

English Idioms: Spring

Introduction

This interesting spring-themed idiom activity allows students to expand their vocabulary in a fun way!

Before the Lesson

Print (A4 size), laminate, and cut out the idiom cards. In lieu of laminating, print on thicker A4 cardstock paper. Be sure to print enough copies for the amount of students you have, *for example, if you have 15 students in class, print the pdf five times and group students into threes.*

In the Lesson

Split the students into pairs or groups and hand out a set of cards.

Students work together to match the idiom with its "definition". Once a group/pair have finished, double check that they are correct. As all groups finish, ask how many have heard of the idioms before, which ones were new. And explain any new vocabulary they may not know.

Focus	Aim	Level	Time
idioms	To explore English idioms.	B1/B2	35-45 minutes



"Spring into action"

To start doing something quickly and with energy.

"A spring in your step"

To feel cheerful and energetic.

"Full of the joys of spring"

To be very happy and full of energy.

"Come into bloom"

To develop, grow, or become successful.

"Fresh as a daisy"

To look or feel fresh, lively, and healthy.

"April showers bring May flowers"

Difficult times lead to better days.

"Nip (something) in the bud"

To stop a problem before it gets worse.

"Turn over a new leaf"

To start fresh or make a positive change.

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

Other situations seem better than your own.

"Make hay while the sun shines"

Take advantage of good conditions while they last.



"Sow the seeds (of something)"

To start something that will develop in the future.

"A breath of fresh air"

Someone or something new and refreshing.

"Bloom where you are planted"

To make the best of your current situation.

"As fast as greased lightning"

Very fast.

"Buzzing like a bee"

Feeling excited and full of energy.

"One swallow doesn't make a summer"

One good thing doesn't mean everything is perfect.

"To be no bed of roses"

Something that is not easy or pleasant.

"Grow like a weed"

To grow very fast.

"Shake off the winter blues"

To get rid of sadness or tiredness from the colder months.

"Like watching grass grow"

Something that is very slow and boring.