

Hands – Count Von Count, Sesame Street 

Listen and sing:

Your hands can do so many, many things
Your hands can;
Brush your teeth and comb your hair
Throw a ball into the air
Wave hello, wave goodbye
Even make a pizza pie



So many things your hands can do.

Now, you try. Rewrite the lyrics.

Your hands can do so many, many things
Your hands can;

_____ and _____

_____, _____

Even

So many things your hands can do.





What other things can your hands do? Trace your hand below and write down some things your hands can do. Then, write some of them as sentences.

1. Your hands can _____.
2. Your hands can _____.
3. Your hands can _____.
4. Your hands can _____.
5. Your hands can _____.

Idiomatic Expressions With HAND



1. GET OUT OF HAND (V.)

To **get out of control**. My uncle's drinking problem **got out of hand**, and eventually he became an alcoholic.

2. EXPERIENCE SOMETHING FIRST-HAND (V.)

To **experience something yourself**. I didn't realize how hard it was to be a parent until I **experienced it first-hand**.

3. CHANGE HANDS (V.)

For an object to be **passed or sold** from one owner to another. This house has **changed hands** several times since it was built.

4. HAVE (GOT) YOUR HANDS FULL (V.)

To be **completely busy or occupied** with something. Barry and Martha have six children and four dogs – **they've certainly got their hands full!**

5. TRY YOUR HAND AT (V.)

Try doing something for the first time. I've never taken a cooking class, but I'd like to **try my hand** at it.

6. AT HAND (ADJ.)

Available (used for objects, not people). I like to have a dictionary **at hand** when I'm reading a book in English.

7. GIVE A HAND / LEND A HAND (V.)

To **help somebody** with something – especially something that requires physical effort. I can't carry all these books by myself. Could you **give me a hand**?

“Give (someone) a hand” also has another meaning – when an audience claps their hands (gives applause) to someone: When the politician finished his speech, the audience **gave him a hand**.

8. WASH YOUR HANDS OF (V.)

To **stop being responsible** for or involved in something. The manager **washed his hands** of the whole situation and told us to solve the problem ourselves.

9. HANDS ARE TIED

Not have the ability to help or take action. I'm sorry, there's nothing I can do. **My hands are tied.**

10. KNOW LIKE THE BACK OF YOUR HAND (V.)

To know a place very well. She lived in New York for 20 years – she **knows the city like the back of her hand.**

11. HANDS DOWN (ADV.)

Obviously, **unquestionably**, without a doubt. Sarah was **hands-down** the best skater at the competition.

12. A HAND-ME-DOWN (N. OR ADJ.)

A **piece of clothing** that belonged to an older brother/sister and **is passed to a younger brother/sister.** My mother never bought me new clothes – she just gave me **hand-me-downs** from my sister.

13. SECOND HAND (ADJ.)

Something you know **from another person or source**, not directly. I wasn't at the party – I only heard about it **second hand.**

14. IN GOOD HANDS (ADJ.)

In the care of somebody good or knowledgeable. Don't worry, your car is **in good hands** – William's an excellent mechanic.

15. HAVE A HAND IN (V.)

Have a role in. Janet's cousin, who is a vice-president at the company, **had a hand in** getting her the job.

16. TAKE MATTERS INTO OWN HANDS

To take action on a problem yourself because other people have failed to do so. The city hadn't done anything about the trash in the park, so citizens **took matters into their own hands** and organized a day to clean it up.

17. TIP YOUR HAND

To reveal a secret, especially about your own plans or opinions. The director **tipped his hand** on plans for his next movie.

18. ON THE ONE HAND... ON THE OTHER HAND

This expression is used to **compare two aspects** of a situation. **On the one hand**, my job pays well, but **on the other hand**, it's very stressful.

Write the correct expression

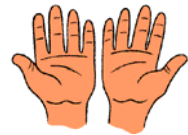
Used to refer to something that you already have and do not want to risk losing by trying to get something else.

To be totally submissive to another.

To become involved in bad activities that might spoil other people's opinions of you.

To be the person or group that has the most power in a situation.

To be shocked and horrified.



Communication within a company, organisation, group, etc, is so bad that people don't know what the others are doing

To have just enough money to live on and nothing extra.

To get busy; to help out; to start working.



Time seems to go slowly when one has nothing to do.

A hearty welcome or enthusiastic reception, especially one that is effusive or hypocritical.

Lacking skill in the way that you deal with.

With an attitude of respect for someone powerful.

If everyone helps with a large task, it will get done easily and quickly.

To act badly towards the person who is helping or has helped you.

Key

IDIOM	MEANING
Many hands make light work	If everyone helps with a large task, it will get done easily and quickly.
Bird in the hand is worth two in the bush	Used to refer to something that you already have and do not want to risk losing by trying to get something else.
Bite the hand that feeds you	To act badly towards the person who is helping or has helped you.
Live from hand to mouth	To have just enough money to live on and nothing extra.
Time hangs heavy on one's hand	Time seems to go slowly when one has nothing to do.
Glad hand	A hearty welcome or enthusiastic reception, especially one that is effusive or hypocritical.
Put one's hand to the plow	To get busy; to help out; to start working.
Eat out of one's hand	To be totally submissive to another.
Have the whip hand	To be the person or group that has the most power in a situation.
Hat in hand	With an attitude of respect for someone powerful.
The left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing	Communication within a company, organisation, group, etc, is so bad that people don't know what the others are doing.
Throw up one's hand in horror	To be shocked and horrified.
Dirty one's hands	To become involved in bad activities that might spoil other people's opinions of you.
Ham -handed	Lacking skill in the way that you deal with.

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