

What is an idiom?

- words, phrases, or expressions that are not interpreted logically or literally
- unusual expressions that are either grammatically incorrect or have a meaning that cannot be comprehended through contextual clues

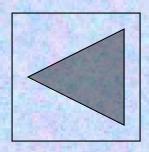
It's Raining Cats and Dogs!!!!



- a. Cats and dogs are falling from the sky.
- b. It's raining very hard.
- c. It's not raining much at all.
- d. The weather is horrible.

HINT: I can't go outside because it's raining cats and dogs and I would get soaked!

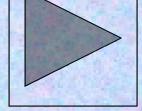
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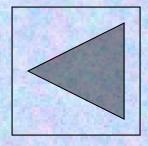


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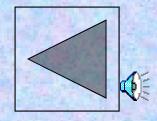


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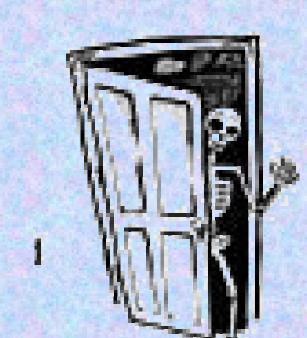




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Skeletons in Your Closet



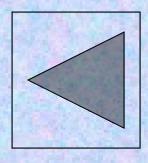
Skeletons in your closet means:

- a. Your closet is full of skeletons.
- b. You are hiding something in your closet.
- c. You have secrets or something that you don't want anyone to know.
- d. You are not afraid of anything.

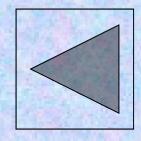
Hint: Why shouldn't you be able to answer all of my questions? Don't tell me you have skeletons in your closet!





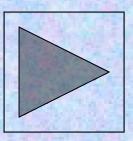




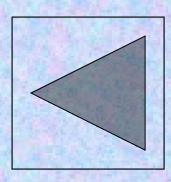




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Shake a Leg!!

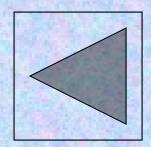


Shake a leg means:

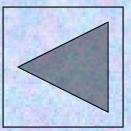
- a. A dance move used in the Shag.
- b. Shake your leg to get a bug off of it.
- c. Hurry up!
 - You are doing the Hokey Pokey.

Hint: We're going to be late for the plane if you don't shake a leg!

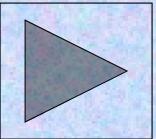
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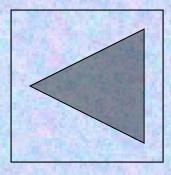




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Common Idioms and their meanings:

·To break the ice	·To be the first to say or do something hoping that others will join you
·To have a chip on your shoulder	·Describes a person who is angry and defensive or who is always ready to argue or fight
·Hold your horses	·Be patient; wait a minute
·Over the hill	·Old or too old to do something
·On cloud nine	·Very happy or excited
·Pulling your leg	·Teasing you

Additional References About Idioms:

- ·www.funbrain.com/idioms/ has fun idiom games.
- ·www.geocities.com/Athens/Aegean/6720/ has an a to z list of idioms with categories and quizzes.
- •www.idiomagic.com/dgl is a site about a software program you can buy about idioms.
- •http://a4esl.org/q/h/idioms.html is another idioms review site.
- ·www.english-zone.com/idioms/ has practice quizzes.
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