



Idiom cards:

Under the sun

**Put all your
eggs in one
basket**

**A spring in
someone's
step**

**Spring into
action**

Idiom cards:

A good egg

**Be no spring
chicken**

**The grass
is (always)
greener on the
other side**

**A happy
bunny**

Definition cards:

used for emphasizing
that something
includes a very wide
range of things

to depend completely
on just one idea, plan,
or person so that
you have no other
possibilities if things
go wrong

used for saying
someone looks as if
they are happy and
full of energy

used for saying that
something is done
quickly and with
energy or force

Definition cards:

a good or reliable
person

to be rather old

life seems better
somewhere else,
or other people's
situations seem better
than your own

someone who is
satisfied with a
situation



TEACHING IDEAS: Three quick activities to use in class

MATCHING PAIRS:

1. Shuffle the idiom and definition cards and hand them out so that each student has one card.
2. Students must find their matching partner.
3. Ask students in their matching pairs to give an example of their idiom before sitting down.

DESCRIPTIONS:

1. Pre-teach idioms and their definitions.
2. In pairs, one student must describe the meaning of the idiom, using the definition cards as prompts where necessary.
3. Their partner must guess that idiom correctly to receive the card.

CHARADES:

1. Pre-teach idioms and their definitions.
2. Cut up and put the idioms face down on the table.
3. Ask a student to pick one and act it out. Other students must guess the idiom for a point.
4. Repeat the activity in small groups.
5. Once guessed, encourage students to use the idiom in an example.



TEACHING HINTS AND TIPS

Ask students to look up unknown definitions in pairs on www.macmillandictionary.com

Ask students to cut up and stick the idioms and their meanings in their exercise books.

Ask students to colour the idiom and its meaning the same colour.

Do a follow-up activity using the above as a warmer in the next lesson to check students remember.

