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Word Power

Idioms

Idioms are expressions which are commonly used in everyday conversation. The meaning of an idiom is different from the meanings of its individual words.

Examples:

eager beaver

Rajbeer is an eager beaver in school!

(Rajbeer is very enthusiastic and hard-working in school!)

let the cat out of the bag

Nitika promised to not let the cat out of the bag.

(Nitika promised to not reveal the secret)



Your Turn to Try

Use the following idioms in sentences of your own.

1. on cloud nine
2. laugh up your sleeve
3. take the bull by the horns
4. to keep one on their toes
5. weather the storm





Proverbs

A **proverb** is a short saying that expresses a general truth or wisdom. Proverbs are passed down from one generation to another, and have become a part of everyday conversation.

Examples:

Make hay while the sun shines.
to make good use of an opportunity while it lasts

Charity begins at home.
one must take care of those living close to them before helping those who stay further away

Your Turn to Try

Find the meaning of these proverbs and think of situations where they may be used.

1. The proof of the pudding is in the eating.
2. A stitch in time saves nine.
3. Birds of a feather flock together.
4. Blood is thicker than water.
5. Prevention is better than cure.



