

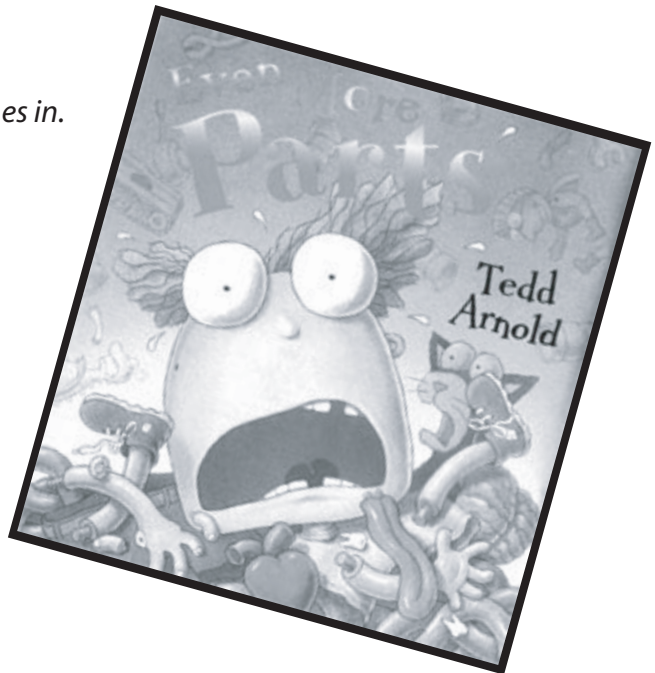
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# Say What You Mean, Please!

An idiom is a sentence or a phrase whose meaning cannot be understood the way the words are put together. For example, "to have someone in stitches" does not mean that a doctor is stitching up someone's cut skin, but it means to make someone laugh very hard.

*Directions:* Read the idiom and choose the correct figurative meaning.

1. "I've lost my head."
  - a. A person's head has fallen off of his or her neck.
  - b. Someone may have been acting crazy or silly and seems to forget things.
  - c. A person has lost something very special.
2. "Hold your horses."
  - a. Be patient and wait.
  - b. Take the reins and make the horse stop.
  - c. Give the horse some food.
3. "Shake a leg."
  - a. Be patient.
  - b. Slow down.
  - c. Hurry up.
4. "Under the weather."
  - a. Someone is not feeling well.
  - b. The roof has a hole in it and the rain comes in.
  - c. Standing under an umbrella.
5. "Sleep tight."
  - a. Wrap someone up in a sheet tightly.
  - b. Close your eyes tightly to sleep.
  - c. To wish someone a good, sound sleep.
6. "Knock on wood."
  - a. To bring good luck.
  - b. Hit the wood to make sure it is real.
  - c. Break a table.
7. "I've got a frog in my throat."
  - a. An amphibian is lodged in your neck.
  - b. You have a cold neck.
  - c. You are having difficulty talking and you need to clear your throat.



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