

Write out these sentences, adding in the missing possessive apostrophes.

1. I really like Lucys new dog.
2. Todays weather forecast is for lots of rain.
3. The Earths surface is 71% water.
4. Are those Joshs scissors?
5. The boys were excited about the schools new footballs.

As preparation for writing our informal letters, today we are going to be learning about a writing feature which we can use to help convey an 'informal tone'.

What is the difference between formal and informal?

formal

uses specific vocabulary for the subject

uses the correct grammar and punctuation

has a more serious tone

often uses complex sentence structures

informal

use more contractions and abbreviations (e.g. it's or TV)

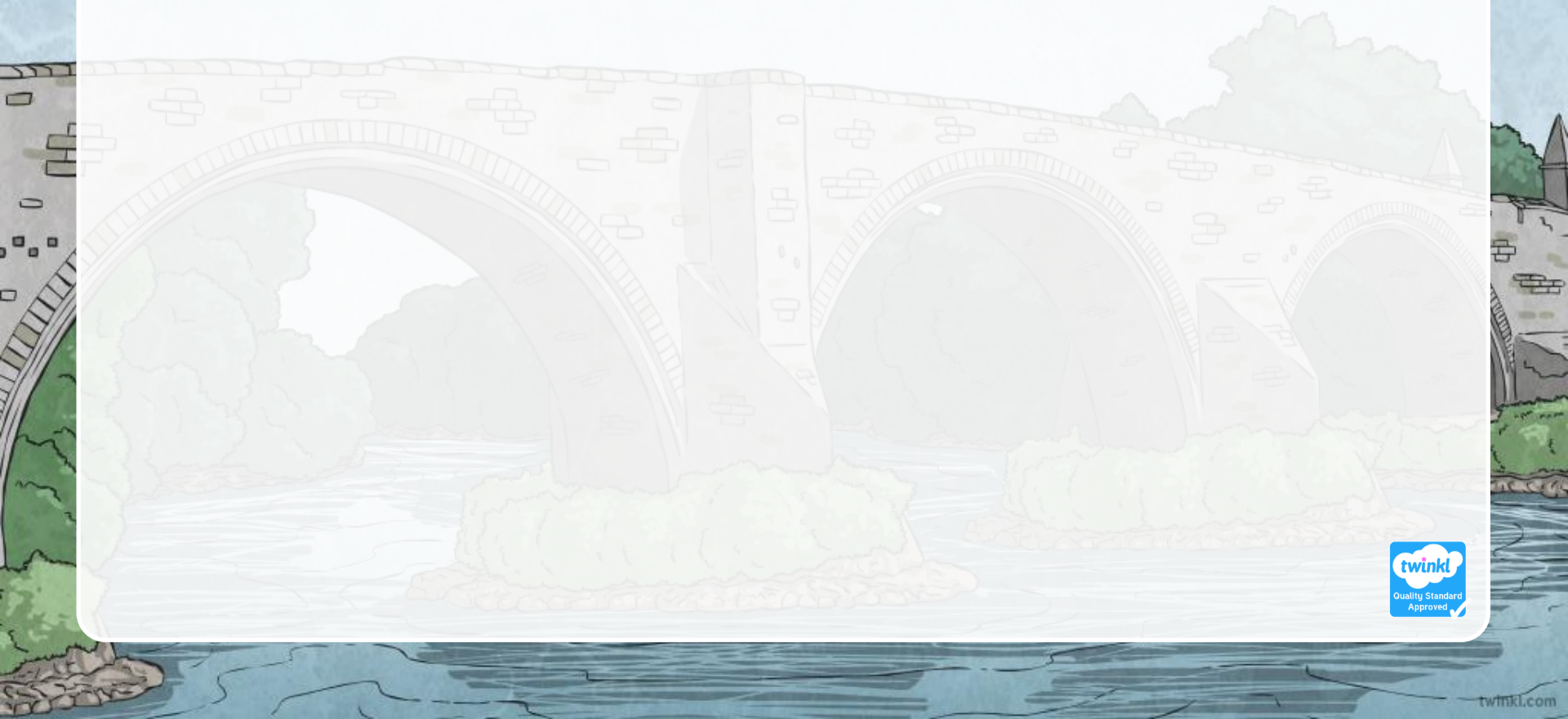
is clear and to the point

has a more 'chatty' tone

uses clichés (e.g. raining cats and dogs)

uses text-style words (lol)

