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Unfinished Words

FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

An **idiom** is a form of figurative language where the meaning of the phrase cannot be inferred from the meanings of the words that make it up.

Example: She has a heart of gold.

Her heart is not literally made of gold. This idiom is a more colorful way of saying that she is kind.

Complete each sentence by choosing the best idiom from the list below.

hit the sack
raining cats and dogs
blow your top
fit like a glove
up to something

sleep on it
in hot water
brush up on
on the ball

- 1 Her mom said, "It's getting late. It's time for you to _____."
- 2 If you get into trouble, then you know you're _____.
- 3 The man told the shoe salesman that the new boots _____.
- 4 Before going to France, she decided to _____ her French so she could speak to the people and understand them.
- 5 Sometimes when people can't decide what to do, they _____ and decide in the morning.
- 6 Her little brother had mud on his face and hands. She knew he was _____ when he was out in the garden.
- 7 The storm was so bad that it was _____.
- 8 Have you ever gotten so upset that you thought you would _____?
- 9 Wow! She figured that out so fast! That girl is really _____.



Sensational Similes

FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

A **simile** is a form of figurative language that uses the words *like* or *as* to compare people, events, or objects.

Example: Her face was as red as an apple when she found out her son didn't turn in his report on time.

That's a figurative way of saying she was very angry.

Use your own words to complete each simile.

- 1 Her voice was as loud as a _____.
- 2 That basketball player is as tall as a _____.
- 3 His little sister was as annoying as a _____.
- 4 His dry legs felt like _____.
- 5 The sky is as colorful as a _____.
- 6 She was slow like _____.
- 7 She has cheeks like _____.
- 8 The cave was as dark as a _____.
- 9 The work was as hard as _____.
- 10 My new sports car is as fast as a _____.
- 11 He ate like a _____.
- 12 That pizza was as spicy as a _____.
- 13 His shoes were as smelly as a _____.
- 14 The clouds were fluffy like _____.
- 15 Sometimes she thought her mom was as stubborn as a _____.
- 16 The floor was slippery like _____.

