

IDIOMS

An **idiom** is a group of words that have a different meaning when they are together than what the words mean individually. Some common idioms include:

<u>Idiom</u>	→	<u>Meaning</u>
I'm feeling blue.	→	I feel sad.
Shake a leg!	→	Hurry up!

Directions: Underline the idiom in each sentence below. Then write its meaning on the line.

1. We were afraid that Karen would spill the beans. _____
2. Mother got upset because we horsed around in the house. _____
3. I gave my friend a hand fixing his bike. _____
4. Let's make up. No hard feelings? _____
5. I am ready to call it a day. _____
6. I would love to help but I already have my hands full. _____
7. When Dad gets home I'm going to be in hot water. _____
8. As soon as she started to talk, I was all ears. _____
9. At the last minute she got cold feet. _____
10. We wanted it to be a surprise, but Jack let the cat out of the bag. _____



BONUS: What idiom does this picture illustrate?
What does it mean?
