

Make a Match!

Figurative Language

Instructions:


First, cut out all the pieces along the dotted lines. Keeping the sentence pieces and definition pieces separate, mix up each set and lay the sentence pieces facedown in two columns. Then lay the definition pieces facedown in two more columns. One at a time, turn over a sentence piece and a definition piece. Does the underlined idiom match the definition? If so, set the match aside. If not, turn the cards over and repeat until all the pieces have been matched.

Helpful Hint:

Remember, an **idiom** is a phrase that means something other than what the words in the phrase actually mean. For example, if we say "something smells fishy," we don't really mean that it smells like fish—we mean something doesn't seem right!

Sometimes it is helpful to use clues in the surrounding words or pictures to help you figure out the meaning of an idiom.



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very much

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sleep very well

**make people
feel comfortable**

leave me alone

sad

listen

stop or wait

get sick

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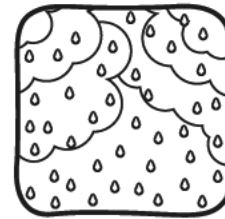
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very happy

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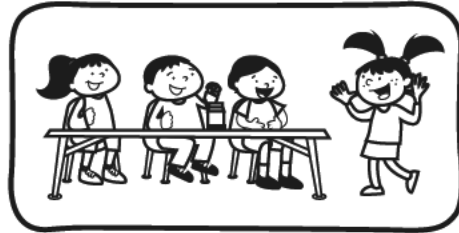
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very easy

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Answer Key

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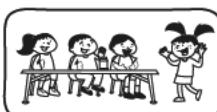
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