

Idioms – *Raining Cats & Dogs*, by Will Moses

Directions: An **idiom** is an expression that cannot be understood from the meanings of its separate words. Choose from the 48 idioms included in the book, *Raining Cats & Dogs*, by Will Moses. Illustrate the literal meanings of these idioms (what the words say). Then explain the figurative interpretations of the idioms (the real meanings; what is actually being said).

Idiom	Illustration (Literal interpretation)	Real Meaning (Figurative interpretation)
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Idioms included in the book, *Raining Cats & Dogs*, by Will Moses.

1. Bad Egg
2. A Barrel of Laughs
3. Bookworm
4. Bring Home the Bacon
5. Bull by the Horns
6. Butterflies in the Stomach
7. Can of Worms
8. Cold Feet
9. Egg on His Face
10. Feeling Blue
11. Get the Ball Rolling
12. Get Up on the Wrong Side of the Bed
13. Get Your Goat
14. Going in the Hole
15. Gone to the Dogs
16. Hanging by a Thread
17. High and Dry
18. Hook, Line and Sinker
19. Horsing Around
20. In a Pickle
21. In the Doghouse
22. Kick the Bucket
23. Knock Your Spots Off
24. The Last Straw
25. Let the Cat Out of the Bag
26. A Load off Your Shoulders
27. Look Alive
28. Make a Beeline
29. Make a Big Splash
30. My Cup of Tea
31. On the Ball
32. Operating on a Shoestring
33. Out of the Woods
34. Raining Cats and Dogs
35. Red Herring
36. Seal of Approval
37. Shipshape
38. Short Fuse
39. Skeletons in the Closet
40. Something Is Fishy
41. Sour Grapes
42. Spill the Beans
43. Ten-Foot Pole
44. Up a Pole
45. Warts and All
46. White Elephant
47. Wolf at the Door
48. The Writing on the Wall