

Language - Idioms

First read the information about idioms on pages 28 and 41. Copy the notes below then complete the activity on page 97 of your textbook, in your classwork book.

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Idioms

What is an idiom?

- An idiom is a commonly accepted way of saying things. It is a combination of words that has a meaning that is different from the meanings of the individual words themselves.
- An idiom can have a literal meaning in one situation and a different idiomatic meaning in another situation.

For example:

"To sit on the fence"

- **To sit on the fence** has a **literal meaning**. – You are sitting on a fence.
Figurative or idiomatic meaning – A person who is not making a clear choice. We say, the politician sat on the fence and would not give his opinion about the tax issue.

Complete the activity on page 97 of your text book.

ASK YOUR PARENTS IF YOU CAN USE THIS WEBSITE. Do an exercise on idioms.

<https://www.educationquizzes.com/us/middle-school-6th-7th-and-8th-grade/english-language-arts/food-idioms/>

**If you don't have access to the website, just use the worksheet, below for extra practice on idioms.
All learners need to do this worksheet.**

Copy the sentences into your classwork book and write the correct answer using the correct letter.

1. IN THE END he confessed to both crimes.

- a) Finally
- b) Towards the end
- c) By the end
- d) At the end

2. If you GIVE ME A HAND, I'll be able to go out with you.

- a) lift me up
- b) help me
- c) hold my hand
- d) take my hand

3. He said it would be a PIECE OF CAKE to get an "A" on his test.

- a) almost impossible
- b) very easy
- c) very exciting
- d) a small chore

4. As this was his first time camping, they KEPT AN EYE ON him.

- a) considered
- b) checked on
- c) closely observed
- d) looked at

5. Sometimes ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN.

- a) things will get broken
- b) things will spill
- c) things take place often
- d) things will simply occur

6. I would GIVE MY RIGHT ARM to get tickets for the football game!

- a) do something really stupid
- b) do something dangerous
- c) do absolutely anything
- d) do what is expected of me

7. Mr. Steven's new truck is a big WHITE ELEPHANT that his wife hates.

- a) something amazing and very useful
- b) something very expensive and useless
- c) something very big and useful
- d) something cheap and useless

8. There is no sense in CRYING OVER SPILT MILK.

- a) something that was going to happen
- b) something that could have been avoided
- c) something that you didn't know about
- d) something that can't be changed

9. I'm so glad I brought an umbrella because it's RAINING CATS AND DOGS now.

- a) it's starting to sprinkle
- b) it's about to rain
- c) it's starting to clear up
- d) it's raining very heavily

10. She would have gone home if she hadn't BURNED HER BRIDGES.

- a) ended her relationships
- b) burned her house down
- c) lost her way
- d) been angry