

Idioms: What Do They Mean? - ANSWER KEY

Grade 5 | Using context to explain the meaning of common idioms

An idiom is a group of words that means something different from what the words say. Circle the meaning of the idiom in bold.

1. Maya had **butterflies in her stomach** before the spelling bee.
a) was very hungry **b) felt nervous** c) had a bug bite
2. It's **raining cats and dogs**, so bring an umbrella.
a) raining very hard b) full of pets c) a little cloudy
3. Learning to ride a scooter was **a piece of cake** for Leo.
a) a sweet treat b) very hard **c) very easy**
4. Don't **let the cat out of the bag** about the surprise party.
a) tell a secret b) open a bag c) buy a pet
5. I'm feeling **under the weather**, so I will stay home today.
a) standing in the rain **b) feeling sick** c) feeling cheerful
6. We have to **hit the books** tonight because the test is tomorrow.
a) put books away b) throw books **c) study hard**
7. Sam was **on cloud nine** after scoring the winning goal.
a) very happy b) very tired c) high in the sky
8. Let's **call it a day** and finish the puzzle tomorrow.
a) name the day **b) stop working for now** c) start over
9. That new bike **cost an arm and a leg**.
a) was on sale b) hurt someone **c) was very expensive**
10. Ben was **all ears** when the coach explained the new play.
a) listening carefully b) not paying attention c) had big ears