

# Common Idioms

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

**Example:** Under the weather

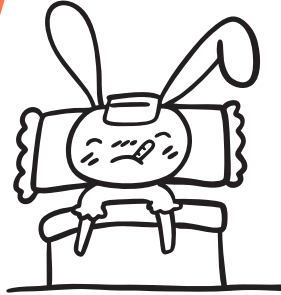
**Literal**  
(or real)  
meaning

*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.

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

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| A piece of cake                     | Give me a hand         |
| Bite off more than you can chew     | Under the weather      |
| Crack someone up                    | Break a leg            |
| Drive someone up the wall           | You're pulling my leg  |
| Hit the nail on the head            | Pass the buck          |
| Back to the drawing board           | On your high horse     |
| Cat got your tongue                 | Give the cold shoulder |
| Raining cats and dogs               | Talk a mile a minute   |
| Wear your heart on your sleeve      | Elbow grease           |
| You can't judge a book by its cover | Hold down the fort     |
| I'm on top of the world             | Hit the ceiling        |
| I'm in a pickle                     | Spitting image         |
| I'm feeling blue                    | Tie the knot           |
| In one ear and out the other        | Out of the blue        |
| Let someone off the hook            | Pull the plug          |

Sentence #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence #2: \_\_\_\_\_

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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><b>Idiom #1:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Literal:</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Figurative:</b></p>	<p><b>Idiom #2:</b> _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Literal:</b></p> <p><b>Figurative:</b></p>
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**Part 4.** Choose the idioms that complete the sentences.

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