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Worksheet: Common English Idioms

Name: _____ Date: _____

Instructions:

Match each idiom in the box with its correct meaning and then use the idiom in a sentence of your own.

Idiom Bank:

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|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Break a leg! | 2. Bite the bullet | 3. Get a second wind | 4. Kill two birds with one stone | 5. A dime a dozen |
| 6. The last straw | 7. Hit the nail on the head | 8. Let the cat out of the bag | 9. Under the weather | 10. Piece of cake |
| 11. On the ball | 12. The elephant in the room | 13. Miss the boat | 14. Call it a day | 15. Speak of the devil |

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Part 1: Match the Idiom to the Meaning

Meanings:

A. To do two things at once. B. To say something that is exactly right. C. Something that is very easy. D. To give a wish of good luck. E. To reveal a secret. F. To feel sick or unwell. G. A very common or easy-to-find thing. H. To start to have energy again after being tired. I. To have a large, obvious problem or issue that everyone knows about but no one wants to talk about. J. To deal with an unpleasant or difficult situation with courage. K. An idiom used when a person you were just talking about suddenly appears. L. To be too late for an opportunity. M. The final problem that makes a situation intolerable. N. To stop working for the day. O. To be alert, competent, and quick to understand or react.

Matches:

1. _____
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Part 2: Use the Idioms in a Sentence

Create your own sentence for each idiom.

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Answer Key

Part 1: Match the Idiom to the Meaning

1. D

2. J

3. H

4. A

5. G

6. M

7. B

8. E

9. F

10. C

11. O

12. I

13. L

14. N

15. K