



Topic

Conversation
for Idioms

Lesson 28
Behavior

Lead-in

Complete the idioms by filling in the missing letters.

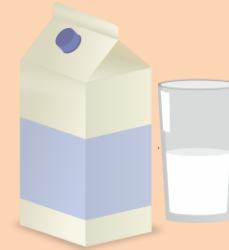
1 pick someone's **B** **I**



2 make a **O** **N** **A** **I** out of a molehill





3 don't cry over spilled **L** **K**



4 don't judge a **B** **K** by its cover



1. Stop **making a mountain out of a molehill.** It's just a small wound.

-  Share an experience where you made a mountain out of a molehill.
-  Does making a mountain out of a molehill lead to positive results? Why or why not?



2. I am **picking my friend's brain** for ideas to use in my business plan.

Q What is the meaning of the idiom?

to talk to someone to know his/her plan

to talk to someone to get ideas



3. **Don't cry over spilled milk.** You can try re-applying for the promotion next year.

Q Why is there no use crying over spilled milk?

Origin

The phrase was inspired by a passage in an 1888 book about a robbery victim who says, "It was no use, however, grieving over spilled milk, despite the tragic outcome."

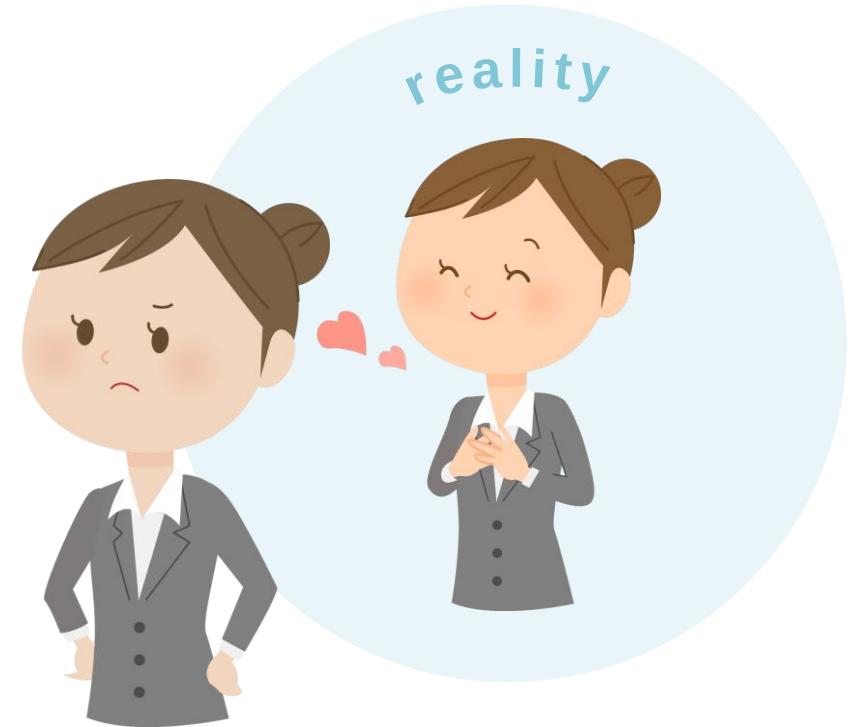


4. My teacher looks fierce, but she is very kind.
You **shouldn't judge a book by its cover.**

Q Do you judge someone by their appearance, their personality, or both?

Synonyms

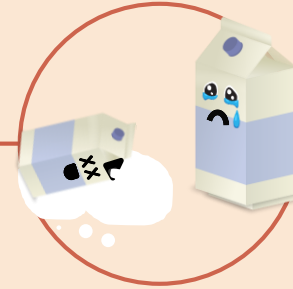
- Looks aren't everything.
- Looks are deceiving.
- Don't just look at the surface.



Quick Review

make a mountain out of a molehill

to treat a minor problem as if very serious

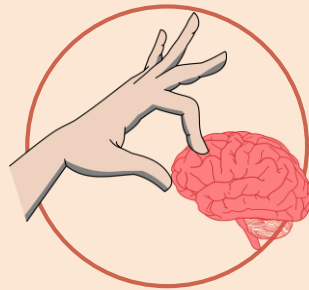


don't cry over spilled milk
to be unhappy about what cannot be undone

Behavior

pick someone's brain

to talk to someone in order to get helpful information or advice



don't judge a book by its cover
you should not decide upon something based just on outward appearances

Practice

Arrange the idioms based on the definitions.

1 judge something based on outward appearances = judge cover don't a
book by its

2 to be unhappy about something that can't be changed = cry don't spilled
over milk

3 exaggerate a minor problem = out make of a
mountain molehill a

4 to get information from someone by talking with them = pick brain someone's

Practice

Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms.
Change their form if necessary.

make a mountain out of a molehill

don't cry over spilled milk

pick someone's brain

don't judge a book by its cover

1. Sometimes, it is good to _____ to learn new things.
2. Life is full of hardships. _____ and learn to move on.
3. _____ can lead to unnecessary arguments.
4. This hotel looks cheap, but _____. They have a great pool.

Discussion

Reach the top of the mountain by advising on each situation.

