

IDIOM



An idiom is an expression that has a meaning apart from the meanings of its individual words. For example: It's raining cats and dogs. Its literal meaning suggests that cats and dogs are falling from the sky. We interpret it to mean that it is raining hard.

Unlike proverbs and similies, idioms have no fixed form and come in all sizes, shapes, and colors. American English abounds with colorful idioms. New ones are added each day. An idiom usually originates with a specific group - television, sailors, housewives, teachers, poets, or politicians - then spreads to more general use by others.

They make great projects for art. Here's an example:



In the next minute write down as many idioms as you can.

Name: _____

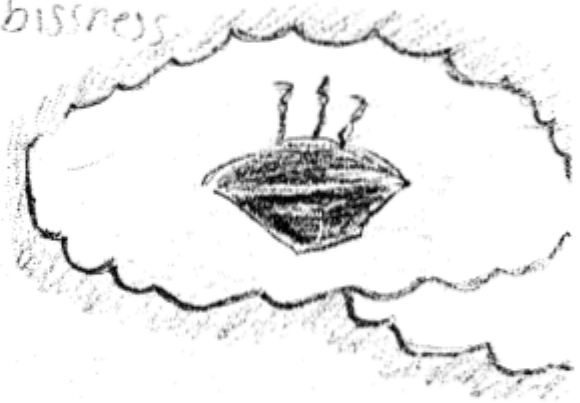
Directions: Write the meanings of these frequently used idioms:

1. catch a cold _____
2. see eye to eye _____
3. under the weather _____
4. stuffed to the gills _____
5. out of the frying pan and into the fire _____
6. slow boat to China _____
7. nose to the grindstone _____
8. on pins and needles _____
9. fly off the handle _____
10. toot your own horn _____
11. pie in the sky _____
12. head in the sand _____
13. lay down the law _____
14. born yesterday _____
15. feel like a million _____
16. just what the doctor ordered _____
17. hold your horses _____
18. cat has your tongue _____
19. going bananas _____
20. bury the hatchet _____

Name: Marie Gray

Directions: Write the meanings of these frequently used idioms:

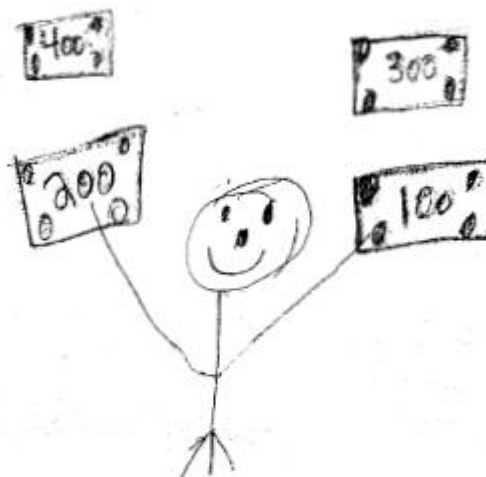
1. catch a cold Get Sick
2. see eye to eye in common
3. under the weather not feeling well
4. stuffed to the gills full
5. out of the frying pan and into the fire in trouble Pie in the sky
6. slow boat to China to slow
7. nose to the grindstone taking care of business
8. on pins and needles to be frustrated
9. fly off the handle out of control
10. toot your own horn think yourself
11. pie in the sky to good to be true
12. head in the sand ignore some trouble
13. lay down the law tell someone how it is
14. born yesterday immature
15. feel like a million happy / excited
16. just what the doctor ordered what you need
17. hold your horses wait
18. cat has your tongue being quiet / shy
19. going bananas going crazy
20. bury the hatchet for give



Name: Roxanne

Directions: Write the meanings of these frequently used idioms:

1. catch a cold you get sick
2. see eye to eye to see in common
3. under the weather out
4. stuffed to the gills overfull
5. out of the frying pan and into the fire _____
6. slow boat to China painly slow
7. nose to the grindstone staying business
8. on pins and needles frustrate
9. fly off the handle lose your temper
10. toot your own horn to blow
11. pie in the sky to good to be true
12. head in the sand hoping no trouble
13. lay down the law trouble
14. born yesterday immature
15. feel like a million rich
16. just what the doctor ordered it exactly what you need
17. hold your horses chillia
18. cat has your tongue being quiet
19. going bananas going crazy
20. bury the hatchet to make up



Feel like a million

Name: Dean Boni-Lucy

Directions: Write the meanings of these frequently used idioms:

1. catch a cold get sick
2. see eye to eye in common
3. under the weather sick
4. stuffed to the gills put something in the gills
5. out of the frying pan and into the fire in trouble
6. slow boat to China slow
7. nose to the grindstone staying busy
8. on pins and needles in trouble
9. fly off the handle out of hand
10. toot your own horn bragging
11. pie in the sky looks too good to be true
12. head in the sand put your head in the sand
13. lay down the law tell someone the rules
14. born yesterday new born
15. feel like a million rich
16. just what the doctor ordered exactly what you need
17. hold your horses patient
18. cat has your tongue quiet
19. going bananas going crazy
20. bury the hatchet make up



feel like
a million

Name: Whitney

Directions: Write the meanings of these frequently used idioms:

1. catch a cold get sick
2. see eye to eye in common
3. under the weather feeling bad
4. stuffed to the gills full
5. out of the frying pan and into the fire wor & trouble
6. slow boat to China take for ever
7. nose to the grindstone keeping busy
8. on pins and needles fustrated
9. fly off the handle lose your temper
10. toot your own horn thinking yourself
11. pie in the sky too good to be true
12. head in the sand denying something
13. lay down the law do what is told
14. born yesterday emotore
15. feel like a million feel rich
16. just what the doctor ordered doctor said
17. hold your horses hold on
18. cat has your tongue cant talk
19. going bananas going crazy
20. bury the hatchet make up



Stuffed to the
gills

Name: Dennis

Directions: Write the meanings of these frequently used idioms:

1. catch a cold sick
2. see eye to eye understand
3. under the weather sick
4. stuffed to the gills full
5. out of the frying pan and into the fire in trouble
6. slow boat to China slow
7. nose to the grindstone busy
8. on pins and needles so upset
9. fly off the handle lose it
10. toot your own horn bragging
11. pie in the sky too good to be true
12. head in the sand sewed
13. lay down the law how it's gonna be
14. born yesterday inexperienced
15. feel like a million rich
16. just what the doctor ordered exactly what is needed
17. hold your horses wait
18. cat has your tongue can't talk
19. going bananas crazy
20. bury the hatchet forgive



Name: Mishi

Directions: Write the meanings of these frequently used idioms:

1. catch a cold get sick
2. see eye to eye see in common
3. under the weather Feeling bad
4. stuffed to the gills full
5. out of the frying pan and into the fire Trouble
6. slow boat to China take forever
7. nose to the grindstone keeping your ear business
8. on pins and needles Frustrated
9. fly off the handle lose temper
10. toot your own horn bragging
11. pie in the sky too good to be true
12. head in the sand ignoring
13. lay down the law do what is told
14. born yesterday naive
15. feel like a million ex. cetera
16. just what the doctor ordered doctor said
17. hold your horses Chill
18. cat has your tongue Can't talk right
19. going bananas Crazy
20. bury the hatchet make up



on pins & needles