

English Idioms

Reading Activity



Read the text:

English idioms are expressions that have a meaning different from the literal meaning of the words. For example, the idiom “break the ice” does not mean to break something cold, but to start a conversation.

Idioms are very common in everyday English. For example, when someone says, “it’s raining cats and dogs,” it means it is raining heavily. Learning idioms helps students understand real conversations better.



A. MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. **What is an idiom?**
a) A literal phrase b) A phrase with a different meaning
c) A grammar rule
2. **What does “break the ice” mean?**
a) To destroy ice b) To start a conversation
c) To feel cold
3. **Where are idioms commonly used?**
a) Only in books b) In daily conversations
c) In exams
4. **“Raining cats and dogs” means:**
a) Animals are falling b) It is raining lightly
c) It is raining heavily



B. True or False

5. Idioms always have literal meanings _____
6. Idioms are used in everyday English _____
7. Idioms are easy to understand immediately _____

C. Matching: Match the idioms with their meanings:

8. Break the ice → _____
9. Raining cats and dogs → _____
10. Hit the books → _____

Options:

- a) Study hard
- b) Rain heavily
- c) Start a conversation