

GT July Enrichment

Parents/Guardians,

These ELA & Math resources will enrich and add depth to the thinking of your GT student through the summer because they encourage:

- Multiple pathways for solutions
- Analysis of word relationships and letters within words
- Backwards thinking (What doesn't belong?)
- Analogies
- Logic
- Creativity
- Student choice
- Multi-step problems
- Ranking (requiring analyzation)
- Analyzation of different number combinations to arrive at answers
- Error analysis

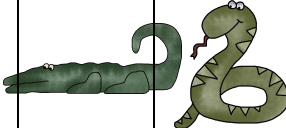
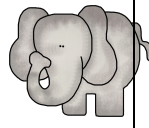

Until next time,

Your GT Coach

Logic Puzzles





The Nelsen's favorite Zoo animals.

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Erin			
Brody			
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Elle			

How do they like to travel?

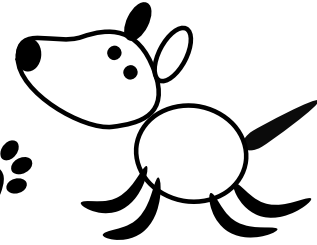
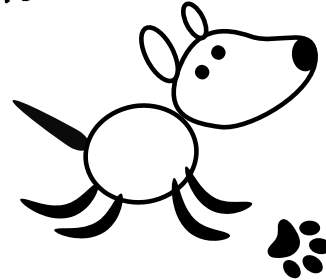
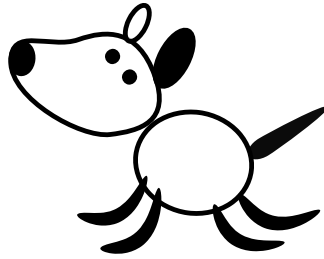
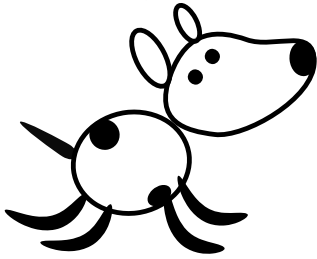
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Amber				
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Name _____

Read and fill in the chart.

MR BAKER'S PUPPIES



1 Mr Baker's got four puppies, two boys and two girls. Their names are Brownie, Muffin, Biscotti and Cookie.

2 The puppy in basket number 3 has got long legs and small eyes.

3 Brownie's got big eyes. HE is in basket number 1.

4 Three puppies have got small eyes but only two have got short legs.

5 The puppy in basket number 3 is a girl. Her name is NOT Muffin

6 The puppy in basket number 2 has got long legs and small eyes. HIS name is Biscotti.

name	BROWNIE			
basket number		3		
long or short legs	SHORT		LONG	
big or small eyes				
boy or girl				GIRL

Name/s: -----

All of Katrina's friends got new pets this summer. Her mom says that their apartment building will not allow pets. Katrina is making a chart of all her friends, their new pets, the pet's names and where her friend got the animal. Help Katrina make the chart.

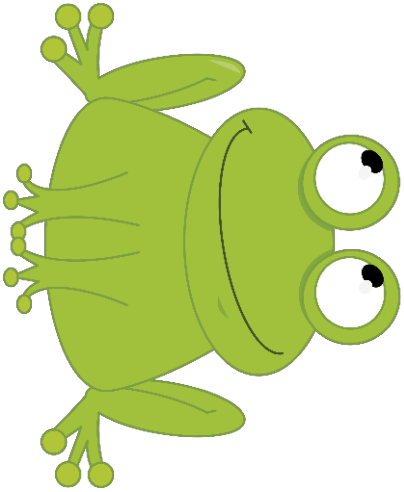
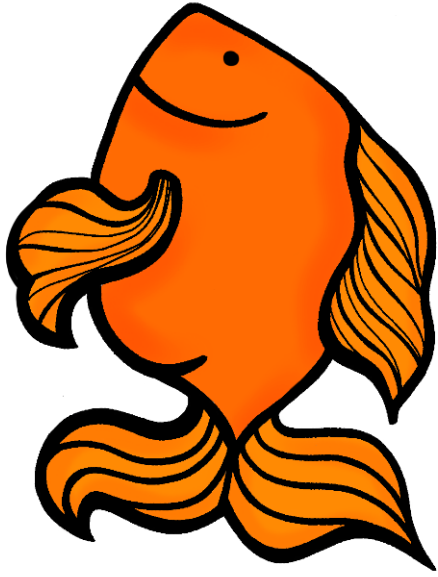
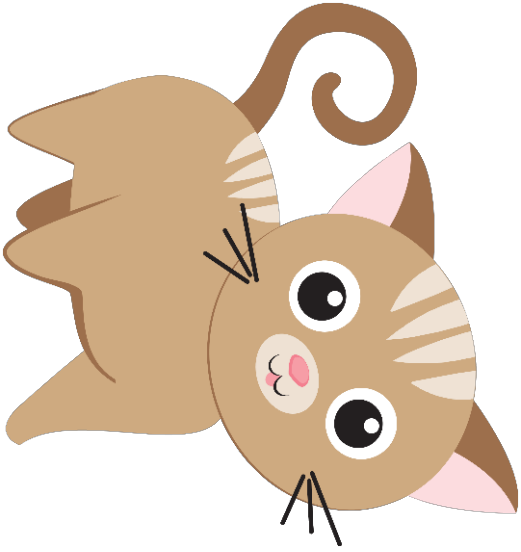
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Freddy's
Pet Store

Pet Rescue

Pet Mart

Pond



Kennedi

Ginger

Uno

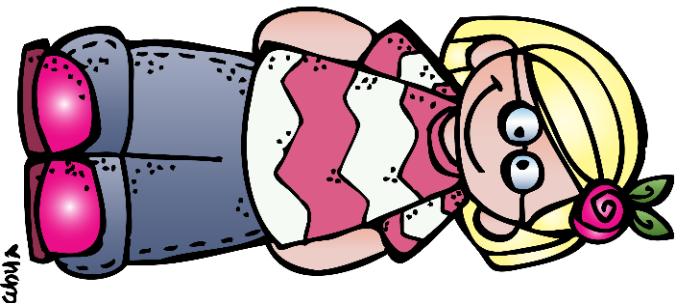
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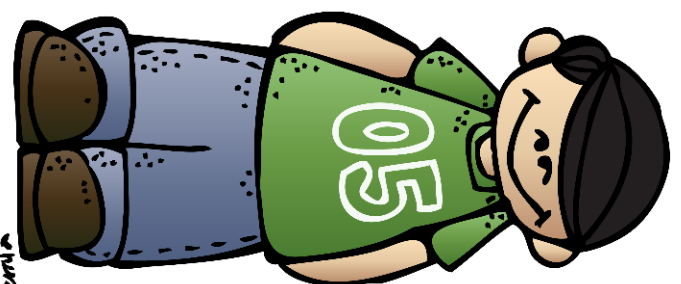
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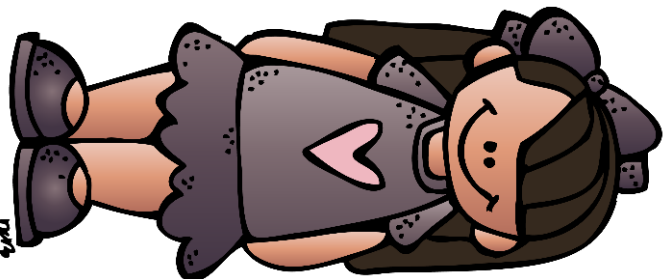
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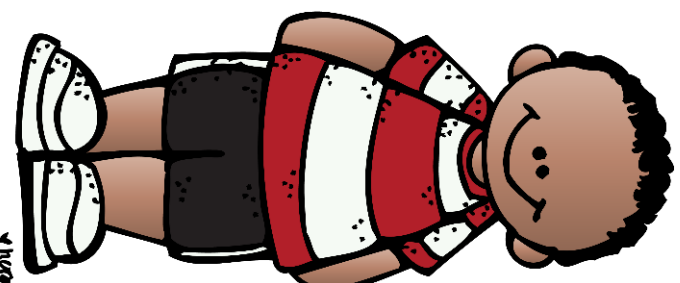
Nolan's Mom had to
fill out adoption
papers before they
could bring Spike
home.



Queenie the Frog
was found by two
brothers out on a
walk.



Pet Mart just sold
their last goldfish to
a girl whose name
ends in "E".



Kennedi's dad is
upset because her
new pet kept him
up all night crying.

The ZOO

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Finding Totals

1

Joe likes to collect and trade watches. On Friday, he had 23 watches in his collection.

On Saturday, he went to a flea market and bought 4 more watches for \$2.00 each. On Sunday, he went to 3 garage sales and bought 2 watches at each sale for \$1.00 each.

How many watches did Joe have on Sunday after his last purchase?

ALTERNATE QUESTION: *How much did the new watches cost him all together?*

2

Rosa's father gave her 42 stamps. Her goal is to have a collection of 100 stamps.

She bought 12 stamps at a shop and ordered 9 stamps from a magazine. Then she bought a special set of 14 stamps from the post office.

How many does she still need to reach her goal?



3

Shawn has 440 basketball cards so far. By the end of the month, he wants to own a total of 500.

