

Idioms



Idioms are when a group of words are used together to make a meaning that is difficult to guess. Many learners find these difficult to understand and to remember. However, they can be very useful and interesting to learn. Let's take a look at three common idioms in English. Have you ever heard someone tell you something is *a piece of cake*? This idiom has nothing to do with eating! It actually means that something is very easy to complete. For example, you might hear someone say that their homework was a piece of cake. This actually means that their homework was easy to do. What would you do if someone told you that they had *let the cat out of the bag*? This idiom has nothing to do with cats or bags. The real meaning of *let the cat out of the bag* is that a secret that was supposed to be kept has been told. A final funny idiom that often confuses learners is *when pigs fly*! I'm sure you have never seen a flying pig, have you? This idiom actually means that something will never happen. Good luck learning English idioms. Some are very difficult, but with a little practice you'll find some of them *a piece of cake*!

1. Idioms are a group of _____ that together make a meaning that is difficult to understand.
 - a) words
 - b) letters
 - c) sentences
2. All idioms are easy to understand and to remember.
 - a) True
 - b) False
3. *A piece of cake* means something will never happen.
 - a) True
 - b) False
4. What does *let the cat out of the bag* mean?
 - a) to tell a lie
 - b) to tell a secret
 - c) to keep a secret

Answers: 1. (a) 2. (b) 3. (b) 4. (b)

