

# Idiom

An idiom is a saying that has a figurative meaning that is different from its literal meaning.



**EXAMPLE:** Kenny walked up to Jane and said, "A penny for your thoughts."

*A penny for your thoughts* is the idiom in the sentence. Kenny doesn't mean that he's going to give Jane a penny, he is using the phrase figuratively. Its figurative meaning is, "What are you thinking?"

The sentences below express literal thoughts. Rewrite each sentence using an idiom instead.

1. John said he would help, then he didn't show up.
2. Those two boys are exactly alike and always together.
3. When John felt bad, Fiona made him feel even worse.
4. Jack said he would be happy to get together, and that all George had to do was ask him.
5. I was upset when I lost my job, but it turned out to be a good thing.