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An **idiom** is a saying that has a different meaning than the literal phrase.

**Directions:** Write what you think each idiom in **bold** means. Then, check your answers and write the correct meanings as necessary.

1. There's no use starting a lemonade stand to make a million dollars. **You're barking up the wrong tree.** 

Barking up the wrong tree means: looking in the wrong place or accusing the wrong person.

2. Lily and Jasmine didn't want **to beat around the bush**, so they just told us who broke the vase.

Beat around the bush means: to avoid the main topic or to talk around an issue.

3. His mom didn't believe he should go out to the movies after he had stayed home sick from school. She told him, "Oh so you'd like to **have your cake and eat it too?**"

Have your cake and eat it too means: the desire to make a choice but enjoy an oppo-

site consequence.

4. I was **caught up in the heat of the moment**. I apologize for yelling at you after you tipped my apple cart.

The heat of the moment means: to be overwhelmed by what is happening.

- She told her to just let sleeping dogs lie. It wasn't worth going back into the long grocery line for a few miscounted pennies.
  Let sleeping dogs lie means: to let things be as they are to avoid complications or trouble.
- 6. You won't always **see eye to eye** with your friends. Sometimes you'll have disagreements. See eye to eye means: when two people agree on something.