



Idioms, Adages & Proverbs

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Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Fix the Sentence

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Rewrite: _____

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Rewrite: _____

3. Fix the sentence: My brother said he let the cat out of the bag, so we searched the house for the cat.

Rewrite: _____

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. When someone says "hold your horses," they mean to be _____.
2. If you "get cold feet," you become too _____ to do something.
3. To "kill two birds with one stone" means to accomplish two things with one _____.
4. "The pen is mightier than the sword" means writing is more _____ than fighting.

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

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2. Why is the saying "when it rains, it pours" used when bad things keep happening?

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Rewrite: Mom said she had butterflies in her stomach, so I knew she was feeling nervous.

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Rewrite: The teacher said we should put our thinking caps on, so we started thinking carefully.

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Rewrite: My brother said he let the cat out of the bag, so we knew the surprise was ruined.

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2. If you "get cold feet," you become too scared to do something.
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1. What does the idiom "a blessing in disguise" mean? Give an example.

It means something that seems bad at first but turns out to be good. For example, missing the bus might be a blessing in disguise if you end up getting a ride and arriving earlier.

2. Why is the saying "when it rains, it pours" used when bad things keep happening?

It means that when one bad thing happens, many more tend to follow. People use it to describe a streak of bad luck, like losing your homework and then tripping at recess.