

RiddleBees™ Idioms



An idiom is an expression or group of words having meaning beyond what one could deduce from the meaning of the individual words.

Many idioms are passed on from one generation to the next in conversation and in literature. A familiarity with idiom meanings can give kids a leg up in reading comprehension and in understanding speakers who make use of these types of expressions.

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Sam has a habit of “beating around the _____,” which means he avoids saying what he means, usually because it is an uncomfortable subject.



“Every _____ has a silver lining.” This means that something positive can be found even in bad times.



To “get _____ out of shape” means to be upset.

ANSWERS: A: bush. B: cloud. C: bent.

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“Wrap your _____ around something” means to understand something through intense study.



“A _____ is worth a thousand words” means that it’s more impactful to show than to tell.



“By the _____ of your teeth” means just barely.

ANSWERS: A: head. B: picture. C: skin.

COMPLETE THE Idiom

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“Don’t cry over spilt _____” means there no use in complaining over something that has already happened.



To “give someone the cold _____” means to ignore them completely.



To “hit the _____ on the head” means to get something exactly right.

ANSWERS: A: milk. B: shoulder. C: nail.

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To “kill two _____ with one stone” means to accomplish two tasks with one action.



“Once in a _____ moon” means rarely.



“The _____ bird gets the worm” means folks who arrive first are rewarded.

ANSWERS: A: birds. B: blue. C: early.

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“A _____ in time saves nine” means that fixing a problem when it first occurs saves it from being a bigger problem.



“An apple a day keeps the _____ away” means that apples are good for you.



“It takes two to _____” means that one person alone isn’t responsible — both people were involved. Hint: It’s also a type of dance.

ANSWERS: A: stitch. B: doctor. C: tango.

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“Make _____ while the sun shines” refers to take advantage of a good time to work.



“That _____ has sailed” means it’s too late.



“Caught between a _____ and a hard place” means you’re faced with two unappealing choices.

ANSWERS: A: hay. B: ship. C: rock.

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“Fit as a _____” means to be in good health.



To “steal someone’s _____” means you’re trying to take credit for their achievement.



“Through thick and _____” means through good times and bad.

ANSWERS: A: fiddle. B: thunder. C: thin.

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If “you’re _____ someone’s leg” it means you’re kidding with them.



To be “a _____ out of water” means to be out of place in unfamiliar territory.



“In the _____ of time” means you just barely made it before it was too late.

ANSWERS: A: pulling. B: fish. C: nick.

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To “let the _____ fall where they may,” means to let something happen — good or bad.



To “put your _____ in your mouth,” means to say something you shouldn’t have.



To “stick your _____ into something” means to interfere where you don’t belong.

ANSWERS: A: chips. B: foot. C: nose.