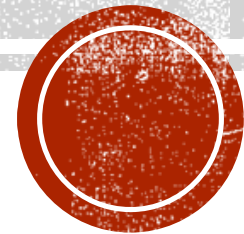


UNIT 1 WEEK 4

Poetry



ACADEMIC VOCABULARY: FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE IDIOMS

- Idioms are phrases or expressions whose meaning cannot be understood from the meanings of the individual words.
- Idioms can be used to express ideas in a unique or colorful way.
- Videos:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VdKK4gWFO0c>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d63MKHE6MQA>



IDIOMS

- Idioms exist in every language.
- They are words or phrases that aren't meant to be taken literally.
- For example, if you say someone has “cold feet,” it doesn't mean their toes are actually cold.
- Rather, it means they're nervous about something.





IDIOMS

- The next few examples will demonstrate how you can't easily understand the meaning of these expressions without knowing what they mean.
- The next time someone says, "It's raining cats and dogs!" you'll know it has nothing to do with animals, but rather that it's raining quite hard.



EXAMPLES OF IDIOMS

- Better late than never. -Better to arrive late than not to come at all
- Bite the bullet. -To get something over with because it is inevitable
- Break a leg. -Good luck
- Call it a day. -Stop working on something
- Piece of cake. -Something is easy
- Costs an arm and a leg. -Expensive



MORE EXAMPLES

- Don't beat around the bush. - Just say what you really mean.
- I'm going to call it a night. - I'm going to bed.
- Would you cut me some slack? - Don't be so hard on me.
- I'm going back to the drawing board. - I'm going to start over.
- Hang in there. - Stick with it.
- He missed the boat. - He missed out on an opportunity.
- That was the straw that broke the camel's back. - My patience has finally run out.
- <https://examples.yourdictionary.com/idioms-for-kids.html>



POEMS WITH IDIOMS

- My dog likes to dig, making holes in our lawn.
He digs every morning beginning at dawn.
He digs like a maniac all afternoon,
and even at night by the light of the moon.
- I wish he would stop but he's out of control,
and works up a sweat digging hole after hole.
He's fevered and frenzied. He's hot as can be.
His temperature's rising degree by degree.
- His workout from digging is clearly extreme.
He's sizzling. He's scorching. He's starting to steam.
I wish I had gotten a fish or a frog.
Instead I just have this hot diggity dog.
- — Kenn Nesbitt
- <https://poetry4kids.com/poetic-device/idioms/>



I FINISHED MY HOMEWORK

BY KENN NESBITT



- I finished my homework.
It took me all night.
I tried to make sure
I got everything right.
- I read every chapter
the teacher assigned.
My eyes grew so bleary
I nearly went blind.
- I studied each problem
until my eyes burned.
Researched each detail,
leaving no stone unturned.
- I finished my reading
and got out my pen
and pulled up a chair
at my desk in the den.
- I answered each question.
I checked every one.
I wrote out my essays.
At last I was done.
- By eight in the morning
I'd run out of fuel.
I packed up my backpack
and headed to school.
- I handed the teacher
my homework, and then
I noticed, embarrassed,
I'd used the wrong pen.
- The teacher looked puzzled.
I felt my heart sink.
I'd used my trick pen
with invisible ink.



YOUR TURN

With your group at the table, complete page 143.

Using your computer find examples of 4 idioms.

Write the idioms on the sheet of construction paper with a picture to illustrate what they mean.

You must have the idiom and what it means, plus a picture.

Each table will share their poster and 4 idioms.

