

## Hidden Meanings Answer Key

1. To accidentally tell a secret or reveal something early.
2. To feel proud or pleased after doing something well.
3. To fix a problem or make a situation turn out well.

### Teacher's Guide

**Skill Focus:** Students practice identifying **figurative meanings** of **common expressions** in context, improving comprehension and critical thinking.

### Teaching Tips:

- **Highlighting Strategy:** Have students underline or circle each expression before discussing what it means.
- **Think-Aloud Modeling:** Read the first part aloud and explain how context gives clues about the expression's meaning.
- **Partner Work:** Pair students to compare their interpretations before reviewing as a class.
- **Differentiation:**
  - For emerging readers, provide sentence starters like "It means that..."
  - For advanced students, challenge them to write their own short story using all three expressions naturally.
- **Extension Idea:** Create a class "Expression Detective Notebook" where students collect new expressions they find in books, shows, or conversations, and write short definitions in their own words.