

## Language Arts Warm-Ups

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### Advice

Sometimes people give advice that might not seem to make sense. These people might be using idioms. Idioms are phrases with hidden meanings, which can be used as advice. Think about this idiom: ***Don't cry over spilled milk.*** It means not to spend time worrying about something that cannot be undone.

**Directions:** Write your answers on the lines below.

1. Why might milk spill?

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2. Why would crying not help?

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3. What else can you do if you spill milk?

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### Human Body

Drawing a picture can sometimes help determine what an idiom means.

**Directions:** Draw a picture of what each of these idioms would look like if it was taken literally. Then, write what you think each idiom means on the lines below.

1. *My hands are tied.*



Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. *He's all thumbs.*



Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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### Emotions

**Directions:** Complete the sentences below using the idioms in the box.

on the warpath	dull as dishwater
on pins and needles	egg on your face

1. As he waited to get his test passed back, he was  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. When he found out his brother took his wallet, he was  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. I really don't enjoy talking to her because she is  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. If you drop that vase, you are really going to have  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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### Weather

**Directions:** Write your answers on the lines below. Answer these questions to help you understand the meaning of the idiom *left out in the cold*.

1. How would you feel if someone closed the door and left you outside alone in the cold?

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2. Write a sentence using the idiom above.

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