

Idioms

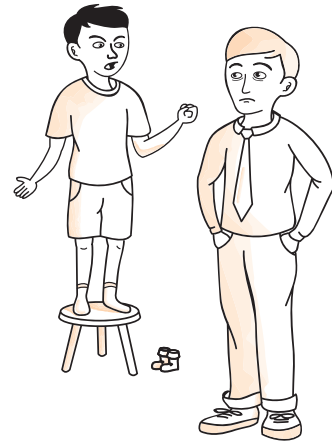
Explanation

The English language is full of **idioms**. These are phrases that should **not be taken literally** because they do not mean exactly what they say.

Example 'Ah, yes. Jo Brown. That name **rings a bell**.'

It doesn't actually mean that the name makes a bell ring – just that it reminds you of something.

Activities



1 a Tick which **idiom** is represented by this cartoon.

thrilled to bits

too big for his boots

break your word

under the weather

b Explain what it means.

2 Explain the **meaning** of these idioms.

a to turn over a new leaf

b a piece of cake

c all in the same boat

d over the moon

e easier said than done

f to hold your tongue

g to have a lot on your plate

h to be found wanting

i to pull a fast one.

Did you know?

The phrase 'to put a sock in it' means 'to be quiet'. It may originate from the time when gramophone (record) players had no volume control. To make it quieter, you put a sock inside the trumpet, where the sound came out.