

Idioms Worksheet 2

Read each idiom and determine the meaning.

Idiom: A common expression understood figuratively, as the literal definition makes no sense.

1. We tried to give Tommy a surprise party for his birthday, but you **let the cat out of the bag**.

What is the meaning of this idiom?

To reveal a secret or surprise unintentionally.

2. Kevin accepted the job even though he was still in school, but his mom thought he might be **biting off more than he could chew**.

What is the meaning of this idiom?

To take on a task or responsibility that is too much to handle.

3. I didn't want to **jump the gun**, so I decided to wait until the second date to try and hold her hand.

What is the meaning of this idiom?

To act too hastily.

4. Derek hated how much his mom nagged him about homework. He didn't really see why it mattered and he thought that his mom was **making a mountain out of a molehill**.

What is the meaning of this idiom?

To exaggerate the importance of something trivial.

5. Alice was feeling a **little under the weather**, so she asked her mom if she could stay home today.

What is the meaning of this idiom?

To feel slightly ill or unwell.

6. Tammy wanted to yell at John for leaving the toilet seat up again, but after their last fight she decided to **let sleeping dogs lie**.

What is the meaning of this idiom?

To avoid a situation that could potentially cause trouble or conflict.

7. Jude was **on pins and needles** waiting for the results of the test.

What is the meaning of this idiom?

To be very anxious or nervous about something.

8. I like Chris. He's a **cool** guy.

What is the meaning of this idiom?

cool is not an idiom?

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