

KS2 Unit 5 Lesson 6 Idiom and Culture

Worksheet

1. I am thinking of 4 cricket-related idioms.

Here are the pictures and clues. Can you link them to the description of the idiom?

What would the idiom be?



- 1. Something has really shocked someone.
- 2. Someone's has had a long life.
- 3. Something has confused or perplexed someone.
- 4. The truth has been revealed about someone.
- 2. If cricket forms the basis of several idioms in English, which languages might use these areas as the basis for several idioms?
- a) Sausages b) Food in general c) Fish
- 3. What do you think these expressions below mean? Why do you think there is a connection to culture?

Sausages

Das ist mir Wurst! (That's sausage to me!)

Nur die Wurst hat zwei Ende. (Only sausages have two ends!)

Food in general



Comme un repas sans fromage! (Like a meal without cheese!)
Les carottes sont cuites! (The carrots are cooked!)

Fish

"Glida in på en räkmacka" (He slides in on a prawn sandwich!)
"Ikke en rød reje" (I don't have a red prawn)

4. Here are four idioms in different languages. Three languages are represented here (one language is repeated).

Which languages are they?

What do you think they mean and can you think of equivalent idioms in English for any?

- a. 花より団子 (hana yori dango) (dumplings instead of flowers)
- b. un cane in chiesa (a dog in church)
- c. **ogni morte di Papa** (every death of the Pope)
- d. cadw draenog yn dy boced (to keep a hedgehog in your pocket)
- 5. For the first two idioms in question 4, can you create your own English idiom which is as "future proof" and "culturally neutral" as possible?
- 6. For the second two, invent new versions in English, using metaphors inspired by the Italian and Welsh idioms?