

Saying Origins Answer Key

Sample Meanings

1. It's someone else's turn to act or make a decision.
2. To face a challenge bravely.
3. To start a friendly conversation or make people feel at ease.
4. To reveal a secret.
5. To go to bed or sleep.

Teacher's Guide

Skill Focus: This activity builds awareness of **etymology** (word origins) and enhances comprehension of **figurative expressions**, helping students connect language history to modern meaning.

Teaching Tips:

- **Curiosity Hook:** Begin by asking students if they've ever wondered where funny or strange sayings come from.
- **Group Exploration:** Split students into small groups—each group can research a new expression and share its story with the class.
- **Visual Aid:** Encourage drawing mini “origin posters” showing the literal and figurative meanings side by side.
- **Differentiation:**
 - For younger learners, read the blurbs aloud and discuss meanings together.
 - For older students, challenge them to find additional expressions from literature, music, or film and research their origins.
- **Extension Idea:** Have students write a “modern origin” for a new expression they invent, explaining how it might come to be used in the future.