

Say It Another Way Answer Key

(Answers may vary; examples below show possible correct idiomatic substitutions.)

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| 1. I have butterflies in my stomach. | 6. I burned the midnight oil. |
| 2. We should go back to the drawing board. | 7. I'll keep it under wraps. |
| 3. Don't cry over spilled milk. | 8. She's on cloud nine. |
| 4. My parents hit the roof. | 9. They saw eye to eye. |
| 5. I was blown away. | 10. Ben decided to keep his chin up. |

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Building students' ability to **replace literal language with idiomatic expressions** to enrich writing and comprehension.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For younger or struggling learners, provide a list of idioms to choose from.
 - For advanced learners, ask them to create their own idioms or explain the imagery behind each phrase.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Turn it into a "Literal to Figurative" relay where teams race to rewrite sentences with the best idioms.
 - Have students act out idioms for classmates to guess.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Encourage students to find idioms used in books, movies, or songs and bring examples to class.
 - Ask them to write a short paragraph using three idioms naturally in context, then share aloud.