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Idioms

by Lill Pluta

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with everything except the sink?
But all that glitters isn't gold,
so don't get left out in the cold.
You can't have cake and eat it too,
or bite off more than you can chew.
It's easy come and easy go,
so hold your tongue, or you'll eat crow.



If someone tells you, "You can't have your cake and eat it too," what do they mean?



If you're tickled pink, how do you feel?



What does it mean if you have to eat crow?

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Match each idiom from the poem to its meaning.

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| 2. ___ everything except the sink | b. leave somebody out, exclude |
| 3. ___ all that glitters isn't gold | c. don't say anything |
| 4. ___ left out in the cold | d. extremely happy, delighted |
| 5. ___ can't have your cake and eat it too | e. lose something as quickly as you get it |
| 6. ___ bite off more than you can chew | f. can't have something both ways |
| 7. ___ easy come, easy go | g. try to do too much at one time |
| 8. ___ hold your tongue | h. taking almost everything there is |
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ANSWER KEY



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