



Idioms, Adages & Proverbs

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Multiple Choice

Circle the best answer for each question.

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- C) Carlos should teach everyone his old school's rules
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- A) Aisha should eat cake to feel better
- B) Aisha cannot enjoy two things that conflict with each other
- C) Aisha should quit both activities immediately
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- A) Ethan should boil water for an experiment
- B) Staring at the clock will not make time pass faster
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- A) Eggs are fragile and break easily in baskets
- B) Nina should buy a better basket for her eggs
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- D) Collectible cards are always a bad purchase

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the correct answer on each line.

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4. "A blessing in disguise" means something bad that turns out to be good.