The cards come in packs of 5. The first week of the month, he bought 4 packs of cards. The second week, he bought 3 packs. He bought 2 packs during the third week and 2 packs during the fourth week.

Did he reach his goal of 500 cards?

4

Bridget Baxter's mother has 28 refrigerator magnets. The Baxters decide to give Mrs. Baxter more magnets for her birthday.

Bridget gives her mother 2 magnets. Her brother gives their mother 4 magnets. Bridget's 2 sisters give their mother 3 magnets each, and Mr. Baxter gives his wife a set of 5.

After receiving her gifts, how many magnets does Mrs. Baxter have all together?

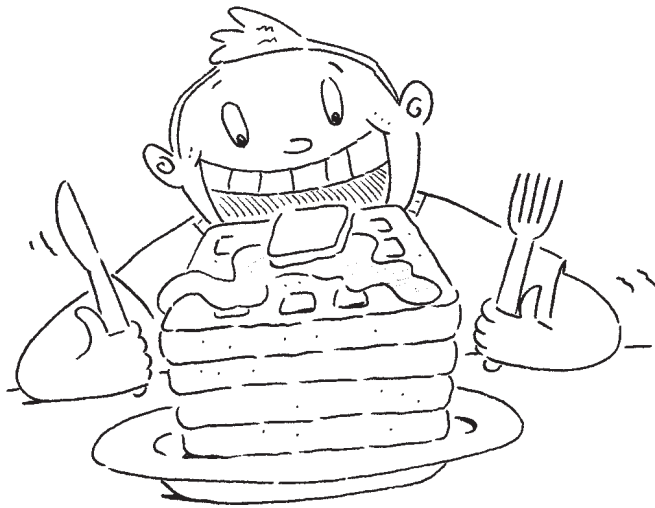
ALTERNATE QUESTION: *How many magnets did the family give Mrs. Baxter all together?*

5

Ernie loves waffles. On Monday he ate 3 waffles. On Tuesday, he ate 6 waffles.

For the next 3 days, he ate 2 waffles a day. On Saturday and Sunday, he ate 4 waffles each day.

How many waffles did Ernie eat that week all together?



6

Boris and Eddie played their favorite video game 2 hours a day for 4 days in a row.

On Monday, Boris earned 500 points and Eddie earned 450. On Tuesday, Boris earned 350 points and Eddie earned 520. On Wednesday, Boris earned 200 points and Eddie earned 180. On Thursday, Boris earned 600 points and Eddie earned 570.

Who had the most points at the end of the four days?



Sunbooks for “Every-day” Idioms

When they first appear, idioms are novel and unique. Over time, their origins often are lost or forgotten. Brighten up your classroom with a vibrant, spinning display of sunbooks that encourage your students to learn about the origins of idioms.

Idioms

- ◆ Call it a day
- ◆ Dog days of summer
- ◆ Field day
- ◆ Red-letter day
- ◆ Rome was not built in a day
- ◆ Save for a rainy day



Try This Idea!

Hang a string across your classroom. Tie pieces of thread of varying lengths along the string. Tie a paper clip to the end of each piece of thread. Paper-clip the tops of each sunbook to the thread to create a long mobile of students' work. When a breeze blows past the sunbooks they spin, creating a vibrant display to jazz up your classroom!

What to Do

- MATERIALS**
- two copies (on white paper) of the drawing template (page 10) for each student
 - two copies (on colored paper, if possible) of the writing template (page 11) for each student
 - colored pencils
 - scissors
 - glue sticks

1. Review the six “day-related” idioms on page 9 with your students. Discuss their meanings, their usage, and their origins.
2. Have each student choose one of the six idioms for which they will construct a sunbook.
3. Give two copies of each template to each student.
4. Each sunbook will have four pages.

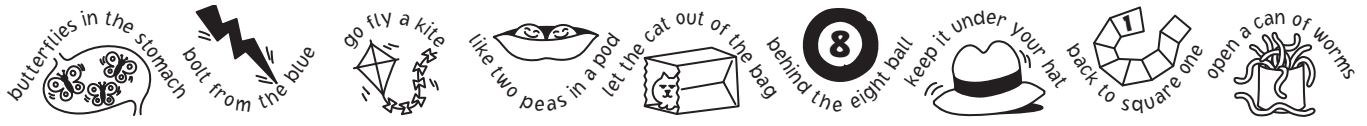
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5. After students have filled out each of the pages, they should cut out the shapes and follow the directions for constructing the sunbooks (at the bottom of both template pages).



Meanings and Origins of “Every-day” Idioms

The following descriptions are taken from the *Scholastic Dictionary of Idioms* by Marvin Terban (Scholastic, 1996), a wonderful resource that contains more than six hundred idioms and their origins.

Call It a Day

Meaning: to stop work for the day; to bring a project to an end for the time being

Origin: The idea expressed in this idiom is that a certain amount of work is enough for one day. When you’ve done that amount, you should “call it a day,” meaning to declare that you’ve done a full day’s work and that you’re stopping.

Dog Days of Summer

Meaning: the hottest and most humid days of summer, usually much of July and August

Origin: In ancient Roman times people who studied astronomy knew that Sirius, the Dog Star, rose and set with the sun during the hottest weeks of the year, July through mid-August. People thought that the heat from the Dog Star combined with the heat from the sun to make those weeks extra hot. That’s why people today call this uncomfortable time the “dog days.” People tend to get bored and tired at this time because it’s so hot outside.

Field Day

Meaning: to have unlimited opportunities; to have it all your own way; to go all out and experience success at something

Origin: In the 1800s people from schools, fire companies, businesses, and other organizations would participate in wholesome outdoor sports on a big playing field. They would play to their heart’s content. Soon, to have a field day meant to indulge yourself in any way you wanted. Even today, some schools have a “field day.”

Red-Letter Day

Meaning: a day remembered as especially happy and significant

Origin: In medieval times, religious festivals, holidays, and saints’ days were printed in red ink on church calendars. (The other days were in black.) The “red-letter days” were the really special ones. Any day remembered because it’s particularly pleasant or important can be called a red-letter day no matter what color ink it’s printed in on your calendar.

Rome Was Not Built in a Day

Meaning: a difficult or important goal or task cannot be achieved quickly or all at once

Origin: Rome, the beautiful city on the Tiber River in Italy, was the capital of the Roman Empire. It took centuries for Rome to be built to its full glory. There’s a lesson in that. If “Rome wasn’t built in a day,” then you should be willing to persevere when you’re working on a project. Major accomplishments don’t happen overnight. Two similar proverbs are “where there’s a will, there’s a way” and “if at first you don’t succeed, try, try again.”

Save for a Rainy Day

Meaning: to save for a time of need; to put something away for the future

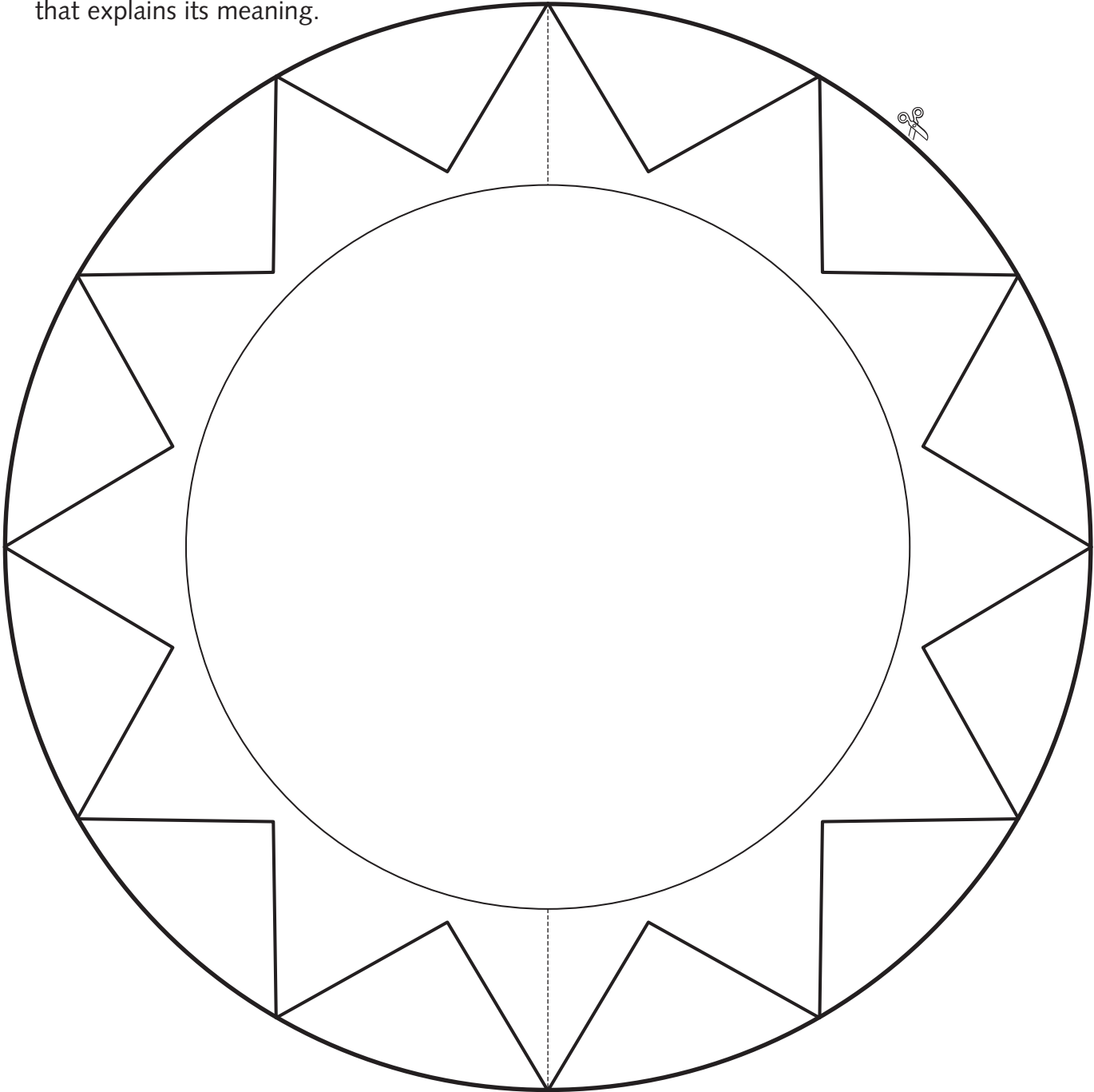
Origin: Since the sixteenth century, “rainy day” has meant a time of need, misfortune, hardship, and affliction. So if things are “sunny” for you now, don’t waste everything you have. Put some away for a “rainy day” because circumstances may change.

