

Common idioms

This exercise tests your understanding of common idiomatic expressions.

1. I really feel that we should give him the
..... of doubt.

- chance
- benefit
- advantage

2. The eels gave me the
.....

- chills
- creeps
- shivers

Susie was upset with Michael and gave him the
cold when she met him
at the party.

- face
- hand
- shoulder

4. I wanted to give my parents a surprise gift on

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their wedding anniversary, but my sister
unwittingly gave the
..... away.

match
game
prize

5. My parents have given me the
..... light to join the
local soccer team.

red
white
green

6. My sister gave me the
..... eye when I told
our parents that she had let the cat in.

cat
evil
black

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Notes

Give someone the benefit of doubt

To give someone the benefit of doubt is to believe something good about them, rather than something bad when you have the possibility of doing either.

Give someone the creeps

If something gives you the creeps, it induces the feeling of fear or revulsion in you.

Give someone the cold shoulder

To give someone the cold shoulder is to treat them in an unfriendly way.

Give the game away

To give the game away is to spoil the surprise or joke.

Give someone the green light

To give someone the green light is to give them the permission to do something.

Give someone the evil eye

To give someone the evil eye is to look at them in an angry or unpleasant way.