

word work

For Big Kids

Idioms



"Illustrating Idioms One"

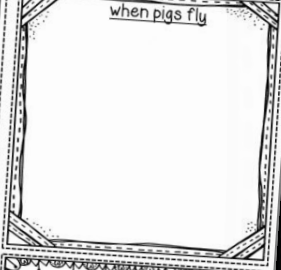
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| 9. Best of both worlds | | |
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"Illustrating Idioms Twelve"

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"Idioms and Silly Stories Three"

Name: _____ Date: _____
 What To Do:
 An idiom is a phrase used commonly in a culture that means something other than what the words mean literally when they are standing on their own. Use as many of the idioms as you listed below to create a silly story. You can even use them more than one time!

Idioms	My Story
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kill two birds with one stone • Drastic times call for drastic measures • Feel a bit under the weather • Hit the nail on the head • Hit the hay • Costs an arm and a leg • Curiosity killed the cat • Don't count your chickens before your eggs have hatched • Best of both worlds 	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>



"Idioms and Reading"

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 What To Do:
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Definitions



Read before in one column and heard the idioms before.

Rationale:

This resource includes practice work for identifying and understanding idioms, including:

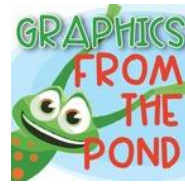
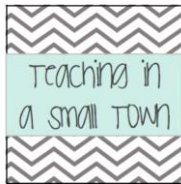
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These pages are great for big kids to practice using and understanding idioms during reading and writing.

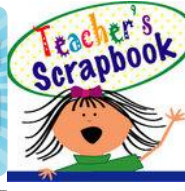
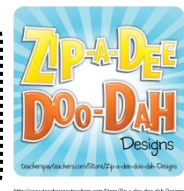
The printable pages in this resource can be used in several ways, including:

- As daily morning work to review word work skills
- During guided reading small groups
- During independent reading time or centers
- To work with partners and small groups
- As an assessment for teachers to monitor students' spelling abilities
- As homework review sheets
- As a quick and fun 10 minute time filler.
- As 'when you're finished' additional work for students
- To use with substitute teachers

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"Illustrating Idioms One"



Name: _____ Date: _____

What To Do:

An idiom is a phrase used commonly in a culture that means something other than what the words mean literally when they are standing on their own. The idiom has a figurative meaning. For each of the following idioms, draw a picture of the figurative meaning.

a penny for your thoughts

actions speak louder than words

at the drop of a hat

the ball is in your court

Challenge:

Cut out each card on the dotted lines. Draw a picture of the literal meanings of each idiom on the back of each card. Share your illustrations with a partner, small group, or the entire class.

"Illustrating Idioms Two"



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What To Do:

An idiom is a phrase used commonly in a culture that means something other than what the words mean literally when they are standing on their own. The idiom has a figurative meaning. For each of the following idioms, draw a picture of the figurative meaning.

barking up the wrong tree

beating around the bush

don't judge a book by its cover

best of both worlds

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"Illustrating Idioms Three"



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costs an arm and a leg

curiosity killed the cat

don't put all your eggs in
one basket

don't count your chickens
before your eggs have hatched

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"Illustrating Idioms Four"



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Date: _____

What To Do:

An idiom is a phrase used commonly in a culture that means something other than what the words mean literally when they are standing on their own. The idiom has a figurative meaning. For each of the following idioms, draw a picture of the figurative meaning.

drastic times call for
drastic measures

feel a bit under the weather

hit the nail on the head

hit the hay

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"Illustrating Idioms Five"



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What To Do:

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let the cat out of the bag

on the ball

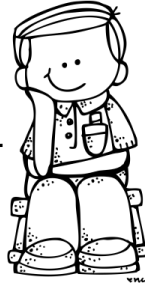
kill two birds with one stone

once in a blue moon

Challenge:

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"Illustrating Idioms Six"



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What To Do:

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see eye to eye

take it with a grain of salt

piece of cake

• lll • lll • lll • lll • lll •
taste of your own medicine

Challenge:

Cut out each card on the dotted lines. Draw a picture of the literal meanings of each idiom on the back of each card. Share your illustrations with a partner, small group, or the entire class.

"Illustrating Idioms Seven"



Name: _____ Date: _____

What To Do:

An idiom is a phrase used commonly in a culture that means something other than what the words mean literally when they are standing on their own. The idiom has a figurative meaning. For each of the following idioms, draw a picture of the figurative meaning.

knee jerk reaction

keep your chin up

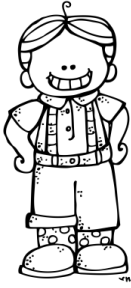
know the ropes

last but not least

Challenge:

Cut out each card on the dotted lines. Draw a picture of the literal meanings of each idiom on the back of each card. Share your illustrations with a partner, small group, or the entire class.

"Illustrating Idioms Eight"



Name: _____ Date: _____

What To Do:

An idiom is a phrase used commonly in a culture that means something other than what the words mean literally when they are standing on their own. The idiom has a figurative meaning. For each of the following idioms, draw a picture of the figurative meaning.

new kid on the block

off the hook

never bite the hand that
feeds you

off the record

Challenge:

Cut out each card on the dotted lines. Draw a picture of the literal meanings of each idiom on the back of each card. Share your illustrations with a partner, small group, or the entire class.

