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WHAT'S THE IDIOM? IDIOM MATCHING ACTIVITY

The image displays a collection of educational materials for an idiom matching activity. At the top, a yellow banner reads "Digital Access is on Page 2". Below this, a large black banner contains the title "WHAT'S THE IDIOM? IDIOM MATCHING ACTIVITY" in white, stylized text. The main visual is a collage of items: a yellow printed worksheet (labeled 'B'), a blue printed worksheet (labeled 'C'), and a laptop screen showing a digital version of the activity (labeled 'A'). The printed worksheets feature a table with columns for "SENTENCE", "MEANING", and "IMAGE", and rows for matching. The laptop screen shows a digital interface with a "DRAW A CARD" button and a table with columns for "SENTENCE", "MEANING", "IMAGE", and "IDIOM". Various school supplies like a glue stick, scissors, and a red house-shaped object are scattered around the worksheets.

Worksheet B (Yellow):

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Directions: Cut out the cards below. Match them to the blank spaces in the table. Write the idiom in the bottom row of each column.

SENTENCE	MEANING	IMAGE	IDIOM
Thanks for going out on a limb and choosing me for the project even though I am not that great at science. I promise I won't let you down!			very happy

Worksheet C (Blue):

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SENTENCE	MEANING	IMAGE	IDIOM
I'm skating on thin ice with my math grade. I have to be careful because I might not pass the class if I get one more C or D.			
Miguel scored 356 points in the final round of the video game, but it was just a drop in the bucket compared to his goal of one thousand.			
	in a risky situation		

Laptop Screen A (Digital):

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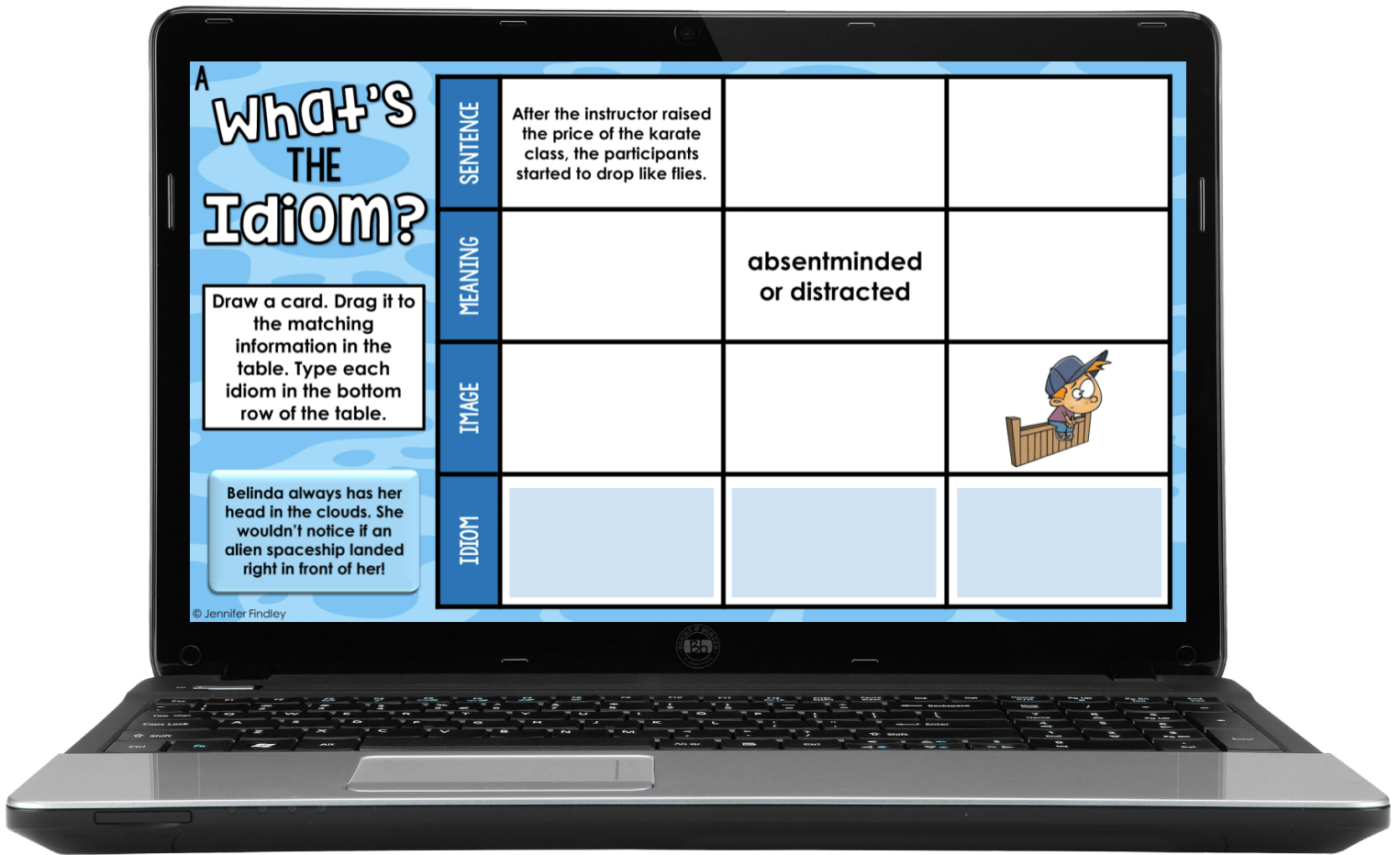
Draw a card. Drag it to the matching information in the table. Type each idiom in the bottom row of the table.

