

Say it with... NOSES

Idiomatic expressions involving noses

Expression	Meaning	Example
To have a (good) nose for something	To have a talent for finding or recognising something	I got these jeans for 50% less – I've always had a good nose for a bargain.
To poke your nose in	To interfere	I wanted to keep this a secret, but she's always poking her nose in where it's not wanted.
To follow your nose	To walk straight ahead/follow the path OR To trust your instincts	Just follow your nose and you'll see the bathroom on your right. This is all new to me; I'm just following my nose.
To be nosy	To be over-curious about something	He's really nosy – he wants to know all the details of my personal life.
Hard-nosed	Stubborn or uncompromising	She's a hard-nosed negotiator, but in the end we came to an agreement.
To have a nose around	To look around a place, often hoping to find something	Have a nose around in my wardrobe – there'll probably be a few shirts that fit you.
To look down your nose at someone	To feel superior to someone	She came from a rich family and I always felt that she was looking down her nose at me.
To get up someone's nose	To irritate or annoy someone	It really gets up my nose when people put apostrophes in the wrong place.