

# An Idiom a Day Will Help Keep the Boredom In Schooling Away #3

## What are idioms?

Dictionary A-

noun- form of expression peculiar to one language; dialect

Dictionary B-

noun- A form of expression whose understood meaning is not expressed by the exact meanings of the individual words, as to *get along with*;  
the language peculiar to a people;  
a variety or form of a language;  
a dialect;

the individual terminology or manner of expression characteristic of a certain group, profession, or the like.

There are 180 lessons provided,  
which will allow you to use one a day to help keep the boredom in schooling away.

This should be a fun time of the day,  
where the children laugh and joke about the idiom, and their perception of what it means.

1. Have the students draw a picture of what these words '**should mean**' together beside A.
  2. You can either have your students look up the idioms meaning, or you can provide it to them after they have drawn their drawings for item A.
  3. Have them write a sentence using the idiom appropriately on the lines provided.
  4. Now have them draw a picture using the sentence they wrote,  
and the actual '**meaning of the idiom**' beside B.

## 1. Asleep at the Switch

**A.**

**B.**



## 2. Ax to Grind

A.

B.



### 3. Back to the Drawing Board

**A.**

**B.**



## 4. Batten Down the Hatches

**A.**

**B.**



## 5. Beat the Band

**A.**

**B.**



## 6. Behind the Eight Ball

A.

B.

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## 7. Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea

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B.

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**8. Bird in the Hand Is Worth Two in the Bush**

**A.**

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**B.**

## 9. Bite the Bullet

**A.**

**B.**

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## 10. Blind Leading the Blind

A.

B.

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## 11. Blue Blood

**A.**

**B.**



## 12. Bottom Line

A.

B.



### 13. Bowl of Cherries

A.

B.



## 14. Bug Someone

**A.**

**B.**



## 15. Burn the Midnight Oil

**A.**

**B.**





## 16. Burn Your Bridges Behind You

**A.**

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**B.**

## 17. Bursting At the Seams

**A.**

**B.**



## 18. Bury the Hatchet

**A.**

**B.**



## 19. Butter Someone Up

A.

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B.

## 20. Call You on the Carpet

**A.**

**B.**



## 21. Can't Fight City Hall

**A.**

**B.**

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## 22. Can't See the Forest for the Trees

**A.**

**B.**

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## 23. Chickens Come Home to Roost

**A.**

**B.**





## 24. Close Shave

**A.**

**B.**



**25. Come Up smelling Like a Rose**

**A.**

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**B.**

## 26. Cook Your Goose

**A.**

**B.**

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**27. Cool as a Cucumber**

**A.**

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**B.**

**28. Cut Your Nose Off to Spite Your Face**

**A.**

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**B.**

**29. Don't Look a Gift Horse in the Mouth**

**A.**

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**B.**

**30. Don't Take Any Wooden Nickels**

**A.**

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**B.**

## 31. Down in the Dumps

**A.**

**B.**





## 32. Down-to-the-Wire

**A.**

**B.**



### 33. Drive a Hard Bargain

A.

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B.

### 34. Drop in the Bucket

**A.**

**B.**



### 35. Early Bird Catches the Worm

**A.**

**B.**



## 36. Eat Humble Pie

A.

B.

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## 37. Eat Out of Your Hand

**A.**

**B.**

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## 38. Eat Your Heart Out

**A.**

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**B.**

### 39. Eat Your Words

**A.**

**B.**

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**40. Every Tom, Dick, and Harry**

**A.**

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**B.**

## 41. Everything But the Kitchen Sink

A.

B.



## 42. Face the Music

**A.**

**B.**



### 43. Feast or Famine

**A.**

**B.**



## 44. Feather Your Nest

**A.**

**B.**

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## 45. Fifth Wheel

**A.**

**B.**



## 46. Finger in Every Pie

**A.**

**B.**



## 47. Fly the Coop

**A.**

**B.**





## 48. Follow Your Nose

**A.**

**B.**



**49. Footloose and Fancy-Free**

**A.**

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**B.**

## 50. Forty Winks

A.

B.

