Topic

Conversation
for Idioms

Lesson 24
Furniture

bring down the _____ on
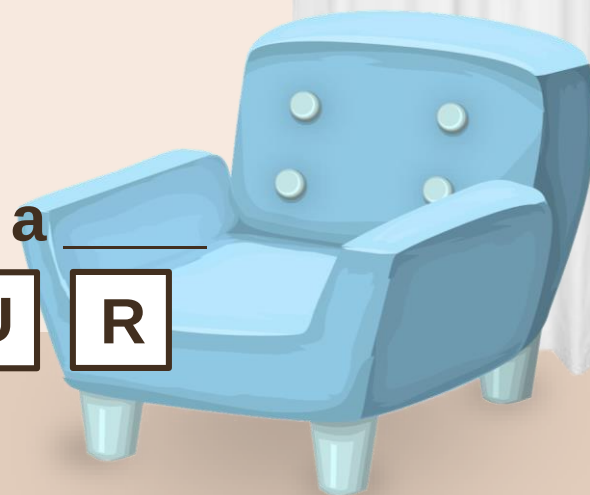
C U N R T A I

under the _____

B L A E T

in the hot _____

S E T A

lie like a _____

G U R

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1. She **lied like a rug** when she claimed that the company's sales had improved.

Q Which picture conveys the correct idiomatic meaning?

A

B

2. She decided to **bring down the curtain on** her teaching career and retired at fifty.

Q What specific actions or situations would you bring down the curtain on? Why?

Origin

This idiom comes from the old practice of lowering the curtain at the sound of a bell to signal the end of a theater performance.

3. Paul was put **in the hot seat** for spending all his parent's money on video games.

Tick the situations that show someone in the hot seat.

☐ someone is on trial

☐ someone is caught cheating

☐ someone is having a vacation

☐ someone is celebrating a birthday

4. Many people suspected that the contest winner had cheated by handing the judges something **under the table**.

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

People suspected that the contest winner cheated to win the competition.

The judges' cost was covered by the winner of the beauty pageant.

FURNITURE

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position to make critical decisions

under the table

a secret, hidden action

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Practice

IDIOMS

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2. bring down the curtain on

3. in the hot seat

4. under the table

MEANINGS

a. in an awkward situation

b. to tell lies shamelessly

c. a secret, hidden action

d. to bring an end to something

Practice

Fill in the blanks with the correct idiom. Change its form if necessary.

in the hot seat	bring down the curtain on	under the table	lie like a rug

1. People no longer believe him because he is known for [ ] .

2. Lee decided to [ ] his work and lived peacefully.

3. Cordy was [ ] and confronted for not following school rules.

4. Aira was accused of giving something [ ] to her teachers in

    exchange for being a top student.

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You're in the hot seat!
Pick 3 cards.