

Freebie

It's Raining Idioms!




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What are idioms?


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rain cats

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Idioms Matching Worksheet

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Directions:

To use this product, first use the included poster to explain the concept of idioms to your students. Then, cut out all the cards and laminate if desired. Have your students explain what each example of figurative language means, using the context clues in the provided text.

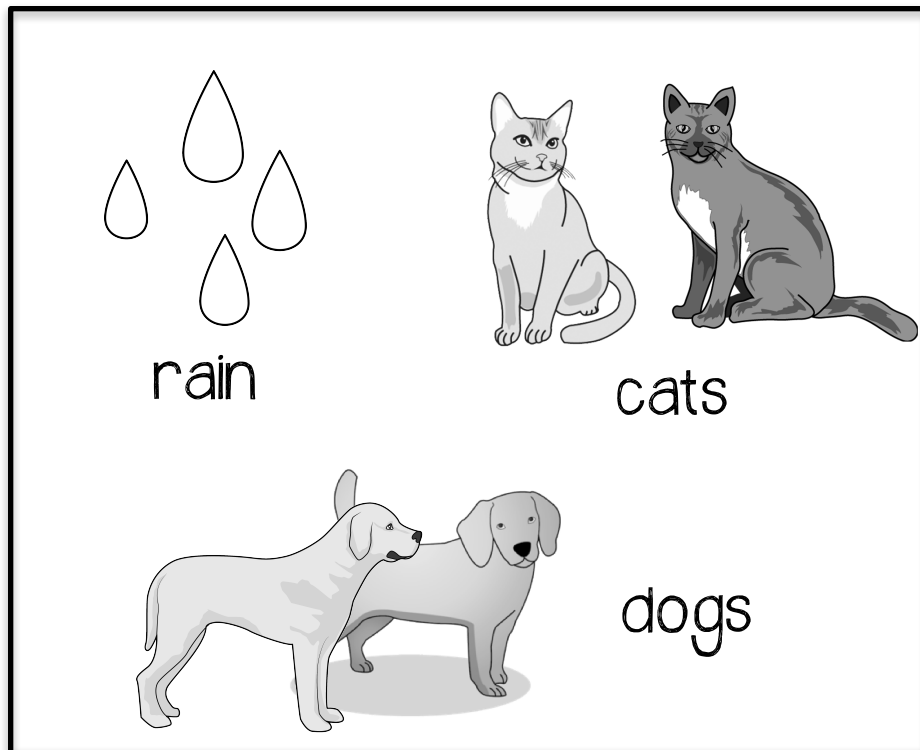
You may use the worksheet for extra practice, or send home for homework.

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“Well,” sighed Jimmy, “I forgot my homework. I guess it is time to tell my teacher and face the music.”
What does this mean?



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Dad had a hard time figuring out how to use his new smart phone. “You can’t teach an old dog new tricks.” he said after unsuccessfully trying to change his ring tone for 30 minutes.
What does this mean?



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Jamie wants to sign up for basketball, chess club, speech team, and the school newspaper for next year. Her mother said, “Make sure you don’t bite off more than you can chew!”
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Penny complained to her dad that her science project would take her all weekend to finish. Her dad said, “Remember, Rome wasn’t built in a day.”
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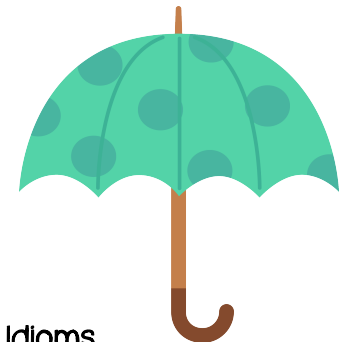
Springfield experienced the worst thunderstorm in years, with over three inches of rain falling in two hours. Grandma said, “It sure is raining cats and dogs out there!”
What does this mean?



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Sheldon heard from his sister that his mom was planning a surprise birthday party for him tomorrow. When he asked his mom about it, she said, “Who let the cat out of the bag?”
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"That test sure was a piece of cake after I studied all day!" said Mark.
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Tiffany worked against the clock to finish her art project in time for the art fair at school.
What does this mean?



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Ryan blamed his sister for spilling water all over his homework. She said, "It wasn't me! You are barking up the wrong tree."
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After spending hours trying to learn long division, Rob closed his math book with a sigh, and said, "It's all Greek to me!"
What does this mean?



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Mrs. Smith told her class, "I am sorry I was gone yesterday. I was feeling a little under the weather."
What does this mean?



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Once in a blue moon, Veronica's dad takes her to a baseball game for a special treat.
What does this mean?



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When the class went on a field trip to the art museum, their guide said, "Please don't touch anything on display. It would cost an arm and a leg to replace some of our pieces!"
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After working on her curveball all day without much success, Katie wanted to throw in the towel, but she kept practicing for the big game on Friday.
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Connor didn't want to practice the piano, even though his concert was next week. His mom told him, "Don't you want to do a good job at the concert? Remember, practice makes perfect!"
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The teacher said, "That is enough monkey business, class! It's time to settle down and get to work."
What does this mean?



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Sarah and her friend Kristin both love soccer, math, and the color purple. Sometimes, they even wear the same shirt on the same day. Their teacher said, "You are like two peas in a pod!"
What does this mean?



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While on vacation across the country, Austin and his family saw their neighbors. Austin's dad said, "Wow, it sure is a small world!"
What does this mean?



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Before his big performance, Maya told her brother, "Break a leg!"
What does this mean?



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Mr. Potter told his students, "Keep your fingers crossed, and maybe we will win the school-wide contest for the pizza party!"
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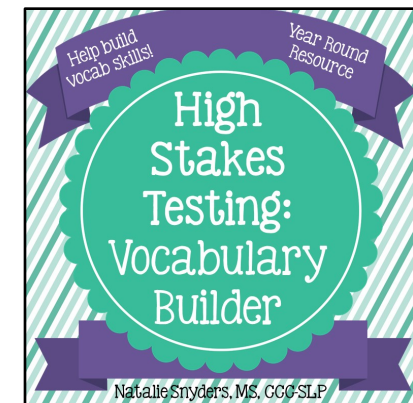
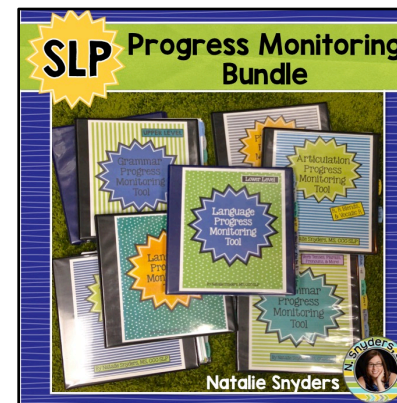
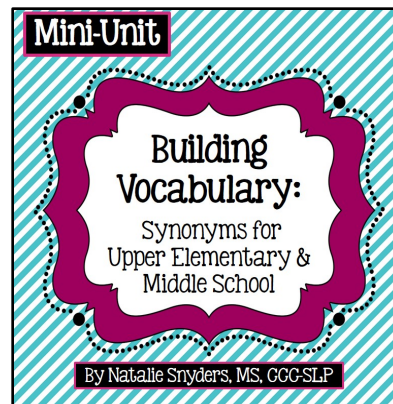
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