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# Common Core State Standards

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**L.4.5**

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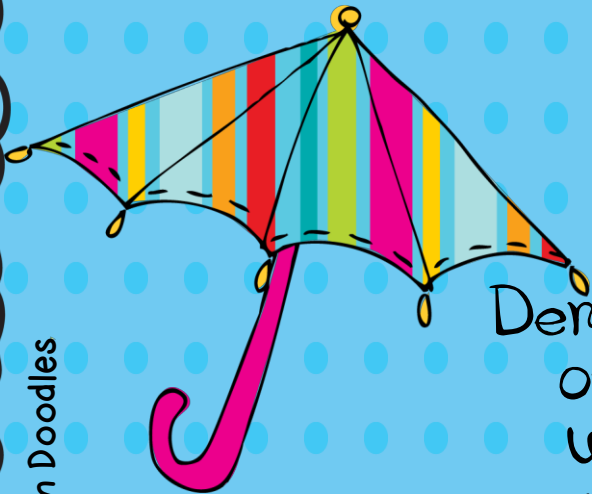
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## Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

- Explain the meaning of simple similes and metaphors (e.g., *as pretty as a picture*) in context.
- Recognize and explain the meaning of common idioms, adages, and proverbs.
- Demonstrate understanding of words by relating them to their opposites (antonyms) and to words with similar but not identical meanings (synonyms).

# it's Raining Cats and Dogs!

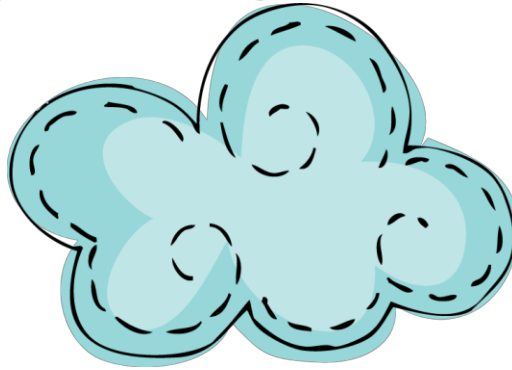


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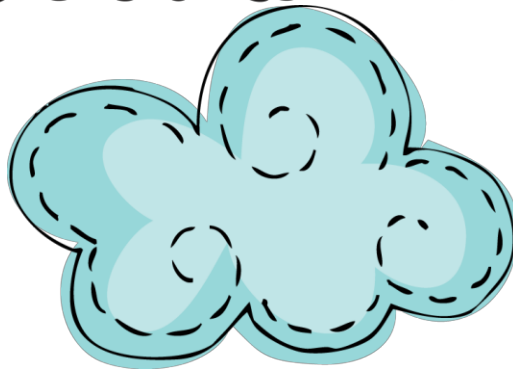
Directions:  
Demonstrate understanding  
of figurative language,  
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Match the correct cloud  
(idiom) with its meaning  
(rain boot).

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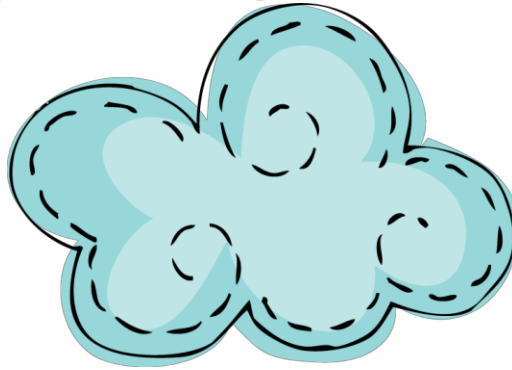
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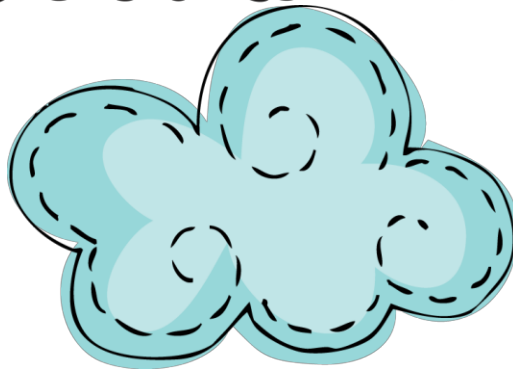
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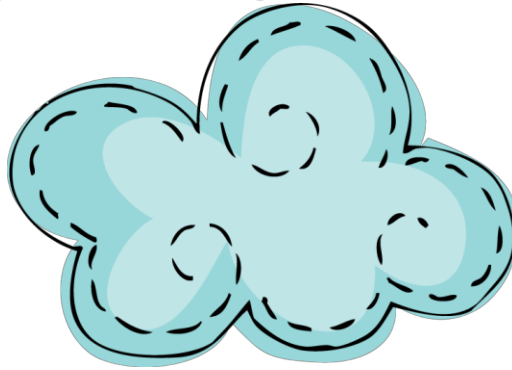
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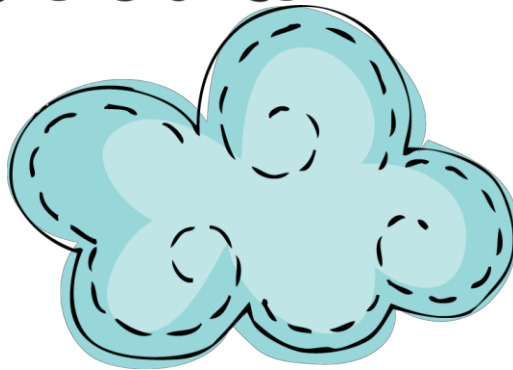
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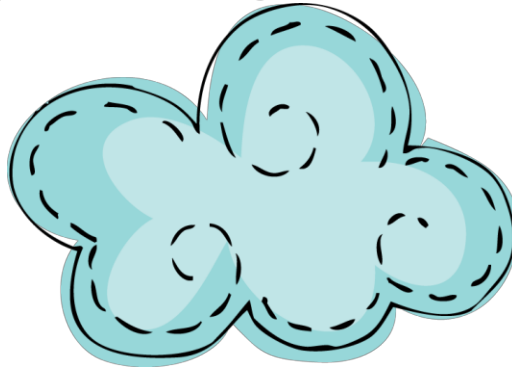


