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Literal vs. Figurative Answer Key

1. **L** - Maria spilled the juice literally.
2. **F** - "Spill the beans" means reveal a secret.
3. **F** - "Raining cats and dogs" means raining heavily.
4. **L** - Cats are literally chasing each other.
5. **F** - "Hit the sack" means go to bed.
6. **L** - Player literally hit a sack of balls.
7. **F** - "Cost an arm and a leg" means very expensive.
8. **L** - Statue's arm and leg are being painted.
9. **F** - "Hit the nail on the head" means exactly right.
10. **L** - Hammering a nail into wood is literal.

Teacher Notes:

- This worksheet helps students distinguish **literal vs. figurative meaning**, a critical step in mastering idioms.
- Encourage students to **explain why** they chose L or F, reinforcing comprehension beyond just labeling.
- Extension activity: Have students **write one literal and one figurative sentence** for an idiom of their choice.