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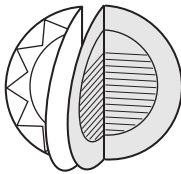
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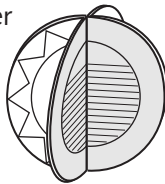
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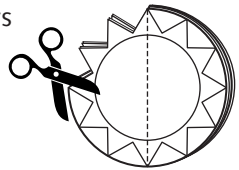
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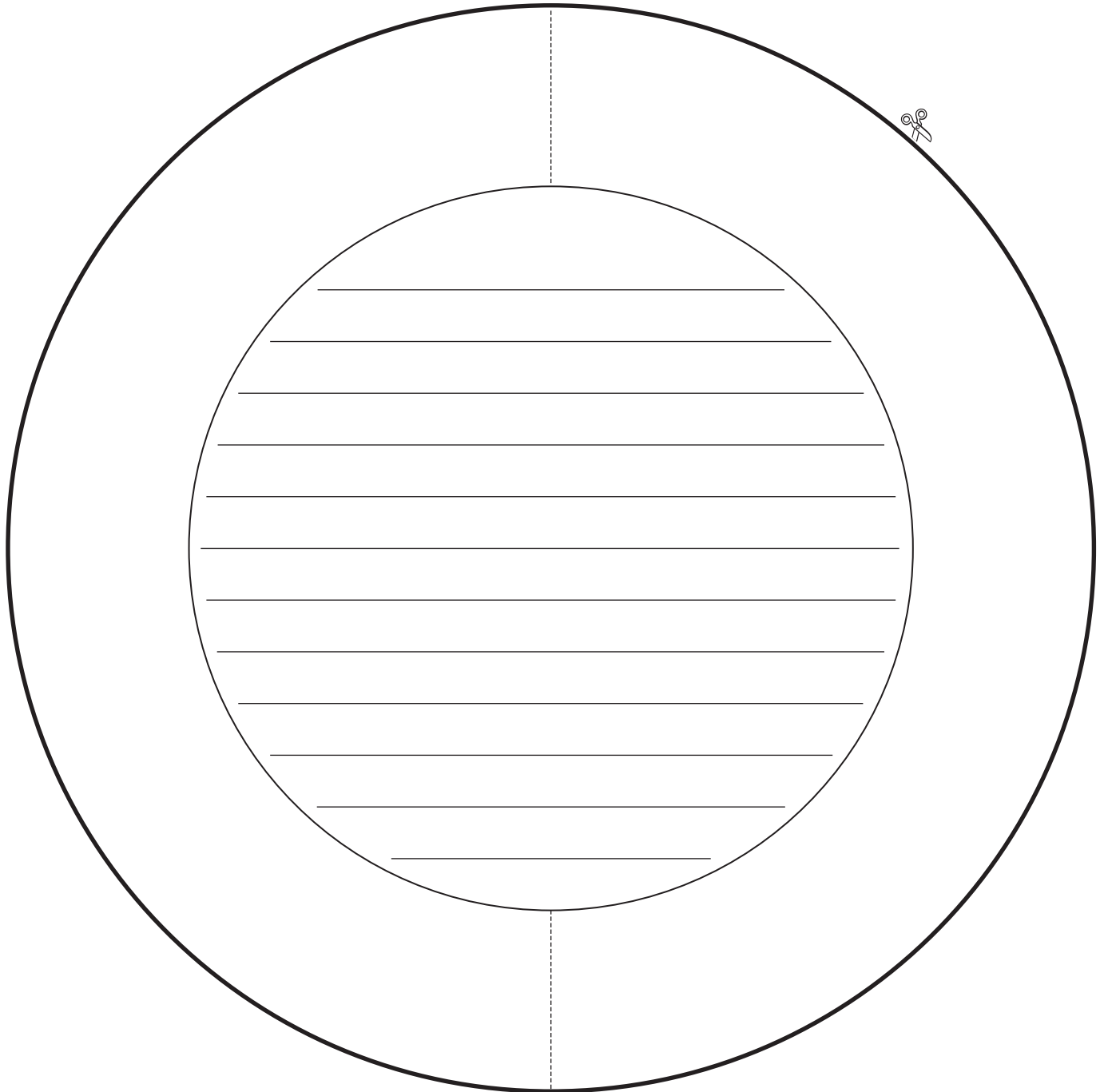


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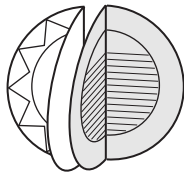
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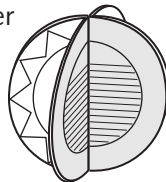
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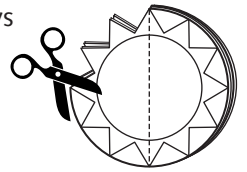
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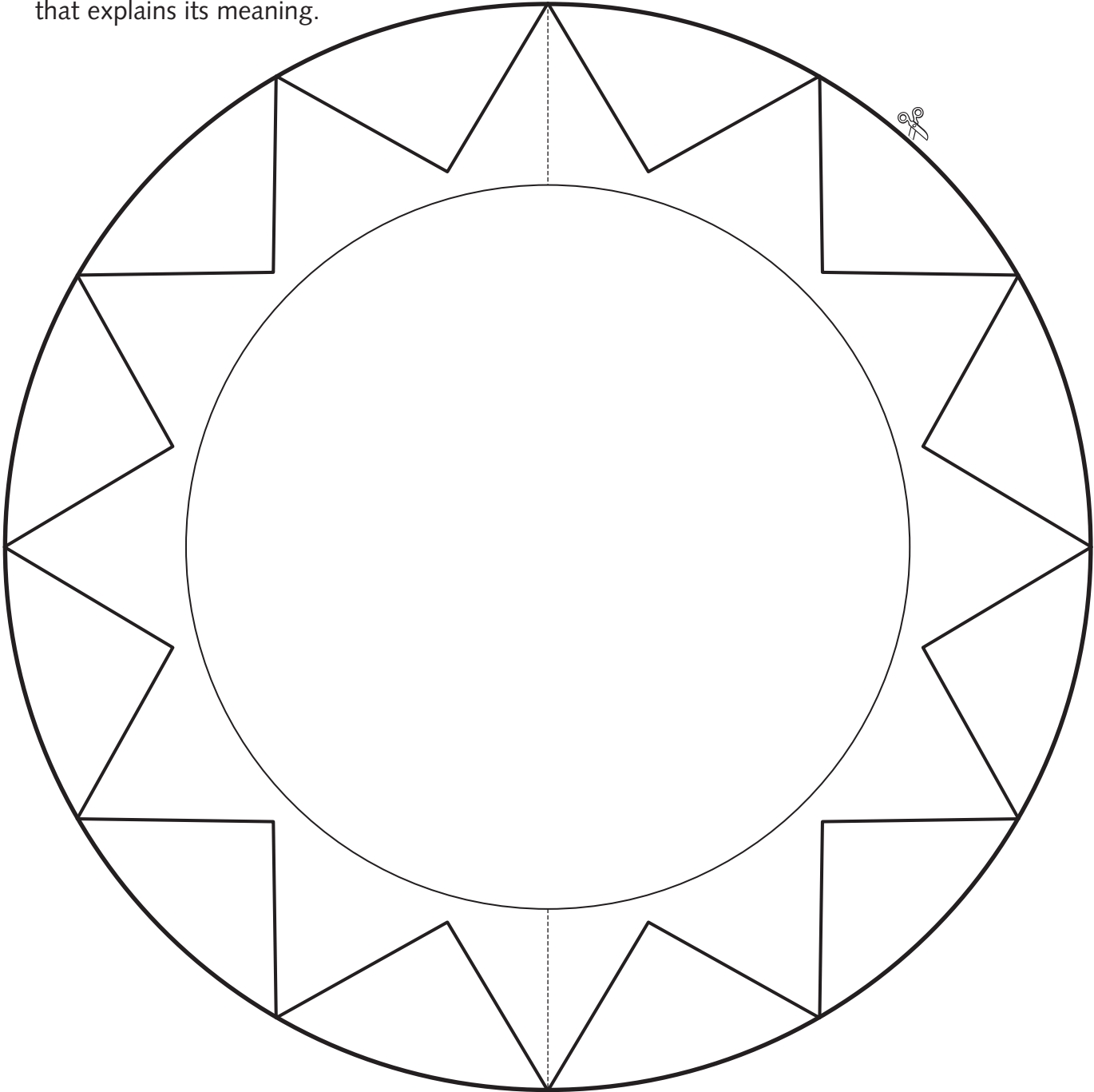