SENTENCE	MEANING	IMAGE	IDIOM
After the instructor raised the price of the karate class, the participants started to drop like flies.			
			absentminded or distracted
Belinda always has her head in the clouds. She wouldn't notice if an alien spaceship landed right in front of her!			

Other items:

- Scissors (blue)
- Glue stick (yellow)
- Red house-shaped object
- Yellow pencil
- Small cards with text: "Laila was all in...", "while she...", "awkward, especially with hands"

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Once you copy to your drive, you will find a Google Slides file with 13 slides of idiom sorts.

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A

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MEANING		absentminded or distracted	
IMAGE			
IDIOM			

Belinda always has her head in the clouds. She wouldn't notice if an alien spaceship landed right in front of her!



I was really on the fence about joining the math club this year, but my mom convinced me to do it.

leave in large numbers

unsure or hesitant




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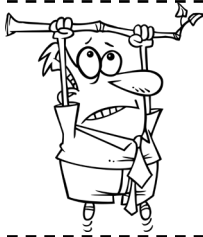
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MEANING			very happy
IMAGE			
IDIOM			

I'm really glad I have so much free time this summer. On the other hand, I kind of wish I had signed up for more activities.

introduce a contrasting point of view



do something risky or extreme

Harvey was sitting on top of the world after he scored the winning touchdown during the football game.




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awkward, especially with hands



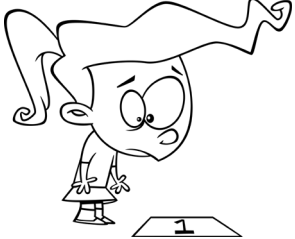
small and unimportant

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SENTENCE	David was quite confident in gym class, but he felt like a fish out of water in his art class.		
MEANING		something easily done	
IMAGE			
IDIOM			

back to where one started



I expected the quiz to be difficult, but it was a piece of cake!



Halfway through building the bookshelf, I realized I had the instructions upside down; I had to go all the way back to square one!

uncomfortable due to an unusual situation


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SENTENCE		I have to walk on eggshells around Aunt Micaela because she gets angry about the smallest things.	
MEANING			not taking seriously
IMAGE			
IDIOM			

My grandpa tells great stories, but we take what he says with a grain of salt because he likes to exaggerate.



work extra hard to make something happen

careful not to upset someone



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SENTENCE	They had been fighting all week, but after Liam broke Makayla's new necklace, it was the last straw; she announced that she was telling their parents.		
MEANING		difficulty with speaking clearly	
IMAGE			
IDIOM			



I got a frog in my throat during the class presentation and had to drink some water before I could talk normally again.

Jorge wanted to impress his new boss, but he always seemed to put his foot in his mouth when he was around her.

say or do something embarrassing



the last in a series of bad things that happen to make someone very upset or angry


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SENTENCE		I really want a new bicycle for Christmas, but I'm not going to hold my breath; I know they are expensive.	
MEANING			something that is confusing, mysterious, or hard to understand
IMAGE			
IDIOM			

very happy or amused

not expecting something to happen

That last math problem was a real head-scratcher. I wonder if anyone got it right.



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SENTENCE			There's no need to get hot under the collar about your ripped homework. You can easily tape it back together.
MEANING	instinct or intuition		
IMAGE			
IDIOM			

I have a gut feeling that tonight is not going to end well, but I don't know why.



in a troublesome or difficult situation



angry, resentful, or embarrassed

Quentin was really in a pickle after his wallet was stolen and his cell phone battery died; he had no way to get home.

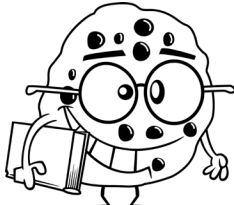
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SENTENCE	That presentation really gave me some food for thought. It was very interesting and taught me lots of new facts.		
MEANING		slightly unwell or in low spirits	
IMAGE			
IDIOM			

a clever person



something that justifies serious consideration

Zander was feeling under the weather all day; he finally went home after coughing and sneezing for five hours straight.