"Illustrating Idioms Nine"



Name: _____ Date: _____

What To Do:

An idiom is a phrase used commonly in a culture that means something other than what the words mean literally when they are standing on their own. The idiom has a figurative meaning. For each of the following idioms, draw a picture of the figurative meaning.

out of the blue

pass the buck

pig out

pulling your leg

Challenge:

Cut out each card on the dotted lines. Draw a picture of the literal meanings of each idiom on the back of each card. Share your illustrations with a partner, small group, or the entire class.

"Illustrating Idioms Ten"



Name: _____ Date: _____

What To Do:

An idiom is a phrase used commonly in a culture that means something other than what the words mean literally when they are standing on their own. The idiom has a figurative meaning. For each of the following idioms, draw a picture of the figurative meaning.

put a sock in it

sick as a dog

spitting image

start from scratch

Challenge:

Cut out each card on the dotted lines. Draw a picture of the literal meanings of each idiom on the back of each card. Share your illustrations with a partner, small group, or the entire class.

"Illustrating Idioms Eleven"



Name: _____ Date: _____

What To Do:

An idiom is a phrase used commonly in a culture that means something other than what the words mean literally when they are standing on their own. The idiom has a figurative meaning. For each of the following idioms, draw a picture of the figurative meaning.

the ball is in your court

the last straw

The bigger they are the
harder they fall

tie the knot

Challenge:

Cut out each card on the dotted lines. Draw a picture of the literal meanings of each idiom on the back of each card. Share your illustrations with a partner, small group, or the entire class.

"Illustrating Idioms Twelve"



Name: _____ Date: _____

What To Do:

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under the weather

when pigs fly

when it rains it pours

turn a blind eye

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"Idioms and Reading"





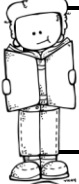

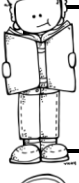

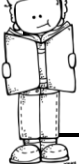
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What To Do:








An idiom is a phrase used commonly in a culture that means something other than what the words mean literally when they are standing on their own. As you are reading today, copy some idioms from the text that the author uses. Then tell what the figurative meaning is for each idiom.

Idioms

Definitions



Challenge:

On the back of this page, make two lists by writing the idioms you have heard before in one column and the ones you have not heard in another. Then, tell where you have heard the idioms before.

"Idioms and Writing"



Name: _____ Date: _____

What To Do:

An idiom is a phrase used commonly in a culture that means something other than what the words mean literally when they are standing on their own. Make a list of some idioms that you have heard or used before. Then write a story using all the idioms you listed.

Idioms

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- 3 _____
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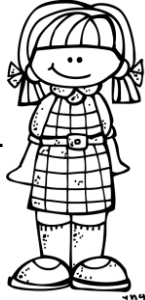
My Story



Challenge:

Share your story with a partner. See if your partner can identify and define all of the idioms in your story!

"Idioms I Know"



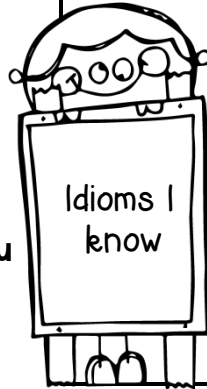
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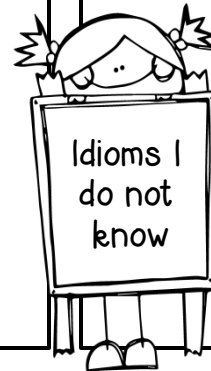
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15. Last but not least
16. Know the ropes



17. Keep your chin up
18. See eye to eye
19. Take it with a grain of salt
20. Piece of cake
21. Taste of your own medicine
22. Let the cat out of the bag
23. Once in a blue moon
24. Out of the blue
25. The ball is in your court
26. Under the weather
27. The bigger they are the harder they fall
28. When it rains it pours



Challenge:

Get together in a small group. Share your list of idioms you do not know and ask your group members to help define each idiom. Write what those idioms mean on the back of this page.

"Literal vs. Figurative Meanings One"



Name: _____ Date: _____

What To Do:

An idiom is a phrase used commonly in a culture that means something other than what the words mean literally when they are standing on their own. Give the literal and figurative meanings for each of the idioms below.

Idioms	Literal Meaning	Figurative Meaning
your guess is as good as mine		
wouldn't be caught dead		
a blessing in disguise		
a chip on your shoulder		
a slap on the wrist		
a dime a dozen		
a drop in the bucket		
a leopard can't change his spots		
a penny saved is a penny earned		
actions speak louder than words		

Challenge:

Use the figurative meanings and write each idiom in a sentence on the back of this page. Share your sentences with a partner or small group.

"Literal vs. Figurative Meanings Two"



Name: _____ Date: _____

What To Do:

An idiom is a phrase used commonly in a culture that means something other than what the words mean literally when they are standing on their own. Give the literal and figurative meanings for each of the idioms below.

Idioms	Literal Meaning	Figurative Meaning
adding fuel to the fire		
apple of my eye		
backseat driver		
break a leg		
chip on his shoulder		
cut to the chase		
down to the wire		
dropping like flies		
from rags to riches		
great minds think alike		

Challenge:

Use the figurative meanings and write each idiom in a sentence on the back of this page. Share your sentences with a partner or small group.