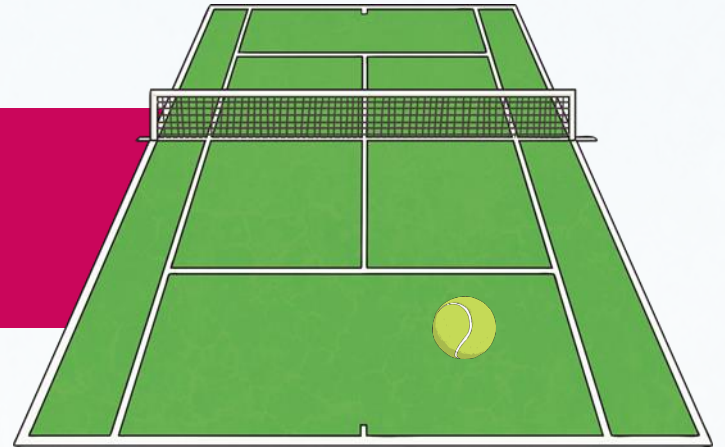
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What is an idiom?

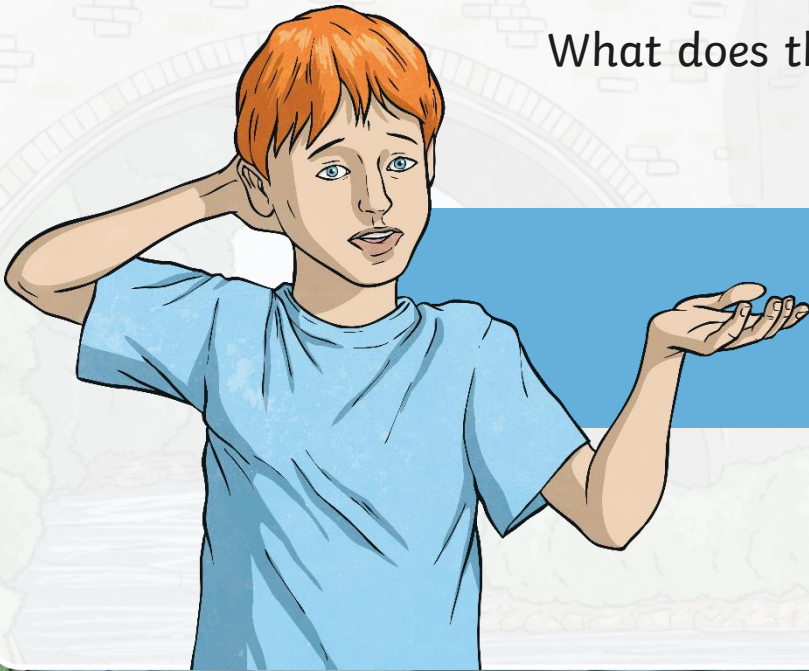
An idiom is a saying that doesn't mean exactly what is written; they have hidden meanings.

The ball is in your court.

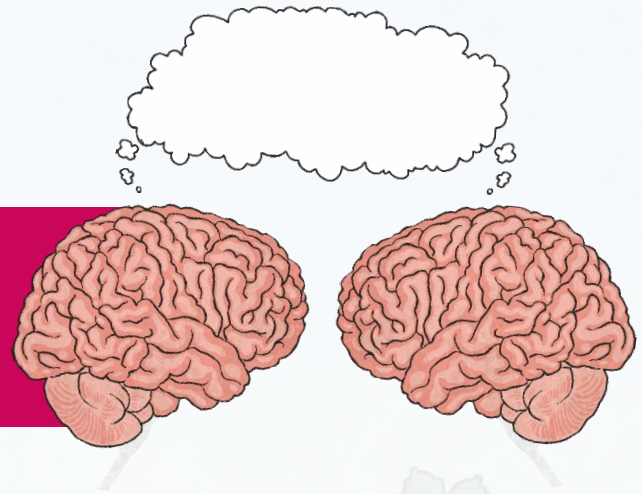


What does this really mean?

It is your decision.



Great minds think alike.