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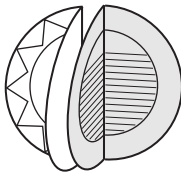
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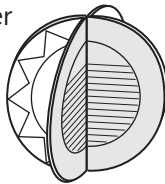
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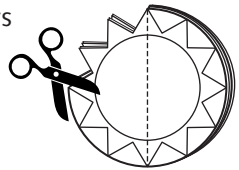
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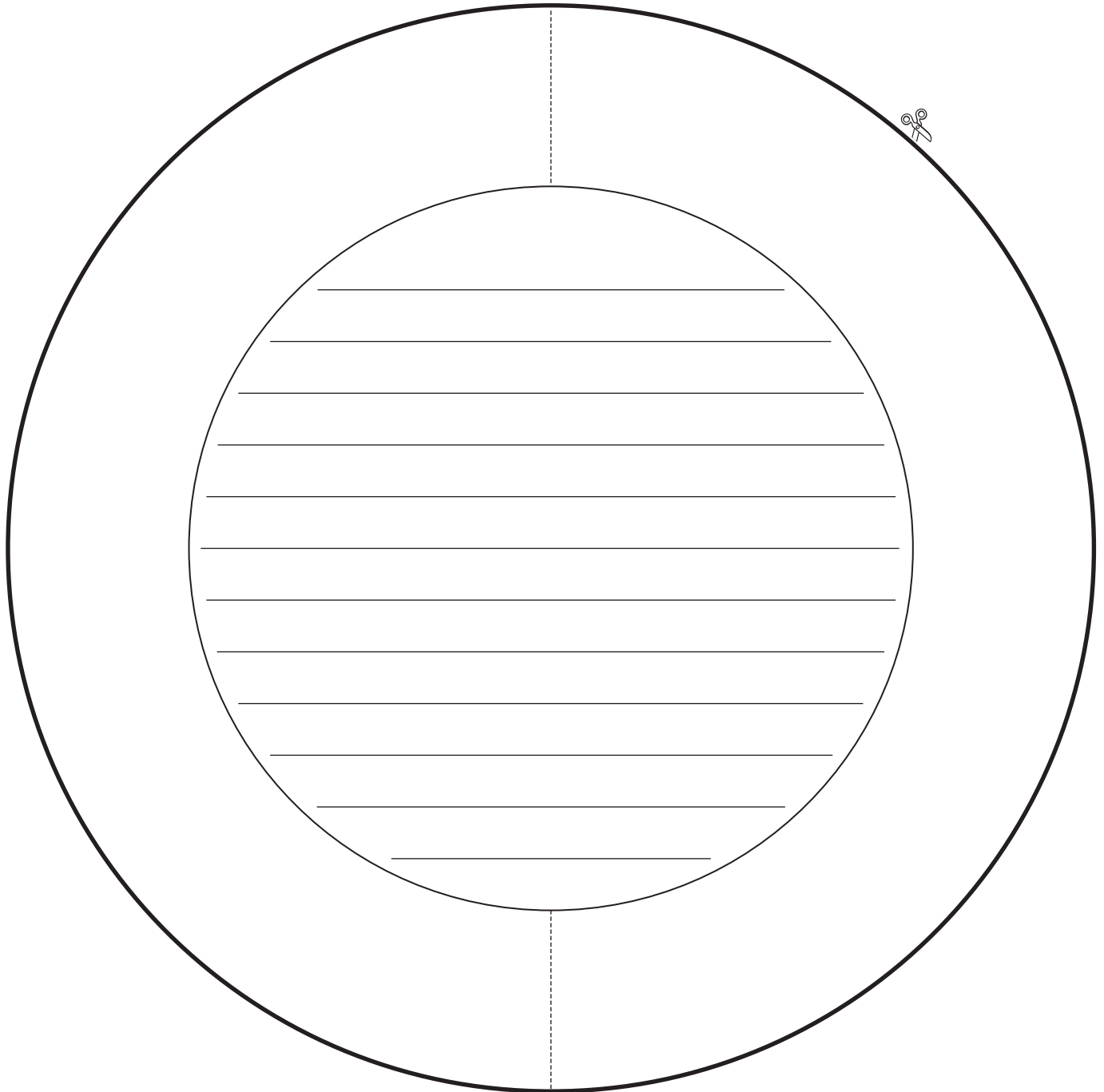


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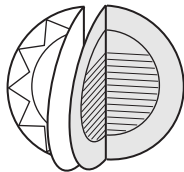
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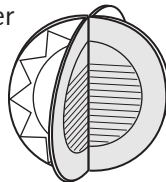
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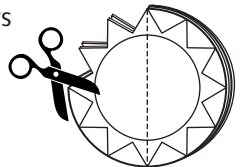
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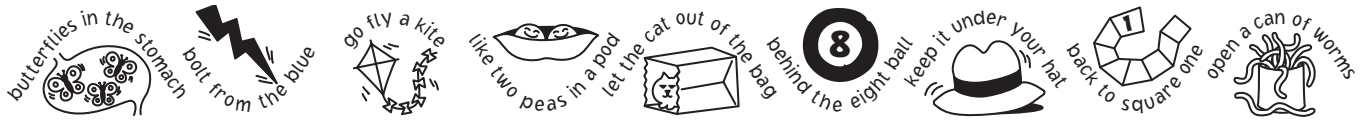


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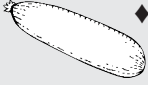





Food for Thought

Give your students some food for thought as they create idiom snacks and write creative stories that tie the idioms together.

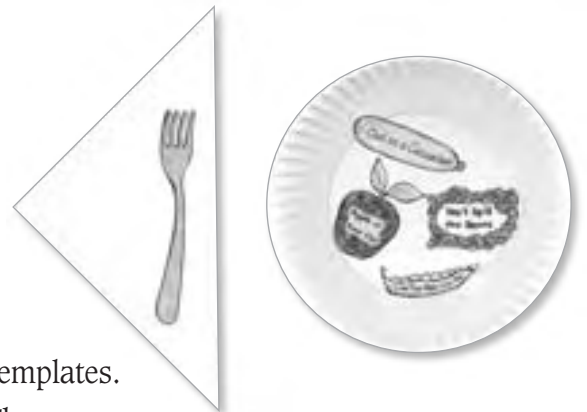
Suggested Idioms

 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Apple of your eye ◆ Rotten apple spoils the barrel ◆ Upset the applecart 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Full of beans ◆ Spill the beans 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ From soup to nuts ◆ Hard nut to crack
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Go bananas ◆ Top banana 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Bowl of cherries 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Like two peas in a pod
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Cool as a cucumber 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Drop you like a hot potato

What to Do

- MATERIALS**
- copies of the napkin and food templates (pages 40 and 41)
 - scissors
 - colored pencils
 - glue sticks
 - paper plates
 - highlighter

1. Give each student a paper plate and a copy of the two templates.
2. Have students choose four idioms from the list above. They should write the related idiom on each piece of food from the food template and color the illustration.
3. Direct them to cut out each food item and use a glue stick to attach it to the paper plate.
4. Ask students to write a creative short story on their “Food for Thought” napkin template that uses the four idioms they chose. If desired, have students use a highlighter to call out each of the idioms in the story. Remind them to sign their names at the end of the story.
5. Finally, have students cut out the napkin template and fold it in half diagonally so it looks like a napkin. They can then cut out the fork and glue it to the napkin as a finishing touch.



Try This Idea!

Staple each student's plate and napkin onto the bulletin board. Create a banner that reads “Food for Thought.”

