

Say It Differently Answer Key

Sample Answers

1. Don't **spill the beans** about the surprise party.
2. The test was a **piece of cake**.
3. I'm feeling **under the weather**.
4. She's **cool as a cucumber**.
5. That new phone **cost an arm and a leg**.
6. I'm going to **hit the books** tonight.
7. He got **caught red-handed**.
8. My dad told me to **hit the hay**.
9. We see our cousins **once in a blue moon**.
10. She **broke the ice** before the meeting started.

Teacher's Guide

Skill Focus: This worksheet strengthens students' understanding of **figurative language** and helps them connect **literal meanings** to **figurative expressions** that enrich everyday communication.

Teaching Tips:

- **Mini-Lesson:** Begin by discussing why people use expressions instead of literal phrases. Give examples and ask students to guess their meanings.
- **Peer Review:** Let students exchange their rewritten sentences and explain what expression they used and why.
- **Differentiation:**
 - For younger or struggling students, provide a word bank of expressions.
 - For advanced learners, challenge them to write original sentences using new expressions not on the list.
- **Extension Idea:** Ask students to write a short dialogue using at least three of the expressions naturally in conversation. This helps with both comprehension and real-world application.