



Glossary of Idioms Related to Character

Read the idioms below and their meanings. They can be used to describe people's character.

a leopard cannot change its spots – one's bad character will not change

act high and mighty – behave as though one is more important than others

bad egg – a badly behaved or dishonest person

bark is worse than one's bite – one is not as unpleasant as one seems

bite the hand that feeds you – lack of gratitude for someone who has been helpful towards you

crocodile tears – tears that do not reflect real sadness

cry wolf – ask for help when one does not need it causing others to not believe that one needs help in real times of need

eager beaver – one who works very hard

go the extra mile – try harder and do more than what is needed

have a big mouth – say things to others that are meant to be kept a secret

heart in the right place – have good intentions

hit below the belt – an unfair remark

jump to conclusions – guess what the facts of a situation are without having much information

kill the goose that lays the golden egg – destroy something that has helped one to make money

look before you leap – think before taking action

paddle one's own canoe – be independent

take life as it comes – deal with the things that happen in life as they happen without planning for them

wear one's heart on one's sleeve – make feelings and emotions clear instead of hiding them