

Idioms

Day 1: Idioms

-phrases which people use in everyday language which do not make sense literally but we understand what they mean

Examples: That test was a piece of cake. It's raining cats and dogs!

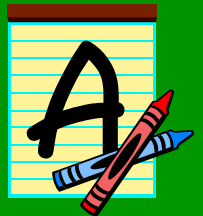
1. What does "a piece of cake" mean?
2. What does "it's raining cats and dogs" mean?

A piece of cake

- Literal Meaning:



- Figurative Meaning: something is very easy
- Ex: That test was a **piece of cake** because I studied for an hour!



It's raining cats and dogs.

- Literal meaning: cats and dogs are falling from the sky



- Figurative Meaning: It is raining hard.

Examples of Idioms

- It's raining cats and dogs
- A chip on your shoulder
- A piece of cake
- At the drop of a hat
- Bend over backwards
- Break a leg
- Dropping like flies
- Everything but the kitchen sink

More examples

- Get up on the wrong side of the bed
- Hit the hay
- Hold your horses
- Let the cat out of the bag
- Like a chicken with its head cut off
- Pulling your leg
- Smell a rat
- Ants in your pants

More examples

- Sick as a dog
- To break the ice
- When pigs fly
- To stick your neck out
- On the same page
- A fish out of water
- A kid in a candy store

To stick your neck out

Go out on a limb

- Literal meaning: stick your neck out; walk out on a limb
- Figurative Meaning: say or do something that is bold and a bit dangerous; put yourself in a vulnerable position

To break the ice

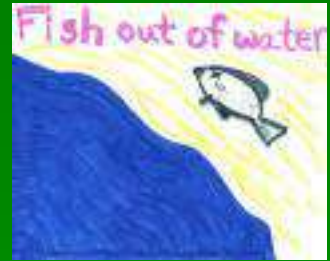
Get the ball rolling

- Literal meaning: break ice, roll a ball
- Figurative Meaning: to be the first one to say or do something, with the expectation that others will then follow

To have a chip on one's shoulder

- Literal meaning: to have a chip on your shoulder
- Figurative Meaning: to act in a rude or unpleasant way; defensive; ready for a fight

Feel like a fish out of water



Example:

I don't like going to the big parties they have. I always **feel like a fish out of water** there.

Todd is a country boy raised in a small town in Northumberland and **was like a fish out of water** when he visited bustling London.

Meaning:

Feel uncomfortable because you are in an unfamiliar situation.

If you **feel like a fish out of water**, you feel awkward or uncomfortable because you are in an unusual or unfamiliar situation.

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- Ava couldn't wait until her eleventh birthday party. The party was in two days, and she was like a kid in a candy store. She told her mom that she wanted a puppy, a pony, and a kitten which she would name Princess. She longed for the presents, the joy, and the best part, the ice cream cake.

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Food for thought

These idioms are all about food. Can you explain what they really mean?

- Selling like hot cakes
- Going bananas

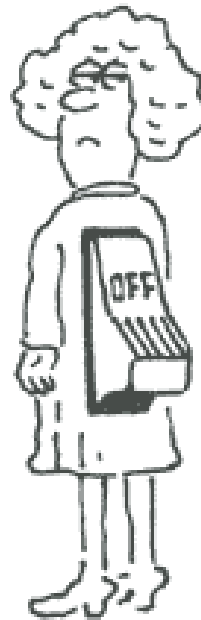


What does this mean really?



And what about this one?

**Turn
Someone Off**



(disgust someone)

So can you define 'idiom'?



Day 2: Idioms

- Directions: Use the following idioms in a sentence.
- 1. a fish out of water
- 2. a kid in a candy store
- 3. two peas in a pod
- 4. break a leg

Day 3: Adages

- An adage (also called a proverb) is an old, short saying that is generally accepted to have some truth to it (although there are many contradictory adages). Examples: The early bird gets the worm. Better late than never.

What do the adages mean?

1. The early bird gets the worm.
2. Better late than never.

Examples of Adages

- Birds of a feather flock together.
- Opposites attract.
- Don't judge a book by its cover.
- The clothes make the man.
- The early bird gets the worm.
- Better late than never.
- Nothing ventured, nothing gained.
- Better safe than sorry.
- Curiosity killed the cat.
- What you don't know can't hurt you.
- Seek and ye shall find.

Examples of Adages

- The best things in life are free.
- Two wrongs don't make a right.
- Practice makes perfect.
- You are never too old to learn.
- You can't teach an old dog new tricks.
- Stop and smell the roses.
- Look before you leap.
- Two heads are better than one.
- Too many cooks spoil the broth.
- Measure twice, cut once.
- You can't have your cake and eat it too.
- Don't count your chickens before they're hatched.

Day 4: Adages

- Directions: Choose 1 adage to use in a short story. (3-5 sentences)
- Better safe than sorry.
- You can't teach an old dog new tricks.
- Stop and smell the roses.
- Two wrongs don't make a right.

Day 5: Proverbs

- Proverbs are wise sayings. They usually:____
 - Are popular and memorable; Are short and to the point; **Provide wise advice**; Contain simple truths from experience over the years
- *All's well that ends well.*
- *Practice makes perfect.*
- *Slow but sure wins the race.*
- *Honesty is the best policy.*
- Directions: Write a short story using one of the proverbs listed above. (3 – 5 sentences)

Examples of Proverbs

- All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.
- Birds of a feather flock together.
- Don't put all your eggs in one basket.
- A friend in need is a friend indeed.
- It is better to give than to take.
- A Jack of all trades is master of none.
- The proof of the pudding is in the eating.
- Variety is the spice of life.

More proverbs

- <http://www.rabbisabc.com/english-proverbs.html>