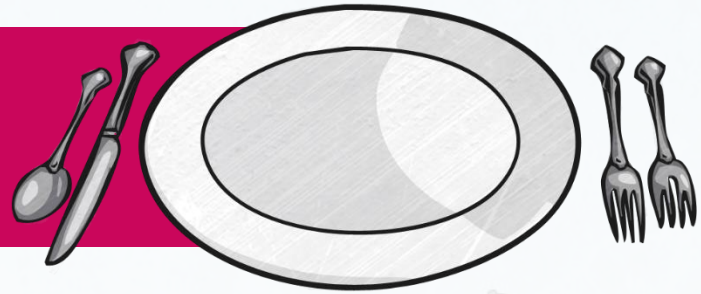


What does this really mean?

Clever people think the same.



You are what you eat.

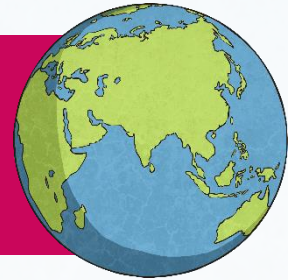


What does this really mean?

To stay healthy you must eat healthy foods.



It's a small world.

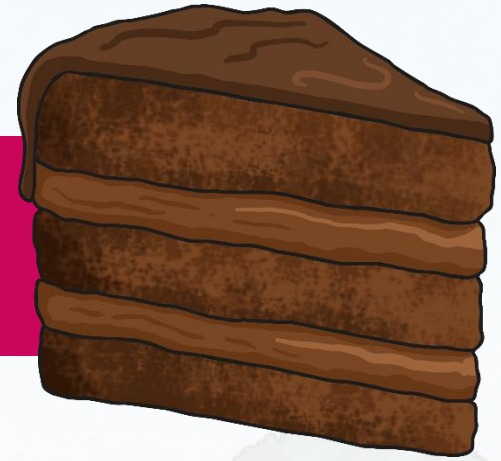


What does this really mean?



Bumping into people you know in unexpected places.

A piece of cake.

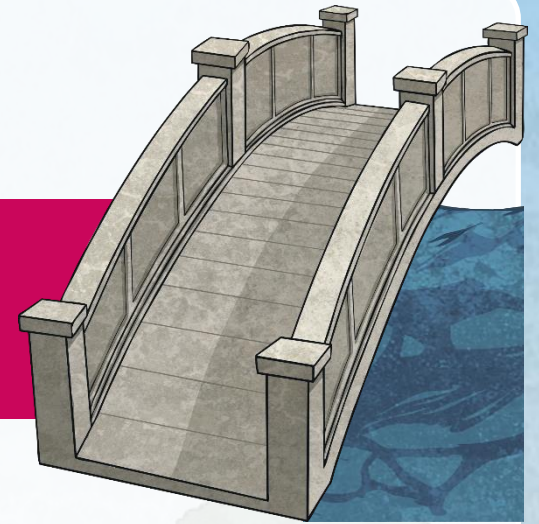


What does this really mean?

Something that is easy to do.



Water under the bridge.

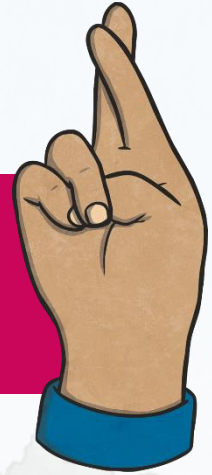


What does this really mean?

**It's in the past and isn't
important anymore.**



Cross your fingers.

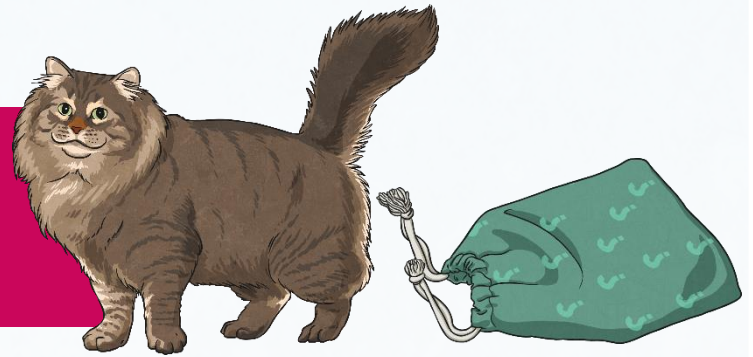


What does this really mean?

**To hope something happens
the way you want it to.**



Let the cat out of the bag.

