The other day I began thinking about the word “eye” and how many sayings, objects and song titles there are that contain that small word. Proverbs 30:17 says, “The eye is the window to the soul.”

Eyes can convey emotions such as intimidation, love, deceit, fear, anger, haughtiness or interest. All of us, no doubt, have noticed the “eye-expressions” of those we encounter in the course of our daily lives.

I offer the following bit of doggerel as advice to the love-lorn.

Unless you have a “wandering eye” you’d better beware of an “eye-catching” cutie who is a bit of “eye candy” with “come hither eyes.”

At first blink you might exclaim, “Do my eyes deceive me,” or is that vision of loveliness “easy on the eyes?”

Of course, “beauty is in the eye of the beholder,” and one shouldn’t “make eyes at” someone in “the blink of an eye.”

It is more advantageous when you spy an “eye-popping” person of the opposite sex to “keep an eye out” for any flaws in their character.

Whether you approach the subject with “eyes wide open” or decide to “cast an eye over” the rest of the people in the room, it might help to have “eyes in the back of your head” or even “four eyes,” to be able to see clearly.
Take a “bird's eye view” and “keep your eyes peeled” before you “clap eyes on” or “make sheep’s eyes” at anyone who “puts a sparkle in your eye.”

You might be left with a situation that will “bring tears to your eyes” and causes you to “cry your eyes out” about someone who hardly deserves to be “the apple of your eye.”

Turn a “blind eye” to anyone who has “eyes like saucers” and knows how to use them. Otherwise, you might not find “a dry eye in the house.”

“Keep an eye open” for someone who is able to truly put “stars in your eyes.”

Remember to “keep your eyes on the prize.” Someone who at first appears to be “a sight for sore eyes” might just be the one with whom you’d see “eye-to-eye.”

If you’re older than dirt you might remember songs like, *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling, Spanish Eyes, I Only Have Eyes For You, and Them There Eyes.*

However, there are newer song titles like, *Angel Eyes, Bette Davis Eyes, My Eyes Adored You, For Your Eyes Only, Don’t It Make Your Brown Eyes Blue, Sad Eyes, Hungry Eyes, and Can’t Take My Eyes Off Of You.*
How difficult it must be for foreigners to understand our language when we use words that sound the same but have different meanings.


Potatoes, black-eyed peas, tornados, hurricanes and needles all have eyes but can’t see.

Now, sit back, relax, put your feet up, and sip a cool drink.

“Here’s Mud in Your Eye!”