.
9. **To spill the beans** – To reveal a secret.
10. **To take something with a pinch of salt** – Taking something with a pinch of salt means to not fully believe what you are being told.
11. **To butter someone up** – You might butter someone up if you want something from them and so you are being extra nice in the hope that you will get what you want from them.
12. **To be the apple of someone's eye** – If you are the apple of someone's eye, it means that you are admired and loved by them.
13. **In a nutshell** – If someone says this phrase, they mean that they are going to say something simply and in as fewest words as possible.
14. **My cup of tea** – An expression that is used to describe something you like, something you are good at or something you enjoy. When something is not your cup of tea, it means you don't like it.
15. **That is nuts/bananas!** – When something is nuts or bananas it means that it is crazy or ridiculous.

*In this exercise, you are going to talk to your neighbour about your personal situations relating to the food idioms below.*

Talk about the apple of your eye.

Talk about something that is or is not your cup of tea.

Give your opinion about putting all of your eggs in one basket.

Talk about that moment when you had to be as cool as a cucumber (or when you were not as cool as a cucumber).

Talk about someone who is a smart cookie.

Talk about that time when you buttered someone up.

**Get creative and have fun!**

