

Idioms

Introduction

- **Level:** C1
- **Skills:** Speaking & Reading
- **Topics:** Grammar
- **Merging subjects:** English Culture/History

The enigma

- **Keywords**

This enigma consists of a set of 4 idioms. A group member is handed out by the NPC (Non-player character who could be another teacher of the school, a student from a mother group, the janitor, or a volunteering parent) a list with 4 idioms that they have to represent through mimicry to the rest of the team. When all the idioms have been guessed, the team members have to find the elements present in the idioms in the actual room. Each object will have a single number that will lead to a 4-digit number that will unlock the next clue. The first object mentioned in the idiom is the first number of the sequence. So object 1, 1st number, object 2, 2nd number...

A second option will be given for the students in case they don't know one of the idioms

- **Toolbox**

Worksheet, NPC (Non-player Character), hat, cat image/picture, cloud image/picture, foot/feet picture/image,

- **Description of the enigma**

Identify the idiom through mimicry!

Mad as a hatter

Let the cat out of the bag / Like herding cats

On cloud nine / Every cloud has a silver lining

Get cold feet / Land on your feet



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Once all the idioms have been guessed, the NPC will give them the OK and will tell the team that they need to find objects/images related to the objects in order of appearance in the idioms. This will lead to a final four-digit code that will unlock the next clue.

Hints

'All the idioms are related with objects found around the room'

For each idiom:

The craziest character in a well-known story involving a rabbit hole and a looking glass

The poor animal is suffering! / Is it easy to have a bunch of these animals to do what you want?

You're so happy your spirit is that high / Come on it's not that bad!

Are you all wearing warm socks? It's getting cold here! / I didn't know how it would go, but I got lucky in the end.

More information

Possible restrictions

Difficulty of the idioms or expressions.

References

✓ Database of idioms. https://www.learn-english-today.com/idioms/idiom-alphalists/alpha-list_G/id_G1-gift-getcrac.html

