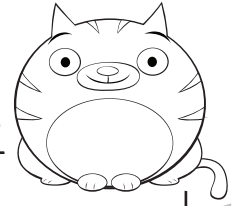


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Figurative Language: Idioms



An **idiom** is a saying or expression that has a different meaning than the literal meaning of the words. Idioms have a non-literal, or figurative meaning.

Example: It is raining cats and dogs!

What it means → It is raining very hard.

What it does not mean → There are cats and dogs coming out of the sky.

Directions: Read the sentences below and determine the meaning of the underlined idiom. Write your answer in the box. Then, highlight the clues that helped you determine the meaning of the idiom.

1. The field trip permission slip is due today, and I completely forgot. <u>It slipped my mind!</u>	2. At the sleepover, my friends and I will eat cake, cookies, chips, and candy. I plan to <u>pig out!</u>
3. There is a snowstorm coming over the weekend, which is exciting. However, I have a birthday party to attend that I'm also excited about. I would be bummed if it was canceled. I <u>have mixed feelings</u> about the snowstorm.	4. Basketball tryouts are in December. He has been practicing everyday after school so he <u>has a shot at</u> making the team this season.
5. The builders worked from sunrise to sunset on the hot, summer day to build the house. At 6:00pm, they were hungry and exhausted, and they decided to <u>call it a day</u> .	6. After I overheard my best friend talking about me, my feelings were hurt. In P.E. class, he asked to be my partner, but I <u>gave him the cold shoulder</u> . I walked away without saying a word.

Challenge!

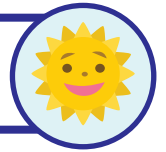
Directions: Choose an idiom from above. Draw the literal meaning of the words in the box to the left. Draw the figurative meaning of the words in the box to the right.

Idiom: _____

Literal Meaning	Figurative Meaning



Idioms: Tell Us What You Think!



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Date: _____

An **idiom** is a saying that has a different meaning than the literal phrase.

Directions: Write what you think each idiom in **bold** means. Then, check your answers and write the correct meanings as necessary.

1. There's no use starting a lemonade stand to make a million dollars. **You're barking up the wrong tree.**

2. Lily and Jasmine didn't want **to beat around the bush**, so they just told us who broke the vase.

3. His mom didn't believe he should go out to the movies after he had stayed home sick from school. She told him, "Oh so you'd like to **have your cake and eat it too?**"

4. I was **caught up in the heat of the moment**. I apologize for yelling at you after you tipped my apple cart.

5. She told her to just **let sleeping dogs lie**. It wasn't worth going back into the long grocery line for a few miscounted pennies.

6. You won't always **see eye to eye** with your friends. Sometimes you'll have disagreements.

Idioms: In Context

Name _____

Date _____

An **idiom** is a figure of speech that uses culturally understood metaphors. In each sentence below, use context clues to determine the meaning of the underlined idiom.

1. "I'll never figure this out," sighed Jake. "After all, you can't teach an old dog new tricks."

2. "I'm not sure if we can come to your party next week," I said. "Let's play it by ear."

3. We were all sitting around feeling bored when, out of the blue, Lamont ran into the room shouting, "Hooray!"

4. When Nailah saw someone carrying three heavy grocery bags, she rushed over to give them a hand.

5. After telling me her big secret, my sister warned me not to let the cat out of the bag.

6. "Hold your horses!" Shouted my mom, as I jumped out of the car. "It's not time to go yet!"

7. "Oh no! Meat surprise again?" groaned Mia at lunchtime. "I'm sick and tired of eating that."

★ **Challenge:** The idioms above are all commonly used in the United States. Find an idiom from another culture and write it below.

Idiom: _____

Meaning: _____

Culture/Country of Origin: _____