



FOCUS ON PROVERBS & IDIOMS

Secret Decoder Fun Deck®



Your students will get ahead of the pack by learning the meanings of these idioms, proverbs, and famous sayings, and love these hilarious, engaging illustrations. Students read the card, look at the illustration, and determine which multiple-choice answer is correct. Next, the students self-check their answers with the *Super Duper® Secret Decoder*. Simply press the button and shine the light on the multiple-choice answers. The correct answer will appear red.

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Card Game Ideas

- 1. Stand Up for Idioms** – Shuffle the cards and place facedown in a pile. Divide players into two teams and both teams stand up. Player One chooses a card, reads it aloud and chooses a standing player from the other team to answer the card. If the other player answers correctly, he/she keeps the card and sits down. If the player answers incorrectly, he/she sits down and chooses a player from the other team to answer the card. Play continues in turn. Team that earns the most cards wins!
- 2. Even or Odd** – Shuffle the cards and place the deck facedown in a pile. Player One calls “even.” Player One chooses a card. If the card number located in the top right corner is “even,” Player One reads the card and Player Two guesses the correct answer. If the card number is “odd,” Player Two reads the card and Player One guesses the correct answer. Check the answer with the secret decoder. If the player answers the card correctly, he/she keeps the card. Play continues in turn. Player with the most cards wins!
- 3. Hands Up** – Teacher shuffles the cards and places them facedown in a pile. Teacher chooses a card and reads it aloud. Players raise their hand when they hear the correct answer choice. Talk about the meaning of the idioms, and award one point to the correct responses. Player with the most points wins!
- 4. Less is More** – Shuffle the cards and divide them evenly between two players. Players place the cards facedown in a pile. Each player flips a card, reads it aloud, and chooses the correct answer. Player who answers correctly keeps both cards. If both players answer correctly, they compare the card number located in the upper right corner of the card. The player with the lowest card number gets to keep both cards. If both players answer incorrectly, both players return the cards to the bottom of their decks. Player with the most cards is *Top Dog!*

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1. *Absence makes the heart grow fonder, means*..... B
2. *All good things must come to an end, means*..... C
3. *All good things come to those who wait, means*..... A
4. *Another day, another dollar, means*..... C
5. *Appearances can be deceiving, means*..... A
6. *An apple a day keeps the doctor away, means*..... B
7. *The apple never falls far from the tree, means*..... C
8. *April showers bring May flowers, means*..... C
9. *Ask me no questions, and I will tell you no lies, means*..... A
10. *Bad news travels fast, means*..... B
11. *Bad things come in threes, means*..... B
12. *A barking dog never bites, means*..... C
13. *If you can't beat them, join them, means*..... B
14. *Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, means*..... A
15. *Beauty is only skin deep, means*..... C
16. *Beggars can't be choosers, means*..... A
17. *Big things come in small packages, means*..... B
18. *The best things in life are free, means*..... A
19. *Better safe than sorry, means*..... C
20. *Better late than never, means*..... C
21. *It is better to be born lucky than rich, means*..... C
22. *It is better to have loved and lost,
than never to have loved at all, means*..... B
23. *It is better to light one candle
than to curse the darkness, means*..... A

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24. *The bigger they are, the harder they fall, means* C
25. *A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, means* B
26. *There are none so blind
as those who will not see, means* C
27. *When the blind lead the blind,
both will fall in a ditch, means*..... B
28. *You cannot get blood from a stone, means* B
29. *Blood is thicker than water, means* A
30. *You can't tell a book by its cover, means* A
31. *Neither a borrower nor a lender be, means*..... C
32. *You can take the boy out of the country,
but can't take the country out of the boy, means* B
33. *Never send a boy to do a man's job, means* C
34. *Boys will be boys, means* A
35. *Brevity is the soul of wit, means* C
36. *You cannot make bricks without straw, means*..... B
37. *If it ain't broke, don't fix it, means*..... A
38. *The busiest people have the most leisure, means*..... A
39. *Business before pleasure, means* C
40. *Let the buyer beware, means* B
41. *If the cap fits, wear it, means*..... A
42. *When the cat's away, the mice will play, means*..... C
43. *A chain is no stronger than its weakest link, means*..... B
44. *Don't change horses in mid-stream, means*..... B
45. *Charity begins at home, means* A



Absence makes the heart grow fonder, means...

- A** You are happier when you are completely alone.
- B** You love people more when you are separated from them.
- C** Your heart is stronger when you exercise by yourself.



The clothes make the man, means...

- A** Walking around in your pajamas all day is not good.
- B** The way you dress indicates the type of person you are.
- C** Wearing a very cool costume to the Halloween party.

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Under the weather,
means...

- A** It is extremely cold and rainy today.
- B** Climate change happens all the time all over the world.
- C** Someone is feeling sick.

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Let's sleep on it,
means...

- A** Wait until tomorrow to make a decision.
- B** The soft bed looks really comfortable and cozy.
- C** If we hurry up, we will be late for the meeting.

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