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MEANING			willing to take up a challenge
IMAGE			
IDIOM			

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make peace; settle differences



do something repeatedly without success



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MEANING		reveal secret information	
IMAGE			
IDIOM			

a person who is physically and emotionally strong



Olivia proved that she was a tough cookie when she successfully climbed Mt. Everest on her own.




I promise not to spill the beans about the vase you broke if you promise not to tell Mom about the mess I made in the garage.

to be or seem particularly silly, eccentric, crazy, or mentally unstable

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SENTENCE		We tried to surprise Lennie for his birthday, but he started to connect the dots when he saw the balloons in the living room and the cake in the fridge.	
MEANING			very upset or emotional
IMAGE			
IDIOM			



put together information to form a conclusion



I had ants in my pants as I waited to be called into the doctor's office, but everyone else seemed extremely calm.

restless, uneasy, impatient, or anxious

Shonda was really cut up when she saw that the dog had torn her favorite teddy bear to pieces.


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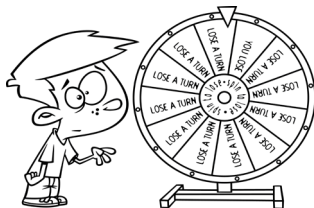
SENTENCE			Trevor finally realized that he was just spinning his wheels while trying to get promoted at work; no matter what he did, it was never going to happen.
MEANING	try out something		
IMAGE			
IDIOM			

After four straight years of failure, Mr. Lester decided to throw in the towel and close his restaurant.

Linda wasn't sure if she wanted to buy the car or not, so she took it for a drive to test the waters.

give up

give a lot of effort without achieving anything



ANSWER KEYS




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MEANING	<p>leave in large numbers</p>	<p>absentminded or distracted</p>	<p>unsure or hesitant</p>
IMAGE			
IDIOM	<p>drop like flies</p>	<p>head in the clouds</p>	<p>on the fence</p>

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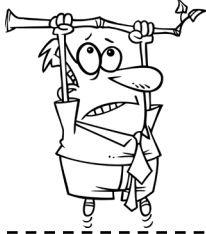
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MEANING	introduce a contrasting point of view	do something risky or extreme	very happy
IMAGE			
IDIOM	on the other hand	going out on a limb	sitting on top of the world


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introduce a contrasting point of view



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MEANING	<p>in a risky situation</p>	<p>awkward, especially with hands</p>	<p>small and unimportant</p>
IMAGE			
IDIOM	<p>skating on thin ice</p>	<p>all thumbs</p>	<p>a drop in the bucket</p>



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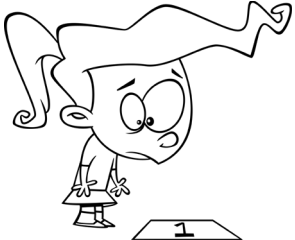
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SENTENCE	David was quite confident in gym class, but he felt like a fish out of water in his art class.	I expected the quiz to be difficult, but it was a piece of cake!	Halfway through building the bookshelf, I realized I had the instructions upside down; I had to go all the way back to square one!
MEANING	uncomfortable due to an unusual situation	something easily done	back to where one started
IMAGE			
IDIOM	a fish out of water	a piece of cake	back to square one

back to where one started	I expected the quiz to be difficult, but it was a piece of cake!	Halfway through building the bookshelf, I realized I had the instructions upside down; I had to go all the way back to square one!
		uncomfortable due to an unusual situation




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SENTENCE	<p>Jeremiah didn't even thank me after I bent over backward to help him with his history project.</p>	<p>I have to walk on eggshells around Aunt Micaela because she gets angry about the smallest things.</p>	<p>My grandpa tells great stories, but we take what he says with a grain of salt because he likes to exaggerate.</p>
MEANING	<p>work extra hard to make something happen</p>	<p>careful not to upset someone</p>	<p>not taking seriously</p>
IMAGE			
IDIOM	<p>bent over backward</p>	<p>walk on eggshells</p>	<p>with a grain of salt</p>

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work extra hard to make something happen

careful not to upset someone



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SENTENCE	They had been fighting all week, but after Liam broke Makayla's new necklace, it was the last straw; she announced that she was telling their parents.	I got a frog in my throat during the class presentation and had to drink some water before I could talk normally again.	Jorge wanted to impress his new boss, but he always seemed to put his foot in his mouth when he was around her.
MEANING	the last in a series of bad things that happen to make someone very upset or angry	difficulty with speaking clearly	say or do something embarrassing
IMAGE			
IDIOM	the last straw	a frog in my throat	put his foot in his mouth

