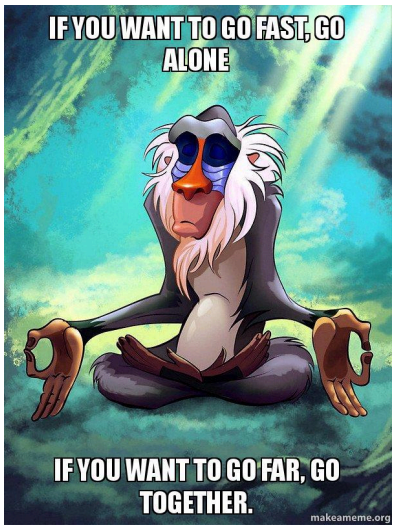


Idioms, Proverbs, and Adages are types of common expressions and sayings that have meanings beyond what can be understood by their common words.

http://www.idiomsbykids.com/

Level F
Language Arts
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Explore

An **idiom** is a saying that does not mean exactly what it says.

- *Example*: When I told my friend the joke, she laughed her head off!
- which means she laughed really hard

IDIOMS by MELISSA VIDEO

Adages and proverbs offer advice and observations about life.

PROVERBS in MOVIES VIDEO

A **proverb** is a statement of practical wisdom (common sense) expressed in a simple way.

- *Example*: "a stitch in time saves nine"
- which means that doing something in a timely way saves you from having to do more work later

An **adage** is a well-known proverb that

Your Task

What do you think these phrases mean?

- **A watched pot never boils**.... means... things you look forward to seem to take a long time to happen.
- **You live, you learn**... means... mistakes can teach useful lessons.
- **Don't bite the hand that feeds you**... means... don't hurt those who take care of you, or they may not want to take care of you anymore.
- **Nothing ventured, nothing gained**... means... you can't expect to achieve something if you never even try to do it.
- Take a bull by the horns
- Let's play it by ear
- Getting to see my cousin was the icing on the cake.
- An arm and a leg
- Bite your tongue
- On the fence
- A chip off the old block
- A barrel of laughs

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has been used for a long time usually as a reminder.

- *Example*: "where there's smoke, there's fire"
- which means that if there is evidence that something is happening, it probably is actually happening

- Break a leg

Explain

Your Task

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Proverbs/Adages	Idioms
The early bird gets the worm	Under the weather
Better safe than sorry	Costs an arm and a leg
Stop and smell the roses	The ball is in your court
The best things in life are free	On cloud nine
Two wrongs don't make a right	Once in a blue moon
Rome wasn't built in a day	When pigs fly
Actions speak louder than words	Spill the beans
An apple a day keeps the doctor away	Hold your horses

As a class, try to figure out what the saying mean.

- Create a game... someone gives the meaning and the others need to figure out which phrase matches



Apply

Your Task

Kaplan International Website Links:
Animal idioms

Music idioms

Food idioms

Color idioms

Create a video explaining what an idiom means and how it may be used in a sentence or conversation.

Create a skit: EXAMPLE VIDEO
Kaplan Explanation: EXAMPLE VIDEO

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SHH! Idioms Happiness idioms Body idioms Weather idioms Jump idioms Love idioms School idioms Time idioms Sports idioms (no pics) Clothing idioms (no pics)	
Extend	**Your Task**
Example of an idiom card game: Animal Idiom Match Game Example of a fill-in the missing word to complete the proverb: Proverbs for Kids	Create a word sort or memory cards with using one of the idiom lists from the APPLY section above. **Or** Create a quiz or a fill-in-the-blank worksheet on proverbs using the link to the <<< left.

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bury the hatchet
burn your bridges
butterfingers
by hook or by crook
by leaps and bounds
cash cow
cat got your tongue
catch 22
c'est la vie
cool your heels
count your eggs before they hatch
dressed to the nines
drop in the bucket
ear to the ground
even a blind pig can find an acorn
exit stage left
eye candy
fair shake
feeling his oats
fifth wheel
flash in the pan
for a song
get off your soap box
get this show on the road
give the benefit of the doubt
go with the flow
got the blues
half-baked
happy as a box of birds
have a clue
have a hitch in your getalong
have a looksee
hazard a guess
head honcho
head in the clouds
highfalutin
wear out your welcome
in a pickle
in the doghouse
in two shakes of a lamb's tail
it's a dilly
it's a toss-up
it's in the bag
jig is up
jog your memory
jump at the chance
just ducky
keep a lid on it
keep a stiff upper lip
keep on trucking
keep the ball rolling
keep up with the Joneses
keep your nose clean
kit and caboodle
kowtow
lap of luxury
larger than life
laugh up your sleeve
lead pipe cinch
laundered money
learn the lingo
leave no stone unturned
lesser lights
let sleeping dogs lie
level with you
like a broken record
lily-livered
like it or lump it
like a chicken on a June bug
lion's share
lo and behold
local yokel
lose your marbles
low on the totem pole
mad as a hatter
make a mountain out of a mole hill
malarkey
mind your p's and q's
month of Sundays
mum's the word
navel-gazing
nip it in the bud
no dice
no rest for the wicked
not for all the tea in China
on pins and needles
on the QT
out of your gourd
pecking order
put the cart before the horse
play second fiddle
pushing up daisies
red herring
rob Peter to pay Paul
run the gauntlet
see a man about a dog
set in her ways
set the world on fire
shuck on down to the fraidy hole
slap my fro
take a gander
that's a corker
talk is big
TGIF
that's the way the cookie crumbles
the dickens you say
the fifth column
the living daylights
tit for tat
toe the line
unsung hero

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