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Idioms, Adages and Proverbs

What does each saying mean? Circle it.

Look before you leap.

a. Watch it closely.
b. Think before you act.
c. A job is easier when many people help.

He cut corners.

a. He did the job quickly and poorly.
b. Take on more than you can do.
c. Say what you mean.

We are in the same boat.

a. Time seems to go by fast.
b. Tell a secret.
c. We have the same problem.

Spill the beans.

a. A job is easier when many people help.
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The early bird catches the worm.

a. You are close to being in trouble.
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Draw a line from each idiom to what it means.

see eye to eye	●	●	the last bad thing someone can take
once in a blue moon	●	●	tell a secret
the last straw	●	●	avoid saying something
beat around the bush	●	●	do a job poorly
spill the beans	●	●	very rarely
on thin ice	●	●	agree
cut corners	●	●	close to trouble

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Cut out the cards. Glue each one under idioms or under adages and proverbs.

Idioms	Adages and proverbs

Cut out the cards.

Better late than never.	back to square one
beat around the bush	Actions speak louder than words.
Look before you leap.	the last straw
The early bird catches the worm.	cut corners
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Read each story. Circle the saying that fits it.

Maya promised to help, but she never did. Her brother just started helping without saying a word.

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b. The pen is mightier than the sword.
c. Where there is a will, there is a way.

Before jumping into the lake, Theo checked how deep the water was.

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The whole class helped clean the room, and the job was done in five minutes.

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You are on thin ice.

It happens once in a blue moon.

Time flies.

Bite off more than you can chew.

I am in hot water.

Keep an eye on it.

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You are on thin ice.

One way: You are close to being in trouble.

It happens once in a blue moon.

One way: It happens very rarely.

Time flies.

One way: Time seems to go by fast.

Bite off more than you can chew.

One way: Take on more than you can do.

I am in hot water.

One way: I am in trouble.

Keep an eye on it.

One way: Watch it closely.

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