	I got a frog in my throat during the class presentation and had to drink some water before I could talk normally again.	Jorge wanted to impress his new boss, but he always seemed to put his foot in his mouth when he was around her.
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SENTENCE	<p>Kane was tickled pink that everyone had remembered his birthday; he couldn't stop smiling all day.</p>	<p>I really want a new bicycle for Christmas, but I'm not going to hold my breath; I know they are expensive.</p>	<p>That last math problem was a real head-scratcher. I wonder if anyone got it right.</p>
MEANING	<p>very happy or amused</p>	<p>not expecting something to happen</p>	<p>something that is confusing, mysterious, or hard to understand</p>
IMAGE			
IDIOM	<p>tickled pink</p>	<p>hold my breath</p>	<p>a real head-scratcher</p>

<p>very happy or amused</p>	<p>not expecting something to happen</p>	<p>That last math problem was a real head-scratcher. I wonder if anyone got it right.</p>
	<p>Kane was tickled pink that everyone had remembered his birthday; he couldn't stop smiling all day.</p>	




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SENTENCE	<p>I have a gut feeling that tonight is not going to end well, but I don't know why.</p>	<p>Quentin was really in a pickle after his wallet was stolen and his cell phone battery died; he had no way to get home.</p>	<p>There's no need to get hot under the collar about your ripped homework. You can easily tape it back together.</p>
MEANING	<p>instinct or intuition</p>	<p>in a troublesome or difficult situation</p>	<p>angry, resentful, or embarrassed</p>
IMAGE			
IDIOM	<p>a gut feeling</p>	<p>in a pickle</p>	<p>hot under the collar</p>

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in a troublesome or difficult situation



angry, resentful, or embarrassed



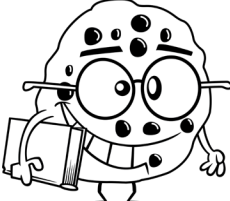
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MEANING	something that justifies serious consideration	slightly unwell or in low spirits	a clever person
IMAGE			
IDIOM	food for thought	under the weather	one smart cookie




<p>a clever person</p>		<p>something that justifies serious consideration</p>
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MEANING	<p>do something repeatedly without success</p>	<p>make peace; settle differences</p>	<p>willing to take up a challenge</p>
IMAGE			
IDIOM	<p>banging her head against a wall</p>	<p>bury the hatchet</p>	<p>throw his hat in the ring</p>

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make peace; settle differences



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SENTENCE	<p>Did you see that guy zooming down the street on his motorcycle without wearing a helmet? He must have a screw loose!</p>	<p>I promise not to spill the beans about the vase you broke if you promise not to tell Mom about the mess I made in the garage.</p>	<p>Olivia proved that she was a tough cookie when she successfully climbed Mt. Everest on her own.</p>
MEANING	<p>to be or seem particularly silly, eccentric, crazy, or mentally unstable</p>	<p>reveal secret information</p>	<p>a person who is physically and emotionally strong</p>
IMAGE			
IDIOM	<p>have a screw loose</p>	<p>spill the beans</p>	<p>tough cookie</p>

a person who is physically and emotionally strong

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SENTENCE	<p>I had ants in my pants as I waited to be called into the doctor's office, but everyone else seemed extremely calm.</p>	<p>We tried to surprise Lennie for his birthday, but he started to connect the dots when he saw the balloons in the living room and the cake in the fridge.</p>	<p>Shonda was really cut up when she saw that the dog had torn her favorite teddy bear to pieces.</p>
MEANING	<p>restless, uneasy, impatient, or anxious</p>	<p>put together information to form a conclusion</p>	<p>very upset or emotional</p>
IMAGE			
IDIOM	<p>ants in my pants</p>	<p>connect the dots</p>	<p>cut up</p>

		<p>restless, uneasy, impatient, or anxious</p>
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Directions: Cut out the cards below. Match them to the blank spaces in the table. Write the idiom in the bottom row of each column.

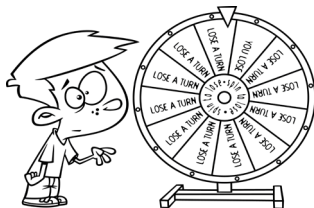
SENTENCE	<p>Linda wasn't sure if she wanted to buy the car or not, so she took it for a drive to test the waters.</p>	<p>After four straight years of failure, Mr. Lester decided to throw in the towel and close his restaurant.</p>	<p>Trevor finally realized that he was just spinning his wheels while trying to get promoted at work; no matter what he did, it was never going to happen.</p>
MEANING	<p>try out something</p>	<p>give up</p>	<p>give a lot of effort without achieving anything</p>
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IDIOM	<p>test the waters</p>	<p>throw in the towel</p>	<p>spinning his wheels</p>

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