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Common Expressions



Directions: An Idiom is a common expression that is better understood figuratively since the literal definition doesn't make sense. Read each idiom below and give its meaning.

1. When the politician was caught stealing from the taxpayers, everyone thought he would receive a severe punishment, but all he got was a slap on the wrist.

2. We thought that our neighbor's, the Jones family, were rich beyond our wildest dreams, but it turns out that we're all in the same boat.

3. If Kim thinks that I'm going to let her copy my math homework, she's barking up the wrong tree. _____
4. The Vikings thought that they would easily beat the other team, but when it was tied with a minute left in the fourth quarter, they knew that this game was really coming down to the wire. _____
5. I thought Janet would be a good worker, but it turns out that she can't cut the mustard.
