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Answer Key: Silly Sayings and Secret Meanings: A 1st Grade Quiz

Challenge young readers to identify the hidden meanings behind common phrases like 'all ears' and 'a piece of cake' using relatable everyday scenarios.

1. If your teacher says, 'I am all ears,' what does she mean?

Answer: B) She is listening very carefully

'All ears' is a fun way to say you are paying close attention with your hearing.

2. True or False: When someone says a job is 'a breeze,' they mean it is very easy.

Answer: A) True

Just like a light wind is gentle, 'a breeze' describes a task that is not hard to do.

3. When Kim is very happy, she says she is on top of the ____.

Answer: C) world

Being 'on top of the world' is a common expression used to show great excitement or joy.

4. What does it mean to 'zip your lips'?

Answer: C) To stay quiet

This expression compares closing your mouth to zipping up a bag to keep things inside.

5. If a student is very smart, we might call them a 'bright ____.'

Answer: D) spark

A 'bright spark' is an expression used to describe someone who is clever or has a quick mind.

6. True or False: If you have 'cold feet,' it means your toes are actually shivering.

Answer: B) False

In expressions, 'cold feet' usually means you are feeling nervous or scared to do something.

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7. If your mom says, 'It's time to hit the hay,' what should you do?

Answer: A) Go to sleep

'Hit the hay' means to go to bed because mattresses used to be filled with straw or hay.

8. A person who sits on the sofa all day watching TV is called a 'couch ____.'

Answer: B) potato

A 'couch potato' is a funny way to describe someone who is being a bit lazy and staying in one spot.

9. What does it mean if an adult says, 'I'm just pulling your leg'?

Answer: C) They are joking with you

When someone 'pulls your leg,' they are telling a little joke or pretending something silly is true.

10. True or False: If you 'hold your horses,' it means you need to wait and be patient.

Answer: A) True

To 'hold your horses' means to slow down or wait a moment before moving forward.