



Topic

Conversation
for Idioms

Lesson 3
Animals (1)

Lead-in

Guess the word to complete the idiom.



1 copy _____



2 eager _____



3 a _____ in sheep's clothing



4 the _____'s knees

1. Her child is a **copycat**. She always imitates what her mother does and wears.



Guess the meaning of the idiom.



Create a sentence using the idiom.



2. Thomas was an **eager beaver** when he started working here, but now he only does what is expected of him.

What does the idiom mean?



an excessively diligent person



a physically unhealthy person



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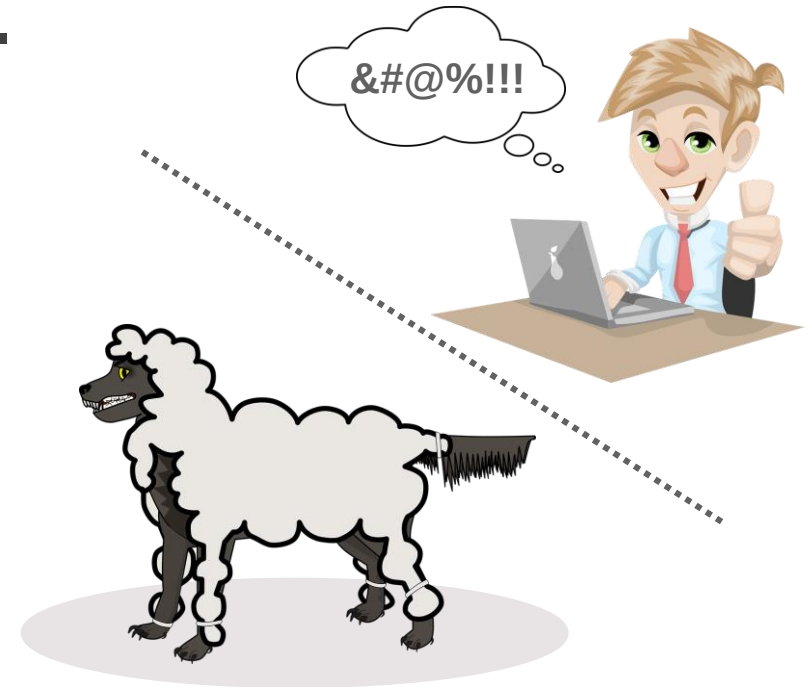


NOW

3. Simon speaks softly, but don't be fooled. He is **a wolf in sheep's clothing** pretending not to be evil.

Origin

The idiom is said to come from the Bible where Jesus had to remind his people to be careful of false teachers. It was then used by a Greek storyteller narrating a wolf dressing in the skin of a sheep in order to get near a flock of sheep to harm them.

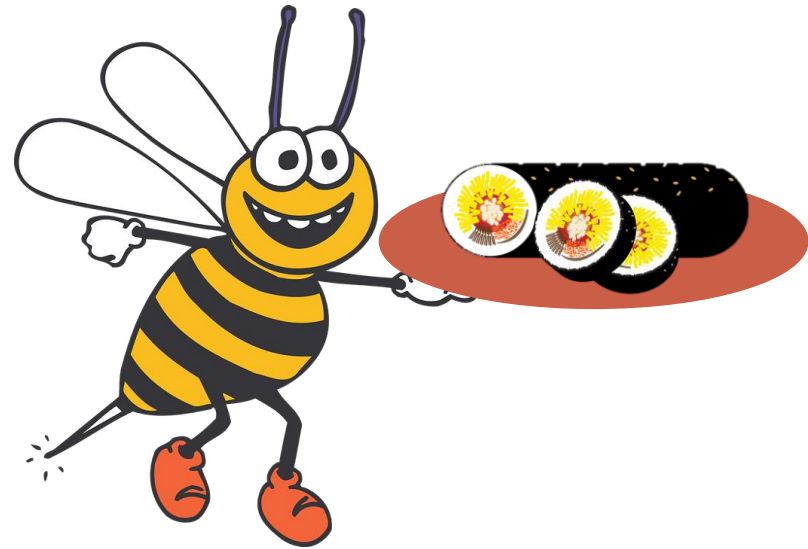


4. We went to the new Korean restaurant and tried their rice rolls. It was truly **the bee's knees!**

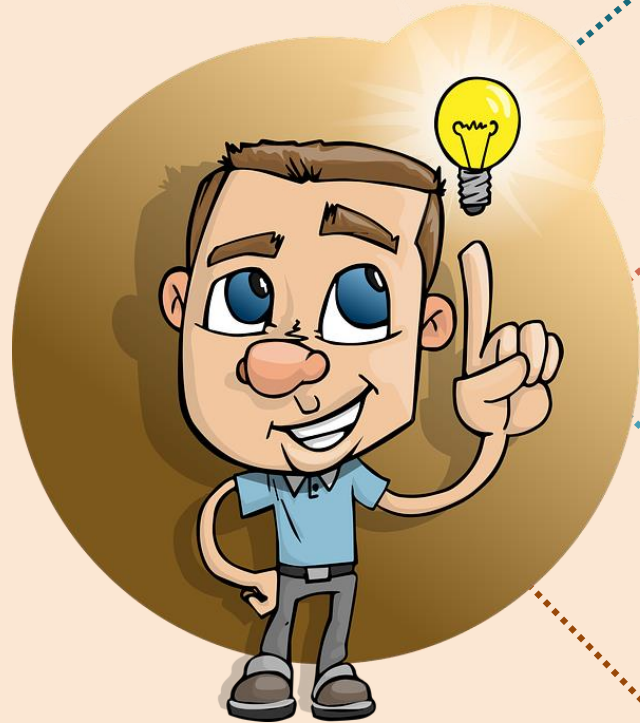
Meaning

an excellent or high-quality person or thing

- Q** Which dish do you consider to be the bee's knees?



Quick Review



PERSONALITY TRAITS

- **copycat**
a person who does the same thing as someone else
- **eager beaver**
a person who is excessively diligent
- **a wolf in sheep's clothing**
someone who appears harmless but is really dangerous
- **the bee's knees**
an excellent or high-quality person or thing

Practice

Pair up the sentences from Column A with those in Column B.

A

1. Mary has always been my copycat.
2. I am called an eager beaver at work...
3. Of all the employers I had, she is the best.
4. Demi always reminds me to be careful of Nathan ...

B

- a. She will always be the bee's knees.
- b. because he is a wolf in sheep's clothing.
- c. She always does what I do.
- d. because I always work until midnight.

copycat

the bee's knees

eager beaver

a wolf in sheep's clothing

1

Mrs. Romero is my current favorite teacher.
I think she's _____ in the entire school.

2

My father is such an _____. He always goes
to work early in the morning and arrives late at night.

copycat

the bee's knees

eager beaver

a wolf in sheep's clothing

3

Don't trust him. You do not know that he might be _____ pretending he won't harm you.

4

John is a _____ of his father. He does what his father does and likes the things he likes.

Am I a hard worker?

1. You are always early for work/school.
2. You always maintain a positive attitude.
3. You focus more on your success than others.
4. You are an eager beaver in everything you do.
5. You are quick to find solutions to your problems.
6. You don't make excuses at work/school.
7. You encourage your friends to do their best.
8. You are the bee's knees at work/school.

| YES (5) | MAYBE (3) | NO (1) |
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8-17 pts. = **LOW**

18-33 pts. = **MODERATE**

34-40 pts. = **HIGH**