

Year 6 Christmas Homework - Idioms

An idiom is a phrase that has its own meaning, but you can't work out its meaning by looking at the individual words. For example "He saw the light" – this means he understood, not that he literally saw any light.

Idioms are fantastic for livening up your writing, especially when characters are having a conversation. It is also worth knowing them so that you understand if you find them in a reading book.

For your homework, we would like you to choose one or two of the idioms from the sheet – or any more you come across, and then choose some activities from the grid to complete.

Rules

You can pick any activities but you are aiming to score at least 10 points,

Your piece must have the idiom(s) written somewhere, spelled correctly,

You must include your name,

You must use at least 2 you did not already know.

Scoring:

10 points – idiom novice

15 points – idiom apprentice

20 points – idiom craftswoman or craftsman

25 points+ - idiom master

Happy idioming!

Year 6 team

For more information or ideas:

<https://www.grammarcheck.net/idioms/>

<http://www.idiomsite.com/>

<https://www.ef.co.uk/english-resources/english-idioms/>

<https://examples.yourdictionary.com/idioms-for-kids.html>

<http://www.inklyo.com/english-idioms-origins/>

	2 points	5 points	10 points
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect all the idioms you can find to do with numbers of shapes, and group them in some way. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose some idioms to write in code – any code you like (e.g. a=1, b=2 etc). Include the code so we can translate it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose 5-10 idioms and carry out a survey of your friends and family to find out which idioms they have heard of or which are their favourites. Present the results as a bar chart.
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect as many idioms as you can. • Make a poster to show an idiom and its meaning, with a picture to illustrate it. • Create an idiom word search or crossword. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a children’s story book to explain an idiom. • Write a story or a dialogue from a story, with 5-10 idioms used in the correct context. • Create a mind-map of idioms on a particular theme, e.g. animals, sport, body parts, places, food, clothes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write an idiom dictionary, including at least 10 idioms and their meanings.
Musical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a jingle using an idiom and its meaning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a song featuring idioms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a song and chorus featuring only idioms that rhyme.
ICT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a PowerPoint to share some idioms and their meanings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write some code to draw a picture based on an idiom. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a stop-motion animation based on an idiom. • Film a documentary about idioms and their meanings
Arty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a paper idiom fortune teller. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design an idiom t-shirt. • Create an idiom game. • Model an idiom in Lego. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decorate a cake to show an idiom. • Knit, embroider or cross-stitch an idiom or something that represents an idiom.
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out the origin of 2 idioms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out the origins of 5 idioms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out when some idioms were first used – in a play? A story? A speech? By whom?
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On a drawing of a body, write all the idioms to do with body parts in the correct places. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and carry out a science experiment to test an idiom, and write up the results.
Sport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create an idiom hoopla game where you have to throw the balls at the idioms and score points. Take a photo. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a commentary for a football match (or other sporting event) where the commentators use a lot of idioms. 	
Whacky		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play idiom charades with your family or friends and take photos/record the scores. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress up as an idiom and take a photo.

Idioms you could use – there are many more!

It's a storm in a tea cup
Send them to Coventry
Burn the candle at both ends
The upper crust
Turn the tables on them
Give somebody the cold shoulder
Take the rough with the smooth
Mind over matter
Age before beauty
Less haste, more speed
A little fish in a big pond
Break a leg
Third time lucky
It's a piece of cake
He's a diamond geezer
Like a fish out of water
Teaching grandma to suck eggs
Laughing my head off
She found herself in hot water
They are driving me up the wall
What does that have to do with the price of fish?
Bless your cotton socks
I'll eat my hat
I'll be there in two shakes of a duck's tail
They were over the moon
It'll be a piece of cake
It's just a drop in the ocean
They are a dime a dozen
I'd do it at the drop of a hat
That's just adding fuel to the fire
It cost an arm and a leg
It's not rocket science

It's now or never
Do or die
He who dares, wins
That'll throw the cat among the pigeons
You'll be out on your ear
We'll be doing this until the cows come home
A stitch in time saves nine
Too many cooks spoil the broth
Kick the bucket
Hang your head in shame
We are all in the same boat
It's the best thing since sliced bread
I have bigger fish to fry
As sure as eggs is eggs
By the skin of my teeth
It's raining cats and dogs
At the crack of dawn
I got out of bed on the wrong side
It's driving me round the bend
I've told her until I'm blue in the face
You could have knocked me down with a feather
It's not up to scratch
It's not the be-all and end-all
I just about split my sides laughing
Have a taste of your own medicine
That's the pot calling the kettle black
Hoist by his own petard
She's got a chip on her shoulder
It's a blessing in disguise
He's all bark and no bite
It's all Greek to me