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### Idioms

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Wouldn’t you be **tickled pink**, with everything except the sink?

But all that glitters isn’t gold, so don’t get left out in the cold.

You can’t have cake and eat it too, or bite off more than you can chew.

It’s easy come and easy go, so hold your tongue, or you’ll eat crow.

If someone tells you, “You can’t have your cake and eat it too,” what do they mean?

If you’re **tickled pink**, how do you feel?

What does it mean if you have to **eat crow**?
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   b. leave somebody out, exclude

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   c. don’t say anything

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   d. extremely happy, delighted

5. ____ can’t have your cake and eat it too
   e. lose something as quickly as you get it

6. ____ bite off more than you can chew
   f. can’t have something both ways

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   g. try to do too much at one time

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   h. taking almost everything there is

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