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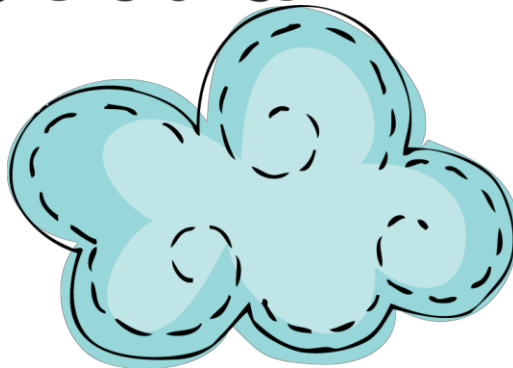


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It is raining cats  
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Sally got up on the wrong  
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morning.



You are in trouble



To be very jealous





To take a chance



You are in a bad mood



To greatly  
impress someone



It is raining really hard



You dislike something



To tell a secret

# it's Raining cats and dogs!

Directions: Cut the cards apart and match the idiom with its meaning.

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"You are <u>in hot water</u> now!"	To be very jealous
Broccoli is <u>not my cup of tea</u> .	To take a chance
He <u>swept his teacher off her feet</u> .	You are in a bad mood
John was <u>green with envy</u> when he found out that Josh got a new video game.	To greatly impress someone
Miranda <u>let the cat out of the bag</u> about the surprise birthday party for her sister.	It is raining really hard
It is <u>raining cats and dogs</u> !	You dislike something
Sally <u>got up on the wrong side of the bed</u> this morning.	To tell a secret

# It's Raining Cats and Dogs!



## Idiom

## Meaning



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"You are in hot water now!"

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To greatly impress someone

To be very jealous

To tell a secret

It is raining really hard

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## Adages

**Directions:** Read the common adages below. Think about the words. Explain what each adage means.

**Birds of a feather flock together.**

**You can't teach an old dog new tricks.**

**A rolling stone gathers no moss.**

**Don't judge a book by its cover.**

**Two wrongs don't make a right.**

**Don't count your chickens before they hatch.**



## Matching the Adages

**Directions:** Read the common adages below. Think about the words.  
Match each adage on the left to its meaning on the right.

**Actions speak louder than words.**

**A son's character is expected to resemble his father's.**

**All that glitters is not gold.**

**Some things sound easy, but in fact are difficult.**

**Better late than never.**

**Rumors are usually based on some degree of truth.**

**Don't put all your eggs in one basket.**

**What a person actually does is more important than what they say.**

**It's easier said than done.**

**Don't express regret over something that has happened and cannot be remedied.**

**It's no use crying over spilt milk.**

**It's better to do something, even if it is late, than to not do it at all.**

**Like father, like son.**

**Don't invest all your all your efforts into one thing.**

**Where there's smoke there's fire.**

**Appearances can be deceptive.**

# Synonyms & Antonyms

**Directions:** Match each word in the center to its synonym on the left and its antonym on the right.

produce

arrive

unlikely

pollute

energetic

purify

doubtful

create

lethargic

come

beneficial

ignorant

likely

contaminate

depart

bright

probable

harmful

lively

dubious

certain

useful

intelligent

destroy

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: While reading texts, record examples of similes and metaphors that you find. Write the meanings of these examples of figurative language.

## Assessment A

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

similes and metaphors	meanings
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_____	
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Directions: Choose one simile or metaphor and write a sentence for it.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: While reading texts, record examples of idioms, adages, and proverbs that you find. Write the meanings of these examples of figurative language.

## Assessment B

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

idioms, adages, proverbs	meanings
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Directions: Choose one idiom, adage, or proverb and write a sentence for it.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: While reading texts, record interesting words you find. Write words that would be antonyms or synonyms of each word. Write the meanings of these words by relating them to their opposites or words that are similar.

## Assessment C

Source: \_\_\_\_\_ Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_ Source: \_\_\_\_\_

word choice	antonym or synonym of the word	meaning of the word
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