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What Is an Idiom? Answer Key

An idiom is a phrase or expression whose meaning can't be understood from the ordinary meanings of the words in it.

- He didn't want to sing in the concert, but he bit the bullet and went through with it.
- Her science fair project stood head and shoulders above the rest.
- He stayed home because he was feeling a little under the weather.

Directions: Draw a picture that you think represents each idiom. Don't be afraid to get silly!

EXAMPLE: When pigs fly



Social meaning:
something that will never happen

In a pickle

Social meaning: in a difficult situation

The literal drawing might be someone or something inside a fermented vegetable.

From the bottom of my heart

Social meaning: very sincerely

The literal drawing might be an image of something positioned inside the lower chamber of someone's heart

Eyes are bigger than my stomach

Social meaning: when someone has taken more food than they can eat

The literal drawing might be of someone whose eyes are anatomically larger than their stomach