



Idioms, Adages & Proverbs

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Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. "On thin ice" is an _____ because its figurative meaning differs from its literal words.
2. "Honesty is the best policy" is an _____ that states a general truth.
3. "Look before you leap" is a _____ because it gives practical advice.
4. An idiom uses _____ language that cannot be understood from the individual words alone.
5. Both adages and proverbs are _____ sayings passed down over many years.
6. "Burn the midnight oil" means to work late into the _____.
7. "Every cloud has a silver lining" means something _____ can come from a bad situation.
8. "The ball is in your court" means it is your turn to make a _____.
9. "Where there's a will, there's a way" means _____ helps you find solutions.

Part B: Matching

Match each item on the left to the correct answer on the right.

1. Match each item to its correct answer.

Pull someone's leg	→ _____	Proverb
Two wrongs don't make a right	→ _____	Idiom (joke)
A stitch in time saves nine	→ _____	Idiom (expensive)
Cost an arm and a leg	→ _____	Adage

Answer Key · Idioms, Adages & Proverbs · Grade: Grade 5

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Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. "On thin ice" is an idiom because its figurative meaning differs from its literal words.
2. "Honesty is the best policy" is an adage that states a general truth.
3. "Look before you leap" is a proverb because it gives practical advice.
4. An idiom uses figurative language that cannot be understood from the individual words alone.
5. Both adages and proverbs are traditional sayings passed down over many years.
6. "Burn the midnight oil" means to work late into the night.
7. "Every cloud has a silver lining" means something good can come from a bad situation.
8. "The ball is in your court" means it is your turn to make a decision.
9. "Where there's a will, there's a way" means determination helps you find solutions.

Part B: Matching

Match each item on the left to the correct answer on the right.

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Pull someone's leg	→ <u>Idiom (joke)</u>	Proverb
Two wrongs don't make a right	→ <u>Adage</u>	Idiom (joke)
A stitch in time saves nine	→ <u>Proverb</u>	Idiom (expensive)
Cost an arm and a leg	→ <u>Idiom (expensive)</u>	Adage