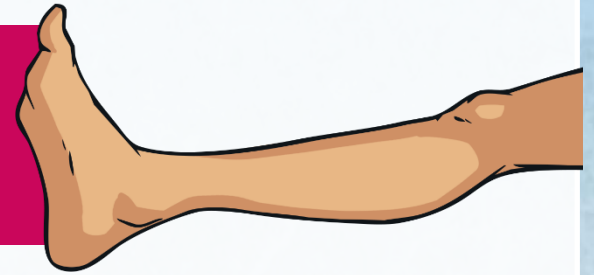


What does this really mean?



To let out a secret.

Pulling your leg.

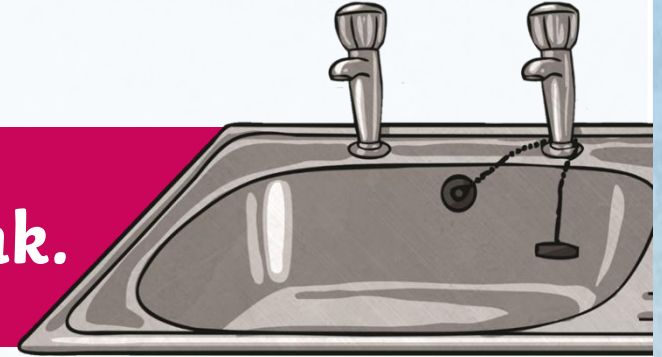


What does this really mean?

Joking with you.



Everything but the kitchen sink.



What does this really mean?

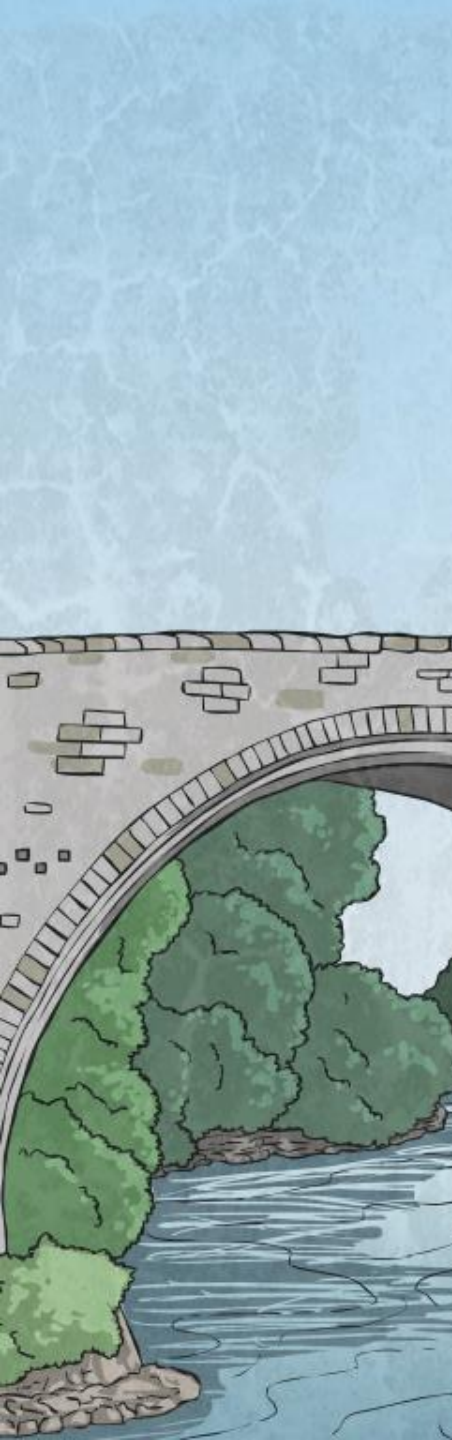


**Nearly everything has
been included.**

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Idiom	Meaning
To rain cats and dogs.	To help someone.
To lend someone a hand.	To start again and to do something better the next time
To turn over a new leaf	To feel a bit ill.
To pull the wool over someone's eyes.	To lose your temper with no real reason.
To feel a bit under the weather.	To deceive or lie to someone about something.
To fly off the handle	To rain very hard.

- Match the idiom to its meaning.
- Then, write a sentence to show the meaning of the idiom. For example, "You can't leave just now! It's raining cats and dogs and you don't have an umbrella or raincoat!"



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