



Understanding Idioms and Proverbs

Today's Standard

4.L.5b - Recognize and explain the meaning of common idioms, adages, and proverbs.

Cues	Notes
What is an idiom?	An idiom is a phrase where the meaning is not literal, like 'raining cats and dogs'.
What is a proverb?	A proverb is a short, common saying that expresses a truth or piece of advice, like 'a penny saved is a penny earned'.
Why are idioms and proverbs important?	Idioms and proverbs are important because they enrich language and help convey cultural wisdom.
Give an example of an idiom.	
Give an example of a proverb.	Example of an idiom: 'Break the ice' means to start a conversation in a social setting. Example of a proverb: 'The early bird catches the worm' means those who start early have an advantage.

Summary

Idioms and proverbs are figurative expressions that enrich language. Idioms are phrases with meanings different from their literal interpretations, while proverbs are short sayings expressing truths or advice.