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## 51. Four Corners of the Earth

**A.**

**B.**



**52. From the Word Go**

**A.**

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**B.**

**53. Get a Kick Out of Something**

**A.**

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**B.**

## 54. Get Down to Brass Tacks

**A.**

**B.**



**55. Get in on the Ground Floor**

**A.**

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**B.**



## 56. Get Real

**A.**

**B.**



**57. Get Something Off Your Chest**

**A.**

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**B.**

**58. Get the Ax**

**A.**



**B.**

**59. Get the Lead Out of Your Feet**

**A.**

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**B.**

## 60. Get Your Dander Up

**A.**

**B.**



## 61. Get Your Goat

**A.**

**B.**



**62. Give Someone the Shirt Off Your Back**

**A.**

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**B.**

### 63. Give Your Right Arm

A.

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B.



**64. Go Climb a Tree**

**A.**

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**B.**

**65. Go Over Like a Lead Balloon**

**A.**



**B.**

**66. Go Over With a Fine Tooth Comb**

**A.**



**B.**

**67. Go to the Dogs**

**A.**

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**B.**

**68. Greek to Me**

**A.**

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**B.**

**69. Green with Envy**

**A.**

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**B.**

## 70. Hang Out Your Shingle

**A.**

**B.**



## 71. Head Over Heels in Love

**A.**

**B.**





**72. Heart's in the Right Place**

**A.**

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**B.**

**73. Heavens to Betsy**

**A.**

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**B.**

## 74. High Horse

A.

B.



## 75. Hit the Jackpot

**A.**

**B.**



**76. Hit the Nail Right on the Head**

**A.**

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**B.**

## 77. In a Nutshell

**A.**

**B.**

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**78. In a Pretty Kettle of Fish**

**A.**



**B.**

**79. In the Bag**

**A.**

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**B.**



## 80. In the Limelight

A.

B.

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## 81. It Takes Two To Tango

A.

B.

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## 82. Jump Down Your Throat

A.

B.



### 83. Jump On the Bandwagon

A.

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B.

## 84. Keep Your Ear to the Ground

A.

B.



## 85. Keep Your Head Above Water

**A.**

**B.**

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**86. Keep Your Nose to the Grindstone**

**A.**

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**B.**

## 87. Kick Up Your Heels

A.

B.

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## 88. Kill Two Birds with One Stone

A.

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B.

## 89. Knee-High to a Grasshopper

A.

B.



**90. Laugh Out of the Other Side of Your Mouth**

**A.**

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**B.**

## 91. Lay Your Cards on the Table

**A.**

**B.**



**92. Leave No Stone Unturned**

**A.**

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**B.**

**93. Let Sleeping Dogs Lie**

**A.**

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**B.**

**94. Let the Cat Out of the Bag**

**A.**

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**B.**

## 95. Light at the End of the Tunnel

**A.**

**B.**





**96. Like Two Peas in a Pod**

**A.**

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**B.**

## 97. Lock, Stock , and Barrel

**A.**

**B.**

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**98. Low Man On the Totem Pole**

**A.**

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**B.**

## 99. Lower the Boom

A.

B.



**100. Mad as a Wet Hen**

**A.**

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**B.**

## 101. Make a Federal Case Out of Something

**A.**

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**B.**

**102. Make No Bones About Something**

**A.**

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**B.**

### 103. Make Your Mouth Water

**A.**

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**B.**



## 104. Mess With Someone

**A.**

**B.**

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## 105. Mind Your P's and Q's

**A.**

**B.**



**106. More Than Meets the Eye**

**A.**

**B.**



## 107. My Two Cents Worth

**A.**

**B.**

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**108. Name is Mud**

**A.**

**B.**

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## 109. Nitty Gritty

**A.**

**B.**



## 110. No Dice

**A.**

**B.**



## 111. Not Your Cup of Tea

**A.**

**B.**





**112. Nothing to Sneeze at**

**A.**

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**B.**

### 113. Nutty as a Fruitcake

**A.**

**B.**



## 114. Off the Top of Your Head

**A.**

**B.**



## 115. Off Your Trolley

**A.**

**B.**

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## 116. On Pins and Needles

**A.**

**B.**

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## 117. On Tenterhooks

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B.

