

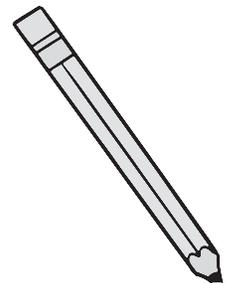
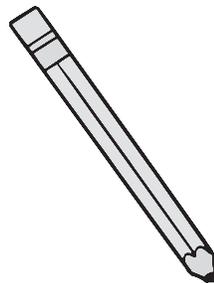
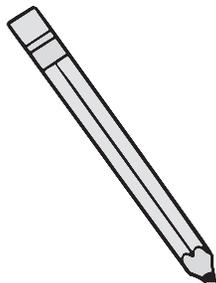
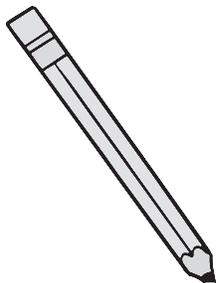
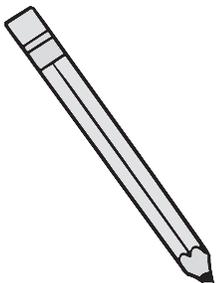
It's an Idiom!

An idiom is an expression that cannot be understood from the meanings of its individual words. Instead, the expression must be learned as a whole. Idioms can add a lot of color to your conversations!

Match the idioms on the left with their meanings on the right.

For an extra challenge, write a sentence using each idiom.

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| 1. Till the cows come home | a. Being too curious or too nosy |
| 2. The early bird catches the worm. | b. A candidate who is not well known |
| 3. Every dog has its day. | c. Be patient |
| 4. Black sheep | d. Everyone gets his chance or turn |
| 5. Don't count your chickens before they hatch. | e. Be restless or impatient |
| 6. Hold your horses. | f. The most direct path |
| 7. Dark horse | g. For a long time |
| 8. Curiosity killed the cat. | h. The unusual member of the family |
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| 10. As the crow flies | j. Don't act as though you have something before you actually have it. |
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READ – English

¡Ven a leer! – Spanish

Lisez – French

Ler – Portuguese



διαβαζω – Greek

اقْرَأُوا – Arabic

독서 – Korean

קרא – Hebrew

Leggere – Italian



What Book?



Use these clues for a National Library Week game in which students must guess the book you are quoting from or describing.

Book 1

CLUES:

“I’m not really sure what makes a book a ‘classic’ to begin with, but I think it has to be at least fifty years old and some person or animal has to die at the end.”

The main character’s brother is named Manny.

His best friend is Rowley.

Answer: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days* by Jeff Kinney.

Book 2

CLUES:

“There was once a boy named Milo who didn’t know what to do with himself—not just sometimes, but always.”

Some of the characters include the Humbug, the Mathemagian and Rhyme and Reason.

Answer: *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster.

Book 3

CLUE:

“On Friday he ate through five oranges, but he was still hungry.”

Answer: *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle

Book 4

CLUES:

“We reached the chicken house and, sure enough, there was the hen lying on the ground, and she was still dead.”

The main character is the Head of Ranch Security.

He is framed for the murder of a chicken.

Answer: *The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog* by John R. Erickson.

Book 5

CLUE:

“Somebody has been at my porridge!”

Answer: *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*.



What Book?



Book 6

CLUES:

“. . . they roared their terrible roars and gnashed their terrible teeth and rolled their terrible eyes and showed their terrible claws . . .”

The main character is mischievous.

Answer: *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak.

Book 7

CLUES:

“She did not feel like brushing her hair every day. She did not feel like memorizing spelling words. And she did not want to sit next to Frank Pearl, who ate paste in class.”

You might say the main character is temperamental.

The main character has a younger brother named Stink.

Answer: *Judy Moody* by Megan McDonald.

Book 8

CLUES:

“It’s just that George and Harold had a ‘silly streak’ a mile long.”

The main characters attend the Jerome Horowitz Elementary School.

They are in fourth grade.

Answer: *The Adventures of Captain Underpants* by Dav Pilkey.

Book 9

CLUES:

“It is such fun to ride up and down in this funny box, that he rides all the up ten times and all the way down ten times.”

The main character’s cousins are Celeste and Arthur.

The main character is an elephant.

Answer: *The Story of Babar* by Jean de Brunhoff

Book 10

CLUES:

“Her mind was so nimble and she was so quick to learn that her ability should have been obvious even to the most half-witted of parents. But Mr. and Mrs. Wormwood were both so gormless and so wrapped up in their own silly little lives that they failed to notice anything unusual about their daughter.”

The main character is also the title of the book.

The main character develops the amazing power to move things with her eyes.

Answer: *Matilda* by Roald Dahl