

Try to explain the idioms in bold. Check in Appendix 3. Are there similar idioms in your language?

- 1 Her new CD sells like **hot cakes**.
- 2 His birthday was fantastic. He got lots of cards and presents but **the icing on the cake** was the surprise party his friends threw for him.
- 3 You can organise the party. It will **be a piece of cake** for you.
- 4 Sarah wants to go away for her birthday but she also wants to have a big party with all her friends. It sounds to me like she wants to **have her cake and eat it**



the icing on the cake

2



sell like hot cakes

4



have your cake and eat it

3



be a piece of cake

Try to guess the translation of the idioms.



Разлетелись как горячие пирожки,  
раскупаются как горячие пирожки,  
берутся нарасхват

Sell like hot cakes





Самый лучший, вишенка на торте

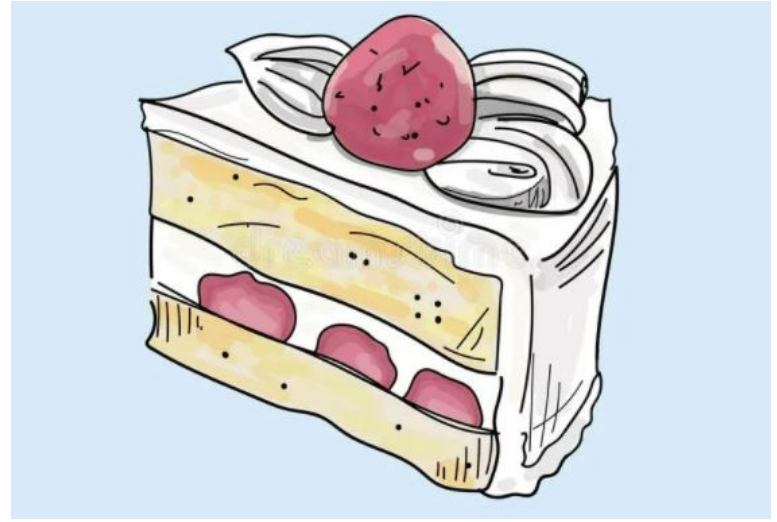
The icing on the cake





Простой, лёгкий, как дважды два  
четыре

Be a piece of cake





Пытаться совместить  
несовместимое; усидеть на двух  
стульях

Have your cake and eat it



## Match the idioms with the translation.

Have your cake  
and eat it

Be a piece of  
cake

Sell like hot  
cakes

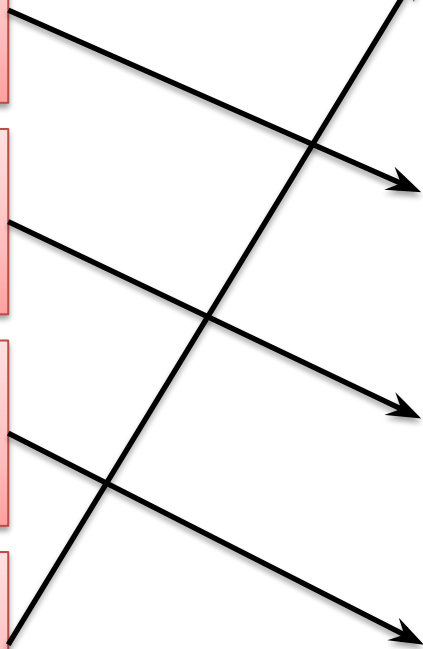
The icing on the  
cake

Вишенка на торте

Усидеть на двух стульях

Дважды два четыре

Нарасхват



## Match the idioms with the definitions.

Have your cake  
and eat it

Be a piece of  
cake

Sell like hot  
cakes

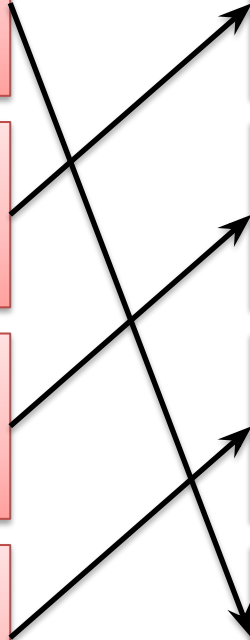
The icing on the  
cake

Something that is very easy to do

To sell quickly and in large numbers

An unexpected additional good things

To have or do two good things at the  
same time that are impossible to have  
or do at the same time



## Complete the idioms.

1



the icing on the cake

2



have your cake and eat it

be a piece of cake



4



sell like hot cakes



Say the idioms.



Sell like hot cakes

Use the idioms below in the correct form to complete the sentences.

take the cake

be a piece of cake

sell like hotcakes

have your cake and eat it

the icing on the cake

- 1 I want to find a Batman costume for the fancy dress party, but I can't find any; they ..... are selling like hotcakes !
- 2 The town festival was full of fun activities and an amazing parade, but the surprise appearance of a famous pop singer was .. the icing on the cake ..
- 3 Alex has told Jane about the surprise birthday party we're having for her, and he's invited four of his friends, too! He really takes the cake !
- 4 Don't worry about organising your graduation party; it ..... is a piece of cake !
- 5 You can either invite your friends over for your birthday or take them out to dinner, but not both. You ..... can't have your cake and eat it ....., you know!