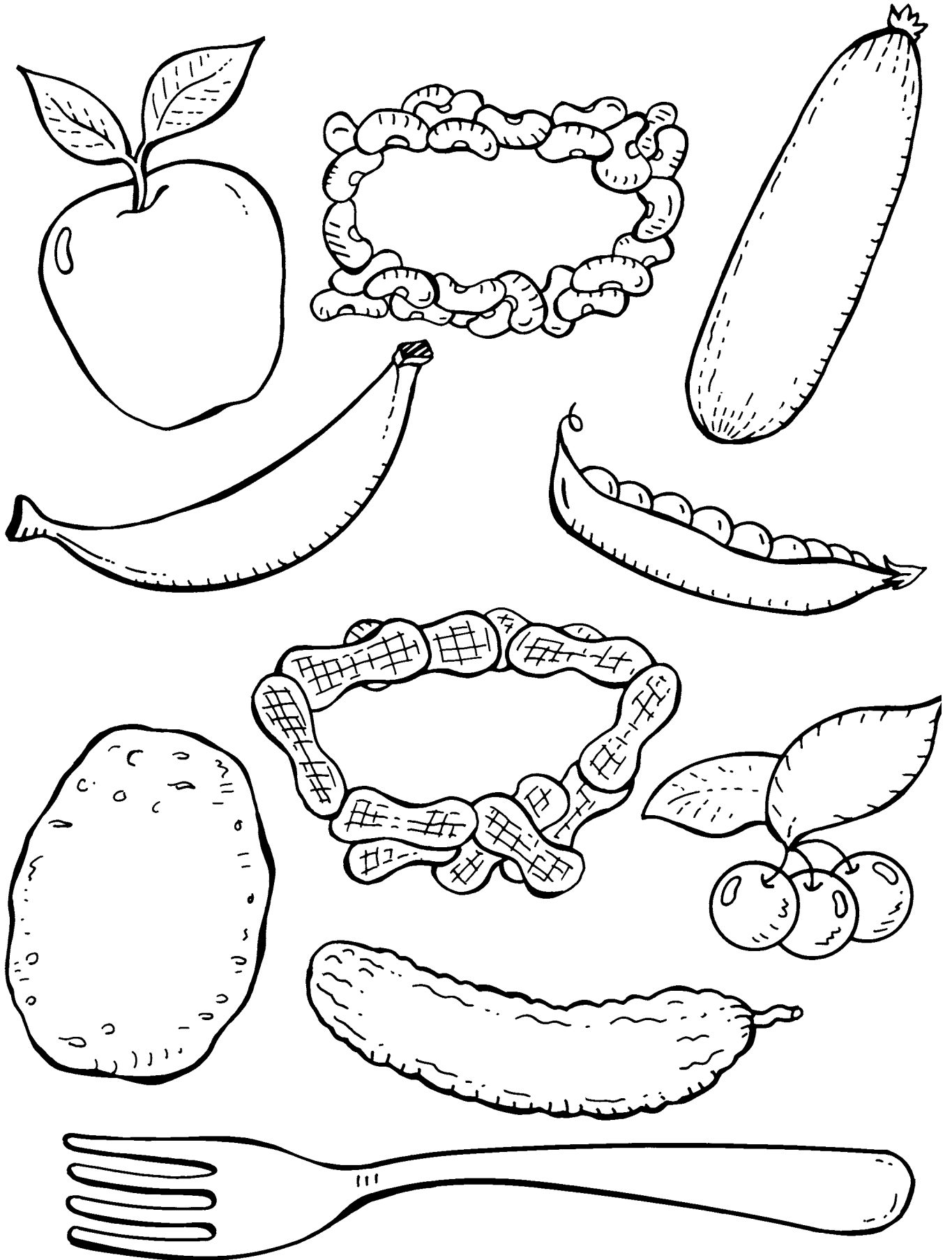


Food for Thought

Name _____ Date _____

Food for Thought

Food Template



Answer Key for Enrichment Resources

The answers are arranged in the same order as they appear in the packet. The highlighted pages are the answers for your grade's enrichment activities.

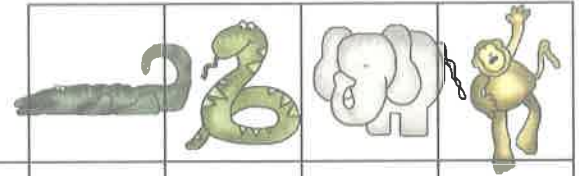
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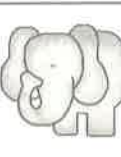

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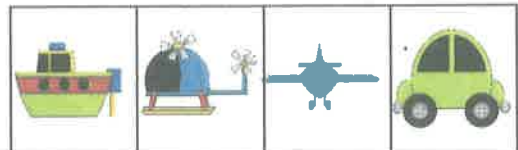






				
Erin	X	X	O	X
Brody	X	O	X	X
Eric	O	X	X	X
Elle	X	X	X	O

How do they like to travel?

1. Neither Nathan or Jaden like to fly.
2. Amber prefers to travel by air.
3. Nathan does not like water.
4. Matthew likes to look out over the wing when he travels.

Amber - helicopter
 Nathan - car
 Matthew - plane
 Jaden - boat



				
Amber	X	O	X	X
Nathan	X	X	X	O
Matthew	X	X	O	X
Jaden	O	X	X	X

Mr Baker's puppies

puzzle answer sheet

name	BROWNIE	COOKIE	BISCOTTI	MUFFIN
basket number	1	3	2	4
long or short legs	SHORT	LONG	LONG	SHORT
big or small eyes	BIG	SMALL	SMALL	SMALL
boy or girl	BOY	GIRL	BOY	GIRL



Katrina's Friends' Pets

Teacher Key

Pet	Pet Name	Pet Owner	Where the Owner Bought the Pet
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Kitty	Spike	Nolan	Pet Rescue
Frog	Queenie	Andy	Pond
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Solutions and Answers

Here are the answers to the questions, along with the steps taken to solve each problem. Students may take a different approach to solving a problem than is explained here.

ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION

Set 1 (pages 12–13)

- 23 watches + 4 more on Saturday = 27
 $27 + (2 \times 3) = 33$ watches
ALTERNATE: $4 \times \$2 = \8 ; $6 \times \$1 = \6 ; $\$8 + \$6 = \$14$
- $42 + 12 + 9 + 14 = 77$ stamps purchased
 $100 - 77 = 23$ stamps needed
- $440 + (4 \times 5) + (3 \times 5) + (2 \times 5) + (2 \times 5) = 495$ cards purchased
 $500 - 495 = 5$ cards left
No, Shawn did not reach his goal.
- 28 (already owned) + 2 + 4 + 6 + 5 = 45 magnets
ALTERNATE: $2 + 4 + 6 + 5 = 17$ magnets
- $3 + 6 + (3 \times 2) + (4 + 4) = 23$ waffles
- Boris's total: $500 + 350 + 200 + 600 = 1,650$
Eddie's total: $450 + 520 + 180 + 570 = 1,720$
Eddie had the highest overall total.

Set 2 (pages 14–15)

- 2 (Monday) + 5 (Tuesday) = 7
 7 (Wednesday) + 9 (Thursday) = $16 + 2$ (Friday) = 18
 $7 + 18 = 25$ cents
- Group 1: 24 (Monday) + 26 (Tuesday) = 50 taxis
Group 2: 7 (Monday) + 6 (Tuesday) = 13 buses
Group 3: 31 (Monday) + 34 (Tuesday) = 65 trucks
ALTERNATE: $50 + 13 + 65 = 128$ vehicles
- Alexa: $(4 \times \$1) \times 10 = \40
Barker: $(4 \times \$1) \times 12 = \48
Crystal: $(5 \times \$1) \times 20 = \100
 $\$40 + \$48 + \$100 = \188
- Monday = 1; Tuesday = 2; Wednesday = 3;
Thursday = 2; Friday = 1
 $1 + 2 + 3 + 2 + 1 = 9$ inches
- Monday: 20 pencils, 6 erasers
Wednesday: 10 pencils, 12 erasers
Friday: 40 pencils, 24 erasers
 $20 + 10 + 40 = 70$ pencils; $6 + 12 + 24 = 42$ erasers
ALTERNATE: $70 \times \$1.0 = \7.00 ; $42 \times \$0.25 = \10.50 ;
 $\$7.00 + \$10.50 = \$17.50$
- Week 1 = 98; Week 2 = 198; Week 3 = 99; Week 4 = 107 bars

$$98 + 198 + 99 + 107 = 502 \text{ bars sold}$$

ALTERNATE: $502 \times \$0.50 = \251 total sales of bars

Set 3 (pages 16–17)

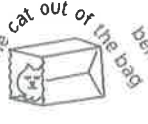
- Barry: $56 + 9 - 12 = 53$ marbles
Brian: $47 - 9 + 12 = 50$ marbles
- Carmen: $\$7.36 - \$1.25 - \$1.40 + \$1.40 = \$6.11$
Christine: $\$8.69 + \$1.25 - \$1.40 - \$1.80 = \$6.74$
- Lost tennis balls: $8 + 5 + 3 = 16$
 $40 - 16 = 24 + 4$ (found on court) = 28 tennis balls
ALTERNATE: $40 - 28 = 12$ tennis balls lost
- Angelica: $63 - 13 + 7 = 57$ charms
Brittany: $49 + 13 - 7 = 55$ charms
ALTERNATE: Angelica had 2 more charms.
- $\$2.39 + \$1.00 + \$0.03 + \$1.10 = \$3.52$
ALTERNATE: $\$3.50 - 2.39 = \1.11
- $28 \times 5 = 140$ balloons to start
 $140 - (24 + 11) = 105$ left after losses
 $105 + 10$ (from Ms. Penny's desk) = 115 balloons

Set 4 (pages 18–19)