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**118. On Top of the World**

**A.**

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**B.**

**119. Once in a Blue Moon**

**A.**

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**B.**



**120. One Good Turn Deserves Another**

**A.**

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**B.**

## 121. Open a Can of Worms

**A.**

**B.**



## 122. Other Side of the Coin

**A.**

**B.**



**123. Out of the Clear Blue Sky**

**A.**

**B.**



## 124. Out on a Limb

**A.**

**B.**



## 125. Par for the Course

**A.**

**B.**



**126. Pass the Buck**

**A.**

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**B.**

## 127. Pay the Piper

**A.**

**B.**





## 128. Pay Through the Nose

**A.**

**B.**

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## 129. Pen is Mightier Than the Sword

**A.**

**B.**

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## 130. Penny for Your Thoughts

**A.**

**B.**

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## 131. Pie in the Sky

**A.**

**B.**



## 132. Play Both Ends Against the Middle

**A.**

**B.**



### 133. Play Fast and Loose

**A.**

**B.**



## 134. Play the Field

**A.**

**B.**

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**135. Pour Oil On Troubled Waters**

**A.**

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**B.**



## 136. Pull No Punches

**A.**

**B.**



**137. Pull the Rug Out from Under You**

**A.**



**B.**

**138. Pull the Wool over Your Eyes**

**A.**

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**B.**

**139. Put All Your Eggs in One Basket**

**A.**

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**B.**

**140. Put Your Best Foot Forward**

**A.**

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**B.**

## 141. Put Your Foot Down

**A.**

**B.**



**142. Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is**

**A.**

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**B.**

## 143. Raining Cats and Dogs

**A.**

**B.**





## 144. Raise an Eyebrow

**A.**

**B.**



## 145. Raise Cain

**A.**

**B.**



## 146. Raise the Roof

**A.**

**B.**



## 147. Red-Carpet Treatment

**A.**

**B.**

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## 148. Red Letter Day

**A.**

**B.**



## 149. Right off the Bat

**A.**

**B.**



**150. Rub the Wrong Way**

**A.**



**B.**

**151. Save for a Rainy Day**

**A.**

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**B.**



**152. Sell Like Hot Cakes**

**A.**

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**B.**

## 153. Sitting Duck

**A.**

**B.**



**154. Six of One and a Half a Dozen of the Other**

**A.**

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**B.**

## 155. Sky's the Limit

**A.**

**B.**

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**156. Smell a Rat**

**A.**

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**B.**

**157. Sow Your Wild Oats**

**A.**

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**B.**

## 158. Split Hairs

**A.**

**B.**



## 159. Stir Up a Hornet's Nest

**A.**

**B.**

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**160. Straight From the Horses Mouth**

**A.**



**B.**

## 161. Sweet Talk

**A.**

**B.**



## 162. Take One's Medicine

**A.**

**B.**

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**163. Take Someone Under Someone's Wing**

**A.**

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**B.**

**164. Take the Biter with the Sweet**

**A.**

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**B.**

**165. That's the Way the Cookie Crumbles**

**A.**

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**B.**

## 166. Through the Grapevine

**A.**

**B.**

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## 167. Through Your Weight Around

A.

B.





**168. Tied to Someone's Apron Strings**

**A.**

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**B.**

**169. Til the Cows Come Home**

**A.**

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**B.**

## 170. Tip of the Iceberg

**A.**

**B.**



**171. Too Big For Your Britches**

**A.**



**B.**

**172. Too Many Cooks Spoil the Broth**

**A.**

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**B.**

**173. Touch Something With a Ten-Foot Pole**

**A.**



**B.**

**174. Turn Over a New Leaf**

**A.**

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**B.**

## 175. Turn the Tables

**A.**

**B.**





## 176. Two-Faced

**A.**

**B.**



**177. Under the Weather**

**A.**

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**B.**

**178. Up a Creek Without a Paddle**

**A.**

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**B.**

**179. Wash Your Hands of Something**

**A.**

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**B.**

**180. Wet Behind the Ears**

**A.**

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**B.**