



Dear Children

Look at the following conversation between Rahul and Ayesha

Rahul, have you been able to do the Mathematics work? For me, the fifth part was **a hard nut to crack**....

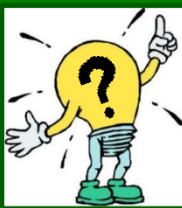


Oh yes, Ayesha! I have completed all the work. It was **a piece of cake** for me.....

Did you notice the highlighted words in the dialogues above? Kids, **'a hard nut to crack'** doesn't imply its literal meaning, it actually means that Ayesha found the fifth part **'very difficult to understand'**. Similarly, when Rahul says that it was **'a piece of cake'** for him, he means that it was **'very easy to do'**. These kinds of expressions are called **'Idioms'**.

Now, what are Idioms????

Idioms



Idioms are phrases which people use in everyday language which do not make sense literally, but we understand what they mean.

Example 1:

- Before the conference began, the speaker **broke the ice** with a joke.



An Idiom is a group of words, whose meaning cannot be understood simply by looking at the individual words, but by understanding the context they have been used in. Like, in the example in the given picture, the expression **'break the ice'** means **'to say or do something to make people feel relaxed or comfortable'**.

Did you notice, children, that all the examples given above contain **words related to a kitchen**; like – nut, cake, ice. Similarly, there are many more idioms based on various themes; such as – colours, body parts, nature, happiness etc. Let us look at some more **idioms based on kitchen items** along with their meanings :-

- ✚ as cool as cucumber → very calm
- ✚ the cherry on the cake → the final thing that makes something perfect
- ✚ the apple of someone's eye → a person who is adored by someone
- ✚ couch potato → a lazy person who watches a great deal of television
- ✚ like two peas in a pod → nearly identical

Ques. Now try and use these idioms in the sentences given below (to be done in the notebook):-

- 1) Amit and Nishant are best friends. They always do everything together. They are like _____.
- 2) Don't be a _____. Go out and play with your friends.
- 3) Anusha is a very pampered girl. She is the _____ her parents' _____.
- 4) Anita had already been given the title of 'The Prettiest Face', but winning the final contest was the _____.
- 5) Even though she had lost her favourite toy, she was _____ when she met us.

WORDLY WISE

Dear children, today let's check the **correct pronunciation** of each word that we are learning this week. Click on the link given against each word to learn its correct pronunciation.

1. conversation - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIkmuIDGIVo>
2. contamination - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1hvtIoSL_Wg
3. conservation <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sw-1oMttDcs>
- 4 population - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TbZ9Pws6M5I>
5. pronunciation - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3SFNZ3WrdW4&t=30s>

Vocabulary Enrichment

Children, in this section we are familiarising you with single words which convey something that is more than ordinary. We need to replace these with a single word to make the language more compact and richer.

Let's look at the word for today:-

'very serious' can be replaced with the word '**solemn**
'For example: COVID-19 pandemic is a **solemn** issue to deal with.

You must try and make use of these words while conversing with others.