

**Idiom Examples
+ Idiom Homework**

Idioms

You are driving me up a wall!

FIGURATIVE MEANING:

You are making me go insane.

LITERAL MEANING:

I am in a wheeled vehicle moving up a vertical surface.

The **COMMON** definition.

What we **KNOW** the phrase to mean.

The word-for-word definition of the phrase.

The “funny” definition.

Idioms

It is raining cats and dogs!

FIGURATIVE MEANING:

Large drops of water are falling from the sky.

The **COMMON** definition.

What we **KNOW** the phrase to mean.

LITERAL MEANING:

Felines and canines are dropping from the air.

The word-for-word definition of the phrase.

The “funny” definition.

Idioms

You are a slow kid!

FIGURATIVE MEANING:

You have serious issues that affect your ability to learn.

LITERAL MEANING:

When you move, you are not fast (glaciers pass you on the road).

The **COMMON** definition.

What we **KNOW** the phrase to mean.

The word-for-word definition of the phrase.

The “funny” definition.

Idioms

You can stay with us until **you get back on your feet!**

FIGURATIVE MEANING:

Until you are able to support yourself again.

The **COMMON** definition.

What we **KNOW** the phrase to me.

LITERAL MEANING:

Until your “toe holders” are underneath you again.

The word-for-word definition of the phrase.

The “funny” definition.

Idioms

You are a couch potato!

FIGURATIVE MEANING:

You are lazy and do nothing with your life.

The **COMMON** definition.

What we **KNOW** the phrase to me.

LITERAL MEANING:

You are a brown sofa-dwelling vegetable.

The word-for-word definition of the phrase.

The “funny” definition.

Idioms

Watch out! It's a runaway train!

FIGURATIVE MEANING:

A train that has lost control and come off the tracks.

The **COMMON** definition.

What we **KNOW** the phrase to me.

LITERAL MEANING:

A young train that has left home and is living on the streets.

The word-for-word definition of the phrase.

The “funny” definition.

Idioms

Student examples

DIRECTIONS:

- all writing in pen
- all pictures in color
- may not use same words from idiom in the definitions

The Don't Be an Idiom Assignment

Name: Sarah Al-Rafie

Idiom Choice: I'm in a pickle!

Figurative: I'm in trouble
"Common" meaning of Idiom

(Picture) Illustrate the above meaning.



Literal: I'm stuck in a salty
"Word-for-word" meaning of Idiom soaked cucumber.

(Picture) Illustrate the above meaning.



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Name: John Michael Bolinder

Idiom Choice: Don't let the cat out of the bag.

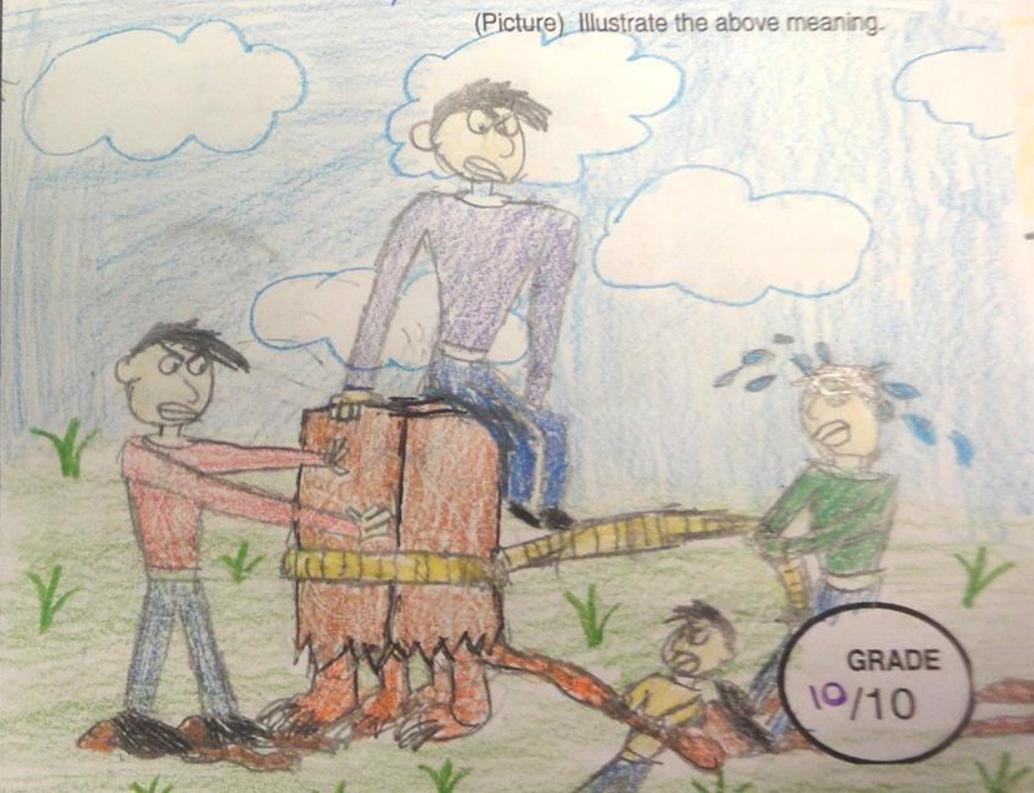
Figurative: Don't tell the secret.
"Common" meaning of Idiom _____

