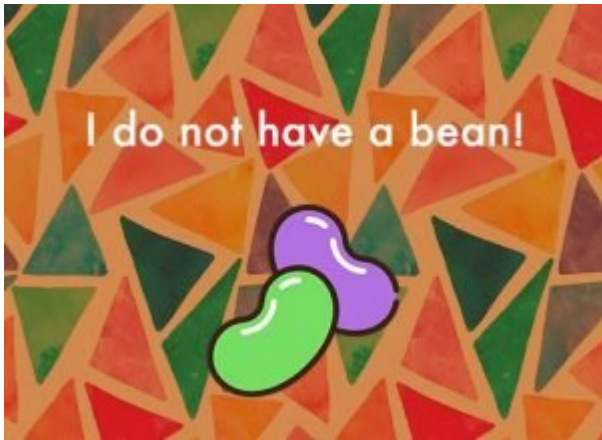


I do not have a bean!

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“Bean” you may know (alubia), and “kidney beans” (judías) too. You may also know that Mr. Bean looks like Mr. Zapatero (Mr. B se parece a Mr. ZP).

This article focuses on expressions and idioms. Consider these expressions:

- I have not got a bean = I have no money (no tengo un duro, estoy pelado).
- I did not make a bean on the business deal ((no saque ni un céntimo...)).

Now three idioms:

- Mr. Morales is *full of beans* (...esta lleno de vida).
- Mr. Sanchez *does not know how many beans make five* (... no sabe cuantos son dos y dos).
- The tax cut does not amount to a *row of beans* (la baja del impuesto no vale nada, o es nada).

We also refer to “bean counters” (los contables), and when you see a friend, in humour, we sometimes say “hello old bean” = ¡hola macho!