

Idioms and Proverbs · Level 1

5th Grade ELA

Level 1 · Warm-up: match each idiom to its meaning



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Example

An **idiom** is a group of words that means something different from what the words say. "It's **raining cats and dogs**" does not mean pets are falling from the sky. It means **it is raining very hard**.

Write the letter of the matching meaning on the line.

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| 1. _____ a piece of cake | A. study hard |
| 2. _____ once in a blue moon | B. get people talking in a new or awkward situation |
| 3. _____ under the weather | C. wait and be patient |
| 4. _____ spill the beans | D. feeling sick |
| 5. _____ hit the books | E. very rarely |
| 6. _____ on cloud nine | F. someone who likes to stay up late |
| 7. _____ hold your horses | G. make a fresh start and change your ways |
| 8. _____ turn over a new leaf | H. tell a secret |
| 9. _____ a night owl | I. very easy |
| 10. _____ break the ice | J. very happy |

Safari Challenge

Pick one idiom from the list. Draw a silly picture of what the words say on the back, and write what it really means.



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Answer Key · Level 1

For the grown-up

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1. a piece of cake → **I** (very easy)
2. once in a blue moon → **E** (very rarely)
3. under the weather → **D** (feeling sick)
4. spill the beans → **H** (tell a secret)
5. hit the books → **A** (study hard)
6. on cloud nine → **J** (very happy)
7. hold your horses → **C** (wait and be patient)
8. turn over a new leaf → **G** (make a fresh start and change your ways)
9. a night owl → **F** (someone who likes to stay up late)
10. break the ice → **B** (get people talking in a new or awkward situation)

Safari Challenge: answers will vary.



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