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Idiom Homework
# Idioms

**You are driving me up a wall!**

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<td>You are making me go insane.</td>
<td>I am in a wheeled vehicle moving up a vertical surface.</td>
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- **The COMMON definition.**
  - What we KNOW the phrase to mean.

- **The word-for-word definition of the phrase.**
  - The “funny” definition.
It is raining cats and dogs!

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<td>Large drops of water are falling from the</td>
<td>Felines and canines are dropping from</td>
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<td>sky.</td>
<td>the air.</td>
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<td>You have serious issues that affect your ability to learn.</td>
<td>When you move, you are not fast (glaciers pass you on the road).</td>
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You can stay with us until you get back on your feet!

**FIGURATIVE MEANING:**
Until you are able to support yourself again.

**LITERAL MEANING:**
Until your “toe holders” are underneath you again.

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**You are a couch potato!**

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<td>You are lazy and do nothing with your life.</td>
<td>You are a brown sofa-dwelling vegetable.</td>
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Watch out! It’s a runaway train!

**FIGURATIVE MEANING:**

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

**LITERAL MEANING:**

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

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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-Rafi

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 soaked cucumber.

“Word-for-word” meaning of Idiom

(Picture) Illustrate the above meaning.

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

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

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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**Idiom Choice:**

It cost me an arm and a leg.

**Figurative:**

It cost a lot of

money

(Picture) Illustrate the above meaning.

**Literal:**

I paid with a calf

and a forearm.

(Picture) Illustrate the above meaning.

Name: Lucy Kelly

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The Don’t Be an Idiom Assignment

Name: Yara Gecka

Idiom Choice: She was caught red-handed.

Figurative: She was discovered doing a crime.

Literal: Someone found her with a red and white color on her fingers.

(Picture) Illustrate the above meaning.
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The Don’t Be an Idiom Assignment

Name: Max Mark

Idiom Choice: knock them dead

Figurative: *do a really good job*

“Common” meaning of Idiom

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Literal: *kill someone by punch*

“Word-for-word” meaning of Idiom

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- all writing in pen
- all pictures in color
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Idiom Choice: Head in the Clouds

Figurative: Someone is daydreaming or not paying attention.

Literal: Having your cranium in the puffy things in the sky.

(Picture) Illustrate the above meaning.

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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 _______________
A: (to) ace a test  
Ants in the pants

B: (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  
Break the ice  
bull-headed  
Butterflies in your stomach  
C: call it a day  
catch one’s eye  
catch some Zs  
Caught red-handed  
Chew the fat with someone  
Chop one’s shoulder  
(don’t be a) chicken

D: Don’t count your chickens  
(before) they hatch  
down in the dumps
Drive me up a wall  
drop someone a line

E: an eager beaver  
Early bird gets the worm  
an egghead  
End of his rope

F: (to) feel blue  
fire someone  
(sounds) fishy  
Fly off the handle  
Frog in your throat  
(you’re) full of beans

G: 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

H: hard feelings  
have one’s hands full  
Head in the clouds  
Head over heels in love  
Heart of gold

J: jump all over someone  
jump the gun  
Jump off a bridge

K: keep an eye on (something)  
keep one’s fingers crossed
Keep your shirt on  
Kick the bucket  
Know something inside out

L: Let the cat out of the bag  
(a) little birdie told me  
lost your marbles  
a low blow

M: make a mountain out of a mole hill

N: (someone is) narrow-minded  
A nose for trouble  
Not to be sneezed at  
(you’re) Nuts

O: On the cutting edge  
On cloud nine  
(he is) On the ball  
Over one’s head

P: pull someone’s leg  
Put a sock in it

Q: rain cats and dogs  
(He is a) redneck  
Ride shotgun  
(feeling) run-down

R: 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

T: 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
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.

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

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