

Fool

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The word “fool” (tonto/a, idiota) you may know. It is similar to “idiot”. People can “act the fool” or “play the fool” (hacer el tonto, o hacer payasadas), and you can “make a fool of someone” (poner a alguien en ridículo). A fool can also be a “jester”, a “bufón”.

You can also “send someone on a fool’s errand”, that is, enviar a alguien a una misión inútil.

Let’s study the idioms and proverbs using the word “fool”. Here are some examples:

- Mr. Sánchez is living in a fool’s paradise (...está viviendo de ilusiones o en una planeta que no existe).
- A fool and his money are soon parted (a los tontos no les dura el dinero).
- Fools rush in where angels fear to tread (la ignorancia es osada).
- There is no fool like an old fool (la cabeza blanca y el seso por venir).
- Mr. Rajoy is nobody’s fool (Señor Rajoy no tiene un pelo de tonto).

Someone can be “foolhardy” (imprudente, insensate).

“Fool” is also a noun. You can eat a fool for lunch - a type of English dish or dessert, a “puré de frutas con nata” (cream).