

Common Idioms

Idioms are common phrases that have a different meaning from the actual words used.

Example: Under the weather

Literal

(or real)
meaning

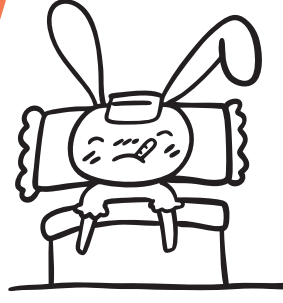
In this picture, Rabbit is physically positioned below the weather.



Figurative

meaning
(idiom)

In this picture, Rabbit is sick in bed. "Under the weather" is an idiom that means to be sick.



Part 1. On the line below, write a sentence that uses "under the weather" as an idiom.

Sample: I felt under the weather, so I missed school and stayed in bed all day to rest.

Part 2. Review the list of common idioms below. Select two idioms and use them in sentences.

Common Idioms

A piece of cake
Bite off more than you can chew
Crack someone up
Drive someone up the wall
Hit the nail on the head
Back to the drawing board
Cat got your tongue
Raining cats and dogs
Wear your heart on your sleeve
You can't judge a book by its cover
I'm on top of the world
I'm in a pickle
I'm feeling blue
In one ear and out the other
Let someone off the hook

Give me a hand
Under the weather
Break a leg
You're pulling my leg
Pass the buck
On your high horse
Give the cold shoulder
Talk a mile a minute
Elbow grease
Hold down the fort
Hit the ceiling
Spitting image
Tie the knot
Out of the blue
Pull the plug

Sentence #1: Student answers will vary.

Sentence #2: Student answers will vary.

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Part 3. Choose two idioms from the list of common idioms on page 1. For each one, draw both the literal and figurative meaning.

<p>Idiom #1: <u>Student answers will vary.</u></p> <p>Literal:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Figurative:</p>	<p>Idiom #2: <u>Student answers will vary.</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Literal:</p> <p>Figurative:</p>
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Part 4. Choose the idioms that complete the sentences.

1. Are you guys going to tie the knot this year?
2. After disappointing sales, the company decided to pull the plug on the new SUV.
3. This could never happen; are you pulling my leg ?
4. I just got a nice promotion at work, and now I feel like I'm on top of the world !
5. After the unsuccessful test, we had to go back to the drawing board.
6. That test was a piece of cake .
7. These hyper dogs are driving me up the wall !
8. Can you get off your high horse and give me a hand ?
9. With a little bit of elbow grease we can have this car up and running in no time.
10. It was like I was talking to a wall, in one ear and out the other .