

## Idioms: More Than Just Words

*An activity of "No more tricks!"*



The article "No more tricks!" (Story 8A, *What's Up* May 2021 at digital.whatsup.sg) includes the activity "Animal Idioms". An idiom is a common expression that is different from what the words literally mean. Take, for example, the idiom "**a cat nap**". The literal meaning is, well, "a cat sleeping". But, the idiomatic meaning is to sleep well but very briefly during the day, just like cats do. It is often easy to guess what the speaker means.

1. Can you guess what these animal idioms mean?

Meaning of idioms
1. "a lone wolf":
2. "an eager beaver":
3. "a fish out of water":
4. "a sitting duck":
5. "a bull in a china shop":
6. "a fox in the hen house":

2. Construct two sentences, each using any one of the above idioms.

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