- 1993 (Diana's birth) – 1939 (Grandma's birth) = 54 years old
- $1985 + 12 = 1997$ (year he sold the car)
 $1997 - 1957 = 40$ years old
- $18 - 9 = 9$ years old
- $1994 - 2 = 1992$ (year Sumi is born)
 $2000 - 1992 = 8$ years old
- $1995 - 1942 = 53$ years old (grandfather's age)
 $1995 - 1968 = 27$ years old (father's age)
- $1988 - 1960 = 28$ years old
ALTERNATE: $1988 - 1936 = 52$ years

Set 5 (pages 20–21)

- $2000 - 191 = 1809$
- $1938 - 37 = 1901$
- $1800 - 57 = 1743$
- $1954 - 18 = 1936$
- $1881 - 25 = 1856$
- $1791 + 9 = 1800$



For Sunbooks for "Every-day" Idioms
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Glossary

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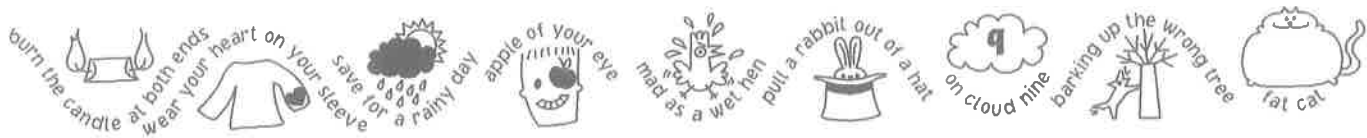
A

- Add fuel to the fire** to make a bad situation worse; to do or say something that causes more trouble, makes someone angrier
- Air your dirty laundry in public** to talk about your private disagreements or embarrassing matters in public, usually while quarreling
- Albatross around your neck** a very difficult burden that you can't get rid of or a reminder of something you did that was wrong
- All ears** eager to listen; sharply attentive; curious
- All thumbs** awkward and clumsy, especially with the hands
- Ants in your pants** extreme restlessness; overactivity
- Apple of your eye** a person or thing that is greatly loved, treasured, and adored
- As the crow flies** by the shortest and most direct route; measured in a straight, direct line between two places
- Asleep at the switch** not attending to one's job or failing to react quickly; not being alert
- At the end of your rope** at the limit of your ability, endurance, or patience to do something

B

- Babe in the woods** a person who is inexperienced; a naive, trusting person
- Back to square one** return to the beginning because of a failure to accomplish the desired result
- Backseat driver** a bossy person who tells another person what to do; a person who gives unwanted advice and directions

- Bark is worse than your bite** the way a person sounds is much more frightening than the way she or he acts; the threat is often worse than the action taken
- Barking up the wrong tree** to direct your attention or efforts toward the wrong person or thing; to have the wrong idea about something
- Bats in your belfry** a person who has crazy ideas or acts irrationally
- Beat a dead horse** to pursue a useless goal; to continue fighting a battle which has been lost; to keep arguing a point which has already been decided
- Beauty is in the eye of the beholder** there is no standard for beauty, so what one person likes or sees in someone or something is not necessarily what others see; different people have different opinions
- Bee in your bonnet** a crazy idea; an obsession with an idea
- Beggars can't be choosers** needy people have to take whatever they can get and cannot be concerned about the quality if they cannot afford to buy it for themselves
- Behind the eight ball** in trouble or out of luck; in a difficult position or in a bad situation with little hope of winning
- Below par** unsatisfactory; below expectations
- Better half** either partner in marriage
- Between a rock and a hard place** being in a very tight spot and faced with a difficult decision
- Bird in the hand is worth two in the bush** what you already have is better than what you might or might not get in the future; a guarantee is worth more than a promise



Birds of a feather flock together people who have things in common, such as interests and ideas, usually hang out together; people who are alike often become friends

Bite off more than you can chew to take on a task that is more than you can accomplish; to be greedy, overconfident, or too ambitious by taking on more jobs or responsibilities than you can deal with at one time

Bite the bullet prepare for an unpleasant experience; brace yourself to endure with courage something painful but necessary

Bite the dust to die; to fall in defeat; to fail to succeed

Bite the hand that feeds you to turn against someone who helps you; to do harm to someone who does good things for you

Black sheep of the family the most unsuccessful, least admirable member of a family or similar group; a disgraced person

Bleeding heart an extremely softhearted person who feels compassion or pity towards all people, including those who may not deserve sympathy

Blood is thicker than water one can expect more kindness from a family member than from a stranger; a person will do more for a relative than for anyone else

Blow your stack see *Hit the roof*

Blue blood of high or noble birth; an aristocrat; from the upper class of society

Bolt from the blue something sudden, unexpected, and shocking

Born with a silver spoon in your mouth born to wealth, comfort, and privilege

Bowl of cherries a wonderful, pleasant situation or position; an easy, comfortable life

Bring down the house to get an audience to clap enthusiastically or laugh loudly

Bug off to leave someone alone; go away; stop annoying someone

Bull in a china shop a clumsy person who deals too roughly with a delicate situation; a rough person who is near breakable things; a tactless person who says or does something that angers people or upsets their plans

Burn the candle at both ends to overwork yourself mentally or physically and until you're exhausted

Burn the midnight oil to stay up very late at night studying or working

Burn your bridges behind you to make a decision you cannot change; to commit oneself to a course of action

Burn yourself out to exhaust yourself by overworking physically or mentally

Bury your head in the sand to ignore danger by pretending you don't see it; to hide from obvious signs of danger

Busy as a beaver working very hard; extremely industrious

Busy as a bee see *Busy as a beaver*

Butter someone up to flatter someone; to try to get a favor by praising someone

Butterflies in the stomach a fluttery feeling in the stomach, usually caused by nervousness

Button your lip to stop talking; be quiet

Buy a pig in a poke to buy something without seeing or examining it

By the skin of your teeth by an extremely narrow margin; with practically no room to spare; just barely

C

Call it a day to stop work for the day; to bring a project to an end for the time being

Call the shots to make the decisions; to be in charge; to give orders

Can't see the forest for the trees to overlook the overall situation because of a focus on small details; to be so involved in details that you miss the whole picture

Cast the first stone to be the first to attack, blame, or criticize someone; to lead accusers against a wrongdoer

Cat got your tongue? Is there a reason that you're not speaking?

Catch someone red-handed to catch someone in the act of doing something wrong

Chew the fat to have a friendly, informal talk; to chat in a relaxed way



Chew up the scenery to overact; to exaggerate your emotions

Chicken feed a very small or insignificant amount of money

Chickens come home to roost words or actions come back to haunt a person; evil acts will return to plague the doer

Chip off the old block a child who resembles a parent in behavior, looks, or abilities

Clean as a hound's tooth completely free from dirt; perfectly neat (also *Clean as a whistle*)

Climb the walls to be frustrated or anxious during a challenging situation; to be unable to endure

Cold turkey the sudden stopping of any habit

Come up smelling like a rose to get out of a possibly embarrassing or disgraceful situation without hurting your reputation, and maybe even improving it

Cook your goose to put an end to; to ruin someone's plans

Cool as a cucumber very calm; not nervous or emotional

Cost an arm and a leg very expensive; high-priced, though possibly not worth the cost

Crocodile tears fake tears; false grief

Cross that bridge when you come to it don't predict problems until they actually happen; don't worry about future events now; don't deal with a difficulty until you have to

Cut off your nose to spite your face to injure yourself out of anger toward another; to make a situation worse for yourself when angry with someone

D

Dark-horse candidate a contestant about whom little is known and who wins unexpectedly

Dead as a dodo totally dead or hopeless; without a chance of success (also *Dead as a doornail*)

Dead duck a person who is ruined; a person or project unlikely to continue or survive

Dog days of summer the hottest and most humid days of summer, usually much of July and August

Dog-eat-dog world a way of life marked by fierce competition in which people compete ruthlessly for survival or success

Dog's life a bleak, harsh, terrible existence without much happiness or freedom

Don't count your chickens before they hatch don't count on profits before you earn them or have them in hand

Don't look a gift horse in the mouth don't complain if a gift is not perfect; take what you've been given without criticism or emphasis on its worth

Down in the mouth sad and depressed (also *Down in the dumps*)

Down the drain lost forever; wasted

Down the hatch swallow a drink in one gulp

Down-to-the-wire running out of time; at the very last minute

Dressed to the nines wearing fashionable clothing; dressed to attract attention

Drive you up the wall to make someone angry or confused; to make somebody very annoyed or frustrated

Drop you like a hot potato to get rid of something or somebody as quickly as possible

E

Eager beaver see *Busy as a beaver*

Early bird catches the worm a person who gets up early and starts a project ahead of others has the best chance of accomplishing his or her goal

Eat crow to be forced to do something very disagreeable; to acknowledge a mistake or defeat

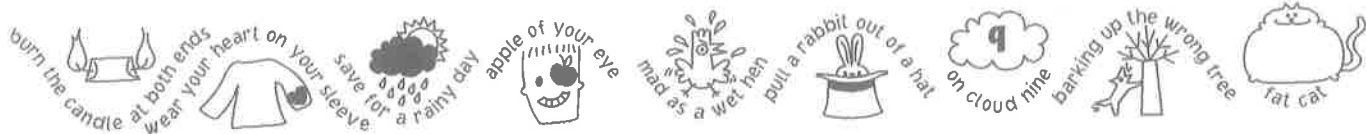
Eat your heart out to feel extremely unhappy about a hopeless situation; to make yourself sick with grief and worry

