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Idioms in Context: Learn and Practice

Figure out sayings that do not mean what they say

Read each question. Circle the best answer.

💡 Idioms

- An idiom is a phrase that means something different from its words.
- Use the story around an idiom to work out its meaning.
- It was a piece of cake means it was very easy.

1 What does break the ice mean?

A. feel very cold B. drop an ice cube

C. crack a frozen pond D. start a friendly talk

2 What is an idiom?

A. a word that sounds like another

B. a phrase that does not mean what it says

C. a word that copies a sound

D. a comparison using like

3 Read: My sister has a green thumb. Her tomatoes are huge. What does green thumb mean?

A. She hurt her thumb B. Her thumb is painted

C. She is good at growing plants

D. She is jealous

4 What does hold your horses mean?

A. wait and be patient B. feed the horses

C. ride a horse D. run very fast

5 Read: Zane let the cat out of the bag about the party. What did Zane do?

A. He freed a cat B. He hid a present

C. He told a secret D. He bought a bag

6 What does it's a piece of cake mean?

A. It is a dessert B. It is a gift C. It is very easy

D. It is very hard

7 Which idiom means to stay up late working?

A. cost an arm and a leg B. a fish out of water

C. spill the beans D. burn the midnight oil

8 What does it mean to be under the weather?

A. to feel sick B. to stand in the rain

C. to be outside D. to love storms

✏️ Explain it! In your own words, write the rule for idioms in context and one example.

ANSWER KEY

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C. crack a frozen pond **D. start a friendly talk**

Breaking the ice means getting people talking and comfortable.

2 What is an idiom?

A. a word that sounds like another

B. a phrase that does not mean what it says

C. a word that copies a sound

D. a comparison using like

Idioms have hidden meanings that differ from their words.

3 Read: My sister has a green thumb. Her tomatoes are huge. What does green thumb mean?

A. She hurt her thumb B. Her thumb is painted

C. She is good at growing plants

D. She is jealous

The huge tomatoes are the clue. A green thumb means skill with plants.

4 What does hold your horses mean?

A. wait and be patient B. feed the horses

C. ride a horse D. run very fast

Hold your horses means slow down and wait.

5 Read: Zane let the cat out of the bag about the party. What did Zane do?

A. He freed a cat B. He hid a present

C. He told a secret D. He bought a bag

Let the cat out of the bag means to tell a secret. Oops, Zane!

6 What does it's a piece of cake mean?

A. It is a dessert B. It is a gift **C. It is very easy**

D. It is very hard

A piece of cake means something is very easy to do.

7 Which idiom means to stay up late working?

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C. spill the beans **D. burn the midnight oil**

Long ago, people burned oil lamps to work late at night.

8 What does it mean to be under the weather?

A. to feel sick B. to stand in the rain

C. to be outside D. to love storms

Under the weather means feeling a little sick.