

Senior Idioms Worksheet

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The Origins of Idioms

An idiom is an expression whose meaning cannot be inferred from the meanings of the words that make it up. They are very confusing for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder to understand.

Find the real meanings for these idioms, put them in a sentence, and explain them simply.

1. Fool's paradise.
2. Bite the bullet.
3. An axe to grind.
4. A sorry sight.
5. The blind leading the blind.
6. The bottom line.
7. Know the ropes.
8. A drop in the bucket.
9. As old as the hills.
10. Shake a leg.
11. At the end of my tether.
12. Go back to square one.
13. Walk in my shoes.



Two of the above idioms are Shakespearean, two are nautical, and two are biblical. Guess which idioms are which.



Extension

1. Research the origin of different idioms.
2. Find idioms that fit into the following categories: Shakespearean, monetary, colours, animals, body parts, sport, food, occupation.

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1. Shakespearian (Romeo and Juliet)
4. Shakespearian (Macbeth)
7. Nautical (which rope raised the sail)
8. Biblical (Isaiah 40:15)
9. Biblical (Job XV7)
10. Nautical (put a foot out of your hammock and get up)