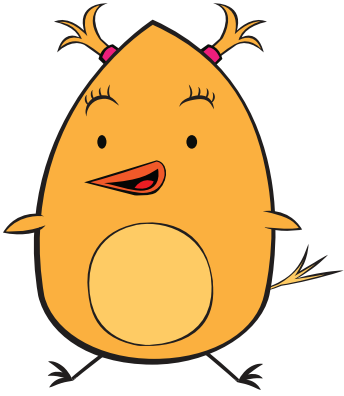


Possible Answers**Puns with Idioms**

A **pun** is a form of wordplay that uses multiple meanings of a word or phrase for a humorous effect. Some puns use idioms to give a statement double meaning.

Remember, **idioms** are phrases that have a figurative meaning that is different than their literal meaning, like: It's raining cats and dogs.

Directions: Write the literal and figurative meaning for the underlined idioms in each of the puns below.

Example: My mom asked me to stop imitating the flamingos. I had to put my foot down.

Literal Meaning: I had to put my foot on the ground.

Figurative Meaning: I had to act firmly to get my way.

1. Pencils could be made with erasers at both ends, but what would be the point?

Literal Meaning: something sharp

Figurative Meaning: the purpose

2. I couldn't figure out how to fasten my seatbelt. Then it clicked.

Literal Meaning: a sound that is made when two things fit together

Figurative Meaning: it made sense

3. I have a fear of speed bumps but I'm slowly getting over it.

Literal Meaning: I'm physically moving over something

Figurative Meaning: I'm mentally moving past an issue that made me upset

4. What did the calculator say to his friends? You can count on me.

Literal Meaning: you can count numbers

Figurative Meaning: you can rely on me

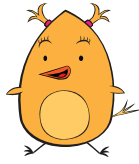
5. I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.

Literal Meaning: a collision

Figurative Meaning: it occurred to me

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6. Grandma just discovered that I replaced her bed with a trampoline. She hit the roof.

Literal Meaning: she bumped into the roof or ceiling

Figurative Meaning: she got mad

7. I can't remember that boomerang joke, but I'm sure it'll come back to me eventually.

Literal Meaning: it will return

Figurative Meaning: I'll remember

8. Never lie to an X-ray technician. They can see right through you.

Literal Meaning: they can see through something, like a window

Figurative Meaning: they know the truth; they can see what you are really thinking

9. Broken puppets for sale. No strings attached.

Literal Meaning: there are no physical strings

Figurative Meaning: without conditions or restrictions

10. I've been learning braille. I'm sure I'll master it once I get a feel for it.

Literal Meaning: to touch something

Figurative Meaning: figure it out

11. My time machine and I go way back.

Literal Meaning: go into the past

Figurative Meaning: to know someone for a long time

12. Learning how to collect trash isn't that hard, I just picked it up as I went along.

Literal Meaning: to take something with your hands

Figurative Meaning: figure it out