(Picture) Illustrate the above meaning.



Literal: Don't let the feline escape from the sack.
"Word-for-word" meaning of Idiom _____

(Picture) Illustrate the above meaning.



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The Don't Be an Idiom Assignment

Name: Lucy Kelly

Idiom Choice: It cost me an arm and a leg.

Figurative: It cost a lot of
"Common"
meaning of Idiom money.

(Picture) Illustrate the above meaning.



Literal: I paid with a calf
"Word-for-word"
meaning of Idiom and a forearm.

(Picture) Illustrate the above meaning.



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The Don't Be an Idiom Assignment

Name: Vara Gerka

Idiom Choice: She was caught red-handed.

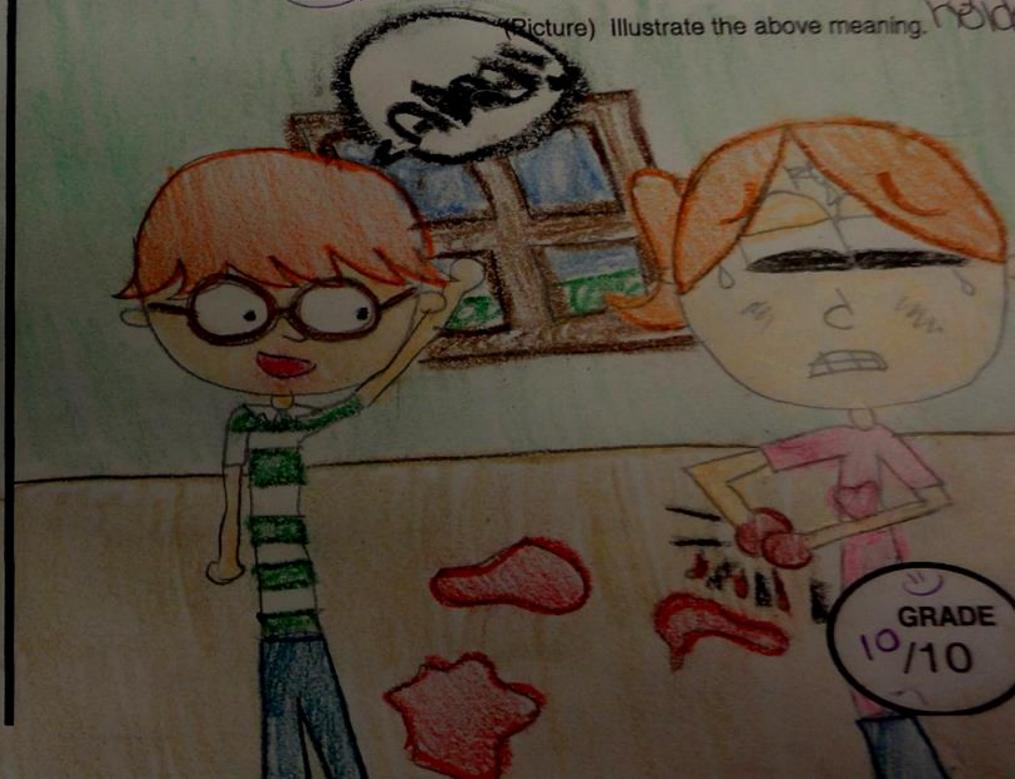
Figurative: She was discovered of
"Common" meaning of Idiom doing a crime.

