



# Topic

Conversation  
for Idioms

Lesson 8  
Family

# Lead-in

Match each picture to the correct idiom.



a  
have a bun in the oven

b  
runs in the family

c  
born with a silver spoon  
in one's mouth

d  
follow in someone's  
footsteps

1. Everyone in the Fenty family can play a musical instrument. Music **runs in their family**.

**Q** What is **true** about the statement?



Several family members like to run while playing musical instruments.



Several family members share a common interest.





2. Her parents are glad to know that they will soon be grandparents as she **has a bun in the oven.**

**Q** Which picture shows the correct meaning of the idiom?



**A**



**B**

### 3. He's fortunate to have been **born with a silver spoon in his mouth.**



- Q** Were you born with a silver spoon in your mouth?
- Q** What are the advantages of being born with a silver spoon in one's mouth?

#### Origin

The idiom is derived from the translation of the novel "Don Quixote," and its idiomatic meaning is someone born to **wealthy parents** of high social standing.

## 4. My dad is a mechanical engineer and I **followed in his footsteps**.

**Q** When do we use the idiom?

- when describing someone who does the same things that another person has done before
- when describing someone who follows the footsteps of someone else while traveling



# Quick Review



## IDIOM

- 1 runs in the family
- 2 have a bun in the oven
- 3 born with a silver spoon in one's mouth
- 4 follow in someone's footsteps

## DEFINITION

- to be pregnant
- something that's common in many (or all) members of a family
- to do the same things that another person has done before
- someone who is born into privilege and wealth



## Practice

Complete the sentences by filling in the appropriate idioms.  
Change their forms if necessary.

have a bun in the oven

follow in someone's footsteps

runs in the family

born with a silver spoon in one's mouth

1. She is sad because cancer \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The rumor that she \_\_\_\_\_ has already spread.
3. Unfortunately, I was not \_\_\_\_\_.
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ mother's \_\_\_\_\_ and became a businessman.





**What are the advantages and disadvantages of being **born with a silver spoon in one's mouth?****