



# Idioms, Adages & Proverbs

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Grade: Grade 5

## Part A: Multiple Choice

Circle the best answer for each question.

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- A) A proverb giving advice
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- C) An idiom meaning it was very difficult
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- A) Break a leg on your next test
- B) Spill the beans about your grades
- C) The early bird catches the worm
- D) It cost an arm and a leg to study

3. Why do authors use idioms in dialogue rather than in formal essays?

- A) Idioms sound more natural in everyday speech
- B) Formal essays require more idioms than dialogue
- C) Idioms are only understood in written form
- D) Dialogue never includes figurative language

4. Read: "Maya bit the bullet and apologized to her friend." What effect does this idiom create?

- A) It shows Maya was hungry during the conversation
- B) It suggests Maya bravely faced an uncomfortable situation
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- D) It indicates Maya was angry when she apologized

## Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the correct answer on each line.

1. Using idioms in writing makes language feel more vivid and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A proverb like "look before you leap" is best used to give \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Authors choose adages to add \_\_\_\_\_ to their writing because they carry shared cultural meaning.
4. "Bite off more than you can chew" warns against taking on too much \_\_\_\_\_.
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