

## Language Arts Warm-Ups

figurative  
language

### Education

In school, an A is considered to be a good grade. A person may not always complete a task successfully, but if that person tries very hard, he or she may deserve *an A for effort*.

**Directions:** Circle the correct answer.

In which of these situations would you say the person deserved an A for effort?

- a. Pablo searched for three hours in the blazing sun for the ring his mother lost in the grass.
- b. Janie overslept and missed her first class of the semester.
- c. Rogelio won the lottery with the first ticket he ever bought.

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### Love

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. *send your love*

A large empty rectangular box for drawing a literal representation of the idiom 'send your love'.

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

\_\_\_\_\_

2. *patch up a relationship*

A large empty rectangular box for drawing a literal representation of the idiom 'patch up a relationship'.

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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### Money

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

other side of the coin    a dime a dozen  
a pretty penny        on the house

1. That new car he bought cost \_\_\_\_\_!
2. I know you get tired of doing everything for me when I am sick, but the \_\_\_\_\_ is that I don't enjoy being sick much either!
3. Because the waiter spilled my drink in my lap, he said my meal was \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I hoped to make money selling my used computer, but I found out second-hand computers are \_\_\_\_\_.

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### Travel

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. *road hog*

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

\_\_\_\_\_

2. *end of the road*

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

\_\_\_\_\_