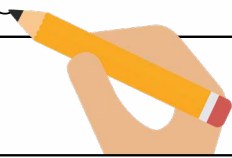


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Must-Know French Idioms

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1. chercher la petite bête

Literal Translation: look for the small critter

Meaning: split hairs

2. avoir un poil dans la main

Literal Translation: have a hair in the hand

Meaning: Never do a stroke of work.

3. rire jaune

Literal Translation: yellow laugh

Meaning: forced laugh

4. Ce n'est pas de la tarte.

Literal Translation: It's not a pie.

Meaning: It's not easy.

5. être à la bourre

Literal Translation: to be stuffed

Meaning: be late

6. c'est du gâteau

Literal Translation: a piece of cake

Meaning: a piece of cake

7. être sage comme une image

Literal Translation: be good like a picture

Meaning: be good as gold

8. être pris pour un lapin de trois semaines

Literal Translation: to be taken for a three week old rabbit

Meaning: being taken for a fool

9. coûter la peau des fesses

Literal Translation: cost the skin off your arse

Meaning: cost the earth

10. rester de marbre

Literal Translation: stay like marble

Meaning: stone face

11. trop beau pour être vrai

Literal Translation: too beautiful to be true

Meaning: too good to be true

12. ne pas se moucher du coude

Literal Translation: to not blow your nose with your elbow

Meaning: think you are the bee's knees

13. fumer la moquette

Literal Translation: smoke the carpet

Meaning: talk nonsense

14. péter les plombs

Literal Translation: break the sinkers

Meaning: lose it

15. de fil en aiguille

Literal Translation: from thread to needle

Meaning: one thing leads to another

16. payer au lance-pierre

Literal Translation: pay with a slingshot

Meaning: pay somebody peanuts

17. y'a pas photo

Literal Translation: there's no picture

Meaning: no contest

18. sortir de ses gonds

Literal Translation: to get out of one's hinges

Meaning: fly off the handle

19. guimauve

Literal Translation: marshmallow

Meaning: mushy

20. être un cordon bleu

Literal Translation: to be a blue cord

Meaning: great chef

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