

English Grammar – 8

Chapter 24 – Worksheet : Idioms and Phrases

Section 1: Fill in the Blanks

1. An idiom is a group of words whose meaning is _____ from the individual words.
2. “A piece of cake” means something that is very _____.
3. “Once in a blue moon” means something that happens very _____.
4. “Break the ice” means to start a _____.
5. Phrases do not express a complete _____.

Section 2: MCQs

1. “A blessing in disguise” means—
 - a) a blessing that is clear
 - b) something bad
 - c) something good that seemed bad at first
 - d) a clear advantage
2. “Hit the sack” means—
 - a) start working
 - b) go to sleep

- c) eat a meal
- d) run quickly

3. Which phrase means “to support someone”?

- a) back up
- b) break down
- c) give away
- d) turn down

4. “A cold day in July” means—

- a) something common
- b) something unusual
- c) something hot
- d) something unpleasant

5. “Look up to” means—

- a) to admire
- b) to search
- c) to ignore
- d) to dislike

Section 3: True / False

1. An idiom always means exactly what the words say. _____
2. Phrases may not contain a verb. _____
3. "Spill the beans" means to reveal a secret. _____
4. Idioms cannot be used in formal writing. _____
5. "In the nick of time" means too late. _____

Section 4: Define / Explain

1. Define idioms with an example.
2. Define phrases with an example.
3. Explain why idioms cannot be translated literally.
4. Explain the difference between idioms and phrases.

Section 5: Rewrite / Transform Sentences

1. Rewrite using idioms:

- a) He arrived at the last possible moment.
- b) She is very calm during difficult times.

2. Replace the underlined phrases with idioms:

- a) He revealed the secret.
- b) They began talking at the party.

3. Use these idioms in sentences:

- a) break the ice
- b) hit the nail on the head
- c) once in a blue moon

Section 6: Application-Based Exercises

1. Match the idioms to their meanings:

- a) A piece of cake – i. rarely happens
- b) Once in a blue moon – ii. very easy
- c) Miss the boat – iii. lose an opportunity

2. Fill in using idioms:

- a) He _____ when he forgot his speech on stage. (became very nervous)
- b) She _____ by saying exactly what the problem was. (was absolutely right)

3. Identify the idiom and explain its meaning:

- a) He kicked the bucket last year.
- b) This job is a piece of cake for her.

4. Write a short paragraph (4–5 lines) including at least four idioms.