(Picture) Illustrate the above meaning.



Literal: Someone found her with a
"Word-for-word" meaning of Idiom redish-white color on her finger
hold

(Picture) Illustrate the above meaning.



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The Don't Be an Idiot! Assignment

Name: max mark

Idiom Choice: knock them dead

Figurative: ^(CS) do a really good job
"Common" meaning of Idiom _____

(Picture) Illustrate the above meaning.



Literal: ^(CS) kill someone by punch
"Word-for-word" meaning of Idiom _____

(Picture) Illustrate the above meaning.



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The Don't Be an Idiom Assignment

Name: Carver Zander

Idiom Choice: Head in the Clouds

Figurative: Someone is daydreaming or
"Common" not paying attention.
meaning of Idiom

(Picture) Illustrate the above meaning.



Literal: ^(CS) Having your cranium in the
"Word-for-word" puffy things in the sky.
meaning of Idiom

(Picture) Illustrate the above meaning.



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Don't Be An Idiot HW

All work done on the handout.

Follow directions in the top corner.

ALL WRITING is in PEN.

DRAWINGS are in pencil or colored pencil.

Due _____

Idiom Examples

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| <p>A:</p> <p>(to) ace a test Ants in the pants</p> <p>B:</p> <p>(to) bad-mouth someone (to) badger someone (verb) (Going) bananas Bark up the wrong tree be a piece of cake be all ears be broke beat around the bush beat one's brains out bent out of shape bite off more than one can chew blow one's top blow off some steam (she is a) Bombshell Break a leg! break someone's heart</p> <p>Break the ice bull-headed Butterflies in your stomach</p> <p>C:</p> <p>call it a day catch one's eye catch some Zs Caught red-handed Chew the fat with someone Chip on one's shoulder (don't be a) chicken</p> | <p>D:</p> <p>Don't count your chickens (before) they hatch down in the dumps Drive me up a wall drop someone a line</p> <p>E:</p> <p>an eager beaver Early bird gets the worm an egghead End of his rope</p> <p>F:</p> <p>(to) feel blue fire someone (sounds) fishy Fly off the handle Frog in your throat (you're) full of beans</p> <p>G:</p> <p>get a kick out of something Get lost (to) get out of hand give someone a hand (to get) goose bumps (Has a) green thumb</p> <p>H:</p> <p>hard feelings have one's hands full Head in the clouds Head over heels in love Heart of gold</p> | <p>J:</p> <p>jump all over someone jump the gun Jump off a bridge</p> <p>K:</p> <p>keep an eye on (something) keep one's fingers crossed Keep your shirt on Kick the bucket Know something inside out</p> <p>L:</p> <p>Let the cat out of the bag (a) little birdie told me lost your marbles a low blow</p> <p>M:</p> <p>make a mountain out of a mole hill</p> <p>N:</p> <p>(someone is) narrow-minded A nose for trouble Not to be sneezed at (you're) Nuts</p> <p>O:</p> <p>On the cutting edge On cloud nine (he is) On the ball Over one's head</p> | <p>pull someone's leg Put a sock in it</p> <p>R:</p> <p>rain cats and dogs (He is a) redneck Ride shotgun (feeling) run-down</p> <p>S:</p> <p>sleep on it Selling like hotcakes shoot the breeze Silver tongued devil Skating on thin ice Skeletons in the closet Smell a rat (something is) a snap Spill the beans Step on it! (be a) suck up Sweating bullets Swallow your pride</p> <p>T:</p> <p>Talking up a storm tell a white lie Throw in the towel tight-fisted (on the) tip of my tongue (On) top of the world Toss his cookies Two-faced</p> |
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DIRECTIONS:

-Use COMPLETE SENTENCES

-May not use verbs or nouns from idiom in the explanations

-Do NOT use any examples we did in class

-All pictures in color & fill ENTIRE box – no empty space

-All writing in pen / Drawings are your choice

The Don't Be an Idiom Assignment

Name: _____

Idiom Choice: _____

Figurative: _____

“Common” meaning
of YOUR Idiom

(Picture) Illustrate the above meaning.

Literal: _____

“Word-for-word” meaning
of YOUR Idiom

(Picture) Illustrate the above meaning.

