

# Idioms connected with praise and criticism

It's time to learn and expand our vocabulary!  
Let's learn 10 idioms connected with praise and criticism.  
Which of these idioms have positive and negative meaning?  
Write P for positive, N for negative meaning.  
Then, read the idioms and find their meaning.

**Read these idioms and find their meaning.**

1. to be on the ball

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2. to be a dog's breakfast

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3. to be out of this world

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4. to take the biscuit

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5. to be head and shoulders above

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6. to pick holes in smth

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7. to have the gift of the gab

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8. to be the world's worst

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9. to have a cake and eat it

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10. to be dab-hand at smth

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## Meaning:

- a) extremely enjoyable and impressive
- b) something is badly organized and untidy
- c) to be the worst or best of its kind
- d) to show that it is not good or not correct
- e) no-one is worse
- f) things that are not usually possible to have together
- g) someone or something is much better than others
- h) someone who has the ability to speak well
- i) to be very good at a particular activity
- j) to be quick to understand and react to things



# Answers

1. j)
2. h)
3. a)
4. g)
5. i)
6. e)
7. b)
8. c)
9. d)
10. f)

