

30-Minute Idioms Lesson Plan

Overview

Students practice 10 everyday English idioms using a quick warm-up, guided worksheet activity, and an exit-ticket quiz. Designed for Grades 6-10 or CEFR B1.

Time & Activities

- 5 min** Warm-Up - Display two images (heavy rain; exam day). Ask: "What phrases could describe these situations?" Elicit any prior idiom knowledge.
- 5 min** Vocabulary Preview - Teacher reads each idiom aloud; class repeats. Clarify literal vs figurative meaning.
- 15 min** Guided Practice - Hand out the 'English Idioms Worksheet'.
- Part A: Students match idiom to meaning in pairs (5 min).
- Part B: Students fill gaps individually (5 min).
- Review answers as class; discuss best sentence choices (5 min).
- 5 min** Exit Ticket - Display 2 gap-fill sentences from the Mini-Quiz. Students write idiom on sticky note or chat. Collect and check quickly.

Materials

- English Idioms Worksheet (matching + gap-fill)
- Projector or board for images & exit ticket
- Optional: Audio clip pronouncing 5 idioms

Differentiation Tips

- Beginners: Pre-teach visuals for each idiom.
- Fast-finishers: Ask students to write a short dialogue using two new idioms.