



Teacher's guide

Idioms: Food – Intermediate (B1-B2)

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Warm-up discussion

Students discuss the questions.

Picture matching

Students match the food from the box to the correct images.

Answer Key:

1. Salt
2. Cake
3. Bacon
4. Beans
5. Butter
6. Cookie

Idiom completion & sentence matching

Part 1. Students complete the idioms using the words from the box.

Answer Key:

1. Beans
2. Cake
3. Salt
4. Butter
5. Cookie
6. Bacon

Part 2. Students match the sentence with the correct response.

1. A
2. D
3. B
4. C
5. E
6. F

Definition matching

Students match each idiom to its correct definition.

Answer key:

1. Spill the beans
2. Bring home the bacon

3. Butter someone up
4. Take something with a pinch of salt
5. Be a tough cookie
6. A piece of cake

Sentence gap-fill

Students use the correct form of the idiom in brackets to complete each sentence.

Answer key:

1. Yesterday's test **was a piece of cake**.
2. I **spilt the beans** by mistake last week.
3. She **has been bringing home the bacon** since she started her new role.
4. We **have taken it with a pinch of salt** ever since we heard the rumours.
5. He **battered up** his boss yesterday to secure a raise.
6. Through all the setbacks, she **has been a tough cookie**.

Sentence transformation

Students rewrite the sentences using the target idioms so that the meaning stays the same.

Suggested answers:

1. He **spilt the beans**.
2. The exam **was a piece of cake**.
3. You **should take it with a pinch of salt**.
4. He **battered up the director**.
5. He **is a tough cookie**.
6. She **brings home the bacon**.

Speaking

Students answer each question using the target idiom.

Scenarios

Students read each scenario, then apply an idiom to the scenario.

1. Bring home the bacon
2. Be a tough cookie
3. Butter someone up
4. Take something with a pinch of salt
5. A piece of cake
6. Spill the beans