



Idioms, Adages & Proverbs

Name: _____

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Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. "You can't have your cake and _____ it too" means you cannot have it both ways.
2. "Throw in the _____" means to give up or quit.
3. "A watched pot never _____" means time seems slower when you wait anxiously.
4. "Beggars can't be _____" means you should accept what is offered when in need.
5. "Speak of the _____" is used when the person you were talking about suddenly appears.
6. "The best of both _____" means enjoying two different advantages at the same time.
7. "Absence makes the heart grow _____" means you appreciate people more when they are away.
8. "Easy come, easy _____" means things gained without effort are lost just as quickly.
9. "Don't put all your eggs in one _____" means do not risk everything on a single plan.

Part B: Matching

Match each item on the left to the correct answer on the right.

1. Match each item to its correct answer.

Throw in the towel	→ _____	Adage (distance increases affection)
Absence makes the heart grow fonder	→ _____	Idiom (someone appears when mentioned)
Speak of the devil	→ _____	Proverb (easy gains are easily lost)
Easy come, easy go	→ _____	Idiom (give up)

Answer Key · Idioms, Adages & Proverbs · Grade: Grade 5

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Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. "You can't have your cake and eat it too" means you cannot have it both ways.
2. "Throw in the towel " means to give up or quit.
3. "A watched pot never boils " means time seems slower when you wait anxiously.
4. "Beggars can't be choosers " means you should accept what is offered when in need.
5. "Speak of the devil " is used when the person you were talking about suddenly appears.
6. "The best of both worlds " means enjoying two different advantages at the same time.
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Part B: Matching

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Throw in the towel	→ <u>Idiom (give up)</u>	Adage (distance increases affection)
Absence makes the heart grow fonder	→ <u>Adage (distance increases affection)</u>	Idiom (someone appears when mentioned)
Speak of the devil	→ <u>Idiom (someone appears when mentioned)</u>	Proverb (easy gains are easily lost)
Easy come, easy go	→ <u>Proverb (easy gains are easily lost)</u>	Idiom (give up)