Eat your words to have to take back what you said; to admit humbly that you were wrong

Elbow grease hard, energetic manual labor

Eleventh hour at the latest possible time, just before the absolute deadline

Every cloud has a silver lining there is something good in every bad situation



Everything but the kitchen sink practically everything there is; every possible object whether needed or not

Eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth revenge or punishment exactly like the original crime or offense

Eyes in the back of your head ability to sense what is happening outside one's field of vision; ability to know what happens when one's back is turned

F

Face the music to endure the consequences of one's actions; to take what you have coming to you

Fat cat a wealthy person; a rich benefactor

Feel your oats to be in high spirits, energetic; to act in a proud way

Field day to have unlimited opportunities; to have it all your own way; to go all out and experience success at something

Fifth wheel an unneeded, extra person

Fish or cut bait do one thing or another, but stop delaying; make a choice; act now or give someone else a turn

Fish out of water a person who is out of his or her usual place; someone who doesn't fit in or is helpless in a situation

Fly by the seat of your pants to do something by instinct and feel without any earlier experience or instruction

Fly in the ointment a small annoyance that spoils an otherwise pleasant situation

Foam at the mouth to be uncontrollably furious, like a mad dog

Follow your nose to go straight ahead in the same direction

For the birds worthless; useless; stupid

Forty winks a short nap

Four corners of the Earth from all over the planet; all parts of a place

From soup to nuts the whole thing from beginning to end

Full of beans lively, happy and energetic, high-spirited

Full of hot air being foolish and talking nonsense; pompous; vain

G

Get a kick out of something to enjoy doing something; to get a thrill out of something

Get the pink slip to be fired

Get under your skin to bother or upset someone

Get your goat to annoy very badly; to make a person angry

Get your walking papers to be fired

Give me five to slap a person's hand as a hearty greeting or a sign of solid agreement

Give your eyeteeth for something to want something very badly; to be willing to give up something valuable to get something else

Go against the grain to oppose natural tendencies; to oppose a person's wishes or feelings; to cause anger

Go along for the ride to watch but not take part in an activity; to keep someone company

Go bananas to be or go crazy

Go climb a tree go away; leave; stop bothering me

Go fly a kite see *Go climb a tree*

Go fry an egg see *Go climb a tree*

Go jump in a lake see *Go climb a tree*

Go over like a lead balloon to fail miserably

Go over with a fine-tooth comb to search with great care or attention

Go to the dogs to decline in looks or health; to be ruined or destroyed; to ruin oneself

Go yellow to act cowardly

Gone to pot become ruined; to get worse and worse

Goody-two-shoes a person who thinks he or she is perfect and tries to be

Green thumb having a special talent for making flowers and green plants grow well

Green with envy extremely jealous



H

- Hand-to-mouth existence** to spend your salary as fast as it's earned without saving any for the future
- Hard nut to crack** a problem that's very difficult to understand or solve; a difficult person
- Have other fish to fry** to have other things to do; to not bother with one thing because you have more important things to accomplish
- Have your cake and eat it too** to spend or use something up but still have it; to have two things when you must choose one
- Have your heart in your mouth** to be extremely frightened about something
- Head and shoulders above someone** far superior; much better than
- Head in the clouds** absent-minded; daydreaming; lost in thought
- Heart's in the right place** to be well-meaning and kindhearted; to have good intentions even though mistakes occur
- High horse** acting superior and arrogant as if you were better than other people
- Hit below the belt** to use unfair tactics or be unsportsmanlike
- Hit the books** study school assignments carefully; prepare for classes by reading and doing homework
- Hit the road** to begin a journey, to leave
- Hit the roof** to lose your temper suddenly; to become violently angry
- Hit the spot** to fully satisfy and refresh, especially with food or drink
- Hold your horses** slow down; wait a minute; be patient
- Hold your tongue** struggle not to say something you want to say
- Horse of a different color** a different matter altogether; something from a different nature from that being noticed
- Hot under the collar** very angry; upset

I

- If at first you don't succeed, try, try again** don't give up; if you make a mistake you should keep working at it until you are successful
- If the shoe fits, wear it** If a remark applies to you, you should admit that it is true.
- In a pickle** see *Behind the eight ball*
- In hot water** in serious trouble or in an embarrassing situation with someone of authority
- In the doghouse** in disgrace or dislike; facing punishment
- In the driver's seat** in control; in the position of authority
- In the pink** in excellent health physically and emotionally
- It takes two to tango** two people are required to accomplish this deed

J

- Jump down your throat** to talk or scream at someone in a sudden, angry way
- Jump on the bandwagon** to become part of the newest activity because many other people are

K

- Keep something under your hat** to keep something secret
- Keep your ear to the ground** to pay attention and be well-informed
- Keep your fingers crossed** to wish for good luck and success for someone or something
- Keep your head above water** to earn enough to stay out of debt and avoid financial ruin; to do just enough to keep up with all of one's responsibilities
- Keep your nose to the grindstone** to force oneself to work hard all the time; to always keep busy
- Kill the goose that lays the golden eggs** to spoil or destroy something good out of stupidity, greed, or impatience
- Kill two birds with one stone** to do two things by one action; to get two results with just one effort
- Knee-high to a grasshopper** very young and, therefore, very short



L

Laugh out of the other side of your mouth

to be made to feel sorrow, annoyance, or disappointment after you felt happy; to cry at a change in luck after experiencing some happiness

Lay an egg

to give an embarrassing performance

Leave no stone unturned

to make all possible efforts to carry out a task or search for someone or something

Lend an ear

to listen and pay attention to

Let sleeping dogs lie

to not make trouble if you don't have to; to not make someone angry by stirring up trouble

Let the cat out of the bag

to give away a secret

Like two peas in a pod

identical; alike in looks and behavior

Little pitchers have big ears

little children, listening to the conversations of older people, often hear and understand a lot more than people give them credit for

Live high off the hog

to live in a rich style and own lots of expensive things

Lock the barn door after the horse is out

to take careful precautions to do the right thing after it is too late

Long in the tooth

old; aged

Look down your nose at someone

to think of and treat people as if they were lower in quality or ability

Look what the cat dragged in

a person who looks disheveled; the arrival of an unwanted person

M

Mad as a wet hen

very upset; extremely angry; ready to fight

Make a mountain out of a molehill

to turn a small, unimportant issue into a big, important one; to exaggerate the importance of something

Make a silk purse out of a sow's ear

to create something valuable or beautiful out of something practically worthless or ugly

Make hay while the sun shines

to make the best of a limited opportunity

Make it by a nose

to succeed at the very last moment

Make waves

to cause trouble; to upset matters; to create a disturbance

Make your mouth water

to look so attractive and desirable that it makes you want to have it very much; to want to eat or drink something that looks or smells delicious

Monkey business

silliness or fooling around; dishonest or illegal activities; idiotic pranks

More than meets the eye

there are hidden facts that can't be seen or understood right away

More than one way to skin a cat

there are several different ways of reaching the same goal

N

Name is mud

the person is in trouble, possibly doomed and worthless

Need something like a hole in the head

to have no need for something at all

Need something like a third leg

see *Need something like a hole in the head*

Needle in a haystack

something hard or impossible to find; anything hopeless (in a search)

No skin off your nose

of totally no concern to you whatsoever; it doesn't matter to you one way or the other

No spring chicken

not young anymore

O

Off the beaten track (path)

not well-known or used; an unfamiliar location; unusual; different

Off the top of your head

stating something quickly and without thinking hard about it

Off-the-wall

shocking; very unusual

Off your rocker

crazy; silly, foolish; not thinking correctly

Old wives' tale

a superstition; a belief or practice not based on fact

On cloud nine

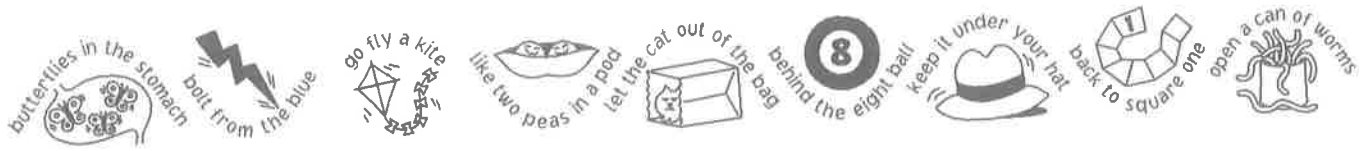
blissfully happy; joyous

On pins and needles

waiting anxiously for something; extremely nervous; in great suspense

On the ball

alert; effective; skillful; knowledgeable



On top of the world feeling extremely happy

Once bitten, twice shy when something bad happens to you, you will think twice before putting yourself in the same situation

Once in a blue moon almost never; very seldom; hardly ever

One good turn deserves another one good deed should be paid back with another

One-horse town a place with few comforts and activities; a dull rural town

One-track mind always thinking about only one subject

Open a can of worms to cause trouble; to set unpleasant events in motion

Out in left field unusual; crazy; totally wrong

Out of sight, out of mind if you don't see something for a long time, you'll eventually stop thinking about it

Out of the clear blue sky suddenly and without any warning; totally unexpectedly

Out of the frying pan and into the fire from a bad situation into one that is worse

