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Say What? Answer Key

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| 1. let the cat out of the bag | 6. caught red-handed |
| 2. break the ice | 7. bite the bullet |
| 3. cost an arm and a leg | 8. under the weather |
| 4. hit the books | 9. piece of cake |
| 5. once in a blue moon | 10. spill the beans |

Teacher's Guide

Skill Focus: This activity helps students connect **figurative language** to **real-life contexts**, improving both vocabulary understanding and reading comprehension.

Teaching Tips:

- **Intro Discussion:** Start by asking students what they think “expressions” are and why people use them instead of literal phrases.
- **Act It Out:** Have volunteers act out one of the scenarios while others guess which expression fits.
- **Visual Link:** Create a mini poster with each expression, a short definition, and a doodle showing its literal meaning for classroom reference.
- **Differentiation:**
 - For struggling readers, provide a smaller list of expressions with pictures or short clues.
 - For advanced learners, ask them to write a new scenario using one of the expressions not already included.
- **Extension Idea:** Turn this into a “Daily Expression Challenge” — each morning, display one new expression on the board for students to define and use in a sentence.