



Idioms in Daily Life

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Do you know what an **idiom** is? An idiom is a special kind of phrase. The words in an idiom do not mean what they say. For example, "it is raining cats and dogs" does not mean cats and dogs fall from the sky. It means it is raining very hard outside!

Idioms are very **common** in the English language. You can hear them at school, at home, and at work. Many people use idioms every day without thinking about it. When you learn idioms, you can understand people better and have more fun with English!

Sometimes idioms can be **confusing** at first. If someone says "break a leg" before a test, they are not talking about your leg! They are saying "good luck." This is a very popular idiom. Students often hear it before a big game or a school play.

Another popular idiom is "**piece of cake**." This does not mean real cake! It means something is very easy to do. If your friend says "the homework was a piece of cake," they mean it was very easy. Can you think of something that is a piece of cake for you?

Learning the **meaning** of idioms takes a little time. But it is not too hard. Try to learn one new idiom every week. Soon, you will know many English idioms and you can use them too!

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. idiom ____ | a. raining very hard |
| 2. phrase ____ | b. to go to sleep or go to bed |
| 3. meaning ____ | c. idea that a word or sentence gives |
| 4. common ____ | d. way of saying 'good luck' to someone |
| 5. confusing ____ | e. feeling sick or not well |
| 6. raining cats and dogs ____ | f. phrase whose meaning is different from the words used |
| 7. piece of cake ____ | g. small group of words that go together |
| 8. break a leg ____ | h. happening or found very often |
| 9. under the weather ____ | i. hard to understand |
| 10. hit the sack ____ | j. something that is very easy to do |

B. True or False

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| ___ 1. An idiom is a phrase where the words mean exactly what they say. | ___ 2. "Raining cats and dogs" means it is raining very hard. |
| ___ 3. Idioms are not common in the English language. | ___ 4. You can hear idioms at school, at home, and at work. |

- ___ 5. "Break a leg" means someone wants to hurt your leg.
- ___ 6. "Break a leg" is a way to say "good luck."
- ___ 7. "Piece of cake" means something is very hard to do.
- ___ 8. Learning idioms can help you understand English better.
- ___ 9. The passage says you should learn five new idioms every day.
- ___ 10. Idioms can be confusing when you first hear them.

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: idiom, common, confusing, meaning, phrase, raining cats and dogs, hit the sack, under the weather

1. An _____ is a group of words with a special meaning.
2. Idioms are very _____ in the English language.
3. New idioms can be _____ if you do not know them.
4. The _____ of 'hit the sack' is to go to sleep.
5. "Good morning" is a simple _____ that people use every day.



D. Comprehension Questions

1. What does the idiom "raining cats and dogs" mean?
2. What does "break a leg" mean, and when do people say it?
3. What does the passage say is a good way to learn English idioms?

E. Discussion Questions

1. What is one idiom or special phrase you know in your first language? What does it mean in English?
2. Can you think of something in your life that is a "piece of cake"? What is something that is not easy for you at all?



Answer Key

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A. Vocabulary: 1-f, 2-g, 3-c, 4-h, 5-i, 6-a, 7-j, 8-d, 9-e, 10-b

B. True/False: 1-F, 2-T, 3-F, 4-T, 5-F, 6-T, 7-F, 8-T, 9-F, 10-T

C. Fill Blanks: 1-idiom, 2-common, 3-confusing, 4-meaning, 5-phrase

D. Comprehension:

1. It means it is raining very hard outside.
2. It means "good luck" — people say it before a big game or a school play.
3. The passage says you should try to learn one new idiom every week.

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