Out of the mouths of babes children can unexpectedly say very intelligent things

Out of the woods safe from trouble or danger

Out on a limb taking a chance; in a dangerous position from which it is hard to withdraw or change

Over a barrel helpless; in someone's power; at a disadvantage

Over the hill past one's prime; unable to function as one used to; too old

Over your head a risky situation that will lead to certain failure; beyond your ability to understand something

P

Pay through the nose to pay too much for something

People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones you should not criticize others if you are just as bad as they are

Picture is worth a thousand words to actually see or experience something is much better than to merely have it described to you

Pie in the sky something not possible; an unrealistic hope

Play both ends against the middle to pit two opponents against each other in such a way as to benefit yourself; to use each of two sides for your own purpose

Play cat and mouse to fool or tease someone by pretending to let her or him go free and then catching her or him again

Play second fiddle to be a follower; to be in an inferior position

Play with fire to take an unnecessary and dangerous risk; to court danger

Poor as a church mouse very poor; poverty-stricken

Pot calling the kettle black the person criticizing another person's faults is guilty of the same faults himself or herself

Power behind the throne the actual, but unrecognized, person in charge

Pull a rabbit out of a hat to produce something that is needed as if by magic; to unexpectedly find a solution to a problem

Pull the wool over your eyes to fool, deceive, or trick someone

Pull your leg to tease or fool someone; to jokingly try to lie to somebody

Pull yourself together to regain control over one's emotions and become calm after being very upset

Put all your ducks in a row to organize or finish things before moving on to something else

Put the cart before the horse to do things in the wrong order

Put your money where your mouth is to be willing to bet on or invest your money in something you support or believe in

Q

Quick on the draw ready, alert, and quick to respond or react; mentally fast; quick to grasp information; touchy, sensitive

Quiet as a mouse silent or still; making very little noise; saying nothing; hushed, subdued



R

Raining cats and dogs to rain very heavily; to pour

Raise the roof to be very angry, complain loudly, and make trouble

Rat race a fierce, unending, stressful competition in business or society

Rats abandoning a sinking ship disloyal people who desert a failing enterprise before it's too late

Read between the lines to discern the true, hidden meaning or fact in any document or action

Red-carpet treatment great respect and hospitality given to someone important; special treatment

Red herring something deliberately misleading to divert your attention from the main subject; something irrelevant that confuses an issue

Red-letter day a day remembered as especially happy and significant

Red tape excessive formality and time-consuming, rigid adherence to rules and regulations

Right off the bat immediately, spontaneously, and without delay

Rock the boat to make trouble and disrupt a stable situation; to risk spoiling a plan; to create a disturbance

Rome was not built in a day a difficult or important goal or task cannot be achieved quickly or all at once

Rotten apple spoils the barrel one bad person or thing may spoil an entire group

Rub the wrong way to annoy and irritate someone; to handle someone insensitively

Run circles around someone to easily do something far better than someone else

Run off at the mouth to talk too much; to talk nonstop

S

Save for a rainy day to save for a time of need; to put something away for the future

Saved by the bell rescued at the last possible moment from an embarrassing or dangerous situation

Scarce as hen's teeth very, very rare or totally nonexistent

See eye to eye to agree fully; to have the same opinion

See a pink elephant to get so drunk you see things that don't exist

Sell like hotcakes to sell quickly, effortlessly, and in quantity

Seventh heaven being in an emotional state of extreme happiness

Shake a leg to hurry up; to go faster; to speed up

Shoot the breeze see *Chew the fat*

Sick as a dog very sick; suffering miserably without an ailment

Sight for sore eyes a most welcome, unexpected sight; a pleasant surprise

Sink or swim to fail or succeed by one's own efforts without anyone's help or interference

Sitting duck someone or something likely to be attacked and unable to put up a defense

Six of one and a half dozen of the other one and the same; nothing to choose between; equal

Skate on thin ice to take a big chance; to risk danger; to start out on a hazardous course of action

Skeleton in your closet a shameful and shocking secret that people try to keep hidden

Smell a rat to be suspicious; to feel that something is wrong

Smell something fishy see *Smell a rat*

Snug as a bug in a rug cozy and comfortable; safe and secure

Spare the rod and spoil the child to physically punish children when they misbehave so they'll learn to behave properly in the future

Spill the beans to give away a secret to someone who is not supposed to know it

Spitting image a perfect resemblance; an exact likeness

Still waters run deep somebody can be more knowledgeable or emotional than he or she first appears to be; a silent person may be intelligent

Stir up a hornet's nest to make many people furious; to cause trouble



Straight from the horse's mouth directly from the person or place that is the most reliable source or the best authority

Straighten up and fly right to stop behaving foolishly and start acting serious

Strike a happy medium to find a compromise to a problem; to find a sensible solution midway between two opposite desires

Strike while the iron is hot to act at the most favorable time or moment to get the best results; to take advantage of favorable conditions

Swallow hook, line, and sinker to believe a story completely without questioning it; to be very gullible

Swan song the final, farewell performance of an actor or singer; one's last words or actions

Sweep you off your feet to make a favorable impression; to affect with strong emotion or enthusiasm; to overcome someone with feelings of love or happiness so strong that he or she can't resist you

T

Take a backseat to be in an inferior position; to take second place to another person who is in control

Take someone under your wing to help, guide, or protect someone

Take the bull by the horns to act bravely in a troublesome situation; to face up to a difficult challenge by taking decisive action

That's the way the ball bounces that's the way life is; that's fate; things sometimes turn out a certain way and you can't do anything about it

That's the way the cookie crumbles see *That's the way the ball bounces*

Throw a monkey wrench into the works to interfere with a smoothly running operation; to upset something in progress

Throw the baby out with the bathwater to lose or throw out something valuable or useful when getting rid of something that is useless

Throw the book at someone to punish severely for breaking rules or the law; to give the maximum penalty

Tickled pink to be very amused or pleased; to be delighted, entertained, or extremely happy

Till the cows come home for a long, long time

Too many cooks spoil the broth a project is set back rather than helped by too many organizers; the more people who work on one project, the worse it will turn out

Top banana the leading comedian in a variety show; a boss

Touch and go very risky, uncertain, or critical

Touch something with a ten-foot pole to avoid at all costs; to stay far away from a difficult problem

True-blue very loyal, dependable, and faithful

Turn up your nose at someone to regard something with haughtiness; to be snobby; to show that someone or something is not good enough for you

Two-faced false; dishonest

Two's company, three's a crowd when you would like to do something with just one other person, a third participant would be unwelcome

U

Up a creek without a paddle in deep trouble and unable to do anything about it; in serious trouble

Up against the wall in big trouble; in a difficult or desperate situation

Upset the applecart to spoil or interfere with a plan; to obstruct progress; to mess everything up by surprise or accident

W

Walk on eggs to be very cautious; to proceed warily

Walking on air to be exuberantly happy, excited, and joyful

Watched pot never boils when waiting anxiously or impatiently for something to happen, it seems to take much longer

Water under the bridge something that happened in the past; it's too late to worry about something that already happened



Wear your heart on your sleeve to show one's emotions and feelings openly

Wet behind the ears young, inexperienced, and immature

What's good for the goose is good for the gander a rule or method of treatment that applies to one person or group must also apply to others, especially your mate

When the cat's away, the mice will play when the person in charge is absent, people will usually do as they please and take advantage of the freedom

Where there's smoke, there's fire there is always a basis for a rumor, no matter how untrue it appears; suspicious things usually mean that something is wrong

White elephant any possession that is useless, unwanted, or costs a lot of money to keep

Wild-goose chase a useless or hopeless search, especially because something does not exist or can't be found

Wolf in sheep's clothing somebody who appears to be harmless but is really dangerous

Word of mouth by one person telling another; by speaking, rather than writing

Y

You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink you can encourage, but not force, someone to do something

You can't teach an old dog new tricks people who find it difficult or impossible to change their ways or adjust to new ideas

Z

Zipper your mouth see *Button your lip*

Answers

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1. Bite the bullet
2. Wild-goose chase
3. Everything but the kitchen sink
4. Up the creek without a paddle
5. Go over with a fine-tooth comb
6. Don't open a can of worms
7. On cloud nine
8. Butterflies in the stomach
9. If at first you don't succeed, try, try again
10. Let the cat out of the bag
11. Chip off the old block
12. Make hay while the sun shines

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1. Hit the roof
2. In the driver's seat
3. Shoot the breeze
4. Don't count your chickens before they've hatched
5. Go fly a kite
6. Rock the boat
7. Bats in your belfry
8. Cost an arm and a leg
9. Take a backseat
10. Go against the grain
11. That's the way the ball bounces
12. Out of the clear blue sky

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1. fry an egg
2. skin a cat
3. hatch
4. spoil the broth
5. run deep
6. eat it too
7. make him drink
8. fly right
9. come to it
10. swim
11. throw stones
12. spoil the child
13. come home
14. spite your face
15. be choosers

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1. 6
2. 9
3. 1
4. 8
5. 40
6. 1
7. 2
8. ½
9. 2
10. 4
11. 5
12. 9
13. 1
14. 10
15. 2
16. 11
17. 5
18. 1,000
19. 2
20. 1