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Answer Key: Nail the Meaning: A Kindergarten Idiom Treasure Hunt

Young learners analyze figurative language in social scenarios to bridge the gap between literal words and real-world feelings.

1. Leo is very happy! His teacher says he is 'over the moon.' Where is Leo really?

Answer: B) Sitting in his classroom chair

'Over the moon' is a way to say someone is very excited; it does not mean they have actually left the room.

2. If a friend says you are 'all ears,' it means your whole body has turned into giant ears.

Answer: B) False

'All ears' means you are listening very carefully with your focus, not that your body changed shape.

3. When Maya is nervous before her dance show, her mom says she has '___ in her stomach.'

Answer: C) butterflies

The phrase 'butterflies in your stomach' describes the fluttery, wiggly feeling of being nervous.

4. Sam is 'in the same boat' as Sarah because they both forgot their lunch. This means they are:

Answer: B) In the same situation

To be 'in the same boat' means that two people are facing the same problem at the same time.

5. The coach told the team to '___ a leg' before the big game to wish them good luck.

Answer: A) break

'Break a leg' is a silly way to say 'good luck' before a performance or event.

6. If a teacher says, 'Zip your lips,' she wants you to use a real metal zipper on your mouth.

Answer: B) False

This expression is a quiet way to ask students to stop talking and be ready to listen.

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7. Ben's room is messy. His dad says, 'This place is a pigsty!' What does Ben's dad mean?

Answer: B) The room is very dirty and needs cleaning

A pigsty is where pigs live, so people use the word to describe a very messy human room.

8. When Dad is very tired, he says he is going to 'hit the ___' to go to sleep.

Answer: C) hay

'Hit the hay' comes from a time when mattresses were filled with straw; it means to go to bed.

9. If you are 'cool as a cucumber,' you are staying very calm and relaxed.

Answer: A) True

Cucumbers feel cool to the touch, so we use this phrase to describe people who don't get upset easily.

10. Jamie says his new shoes 'cost an arm and a leg.' What is Jamie telling us?

Answer: A) The shoes were very expensive

This idiom is used to describe something that costs a lot of money.